

Benton County Library Services County Service District

Function&Organization:

The Benton County Library Services County Service District (BCLSCSD) was created by a vote of the people on May 17, 1994. The district is organized as a service district under ORS Chapter 451 for the sole purpose of funding library services.

The district covers all of Benton County but excludes the portion of the City of Albany within Benton County. As a result of a county boundary change approved by the 2005 legislature the district extends into a small portion of Linn County.

By law, the Benton County Board of Commissioners is the Governing Body of the district, however the district is a separate legal and taxing entity from county government. The finance and budget divisions of the County's Administrative Services Department are responsible for budget and financial management in accordance with the intergovernmental agreement.

Under an inter-governmental agreement the City of Corvallis operates and manages the library system. Mobile services are provided around the county. In addition to the library in Corvallis, branch libraries are located in Philomath, Monroe and Alsea.

The district employs no personnel. Other than minor administrative expense, all of the districts resources are transferred to Corvallis for library services as provided in the intergovernmental agreement.

Information on District Operations

Board of Commissioners - 766-6800
County Budget Office - 766-6257

Information on Library Services

Library Administration - 766-6928

To access library information and services on the Internet go to:

www.thebestlibrary.net

The City of Corvallis internet address is:

www.co.corvallis.or.us

Budget Summary

Library County Service District

Purpose:

Ensure availability, access and financial support of a county wide library system.

Resource / Expense Category	2003-04	2004-05	2005-07	2005-07	2007-09	% Change
	Annual Actual	Annual Actual	Biennium Adopted	Biennium Adjusted	Biennium Adopted	Over Adjusted
Property Taxes	1,792,858	1,875,607	3,914,550	3,914,550	4,157,000	6.2%
Program Income (other)	71,353	29,334	103,600	112,100	93,300	-16.8%
Beginning Balance	128,970	13,983	-	-	70,000	--
Resources	1,993,181	1,918,924	4,018,150	4,026,650	4,320,300	7.3%
Personnel Services	-	-	-	-	-	--
Materials & Services	1,979,200	1,849,723	4,018,150	4,026,650	4,320,300	7.3%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	--
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	--
Budget Total	1,979,200	1,849,723	4,018,150	4,026,650	4,320,300	7.3%
Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) by Type						
Regular (Greater than .50 FTE)	-	-	-	-	-	--
Temporary Hire	-	-	-	-	-	--

Budget Notes:

The maximum tax levy allowed is \$0.3947/1000 of assessed value. The adopted biennium budget will levy the maximum rate in both 2007 and 2008 tax years. The district is almost entirely supported by property taxes. There is some income from state forest lands and the federal government through in lieu of tax payments by virtue of it being an independent taxing district. Property tax estimates are based on an assumed 3% annual increase in taxable (assessed) value. District real market value was \$7.78 billion in 2006. Assessed (taxable) value was \$5.2 billion in 2006.

The collection of delinquent taxes will decline below the 2005-07 estimate because the rate of collection of current taxes remains high. State forest revenues will decline slightly based on recent trends. Interest earnings will be modest because the district does not hold large balances very long.

The district is expected to contribute \$2,121,500 to library services in FY2007-08 and \$2,181,200 in FY2008-09. The balance of the budget (\$17,600) pays for district administrative costs including publication of legal notices, auditing and reimbursement to Benton County for accounting and treasury management services.

