

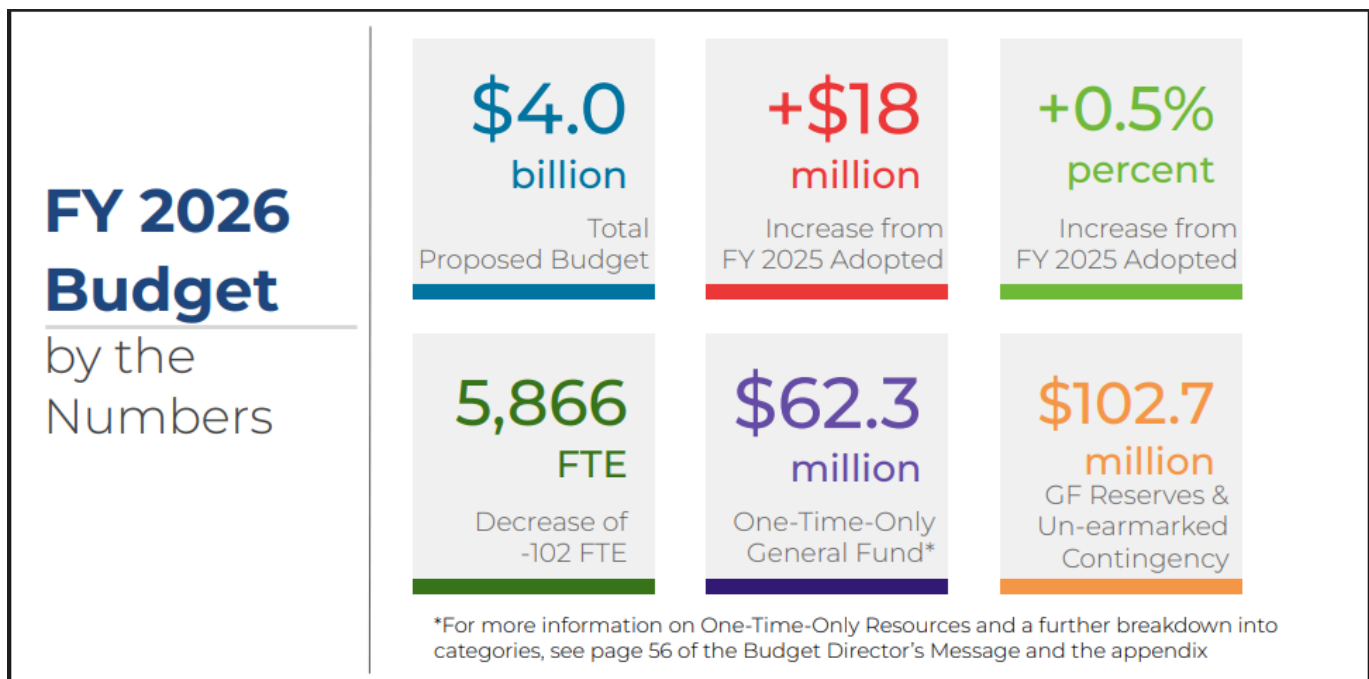


County Budget Cheat Sheet

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Overview



These are a few data points to see the scope of the budget, where funds come from, and what changes looked like at a financial level from [FY 2025 Budget](#) to this year's.

For a more comprehensive summary of the FY 2026 Budget, especially in comparison to last year's budget, take a look at the Adopted FY 2026 Financial Summaries at https://multco.us/file/financial_summaries/download

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Budget Amendments

Fund Permanent Supportive Housing Expansion and Employment Services

We still have a lot to do to ensure the public can trust our stewardship of Supportive Housing Services (SHS). My approach to this budget and these amendments are part of my commitment to building that trust. My amendments funding permanent supportive housing and employment services are part of that reform work I set out to do.

I am excited to share that early next year, we will move forward with ongoing funding for 200 more permanent supportive housing apartments for our neighbors with some of the most complex needs who have also been experiencing homelessness for a long time. I was also able to save and re-invest over \$900,000 of SHS by matching the right dollars to programs in the Department of County Human Services that can leverage Medicaid match funds, requiring only a \$300,000 general fund investment.

