



Multnomah County Local Budget Law Training - Abridged

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Training Agenda

TSCC & Budget Law Overview

- What is the TSCC?
- What are the budget process steps?
- What happens if I don't follow local budget law?

Preparation for Budget Creation

- What needs to happen before I start the budget?

Proposed Budget

- How do I create a proposed budget?
- How do I estimate property tax revenues?

Approved Budget

- What are the requirements for approving the budget?

TSCC Certification

- What is the process for TSCC certification?

Adopted Budget

- What are the requirements for adopting the budget?
- How do I make changes between the approved and the adopted budget?

Post-Adoption

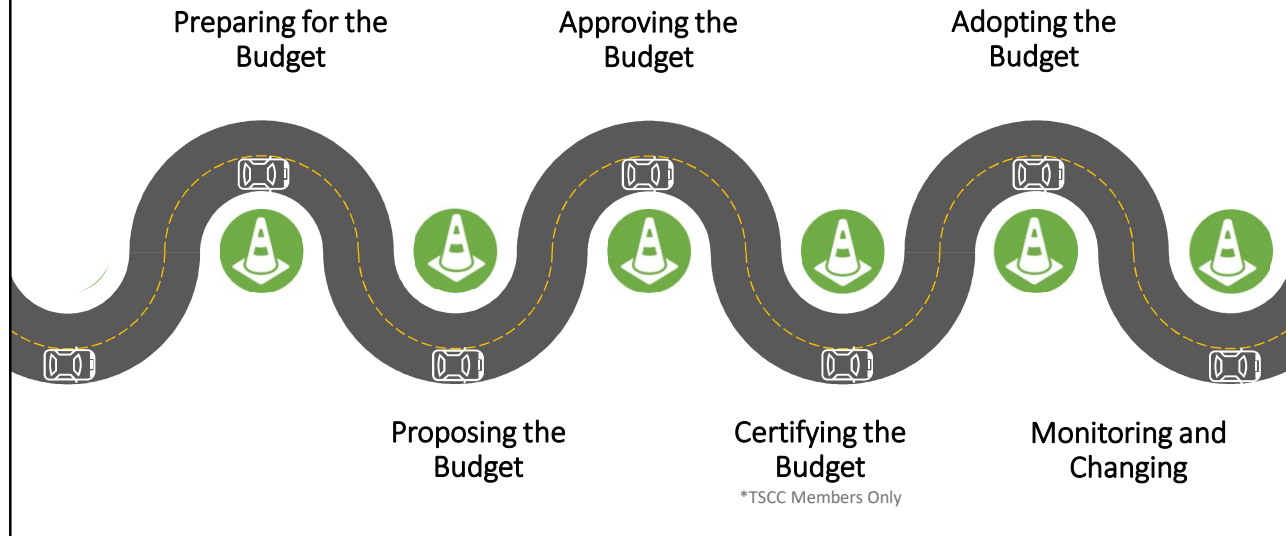
- How do I make changes after the budget is adopted?



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The Budget Journey

(and roadblocks to look out for along the way)



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Tips for Today

Tips for participating via Zoom

- We'll be recording today's session
- Change your zoom display name to your first name and last name
- Please put questions in the chat

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What is the TSCC?

- Created by the Legislature in 1919 to monitor Multnomah County local government budgets, taxes, and debt
- State agency with five commissioners appointed by the governor
- Role is primarily advisory and consultative
- Duties:
 - Review and certify member district budgets
 - Hold hearings on member budgets and tax measures
 - Advise districts on Oregon Local Budget Law
 - Prepare annual report documenting district budgets & debt
 - Provide information to the public
 - Investigate claims of budget law violations

ADVOCATE

We hold public hearings to engage with elected officials and advocate for the public interest in spending of taxpayer dollars.

TRAIN

We support and train local jurisdictions to adhere to local and state budget law.

INFORM

We publish an annual report that informs the public on local government budgets, indebtedness, and property taxes.

REVIEW

We analyze, review, and certify budgets to ensure adherence to state budget law.

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TSCC Member Districts

13 Large Districts (serves over 200k)

- Multnomah County
- Multnomah County Library
- Metro
- Port of Portland
- TriMet
- East Multnomah Soil & Water
- Urban Flood Safety & Water Quality
- City of Portland
- Prosper Portland
- Multnomah Education Service District
- Portland Public School District No.1J
- Mt. Hood Community College
- Portland Community College

23 Small Districts (serves under 200k)

- All the other taxing districts – too many to list! Districts serving less than 200,000 people:
 - 1 regional district
 - 3 cities
 - 1 urban renewal agencies
 - 5 K-12 schools
 - 4 fire districts
 - 7 water districts
 - 2 county service districts

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Budget Process Overview



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Key Concepts for Today's Training



The State Legislature Makes Local Budget Law to Create a Standard Way to Budget.



Budgets Create Appropriations, Your Legal Spending Limits.



Transparency is Key and Public Input IS Required.



Show Your Work.



Look Out for Roadblocks.

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How to Create A Budget?

All local governments use a standard system as laid out in:

[Oregon Revised Statutes 294.305-565](#)
[Oregon Administrative Rules 150-294-0300-0550](#)



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There's help!

- [TSCC Budget Manual for Local Governments in Multnomah County](#)
- [DOR Local Budget Law Manual](#)
- DOR Website: [State of Oregon: Forms - Forms and publications library](#) – Search "Local Budget"
- TSCC website: www.tscmultco.com/training

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Why follow budget law?

- If your district does not follow local budget law your district cannot levy taxes or expend money. 294.338(1)
- An improperly adopted property tax is voidable. 294.461
- Spending money in excess of the amounts provided by law, or for a different purpose than provided by law is illegal. 294.100(1)
- Any public official (who does so) shall be civilly liable for return of the money... 294.100(2)



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Who Creates A Budget?

The budget is:

- Prepared & **Proposed** by Staff
 - Modified & **Approved** by the Budget Committee
 - Modified & **Adopted** by the Governing Board



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Timeline



Prior to July 1

Resolutions to adopt budget, make appropriations, levy and categorize property taxes



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The Holy Grail of Budget Law Is the Appropriation

- Districts DO things
- Doing things costs money
- Districts can't spend public money without legal authority
- District gives itself legal authority to spend money through appropriations
- Appropriation is legal permission to spend
- Appropriation is also legal limit on spending
- After budget adoption, all that matters is appropriations

Source – DOR 2018 TSCC Appropriations Presentation



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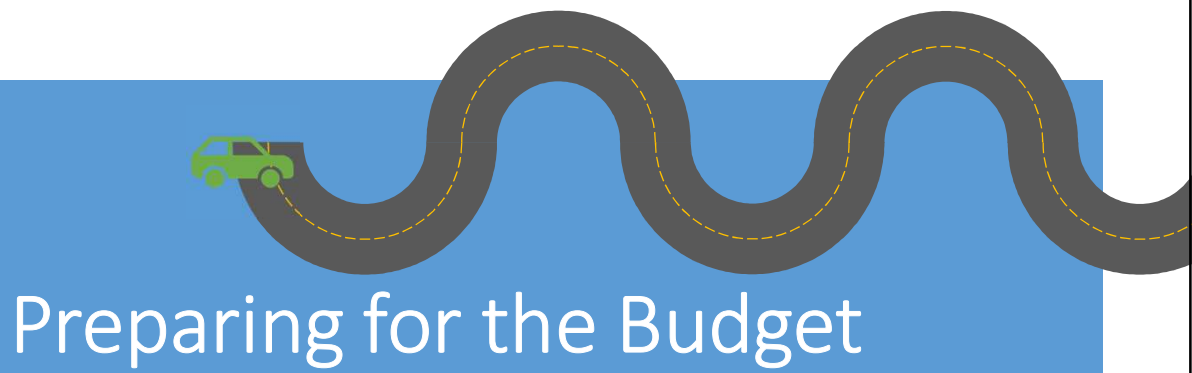
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Breakout Session

- Introduce yourself
- Share one thing you hope to learn about today



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Appointing a Budget Officer & Creating a Budget Calendar

The Board appoints a **Budget Officer** who is responsible for assembling budget material and information and physically preparing the proposed budget. ORS 294.331

What is that person’s first duty? Create a budget calendar.

