

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 adjustment 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 and its Library Fund as required 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.ci.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	2004-05	2005-07	2007-09	2007-09	2009-11	% Change
	Annual Actual	Biennium Actual	Biennium Adopted	Biennium Adjusted	Biennium Adopted	Over Adjusted
Property Taxes	1,875,607	3,957,941	4,157,000	4,157,000	4,524,000	8.8%
Program Income (other)	29,334	106,971	93,300	93,300	67,700	-27.4%
Beginning Balance	13,983	69,201	70,000	70,000	120,000	71.4%
Resources	1,918,924	4,134,113	4,320,300	4,320,300	4,711,700	9.1%
Personnel Services	-	-	-	-	-	--
Materials & Services	1,849,723	4,020,511	4,320,300	4,320,300	4,711,700	9.1%
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	--
All Other	-	-	-	-	-	--
Budget Total	1,849,723	4,020,511	4,320,300	4,320,300	4,711,700	9.1%
Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE) by Type						
Regular (Greater than .50 FTE)	-	-	-	-	-	--
Temporary Hire	-	-	-	-	-	--

Budget Notes:

The budget is appropriated on a biennial basis. The biennium period is July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011.

The maximum tax levy allowed is \$0.3947/1000 of assessed value. The adopted biennium budget will levy the maximum rate in both 2009 and 2010 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 \$8.98 billion in 2008. Assessed (taxable) value was \$5.67 billion in 2008.

The district is expected to contribute \$2.3 million in FY2009-10 and \$2.395 million in FY2010-11 to support library services. The balance of the budget (\$16,800) pays for district administrative costs including publication of legal notices, auditing and reimbursement to Benton County for accounting and treasury management services.

Beginning balance will be larger than usual because assessed value grew faster in 2007-09 producing more property tax income than expected. The district did not adjust appropriation authority to spend the additional income, so it is carried forward to 2009-11 for distribution. The district does not require contingency or working capital. The monthly turnover to the City of Corvallis is based solely on cash available with a small retainage for administrative expenses.

For information concerning library services and combined financial operations consult the City of Corvallis annual budget or visit the WEB addresses or call the library administration phone number on the preceding page.

