

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 16-17 Proposed

SOS 1 Prop Tax Assmt, Collection & Distribution

Dept: Assessment and Taxation
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Service Category: General Government

Mandate: None Related
Leverage: None Some

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Executive Summary

The Assessor is mandated by state law to administer and collect property taxes in accordance with property tax limitations outlined in the state constitution, statutes and administrative rules. The 2015 certified tax roll contained approximately 175,000 tax accounts with a real market value of 50.8 billion and a taxable value of \$30.5 billion. The taxable value generates \$478 million in revenue for local governments/schools. The department is the designated agency to collect property tax revenues for all tax districts in the county. Approximately 12% of taxes collected go to Lane County. The Oregon Department of Revenue annually reviews staffing/workload to ensure ability to meet the minimum requirements set by the State as required under ORS 294.175.

Service Level Descriptions (Read from bottom up. Level 1 = minimum viable service level.)

	Other Funds	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Proposed Budget Total	\$1,387,000	\$6,046,709	\$4,659,709	46.00
Addition		\$75,195	\$75,195	0.00

Increase Extra Help budget by \$75,195 to support Property & Tax Management and Appraisal divisions. Extra help staff will assist Assessment and Taxation with the increasing workload of property segregations, and assist with quality / property reviews. Resources may also be used for "bridging staff gap" from recent staff retirements and turnovers.

Level 2:		\$81,511	\$81,511	0.00
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Request for a \$81,511 transfer directly from General Expense for Assessment and Taxation replacement software into a Special Revenue Fund - 264.

Level 1: Threshold - reductions to this level result in elimination of service	\$1,387,000	\$5,890,003	\$4,503,003	46.00
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The Appraisal division prepares the annual assessment roll. The Property & Tax Management division prepares the annual tax roll, which is certified by the Assessor. Tax bills are sent to all property owners by law. The department collects and distributes the taxes to 83 tax districts, including Lane County. The department cut 20% of its staff in FY 2012-13 under special legislation which allowed the county to drop below threshold and keep the CAFFA grant. Revenue from the CAFFA grant has declined due to low interest rates and reduced recordings. Budgeted 2016-17 state revenue has been reduced to account for this year's estimated distribution. Limited extra help is budgeted for yearly peak personal property processing and quality control reviews.

State/Federal Mandate

Assessment and Taxation is a state mandated function of the Oregon Property Tax System. Oregon Constitution Article XI and ORS Chapters 92, 192, 285A, 294, 307, 308, 308A 309, 311 and 446 state the Assessor must perform the mandates and has legal liability; and the annual submission of the County Assessment Function Funding Assistance Program (CAFFA) Grant is dependent on compliance of mandates. Failure to comply with state mandates requires state takeover and loss of CAFFA Grant Funding, State Liquor and Cigarette taxes and a charge back cost to the county. See ORS 294.175 - 294.187.

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

\$38,767,339	back to the Discretionary General Fund
\$16,570,853	into other non discretionary County Funds
\$477,998,560	directly to community members via service provided

For the purpose of this comparison, only include leveraged funds that are dependent on General Fund revenue. Do not include funds that would still be leveraged if the General Fund portion of the service were decreased or eliminated.