****Reminder for TSCC Members: Send your budget calendar (or draft) to TSCC****

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13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Public notice website- Budget committee meeting ORS 294.426
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	Board approves Tuition & Fees
27	28	29	30	31			Public notice newspaper- Budget committee meeting ORS 294.426
April							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
					1	2	Budget Committee receives proposed budget ORS 294.40
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Public notice website- Budget committee meeting ORS 294.426
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	Public notice newspaper- Budget committee meeting ORS 294.426
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	Budget Committee Meeting: Approve budget, levy taxes.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
May							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Submit approved budget to TSCC –as soon as it is compiled (by May 15 th)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	Public notice website – Budget hearing ORS 294.448
29	30	31					Public notice newspaper - Budget hearing ORS 294.448
June							
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	
			1	2	3	4	
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	TSCC Budget Hearing ORS 294.453
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Adoption of budget by Board of Education ORS 294.456
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	File adopted budget with TSCC by July 15 th
26	27	28	29	30			Certify levy with assessor's office ORS 294.459

EXAMPLE CALENDAR



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Budget Prep: Appointing Budget Committee Members

- The Budget Committee is a local government’s “fiscal planning advisory committee” ([Local Budgeting Manual](#)).
- Members = governing body and equal # of registered voters in the district. Serve with no compensation for 3 year terms.
- Districts over 200,000 in Multnomah County can have their governing body serve as budget committee.
- ORS 329.711 & ORS 328.542 – School district budget committees must fill at least one vacancy with member of educational equity advisory committee.

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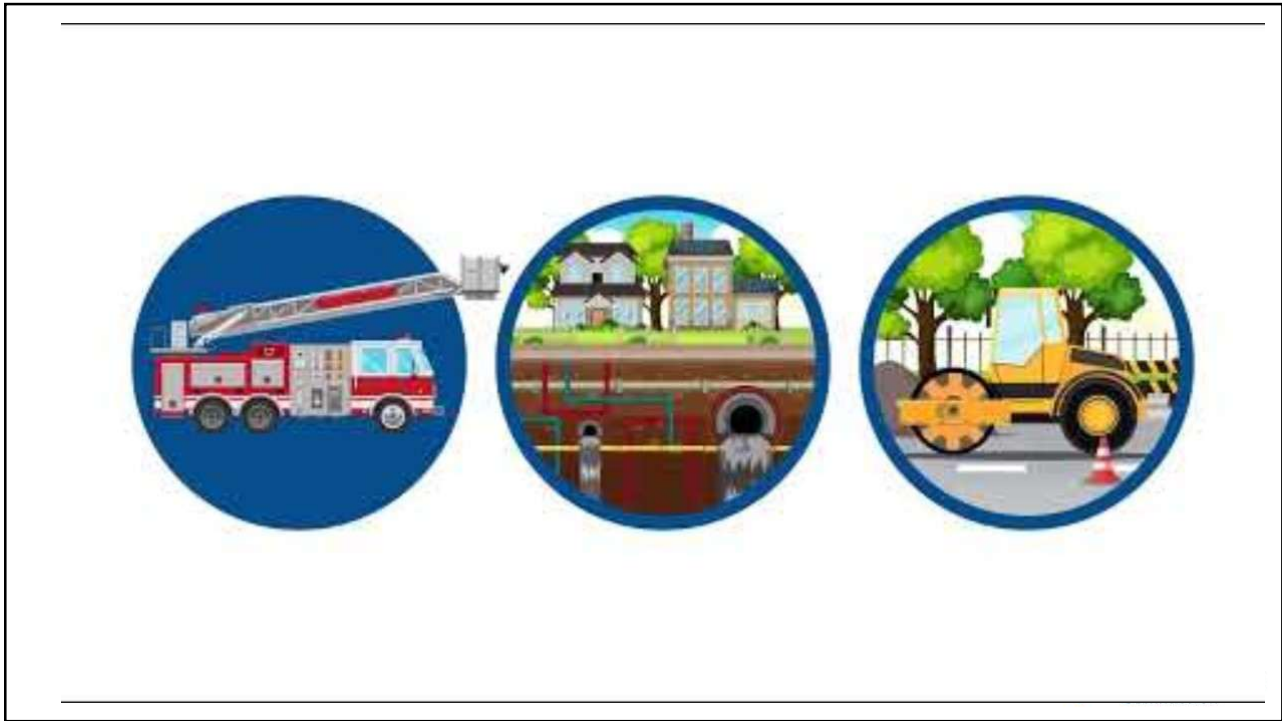
Roadblock!

If you can't find enough community members to serve on the budget committee, go with the number you've got.

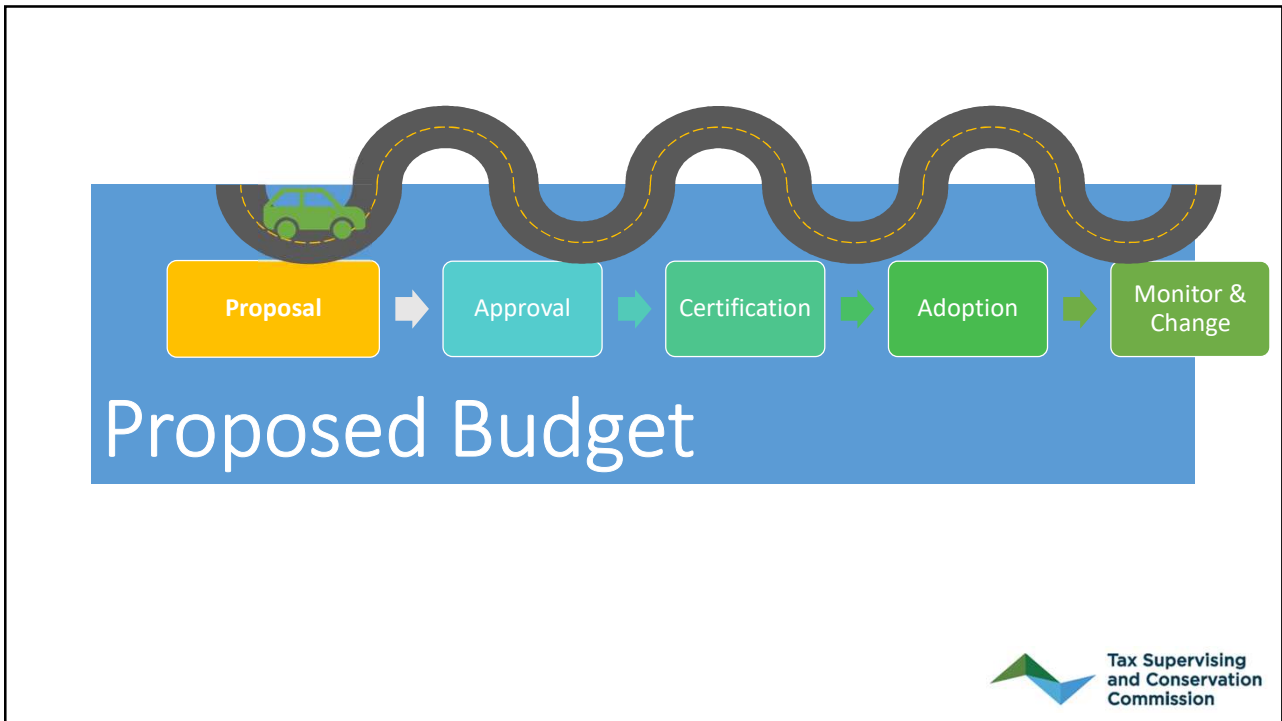
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Budget Terms

Fund

A Fund is a fiscal and accounting entity with *self-balancing* accounts to record cash and other financial resources, related liabilities, and balances and changes, all segregated for specific, regulated activities and objectives.