Restore Income Acquisition - Employment Programs

This amendment funds programming that supports people finding work while they receive other supportive services. This will strengthen our workforce and help people combat their poverty. Programs like Groundscore, Outside the Frame, and Cultivate Initiatives not only provide people with dignified work, they provide a foundation from which people are able to rebuild their lives while improving our community. Many of the participants have found that they are able to thrive in these jobs when they have not in a typical 9-to-5.

A number of these employers provide ample opportunities for living and family-wage jobs, and are a critical resource for the workforce table that I am convening. I want to ensure that if we are assisting someone with rent and/or utilities, that they have access to jobs that will mean they can pay their rent when the subsidy is over.

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Mini Grants for CBOs for Voter Outreach and Education in East Multnomah County

Next year, the County will switch to a single-member Rank Choice Voting (RCV) system. This system is different from that of the City of Portland. The rest of the county will need education and to be prepared to do RCV for the first time. These communities are overwhelmingly diverse and geographically further apart, making resources harder to come by. This is why I proposed funding voter outreach through Community Based Organizations (CBOs). They already have relationships with those communities and know what works in doing outreach and education in East County and in diverse communities.

Restore East County Fair Housing Investigations

The goal of this amendment is to build on the City of Portland's fair housing testing and re-invest in the expanded testing in East Multnomah County, including Gresham, Fairview, Troutdale, and Wood Village. With Federal cuts to these resources, this program is more vital than ever.

Restore Funding to Sexually Transmitted Illness (STI) and Clinical Services for a nPEP/PrEP Navigator

This amendment was aimed at funding the remaining position in the STI clinic. Nationally, we see strong rhetoric against and defunding of services for LGBTQIA2S+ community programs. This is even impacting for-profit entities in denial of service. This is not the time for the County to turn its back on this community.

Increase Summerworks Participants Funding

Summerworks was something brought to the county by one of my predecessors, Loretta Smith. This program is very effective in giving BIPOC and youth job placements in the summer. These jobs are in various fields and open doors for our young people. I have heard from many leaders and community groups that the County's cuts to this program need to end and instead, we must reinvest in this program and our young people. I told people at the Urban League, Northeast Rescue Plan, residents in my district and beyond that I would do this, and I kept my word. This amendment totaled in \$285,000 to fund 57 positions for youth. Youth employment also serves as a violence prevention activity. These employment opportunities have served BIPOC youth in the past and are critical investments.

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Restore Funding for Legal Services

I put forward an amendment to restore funding for legal services. With evictions at an all-time high in Oregon, this service is vital. Many aspects of the criminal legal system impact a person's ability to secure or maintain housing; and access to legal services can be the difference between finding and retaining housing or employment, or losing it.

These programs are vital for the safety of our community and for the functional operation of our criminal legal system. That is why this investment received letters of support from over 30 community based organizations, 10 of the 11 Multnomah County legislators, and 5 Multnomah County Circuit Court Judges. When we fund our social service safety nets and workforce development, we see a decline in crime. That is the overall focus of my amendments - addressing public safety further upstream and mitigating barriers for people who do come through the criminal legal system and then face barriers to being employed and housed.

Legal Services Funded

1. Tenant Eviction Defense (TED) – P.O 30100

Purpose: Support households experiencing homelessness.

Services:

- Coordinated access to shelter, housing, and support.
- Culturally specific mobile housing assessments.
- Housing problem-solving and supportive housing placement.

For more information, visit:

- [Oregon Law Center \(https://oregonlawcenter.org/eviction-defense-project/\)](https://oregonlawcenter.org/eviction-defense-project/)
- [Metropolitan Public Defense \(https://mpdlaw.com/community-law/\)](https://mpdlaw.com/community-law/)

2. Project Reset – P.O 25131A

Purpose: Reduce legal barriers to housing, employment, and education.

