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FY 2027 Budget Milestones



Here are the upcoming budget milestones (*subject to change*):

- Now - May 21st: Budget Work Sessions (Full Schedule)
- April 23rd: Board Approval for TSCC Subission
- April 29th: Budget Public Hearing #1
- May 7th: Department Adopted Amendments Due
- May 13th: Budget Public Hearing #2
- May 15th: TSCC Hearing
- May 19th: Department Amendments Presented to Board
- May 20th: General Fund Forecast Update
- May 20th: Budget Public Hearing #3
- June 4th: Board Adopts Budget (**new time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.**)

FY 2027 Approved Budget - April 23rd

The Board voted on the Approved budget on April 23rd. They expressed concerns and asked questions during the meeting and in budget work sessions leading up to it. A few amendments were introduced by the Board; those amendments will be under consideration for the Adopted Budget on June 4th.



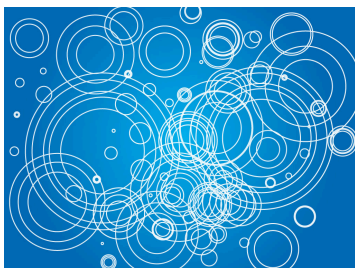
FY 2027 Proposed/Approved Budget Resources

Because no changes were made between the Proposed and Approved stages, the Proposed budget documents reflect the Approved budget. The entire [Proposed budget is on our website](#). The [Chair's Executive Message](#) and [Budget Director's Message](#) are useful overviews. They provide a comprehensive look at both the Chair's priorities and what is in the budget.

Would you like a refresher about the County's budget process and how we budget? Check out the [How Multnomah County Budgets](#) section of the budget.

Want to use a dynamic and interactive tool to explore the FY 2027 Proposed budget? Check out the [FY 2027 Proposed Budget Dashboard](#) located on the Budget Office public facing website. While the printed program offer was reduced from two pages to one page to make the size of the budget more manageable, we wanted to make sure we didn't lose important information we previously collected. That information - on Significant Changes, Legal/Contractual Obligations, and Explanation of Revenues - is available in the dashboard.

Happening Now - Budget Work Sessions



After the Chair releases her budget, we can begin holding budget work sessions. During the work sessions, each department provides an overview of its budget. During work sessions, the Board has an opportunity to ask questions or request follow-up. Find work session information at:

- [Budget Office calendar](#) - dates and times,
- [FY 2027 Budget Presentations website](#) - departmental and countywide presentations and follow-up, and
- [Board Clerk's website](#) - Agenda Placement Requests and attachments, transcripts, audio and video recordings.

Want to get an idea of the budget as a whole or see summary departmental data? Check out the [Budget Overview](#), which has information about the overall budget and lots of department-specific tables in the [appendices](#). You might even want to watch a [video of the presentation](#).

Coming Soon - Public Hearings on the FY 2027 Budget



Community input is an important part of Multnomah County budget development. The Board and departments hear from the Community Involvement Committee and Community Budget Advisory Committees. In addition, community members can provide feedback during public hearings and forums. Our [How to Participate website](#) details how members of our community can provide input. We encourage you to share the website.

There will be three public hearings before the budget is adopted:

- April 29 - Hybrid Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm
(*Multnomah Building Boardroom*)
- May 13 - In Person Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm (*Mt. Hood Community College, Town and Gown room*)
- May 20 - Virtual Public Hearing - 6:00 - 8:00 pm

The Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) will also hold a public hearing on the budget:

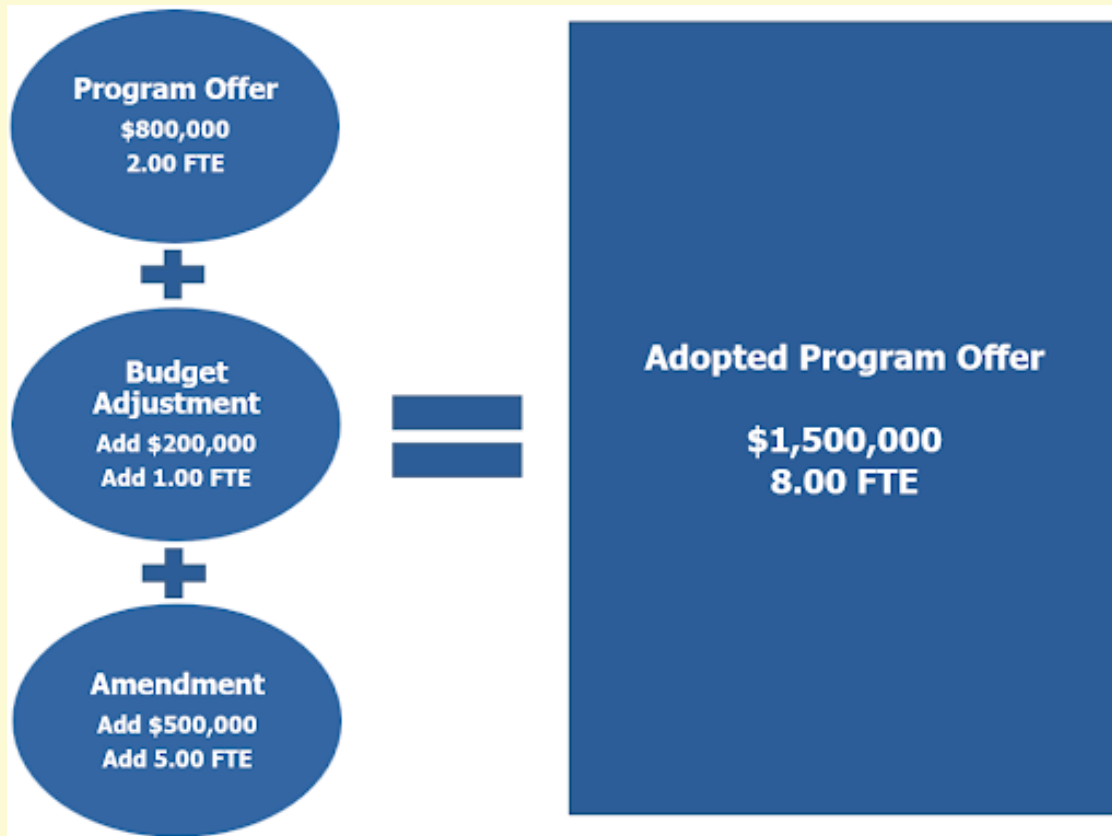
- May 15 - TSCC In Person Public Hearing - 9:30 - 11:00 am
(*Multnomah Building Boardroom*)

Up Next - Preparing Budget Amendments

In the time leading up to budget adoption on June 4th, departments or County Commissioners can request

amendments. At the end of this process, the Board votes on the final version of the budget to adopt.

• We use Amendments in Questica to change the Approved budget to the final Adopted budget. The original program offers, plus budget adjustments, plus amendments create the Adopted budget.



There are two categories of Amendments:

Board Amendments - offered by one or more County Commissioners, Departments are responsible for entering the technical details in Questica

Department Amendments - created by departments. This can be for a variety of reasons, such as:

- Correcting cost objects (Technical Amendments)
- Changes to positions (Staffing Amendment),
- New grant revenue (Revenue Amendment, unless it results in a program change), or
- Program changes like adopting a new service delivery model or increasing activities because of higher grant funding (Program Amendment).



A special note about staffing amendments: Staffing amendments are technical amendments. They only affect positions and do not change a department's FTE count at the Fund Hierarchy (4-digit fund) level. There is a countywide staffing amendment that updates positions for reclassifications already approved by the Board. **The position reclassification cutoff for the Countywide Staffing Amendment is the April 30th Board Meeting.** Otherwise, you must use a department staffing amendment.

Department Budget Managers should work with their Central Budget Analyst when creating amendments. You can find instructions in the FY 2027 Budget Manual, [Section 5: Preparing the Adopted Budget: Adopted Amendments](#).

Reminder: If your amendment impacts an internal service (e.g. IT projects, capital projects, changes in Fleet, Motorpool, Distribution, or Records), you should work with DCA.



Here are some important technical dates:

- **Position Reclassification cutoff - April 30th Board Meeting** to be part of the Countywide Staffing Amendment
- **Placeholder Cost Object updates** - placeholders used in the Chair's Proposed budget - **must be created in Workday by April 30th** or you must use a technical amendment to move the budget to a different cost object.
- **Department Amendments due on May 7th**
- Department Amendments **presented to the Board by departments on May 19th**

Department amendments will be presented to the Board two weeks before adoption so that the Board has sufficient time to understand department amendments and that departments have time to answer any Board questions.

General Fund Forecast Update

9:00 a.m. on May 20th, 2026

On May 20th, County Economist Jeff Renfro will present an updated [General Fund Forecast](#) to the Board of County

Commissioners. The forecast provides a five-year projection of revenues and expenses. It was first presented in November, then updated in March. The May presentation will be the final update before adoption of the FY 2027 budget.

Budget Notes



As we get ready to finalize the budget, you may hear Board members offer “budget notes.” They use budget notes to ask for specific policy discussions in the future. Budget notes also specify when the Board has set aside money in General Fund contingency for a specific purpose.

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