Resources and Requirements – THESE MUST BALANCE IN YOUR BUDGET (ORS 294.388)

Resources: All sources of available funds, including beginning fund balance and transfers in from other funds

Requirements: all expenditures, as well as other obligations that must be planned for but may not actually be spent

Revenues and Expenditures

Revenues: sources of new money anticipated to be received in the coming year

Expenditures: money expected to be spent in the coming budget year

Appropriations

Your legal spending authority. The budget is the basis for appropriations. Appropriations establish spending limits.



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Proposed Budget Steps

The budget is organized by funds and each fund is divided into resources and requirements.

1. Estimate Resources
2. Estimate Requirements
3. Balance the Budget
4. Write your Budget Message



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Fund Types Are Specified in Law

What are the types of funds according to Oregon Revised Statutes and Administrative Rules? OAR 150-294-0420 and ORS 294.346.

- **General Fund**
- **Reserve Fund**
- **Special Revenue Funds**
- **Debt Service Fund**
- **Enterprise Funds**
- **Internal Service Funds**
- **Capital Projects Funds**
- **Special Assessment Funds**
- **Trust and Agency Funds**

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Roadblock!

Budget law does not specify how many funds you should have – use as few as is necessary for transparent tracking of funds.



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Resources Classification System

	Category	Line Items
Resources	Beginning Fund Balance	Beginning Fund Balance
	Revenues	Current Year Ptaxes
		Fees, Licenes, Fines, etc
		Federal State and all other grants, etc
		Debt Proceeds
		All other sources
	Transfers In	From Water Fund
		From IT Fund
		Sewer fund loan repayment
		Internal Service Reimbursements



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Estimating Requirements – By Fund, Function, & Use

Requirements Classification System

LINE ITEM	OBJECT CLASSIFICATION	CLASSIFICATION TYPE
Wages	Personnel Services	Expenditures
Benefits		
Pension		
Insurance		
FICA		
Professional Services	Materials & Services	
Utilities		
Office Supplies		
Travel & Meetings		
Property Maintenance		
Capital Projects	Capital Outlay	
Debt Service	Debt Service	
Transfers to Other Funds	Transfers Out	Transfers Out
Contingency	Contingency	Contingency
Ending Fund Balance	Ending Fund Balance	Ending Fund Balance

*These object classifications are typically allocated to an organizational unit or program/activity.



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Pop Quiz!

Which of the following are expenditures?

- A. Materials & Services
- B. Capital Outlay
- C. Ending Fund Balance

Which of the following are requirements?

- A. Personnel Services
- B. Ending Fund Balance
- C. Contingency



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Resources & Requirements Must Balance In Each Fund

GENERAL FUND

Resources

Beginning Fund Balance	\$10,000
Property Tax	\$5,000
Federal Funds	\$2,000
State Funds	\$3,000
Grants	\$1,000

Total Resources **\$21,000**

Requirements

Personnel Services	\$9,000
Capital Outlay	\$6,000
Transfers Out	\$1,000
Contingency	\$2,000
Ending Fund Balance	\$3,000

Total Requirements **\$21,000**

REMEMBER

- Resources are budgeted by fund and source
- Requirements are budgeted by fund, function, and use
- Budget numbers are good faith effort estimates
- Negative resource amounts are contrary to statute



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Proposed Budget – Detail Sheets

2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised Budget	Line Item	2024-25 Budget			
				FTE	Proposed	Approved	Adopted
\$	\$\$	\$\$\$	Wages	10	\$\$\$\$		

Matches numbers from respective year's audit or ACFR

Adopted budget as modified by post-adoption changes

The Proposed Budget as prepared by the Budget Officer for presentation to the Budget Committee



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FORM LB-11

This fund is authorized and established by resolution / ordinance number 208 on (date) April 27, 2019, for the following specified purpose: Storm Drain Reserves Fund

**RESERVE FUND
RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS**

Year this reserve fund will be reviewed to be continued or abolished: _____
Date can not be more than 10 years after establishment. Review Year: 2024-2025

Storm Drain Reserves Fund

City of Maywood Park

(Fund)

(Name of Municipal Corporation)

Historical Data			DESCRIPTION RESOURCES AND REQUIREMENTS	Budget for Next Year: 2022-2023			
Actual Second Preceding Year - 2019-2020	Actual First Preceding Year - 2020-2021	Adopted Budget This Year - 2021-2022		Proposed By Budget Officer	Approved By Budget Committee	Adopted By Governing Body	
RESOURCES							
1	152,713	136,112	116,000	101,000	101,000	101,000	1
2							2
3							3
4	2,719	833	1,000	0	0	0	4
5	0	20,000	55,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	5
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
7							7
8							8
9	155,432	156,945	172,000	121,000	121,000	121,000	9
10							10
11							11
12	155,432	156,945	172,000	121,000	121,000	121,000	12
REQUIREMENTS							
13	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
15	19,320	40,761	50,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	15
16							16
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18	0	0	20,000	20,000	20,000	20,000	18
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25							25
26							26
27	19,320	40,761	70,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	27
28	136,112	116,184	102,000	61,000	61,000	61,000	28
29	155,432	156,945	172,000	121,000	121,000	121,000	29



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Estimating Resources – Property Taxes

Tax Levy Types

Permanent Levy
Permanent Tax Rate
Limit

Local Option Levy
For operations (5 yr
limit) or capital
projects (10 yr limit)

**General Obligation
Bonds**
Capital Costs

Rate-Based Levy

[Permanent Levies & Local Option Levies, e.g. \$5.2781 & \$1.99 per \$1,000 of AV]

Assessed Value x Rate = Taxes Extended

(Taxes Extended – Compression Loss) x Collection Rate = Budget

Dollar Amount Levy

[GO Bond Levies, e.g. \$136 million, optional for Permanent Levies & Local Options Levies]

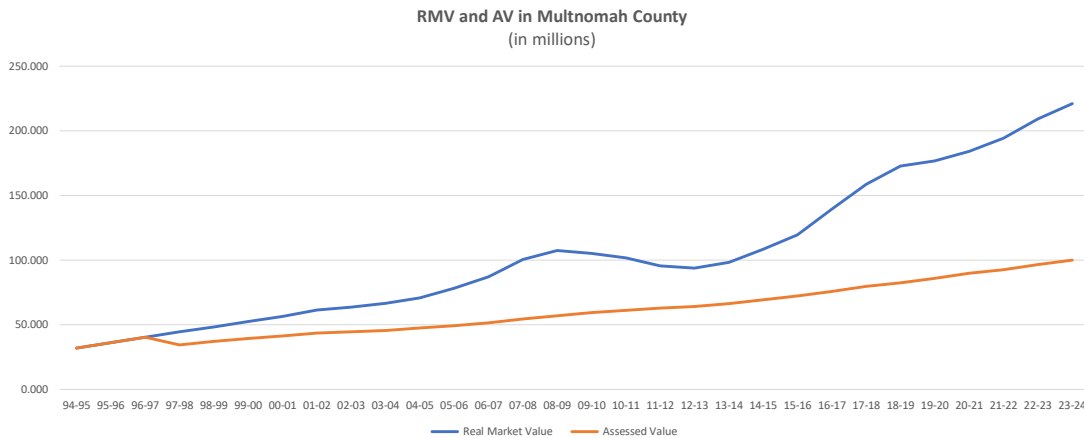
Debt Service Required x Collection Rate = Budget