Services:

- Expungements, fee waivers, bench warrant resolutions.
- Driver's license restoration, probation termination, court navigation.
- Dismissal of minor offenses (TriMet, marijuana).

Outreach: Focused on communities of color and culturally specific organizations.

For more information, visit:

- <https://mpdlaw.com/multnomah-project-reset/>

3. Peer Navigators – P.O 25131B

Purpose: Stabilize pretrial clients through case management.

Services:



- Support in housing, health, employment, and childcare.
- Peer-based support from individuals with lived experience.

For more information, visit:

- [Metropolitan Public Defense \(https://mpdlaw.com/community-law/\)](https://mpdlaw.com/community-law/)

4. Eviction Prevention Program – P.O 25131C

Purpose: Help renters avoid eviction through legal education and services.

Services:

- Renters Rights Hotline, online resources, printed materials.
- Legal aid and culturally specific outreach.

For more information on these and other budget amendments, visit:

- [Summary of Amendments:](https://multco.us/file/fy_2026_summary_of_board_amendments_as_adopted_on_june_12%2C_2025/download)
(https://multco.us/file/fy_2026_summary_of_board_amendments_as_adopted_on_june_12%2C_2025/download)
- [Description of Board Amendments:](https://multco.us/file/fy_2026_description_of_board_amendments/download)
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Budget Notes

Budget notes are a helpful part of the budget process, and it is important for me to share my work with you. They are a way for Commissioners to express their intent for follow up on different aspects of the budget. Below are the budget notes I crafted.

Budget Note #10

Commissioner Julia Brim-Edwards
Co-sponsor Commissioner Shannon Singleton
Countywide Fee Assessment

Summary:

The Chair will direct the COO's Office to review all County fees and report by **Feb 1, 2026** on payer impacts, fee consistency, and recommendations for cost recovery and waivers.

Budget Note #12

Commissioner Shannon Singleton
Grant Writing and DCA Procurement Staffing Reductions Assessment

Summary:

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Due to eliminating grant writing and procurement roles in DCA, the Chair will report by the end of **2025** on the impacts to other departments, including added costs or staffing needs.

Budget Note #13

Commissioner Shannon Singleton

Manager Evaluations

Summary:

Employees are asking for 360-degree reviews of managers. This note highlights the need for feedback from supervisors, staff, and community members served.

Budget Note #14

Commissioner Shannon Singleton

Adult Addictions Treatment Continuum Budget Note Program

Summary:

Directs staff to improve coordination between addiction treatment and homeless services. Key goals:

- Easier referrals into sobering, outpatient, and inpatient (transitional recovery treatment) programs from homeless providers
- Better linkage from detox to outpatient and transitional recovery treatment programs,
- Collect and input homelessness data into HMIS

Budget Note #15

Commissioner Shannon Singleton

Consistency of Data for Homelessness Work

Summary:

By **Dec 31, 2025**, departments must identify shared data points across all homelessness-related programs to better track outcomes and improve service alignment.

Budget Note #21

Commissioner Shannon Singleton

Employment Services

Summary: A report is due by **Nov 1, 2025** on current employment services, who they serve, and how they connect to workforce levels (e.g. readiness to management). This will inform future funding and strategy for FY 2027.

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For a full list of all the budget notes, visit the [County's Budget webpage](https://multco.us/info/fy-2026-adopted-budget-notes-and-department-follow)
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District 2 Projects

Walnut Park Redevelopment

The board unanimously supported a resolution supporting efforts of the Walnut Park Development Project in pursuing a community-based restoration approach. This resolution helped determine the next steps as is described in the FY25 target description for Capital Improvement Fund (2507) and Program Offer (78235) Walnut Park Redevelopment. I was able to secure \$150,000 for this site in the Capital Improvement Fund.

The next step was getting approval of an exemption under ORS 279C.335(2) from the Design-Bid-Build Procurement Method and approval of an Alternative Procurement Method for the Walnut Park Redevelopment Project. For this procurement approach, the County would enter into a contract with a Development Contractor with demonstrated experience in managing complex community-driven projects and an understanding of the historic and current cultural significance of Walnut Park.