

BUDGET BULLETIN

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Upcoming Budget Milestones

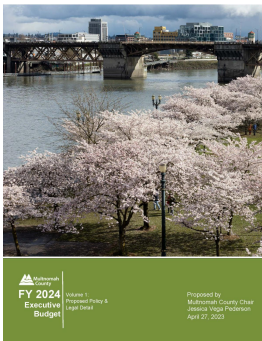
Upcoming FY 2024 Budget Milestones

- Now through June 1st - Budget Worksessions. A detailed calendar can be found on our [website](#).
- May 17th - Budget Public Hearing #2
- **May 19th - Department Amendments Due**
- May 30th - General Fund Forecast Update
- May 30th - Department Amendments presented to Board
- May 31st - TSCC Hearing
- May 31st - Budget Public Hearing #3
- June 8th - Budget Adoption





FY 2024 Proposed Budget Resources



Have you wondered where to find information about the County's Proposed FY 2024 budget? The entire Proposed budget is posted to our [website](#). Two great resources to give you an overview of what is included in the budget are the [Chair's Executive Message](#) and the [Budget Director's Message](#). These files provide a comprehensive look at both the Chair's priorities and what was included in the budget.

If you're looking for a refresher about the County's budget process and how we budget, the [How Multnomah County Budgets](#) section of the budget may be helpful.

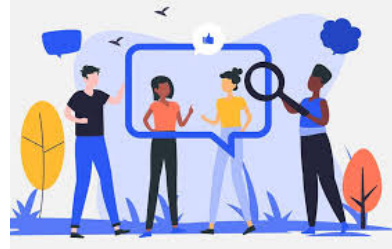
Budget Worksessions

Now that the FY 2024 Proposed budget has been released, it is time for budget worksessions and public deliberation. Each year, every department presents an overview to the Board of what was included in the Proposed budget. The Board then has an opportunity to ask questions or for follow-up. We are in the middle of this process now, and it will continue through the first week of June. All worksessions are linked on the [Board Clerk's website](#), and a calendar of upcoming worksessions can be found on our [website](#).

Public Hearings & Community Engagement

Community engagement is a critical part of the budget process. The Chair and Board highly value community input. If a member of the

community asks you how they can participate, we've put together a summary of the various ways [here](#). Primarily, members of the public can provide feedback at public hearings that will occur on May 10th, May 17th, and May 31st. They can also provide public comment at the Tax Supervising and Conservation Commission (TSCC) hearing or at any of the regular Thursday Board meetings.



Budget Notes



As we get closer to budget adoption, you may hear Board members propose “budget notes.” Budget notes are used to request future policy discussions, identify areas that the Board would like to explore in depth during the year, and identify funding placed in General Fund contingency for future investments. Budget notes can also be used to document discussions and decisions made by the Board during budget worksessions and provide direction to departments in achieving the Board’s policy goals during the year.

In order to help people track the budget notes and their completion status after the budget is adopted, we’ve started a budget notes page on our [website](#). On this page, we link to any reports or presentations that Departments make as a response to a Budget Note.

Budget Amendments

Budget amendments are used to modify the Proposed budget before it is adopted. Similar to budget modifications, these amendments must have Board approval in order to be included in the budget. There are two categories of amendments. First, Departmental Amendments are made by departments and can vary from technical changes to programmatic changes. Second, Board Amendments are sponsored and presented by a Commissioner during a Budget worksession. Departments are responsible for entering the technical detail in Qwestica for **ALL** amendments.



Departmental Amendments are due to the Budget Office on May 19th.

If you have any questions about whether something can be on an amendment, what type of amendment it is, etc., please reach out to your Central Budget Analyst.

In the FY 2024 budget, there will be two amendments impacting departments that the Central Budget Office will be preparing on behalf of departments:

1. The Chair's Proposed Budget set aside funds in contingency to provide human service providers a 3% increase above the assumed 5% COLA (for contracts funded with General Fund). The Budget Office will prepare an amendment that adds 3% to human service provider contracts, as identified by the 60160-Pass Through ledger account. The budget amendment will increase the same cost objects and suppliers where there is currently funding budgeted. Please note that this is a different practice than in FY 2023, when we placed the funding in a single cost object for each department.
2. HR has performed a wage analysis on some nonrepresented classifications. The Budget Office will prepare an amendment to implement the results of that wage analysis. In this amendment, the Budget Office will increase the General Fund budgets for these nonrepresented positions. When the increased salaries impact Other Funds, we will make negative salary adjustments to keep your Other Funds balanced. This adjustment will look very similar to last year's amendment that changed the nonrep COLA from 4% to 5%.

Overall Staffing Amendment cutoff - May 19:

Staffing amendments are technical amendments that only affect positions and reflect no bottom-line changes in a department's FTE count at the 4-digit fund level. In general, there are two groups of staffing amendments: a countywide staffing amendment and department staffing amendments. The countywide staffing amendment implements reclassifications already approved by the Board after the departments submitted their budgets and before adoption. **The position reclassification cutoff for the Overall Staffing Amendment is the May 19th Board Meeting.**

New Staff



Please welcome Andy Wheeler, our newest Sr. Budget Analyst in the Central Budget Office. Andy joins us from Portland Public Schools, where he worked for over 17 years as a Budget Analyst and Program Manager. Over his last eight years at PPS, Andy supported the advancement of learning technologies at Portland schools, helping teachers improve student learning outcomes through effective use of classroom technology. When not at work, Andy enjoys cooking, hiking, and rooting for the Portland Thorns.

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