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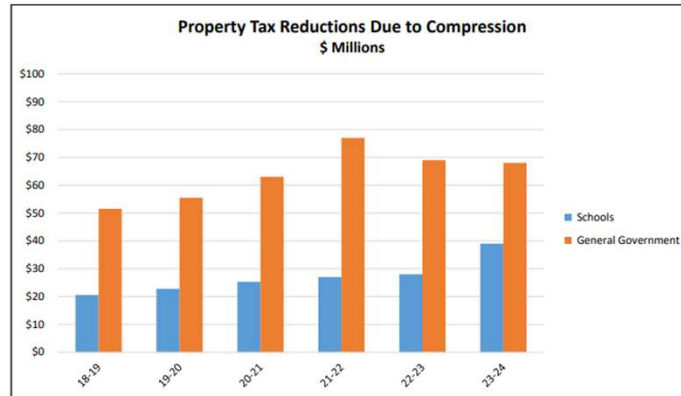
1996 Oregon Property Tax Inventions

Assessed Value & Permanent Rate



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Compression Impacts



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Property Tax Limits: Compression Example

RMV = \$275,000

AV = \$200,000

Tax (calculated on AV):

General Govt (\$15/\$1,000 AV) = \$3,000

Education (\$7/\$1,000 AV) = \$1,400

Limits (calculated on RMV):

General Govt \$10/\$1,000 RMV = \$2,750

Education \$5/\$1,000 RMV = \$1,375

Difference = Compression Loss:

General Govt Tax (\$3,000) – Limit (\$2,750) = \$250

Education Tax (\$1,400) – Limit (\$1,375) = \$25

Taxes Extended – Compression = Taxes Imposed

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City of Maywood Park					Numbers in red can be changed	
	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	PROJECTION
Permanent Rate Levy					Rate	Projection
Assessed Value	70,691,060	73,136,610	75,387,780	77,758,370	\$ 1.9500	80,091,000
Annual AV Increase		3.46%	3.08%	3.14%	3.00%	
Taxes Extended	137,848	142,617	147,006	151,629		156,177
Taxes Compressed	97	121	123	133		(156)
Comp as a % of Extended	0.07%	0.08%	0.08%	0.09%	0.10%	
					Estimated Taxes to be Imposed:	156,021
					Assumed Collection Rate:	95.5%
					Estimated Taxes to be Received:	149,000

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GO Bond Fund Calculator		Questions? Contact TSCC staff for assistance, we're here to help.		
STEP 1 - Estimate FY 2023-24 BFB				
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance Calculator				
Current Cash	800,000	<i>Analytical check: Does your estimated BFB match the amount you need for debt payments prior to receiving property taxes in the upcoming budget year?</i>		
Estimated Resources for Rest of Current FY	2,450,000			
Debt Payments to be Paid in the Rest of Current FY	2,500,000			
Total Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	750,000			
STEP 2 - Use Debt Schedule to Understand Payments				
For the Year You Are Budgeting:				
	Date	Principal	Interest	Total
Payment 1	11/15/2023		600,000	600,000
Payment 2	6/1/2024	1,700,000	600,000	2,300,000
	Total FY 23-24	1,700,000	1,200,000	2,900,000
For the Following FY:				
Payments Due On or Before December 15*	11/15/2024		600,000	600,000
Payment Due After December 15	6/1/2025	1,700,000	600,000	2,300,000
	Total FY 24-25	1,700,000	1,200,000	2,900,000
<i>*Review your historic property tax receipts to better understand at what date you will receive the p. tax amount necessary to cover debt payments.</i>				
STEP 3 - Build Your Budget (Fill in Green Boxes in Column C)				
Estimated Beginning Fund Balance	750,000	<i>Current Cash On Hand + Est. Res - Est. Req.</i>		
Prior Year Taxes	165,000	<i>Review historical data to inform estimate</i>		
Interest earned	20,000	<i>Review historical data to inform estimate</i>		
Total Resources Other Than Current Yr Taxes	935,000	<i>Auto-calculated field</i>		
Taxes Necessary to Balance	2,565,000	Amount to budget for property taxes to be received in the upcoming FY		

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Roadblock!

- Collecting too much for general obligation bond debt service.
- Forgetting to add collection rate to property tax estimates.

Calculating Taxes to be Levied

Example:

Total Debt Service Requirements	\$ 60,000	
Less Resources On Hand	- \$ 10,000	
Equals Taxes Needed	= \$ 50,000	
Divided by Collection Percent	.958	
Equals Tax Levy	= \$ 53,236	

Levy to Approve & Certify: \$ 53,236



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Creating the Proposed Budget: Estimating Requirements

- Estimate Personnel Costs
- Estimate Materials & Services
- Estimate Capital Outlay
- Estimate Debt Service
- Estimate Transfers Out
- Calculate Contingencies, Reserves, & Unappropriated Fund Balance



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Roadblock!

Some rules for requirements:

- **Personnel Services:** Individual positions do not need to be listed in budget, roll them up to a wages line item. Include Full Time Equivalent (FTE) tally.
- **Capital Outlay:** The district determines what qualifies as a capital expenditure. Document that decision in financial policies.
- **Debt Service:** Budget must show separate amounts for principal and interest ORS 294.388(6)
- **Contingency:** In operating funds only, no limit on size, but cannot be used for expenditures- must be transferred to an expenditure line item.

OAR 150-294-0430 and ORS 294.463(2)

- **Ending Fund Balance:** not an appropriation. Use is severely restricted.

OAR 150-294-0440

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Tips on releasing the Proposed Budget document

- At a minimum, proposed budget consists of the detail budget sheets and budget message (ORS 294.403)
- May be provided to members of the Budget Committee prior to first meeting for informational purposes only, (i.e. *no deliberations*)
- When given to Budget Committee it becomes a public document and a copy must be filed in the office of the municipal corporation for public inspection
- Means of duplication must be available to public. (District may charge reasonable fee for photo copies).



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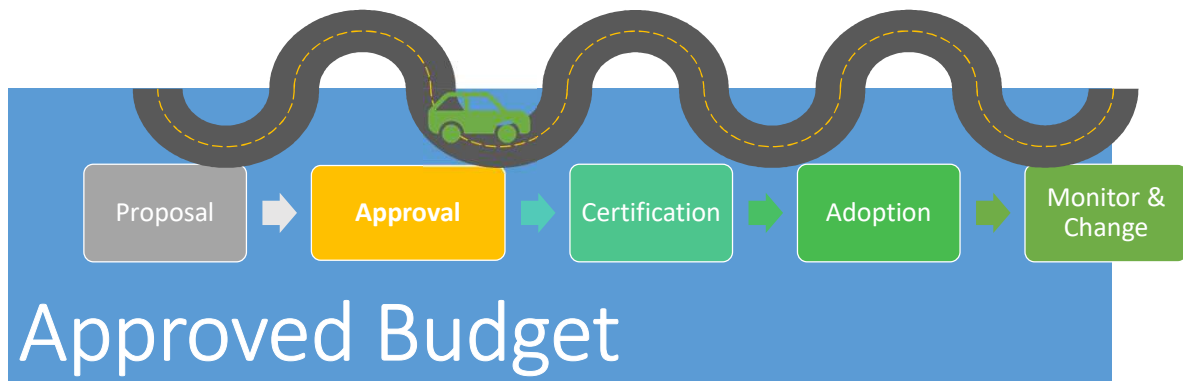
Budget Trivia!

What are 3 factors to consider when calculating property tax revenue?

- a) Assessed Value, Consumer Price Index, and Compression Loss
- b) Assessed Value, Compression Loss, and Collection Rate
- c) Compression Loss, Collection Rate, and Consumer Price Index



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Getting the Budget Approved

All Budget Committees have the same duties:

- Receive budget document
- Hear the budget message
- Take public comment
- Deliberate the budget and modify as agreed upon
- Approve the proposed or modified budget
- Specify the maximum tax rate or levy for each fund

First things first: Notice the budget committee meeting(s)

Must be advertised 5-30 days before the committee meeting (ORS 294.426)



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Roadblock!

Failure to properly post public notice is a common mistake and a violation of budget law.

TSCC cheat sheet on noticing for budget committee: [Budget-Committee-Noticing-Visual-Guide.pdf](https://tscmultco.com/Budget-Committee-Noticing-Visual-Guide.pdf)
(tscmultco.com)



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BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING NOTICING

(References: ORS 294.426(5), ORS 193.060, ORS 193.020)

What are the four possible publication methods?

