

An aerial photograph of a city skyline at dusk. The sky is a mix of light blue and orange. In the foreground, there's a street with a white bus and some cars. A large white rectangular overlay covers the right side of the image, containing the title and date. The title is in a large, bold, blue font, and the date is in a smaller, black font.

FY 2026 Approved Budget Subsequent Process

**Multnomah County
Central Budget Office**

May 8, 2025

Budget Process Timeline

WE ARE
HERE



DEC. 6
PREPARE

General Fund Forecast;
Budget Manual; Chair's
Policy Guidance;
Internal Service Rates

ALL DEPARTMENTS



FEB. 14
REQUEST

Departments
prioritize reductions,
reallocations, and
new requests.

ALL DEPARTMENTS



APRIL 24
PROPOSE

Balanced budget
released for Board to
begin public
deliberation.

COUNTY CHAIR



MAY 8
APPROVE

Board review:
first opportunity for
amendments; 10% rule
applies after approval.

COMMISSIONERS



JUNE 12
ADOPT

Department and Board
amendments; budget
notes; resolutions;
TSCC hearing.

COMMISSIONERS



Public Hearings

Three evening public hearings will be held.

To learn more go to multco.us/info/get-engaged-our-budget-process

01 FY 2026
Approved Budget
Hearing
May 8th

02 Public Hearing #1
May 14th 6-8pm

03 Public Hearing #2
May 21st 6-8pm

04 Public Hearing #3
May 28th 6-8pm

05 Tax Supervising
Hearing
June 4th 9:00am

06 FY 2026 Budget
Adoption Hearing
June 12th

Department Worksessions

- **CBAC's present their findings** at the beginning of each Departments presentation
- **Board** can ask **questions** and for follow-up information or **request future briefings**
- **Structured follow-up facilitated** by the Budget Office
- All presentations/follow-up posted online



Board Amendments for Budget Adoption

What can you do with an Amendment?

- Move expenditures from one department/program to another
- Move expenditures from ongoing to OTO Move expenditures to GF contingency (requires a budget note)
- Create or Eliminate a program
- All Amendments will be posted on Budget Office website

What can't you do?

- Increase a 4 digit fund by **more than 10%** (unless there is a second TSCC hearing)
- Anything illegal

Property Tax Assumptions

FY 2026 Property Tax Rate/Levies

- Multnomah County Permanent Taxing District: \$4.3434/\$1,000 AV
- Multnomah County Library District: \$1.22/\$1,000 AV (Voter Approved Max is \$1.24/\$1,000 AV)
- Oregon Historic Society Local Option Levy: \$0.05/\$1,000 AV
- Library General Obligation Bond: \$58,911,089

FY 2026 Compression and Delinquency

- Discount/Delinquency Rate Assumption: 4.5%
- Permanent Rate Compression Assumption: 4.5%
- OHS Levy Compression Assumption: 25.0%

General & Special Revenue Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
1000	General Fund	897,389,117	676,142,227	67,614,223
1501	Road Fund	76,740,692	63,918,579	6,391,858
1503	Bicycle Path Construction Fund	462,551	462,551	46,255
1504	Recreation Fund	40,000	40,000	4,000
1505	Federal/State Program Fund	481,845,641	411,087,751	41,108,775
1506	County School Fund	70,025	70,025	7,003
1508	Animal Control Fund	3,244,800	1,301,236	130,124
1509	Willamette River Bridges Fund	99,126,991	30,564,466	3,056,447
1510	Library Fund	123,282,529	95,602,628	9,560,263
1511	Special Excise Tax Fund	44,421,215	44,421,215	4,442,122

Special Revenue Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
1512	Land Corner Preservation Fund	4,102,000	1,797,447	179,745
1513	Inmate Welfare Fund	1,786,000	1,645,208	164,521
1515	Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response Fund	3,372,367	3,372,367	337,237
1516	Justice Services Special Ops Fund	12,646,658	11,337,109	1,133,711
1518	Oregon Historical Society Levy Fund	3,844,422	3,815,422	381,542
1519	Video Lottery Fund	7,445,438	5,037,311	503,731
1521	Supportive Housing Fund	182,165,732	168,198,942	16,819,894
1522	Preschool for All Program Fund	714,663,503	170,560,263	17,056,026