Newspaper

- Print notice twice in newspaper five to 30 days prior to meeting
- Newspaper must meet requirements in ORS 193.020

OR

Newspaper +
District Website

- Print once in the newspaper five to 30 days prior to meeting
- Post on website in a "prominent manner" at least 10 days prior to meeting

OR


Mail

- Mail notice by first class mail to each street address in district at least 10 days prior to meeting

OR

Hand Delivery

- Hand deliver to each street address in district at least 10 days prior to meeting



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NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Board of Directors, acting in their capacity as the Budget Committee of Portland Public School District 1J, Multnomah County, Oregon, will take place during the regular School Board meeting on the 26th day of May at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the Superintendent's budget message and Proposed Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, and to receive public comment. This notice is also published on the District website at www.pps.net.

In light of current public health concerns related to COVID-19, under the provision of ORS 192.670 the virtual meeting will be conducted online, rather than in person. The meeting will be streamed live at: <https://www.youtube.com/user/ppscoms/live>. Public comment and testimony related to the Proposed Budget may be submitted via email to: publiccomment@pps.net or by mail addressed to: Board of Education, 501 N. Dixon Street, Portland, OR 97227. The items must be clearly labeled as public comment or testimony. Items received by 2:00 pm on May 26, 2020 will be presented to the Budget Committee at the May 26th meeting.

An additional meeting of the Budget Committee where public comment or testimony will be taken will be held on June 11th at 6:00 pm, also by virtual means via the website above. Public comment should be received by e-mail or mail no later than 2:00 pm on June 11, 2020 for the meeting on June 11th. A copy of the Proposed Budget is posted on the District website: <http://www.pps.net/Domain/214>



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Changes to Public Noticing Laws

- [HB 3167](#) - Option to publish in an online-only newspaper
- Digital newspaper must be "formatted similarly to a printed newspaper and produced in an archivable format"
- Definition of "newspaper" under 193.010 still applies:

"Newspaper" means a newspaper of general circulation that meets all of the following requirements:

- (a) Is circulated in a print format or a digital newspaper format.
- (b) Conducts consistent, regular coverage of local news and in which at least 25 percent of the total news content is locally and originally composed by the newspaper, regardless of whether the newspaper is produced or printed in the local area.
- (c) Is published in the English language for the dissemination of local or transmitted news or for the dissemination of legal news.
- (d) Is made up of at least four pages of at least five columns each, with type matter of a depth of at least 14 inches, or, if smaller pages, then comprising an equivalent amount of type matter.
- (e)(A) Except as provided in subparagraph (B) of this paragraph, has bona fide subscribers representing more than half of the total distribution of printed newspapers and paid-for digital newspapers.



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Getting the Budget Approved

Budget Committee Outcomes

Meeting notes or resolutions that document:

- Public comment
- Motions to make changes to the budget
- A motion to approve the budget
- A motion to approve the tax rates and tax levies



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Roadblock!

Get familiar with quorum rules to make sure budget committee approval is legal:

- Quorum is more than half the number of membership, not just the majority of those present.
- If you do not have the full number of electors, they are removed from the total for membership.
- If you have vacancies on the governing body, they are not removed from the total.



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Budget Committee Quorum

Majority

5 Governing Body

5 Electors



Majority = 6



Vacancies on the governing body are ***not removed*** from total.

Majority = 6

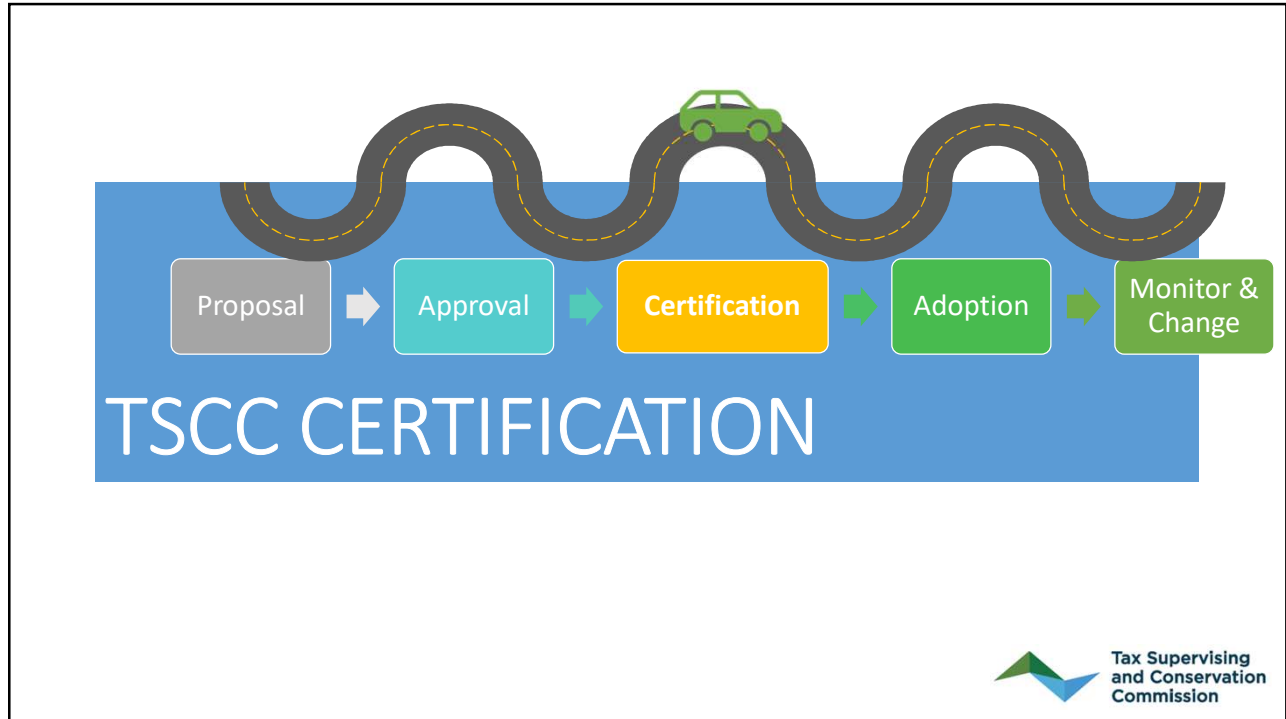


Electors vacancies are ***removed*** from total.

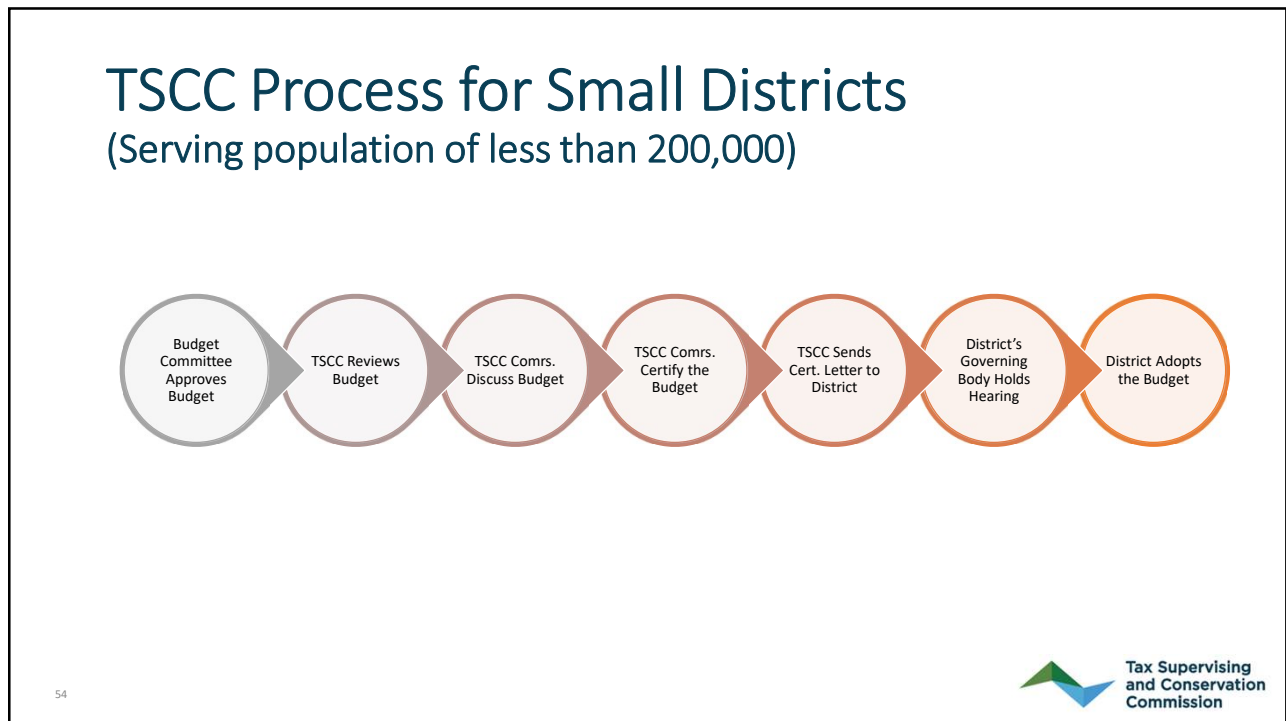
Majority = 4



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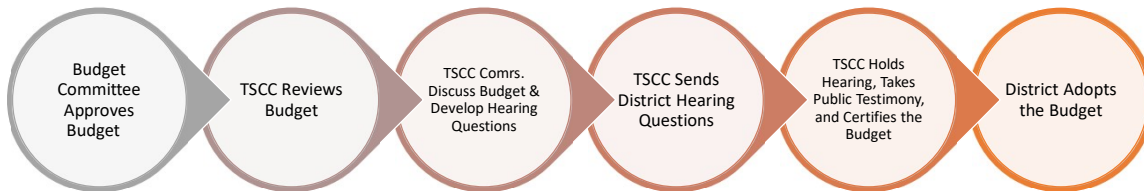
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TSCC Process for Large Districts (Serving population of 200,000 or more)



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TSCC Approved Budget Review

TSCC reviews the budget materials and provides a written review to Commissioners, along with any objections or recommendations it has with respect to the budget.

Recommendation

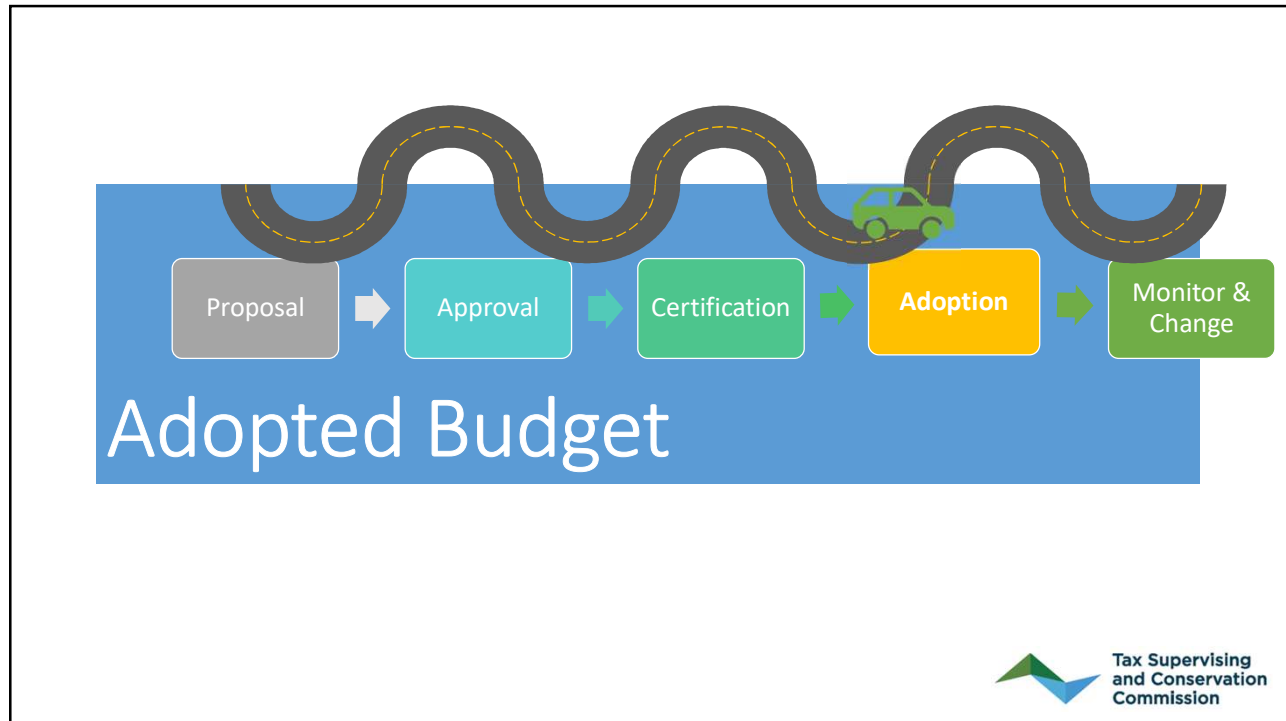
A notice that something in the budget/spending process was done incorrectly or could be improved.

Objection

Notice of something incorrect in the budget. Must be fixed prior to adoption.



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Getting to Budget Adoption

1. Prepare financial summary of Approved Budget ORS 294.438
2. Schedule and notice a budget hearing ORS 294.438
 - Use LB-1 (large districts can use streamlined summary format per ORS 294.448)
 - Must be advertised 5-30 days before budget hearing.
3. Hold public hearing to accept comments from the public ORS 294.453.
4. Governing body make changes to the budget if desired.
5. Use a Budget Resolution to adopt the budget ORS 294.456

Pro Tip: Have someone review your budget resolution before you submit it to the governing body.



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Roadblock!

1. The Governing Board may not increase expenditures in any fund by more than 10%*

Expenditures	Non-Expenditures
Personal Services	Transfers Out
Materials and Services	Contingency
Capital Outlay	Ending Fund Balance
Debt Services	

2. The Governing Board may not increase the property tax levy*

*To make a change more than 10%, or increase the property tax levy, you must publish a new financial summary, resubmit to TSCC, and schedule and notice a new budget hearing.



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Roadblock!

You Must Have Quorum: To hold a budget hearing the majority of the total governing board membership must be present. To take any action requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the total governing board. Majority is defined as one more than half unless otherwise specified by law. OAR 150-294-0480

Holding Meetings Virtually: HB 2560 took effect January 1, 2022, requiring governing bodies to make meetings accessible remotely when possible. Whether meeting is in-person or remote, you must allow for public participation and state the method or participation in your hearing notice.



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So what does the Resolution do?

Adopts the Budget, Makes Appropriations, and Levy & Categorize Taxes

By adopting the budget, the governing body has:




Created appropriations, the legal authority to spend money-
and the legal limit.


Authorized the County Assessor to levy taxes on its behalf.