Debt Service Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
2002	Capital Debt Retirement Fund	25,000,035	23,857,815	2,385,782
2003	General Obligation Bond Fund	59,462,586	57,090,090	5,709,009
2004	PERS Bond Sinking Fund	80,961,291	35,335,700	3,533,570

Capital Project Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
2500	Downtown Courthouse Capital Fund	14,020	0	0
2503	Asset Replacement Revolving Fund	580,027	580,027	58,003
2506	Library Capital Construction Fund	13,024,698	13,024,698	1,302,470
2507	Capital Improvement Fund	46,338,117	46,338,117	4,633,812
2508	Information Technology Capital Fund	13,958,309	13,958,309	1,395,831
2509	Asset Preservation Fund	46,409,241	44,854,273	4,485,427
2511	Sellwood Bridge Replacement Fund	8,583,523	0	0
2515	Burnside Bridge Fund	33,025,016	27,405,968	2,740,597
2516	Behavioral Health Resource Center Capital Fund	900,000	0	0

Capital Project Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
2517	Multnomah County Library Capital Construction (GO Bond) Fund	142,915,708	141,324,982	14,132,498
2518	Justice Center Capital Fund	12,601,441	12,424,312	1,242,431
2519	Homeless Services Capital Fund	15,431,525	9,538,197	953,820
2520	Animal Services Facility Capital Fund	3,446,128	3,446,128	344,613
2521	Sobering and Crisis Intervention Capital Fund	13,400,000	13,400,000	1,340,000

Enterprise Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
3002	Behavioral Health Managed Care Fund	637,000	550,884	55,088
3003	Health Department FQHC Fund	300,430,237	174,530,919	17,453,092

Internal Service Fund Hierarchy Totals and 10% Threshold

Fund	Fund Name	FY 2026 Total Budget	Eligible Expenses per ORS	10%
3500	Risk Management Fund	317,028,836	197,085,011	19,708,501
3501	Fleet Management Fund	8,415,600	4,846,753	484,675
3502	Fleet Asset Replacement Fund	16,695,365	16,695,365	1,669,537
3503	Information Technology Fund	84,948,907	76,552,450	7,655,245
3504	Mail Distribution Fund	5,407,097	3,063,109	306,311
3505	Facilities Management Fund	95,801,499	78,672,923	7,867,292

What is a Budget Note?

What can you do with a Budget Note?

- Request future policy discussions
- Identify funding and requirements for expenditures placed in GF contingency

What should be considered when writing a Budget Note?

- Which departments are impacted
- Capacity to implement the Budget Note
- Due dates
- Does it require a formal budget note or can it be a briefing?

Getting to a Balanced Budget: Governance

- Budget Adoption
 - Requires **majority vote** for both Amendments and Budget Notes
 - All amendments must result in a **balanced budget**



FY 2026 Budget

by the
Numbers

\$4.0
billion

Total
Proposed Budget

+\$18
million

Increase from
FY 2025 Adopted

+0.5%
percent

Increase from
FY 2025 Adopted

5,866
FTE

Decrease of
-102 FTE

\$62.3
million

One-Time-Only
General Fund*

\$102.7
million

GF Reserves &
Un-earmarked
Contingency

*For more information on One-Time-Only Resources and a further breakdown into categories, see page 56 of the Budget Director's Message and the appendix

General Fund Reserves - Fully Funded

- General Fund **Reserve** @ 12% of corporate revenues or **\$77.8 million**

GFOA best practice recommends 15%

- **General Fund Contingency \$23.1 million**

- Regular - \$2.0 million
- BIT Reserve @ 12% - \$21.1 million (budgeted in contingency)

- **General Fund Contingency Set Asides**

- Additional Contingency for Uncertainty - \$1,743,437 (OTO)
- Flex Dorm Earmark - \$1,200,000 (OTO)
- Local 88 Market Study (In Progress) - \$600,000 (Ongoing)

FY 2026 Summary

- Implements **\$25.7M** of General Funds **reductions**
 - FY 2026 expected to be toughest year in five-year forecast
- Reduction in FTE but remains well above Pre-Pandemic level
- **Future Personnel Cost Drivers**
 - Inflation Concerns
 - 6 Open Labor Contracts and Local 88 Market Adjustment
- Fall Rebalance for State Decision

Budget Adoption

Budget Adoption includes:

- Levying Property Taxes
- Financial and Budget Policies
- Multnomah Investment Policy
- Fund Resolution
- Salary Compensation Resolution
- Fee Schedule