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RESOLUTION 2020-06-16 CORBETT WATER DISTRICT June 16, 2020													
<p>ADOPTING THE BUDGET BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Corbett Water District hereby adopts the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 in the total amount of \$1,873,853 now on file in the Corbett Water District office located at 36120 E. Historic Columbia River Highway, Corbett, Oregon.</p>													
<p>IMPOSING THE TAX BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Corbett Water District hereby imposes the taxes provided for in the adopted budget at the rate of \$0.5781 per \$1,000 of assessed value; and that these taxes are hereby imposed and categorized for tax year 2020-2021 upon the assessed value of all taxable property within the district.</p>													
<p>MAKING APPROPRIATIONS BE IT RESOLVED that the amounts for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 and for the purposes shown below are hereby appropriated:</p>													
<p>GENERAL FUND</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Water Utility</td> <td>\$1,639,090</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Debt Service</td> <td>\$138,458</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Operating Contingency</td> <td>\$80,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total appropriations</td> <td>\$1,857,548</td> </tr> </table>	Water Utility	\$1,639,090	Debt Service	\$138,458	Operating Contingency	\$80,000	Total appropriations	\$1,857,548	<p>CATEGORIZING THE TAX</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Subject to General Government Limitation</th> <th>Excluded from Limitation</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Permanent Rate Levy \$0.5781 per \$1,000</td> <td>\$0.0000 per \$1,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Subject to General Government Limitation	Excluded from Limitation	Permanent Rate Levy \$0.5781 per \$1,000	\$0.0000 per \$1,000
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<p>UNAPPROPRIATED ENDING FUND BALANCE \$16,305</p> <p>TOTAL BUDGET \$1,873,853</p>	<p>The above resolution statements were approved and declared adopted on this 16th day of June 2020.</p>												
<p> President, Jeff Hargens</p> <p> Treasurer, Sara Grigsby</p> <p>_____ Commissioner, Dan Graff</p>	<p> Secretary, Robert Gaughan</p> <p>_____ Commissioner, Fred Sanchez</p>												



Example Budget Resolution

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The Adopted Budget Document

Submit to TSCC along with Adopted Budget Checklist (on TSCC website) – submit by July 15 if possible, and no later than September 30:

- Budget Message
- Budget committee meeting notices and screen shots of web site postings
- Budget committee minutes, resolutions, motions
- Budget hearing notice (LB-1) and screen shots
- Budget detail sheets
- Budget Resolution
- Resolution imposing and categorizing property taxes
- Notice of property tax levy form (LB-50) - *file with Assessor by July 15*
- Samples of ballots of any new property tax approved by voters, for first time levy

ORAR 150-294.0310

Use the budget document to show the world you prepared your budget correctly.



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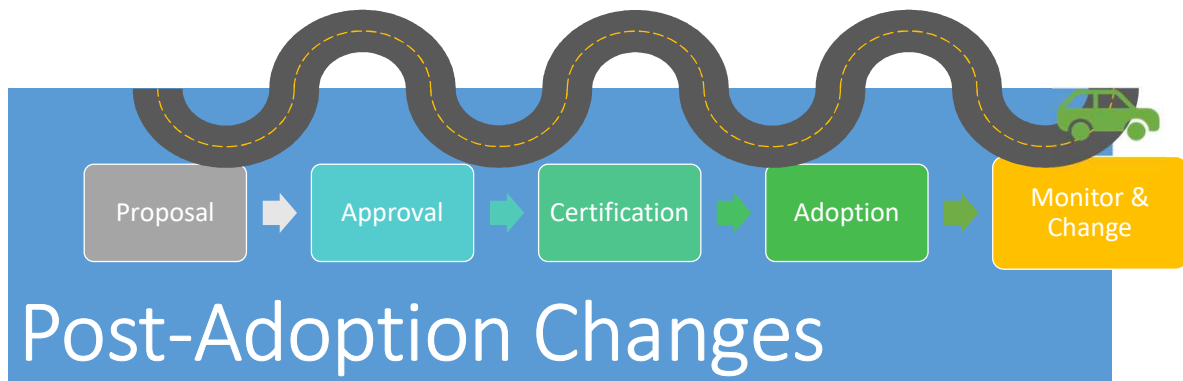
Budget Trivia!

The governing body can do which of the following before adopting the budget?

- a) Make changes to the approved budget
- b) Reduce the property tax levy approved by the budget committee
- c) Increase funds by up to 10% of expenditures
- d) All of the above



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Life After Budget Adoption

So, what if you need to make changes after adoption?

Local Budget Law provides ways to recognize unexpected revenues and/or revise appropriations:

- ORS 294.338 – Appropriation Resolutions
- ORS 294.463 – Resolution Transfers
- ORS 294.471 – Supplemental Budget
- ORS 294.473 – Supplemental Budget with Hearing

Note: There is no provision to change ad valorem taxes

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Post Adoption Budget Changes

Post Adoption Budget Changes					
Connecting Increased Financial Impact to Public Participation					
	Appropriation Resolution	Transfer Resolution	Supplemental Budget	Supplemental Budget with Hearing	
Hearing				Required	Increased Public Participation ----->
Notice			Required	Required	
Resolution	Required	Required	Required	Required	
Increased Financial Impact ----->					



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Roadblock!

You must make changes to the budget **before** you spend the dollars.

Carefully monitor your spending and compare to your legal appropriations on a regular basis.



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Post Adoption Budget Changes - Options

“...an occurrence or condition not ascertained when preparing original budget...”

ORS 294.471(1) (a)

Appropriation Resolution

Examples:

- Unforeseen grant funds for a specific purpose

Transfer Resolution

Examples:

- Intra-fund & Inter-fund transfers
- Contingency transfer (up to 15% of total adopted fund appropriations, if more than 15% supplemental budget is required)

Supplemental Budget*

Examples:

- More than expected property tax revenue for a general purpose

Supplemental Budget with Hearing

- Creating a new fund
- New resources and requirements that will increasing a fund's expenditures by more than 10%

**Change in expenditures of 10% or more in a fund triggers public noticing & hearing requirement*

How to Guide from DOR: <https://www.oregon.gov/dor/programs/property/Documents/local-budget-changes-after-adoption.pdf>



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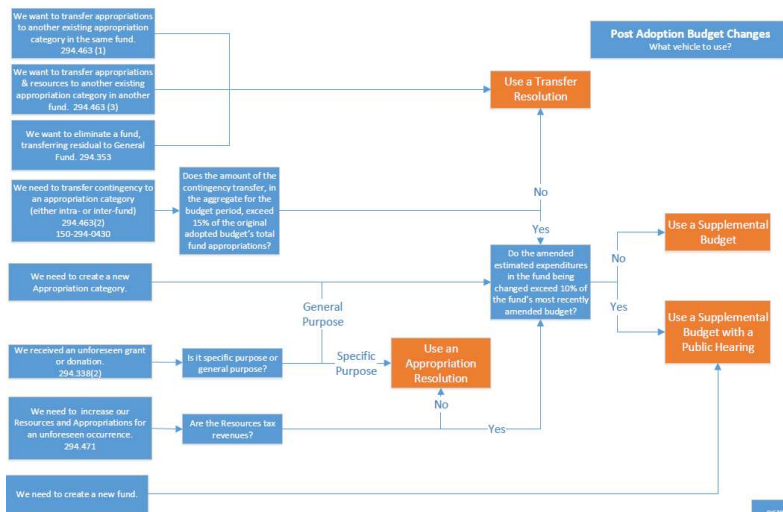
Scenarios

What action do you need to make the change?



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Post Adoption Budget Changes



<https://www.tscmultco.com/wp-content/uploads/Post-adoption-changes-Two-Sided-2-CLG.pdf>



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Roadblock!

You cannot spend directly from contingency – it must be transferred to another appropriation category.

To spend contingency that equals more than 15% of a fund’s appropriations, you must do a supplemental budget.

TSCC resource on calculating the 15%: [PowerPoint Presentation \(tscmultco.com\)](https://www.tscmultco.com)



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How to Transfer Contingency [\(ORS 294.463\(2\)\)](#)

LESS than 15% of original appropriations



ADOPT A RESOLUTION

Reduce the contingency amount and increase an existing expenditure category by an equal amount

MORE than 15% of original appropriations



ADOPT A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Reduce the contingency amount and increase an existing expenditure category by an equal amount

Remember – contingency calculations are made in aggregate, and appropriations are calculated using the original adopted budget. Your budget resolution is your guide!



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Calculating the 15%

Budget Resolution Making Appropriations

GENERAL FUND

Administration	\$100,000
Fire Services	\$200,000
Transfers Out	\$50,000
Special Payments	\$25,000
Contingency	\$100,000
Total Appropriations	\$475,000

Use total appropriations from the adopted budget resolution to calculate the 15%.

In this example, you can transfer up to \$71,250 of contingency by resolution, anything over amount that will require a full supplemental budget process.

Total Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance - \$25,000

Total Budget - \$500,000



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Some Common Questions

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Q1: During budget committee deliberation we found an error in the Proposed Budget. What do we do?

Make the correction as part of the budget committee's approval process.

Correct errors in the Approved Budget when the Governing Board adopts the budget.*

*Keep in mind the 10% and property tax levy rules

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Q2: What's one of the most common budget mistakes?

Overspending Appropriations! Tips to avoid mistake:

- Copy appropriation resolution and keep it prominently displayed in your work space.
- Run monthly reports to track actual revenues and expenses compared to budget estimates.
- React before expenditures exceed appropriation authority!

Bonus question: What's one of the most dangerous budget mistakes?

Budget Committee Not Properly Setting Property Tax Levies! Tips to avoid mistake:

- Double, then triple check calculations before presenting to the Budget Committee.
- Insist that the committee approve all rates just as they will appear on LB/ED – 50.
- Refer to DOR's Local Budgeting Manual.



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Q3: We made a mistake and left something off the appropriations schedule our governing body approved – what do we do?

If it is correct in your budget, you can do a resolution that corrects and reappropriates.

This can only be done when something is included in the actual budget document and mistakenly left off of the appropriations schedule, since the budget is the justification for the appropriation resolution.

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Resources

- DOR website: <http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/programs/property/Pages/local-budget.aspx>
- DOR Local Budget Law Training sessions
- [State of Oregon: Forms - Forms and publications library](#) – Search “Local Budget”
 - Includes [DOR Local Budget Law Manual](#)
- [TSCC Budget Manual for Local Governments in Multnomah County](#)
- TSCC website: www.tscmultco.com



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REFERENCE SLIDES



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Fund Definitions

Funds Defined in OAR 150-294.0420		Funds Defined in GAAFR		
Government Fund Definitions		Governmental Funds	Used to account for activities primarily supported by taxes, grants, and similar revenue sources	General Fund
Special Revenue	To account for revenues legally restricted to specific purposes and the expenses from these revenues			Special Revenue Funds
Capital Projects	For the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by Enterprise, Special Assessment, or Trust Funds).	Proprietary Funds	Used to account for activities that receive significant support from fees and charges	Capital Projects Funds
Debt Service	To accumulate revenues for - and pay - debt service			Debt Service Funds
Special Assessment	For the financing of public improvements or services deemed to benefit the properties against which the special assessments are levied	Fiduciary Funds	Used to account for resource that a government holds as a trustee or agent on behalf of an outside party that cannot be used to support the government's own programs	Permanent Funds
Enterprise	For functions operated like private business or functions for which the governing body wants to periodically determine "profit or loss"			Enterprise
Internal Service Funds	See ORS 294.343			Internal Service
General	To account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund			Agency
Trust and Agency Funds	To account for assets held by a governmental unit in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other entities			Investment Trust
				Pension and Other Benefits Trust
				Private Purpose Trust



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Estimating Resources: Rate-Based Property Tax Levies (Example)

\$30,000,000	Last Year's Assessed Value
X <u>3.0%</u>	Estimated Annual AV Increase
\$30,900,000	Projected AV
\$30,900,000	Projected AV
X <u>.0015985</u>	Permanent Tax Rate (\$1.5985 per \$1,000)
\$49,394	Taxes Extended
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- <u>320</u>	Compression
\$49,074	Estimated Taxes to be Imposed
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X <u>94%</u>	Assumed Collection Rate
\$46,130	Estimated FY 22-23 Taxes to Be Received

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Estimating Personnel Services

Estimates of expenditures for personnel services must include for each organizational unit or activity the total budgeted cost of all officers and employees **and the number of related full-time equivalent positions.**

Current salaries/salary ranges not required to be in budget document but must be available upon request.

ORS 294.388(5)

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Estimating Requirements – Personnel Example

General Fund – Administration							
REQUIREMENTS							
Personnel Services							
	FY 2019-20 Actual	FY 2020-21 Actual	FY 2021-22 Revised	FY 2022-23 Proposed	FY 2022-23 Approved	FY 2022-23 Adopted	FTE
Full-time Salaries	100,000	110,000	112,000	115,000	0	0	2.00
Employee Benefits	2,000	2,100	2,500	3,000	0	0	
FICA	7,000	7,200	7,300	7,500	0	0	
Pension	40,000	41,000	41,500	42,000	0	0	
Insurance	30,000	32,000	34,000	35,000	0	0	
Total Personnel Services	179,000	192,300	197,300	202,500	0	0	

Salaries not required but must be available on request ORS 294.388(5)

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Estimating Materials & Services

State of Oregon	
CPI Projection	
<i>All Urban Consumers, West Region (All Items)</i>	
2023	4.7%
2024	2.8%
2025	2.5%

Forecasts: www.oregon.gov/das/oea/documents

Actuals: CPI-W West-Size A [Bureau of Labor Statistics Data \(bls.gov\)](http://Bureau of Labor Statistics Data (bls.gov))



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Estimating Capital Outlay

Assets with an initial life exceeding one fiscal year, with a minimum value determined by governing board

Can be Allocated or Unallocated ORS 294.388(3)

Requirements Classification System			
Fund: General Fund			
Admin Svcs	Cap Outlay	Office Furn	
		Vehicles	
Public Safety	Multiple	Multiple	
Cap Outlay Unallocated	Cap Outlay	New City Hall	

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Estimating Special Payments & Debt Service

Special Payments – includes payments of taxes, pass-through fees or charges, grants to other organizations, and other expenditure that do not fit in the other expenditure categories

(Object classifications section of Local Budgeting Manual)

Debt service – estimates must include separate amounts for principal and interest for each bond issue in each fund.

ORS 294.388(6)

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Estimating Contingencies

“The estimate for a fund may include an estimate for general operating contingencies”. 294.388(7)

An operating contingency is for expenditures in “operating funds” that “cannot be foreseen and planned in the budget” and should be based on prior history or risk analysis. OAR 150-294-0430

There is no limit on how much can be budgeted as contingency.

No Contingencies in Debt Service Funds!

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Estimating Reserved for Future Expenditures & Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance

150-294-0440

Reserved for Future Expenditures OAR 150-294-0350

- Can be budgeted in a Reserve Fund and is for funds “saved” for use in future fiscal years.
- Not included in appropriations, but can be appropriated using a supplemental budget if need arises.

Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance OAR 150-294-0440

- Set-aside for next year’s working capital prior to receipt of revenues sufficient to meet expenditures.
- Cannot be spent during the year except in specified situations.

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Bonus Q: I want to modify my budget to transfer revenue and expenditures from one fund to another fund. Does this require a supplemental budget?

If you are transferring between funds (without changing the total appropriations across the budget), you can do a transfer approved by resolution (ORS 294.456).

What if it’s more than 10% of the fund?

The 10% rule does not apply to interfund transfers (OAR 150-294-0550).

What if I need to create a new appropriation category to transfer the funds?

If the fund you are transferring to has no appropriations per your adopted budget resolution, you will need to do a supplemental budget (OAR 150-294-0540).

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Bonus Q: The appropriations in the budget resolution are the legal spending limits. But what about the object classifications in those appropriations? Are personnel services, materials & services, and capital outlay levels in the budget also legal spending limits?

A district's budget resolution is the sole source of legal spending limitations for local budget law purposes.

Generally, appropriations are made at the fund and organizational unit or program/activity level.*

Unless a district appropriated to the object classification level in their budget resolution, budget category and line item amounts are not spending limits.

**This is true for most districts. However, schools and ESDs appropriate by function categories, and community colleges may appropriate by function or by program.*

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