



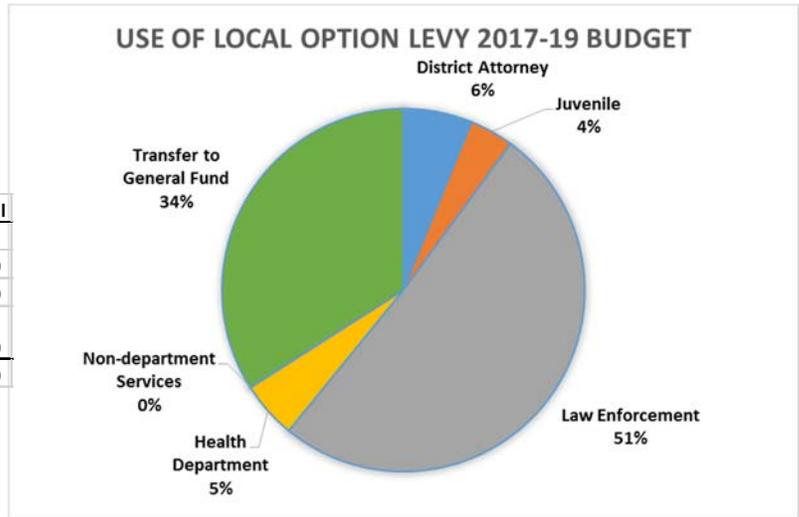
# Benton County Local Option Levy and 2017-19 Biennium Budget

Revenue from the \$0.90 per 1000 of assessed value Local Option Levy (LOL) would be budgeted in a fund separate from the General Fund.

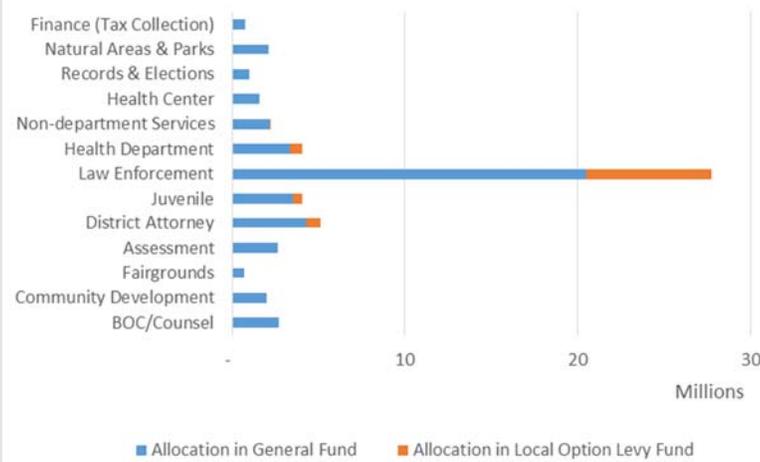
If renewed, in the 2017-19 biennium budget the levy would produce net income of \$14.28 million.

	2017-18	2018-19	Biennium Total
Current Property Tax			
Current Authority	6,884,000	-	6,884,000
Renewal Authority	-	7,125,000	7,125,000
Prior Taxes, Interest, other	135,000	135,000	270,000
<b>Total Current Revenues</b>	<b>7,019,000</b>	<b>7,260,000</b>	<b>14,279,000</b>

In the LOL Fund, the levy would directly support four program areas (See graph on right). There are currently 21.8 FTE positions paid directly by levy funds along with all of the costs of renting additional jail beds from outside the County.



Where General Revenues are Allocated



The transfer to the General Fund of \$4.9 million was incorporated into past levy renewals and was intended to offset lost federal forest revenue from Oregon & California Forest Lands.

### Allocation of General Revenues

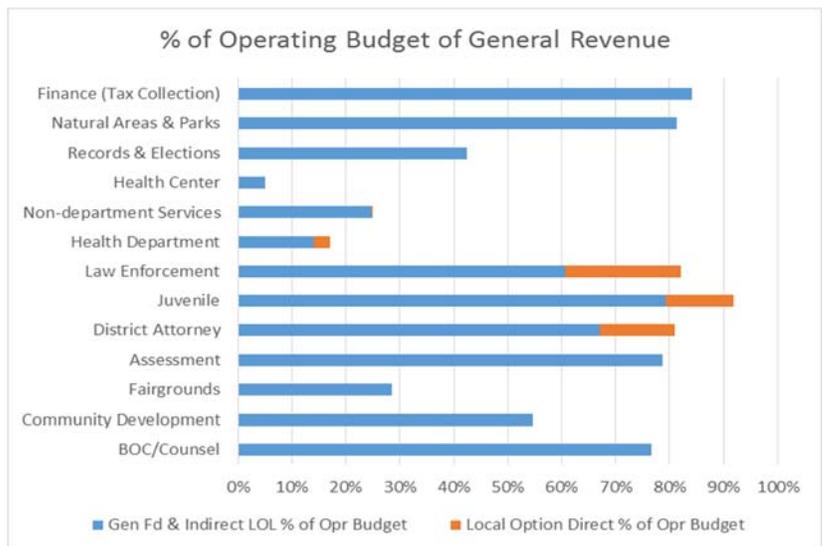
Transfer dollars are proportionately applied to all services in the General Fund that received support from general (discretionary) revenue dollars. The chart to the left shows the allocation of general revenue among general fund services.

Some General Fund services are highly reliant on general revenue. The chart below shows the percent of budget supported by general revenues.

### County Budget Overview:

Total discretionary revenue in the 2017-19 biennium is estimated to be \$57.4 million. The local option levy would provide about 25%.

Discretionary revenue can be used for any legal purpose. It is the most flexible revenue source and in general supports most basic services associated with County government. Law Enforcement, District Attorney and Juvenile Departments rely on general revenues being allocated 64% of this resource in the budget<sup>1</sup>.



<sup>1</sup> Benton County adopts a fully allocated budget. This means cost of internal services such as technology, finance, human resources, facilities and motor pool are allocated to all operating departments in proportion to use and is included in each respective budget.



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## **Levy Purpose Overview:**

The purpose of this levy renewal is twofold. First, it would continue funding the rental of 40 beds for Benton County inmates in nearby county jails. Second, it would continue funding for public safety and health services because of the expiration of guaranteed federal forest payments.

### Renewal of Jail Space Rental and Corrections Levy

This levy would continue to fund rental of 40 jail beds for Benton County inmates and related services, which may include:

- Inmate placement and transportation;
- A transition program for local and State inmates who complete their sentences and may need assistance to effectively reintegrate back into the community; and,
- Crisis Intervention Program which would allow Sheriff's Deputies and mental health workers to collectively respond to calls of service involving mental health situations.

### Maintain Limited Public Safety and Health Services

This levy would continue health and safety services that were supported by the previous levy including:

- Public Safety Services: 24-hour sheriff's patrol and investigation; substance abuse treatment programs for juveniles and adults; street crimes unit addressing crimes impacting livability issues; forensic investigation and child abuse cases; counseling and outreach for juvenile offenders; juvenile detention services; the school resource deputy program which supports student substance abuse prevention; and collaborative Crisis Intervention Teams addressing cases of severe mental health crisis presenting risk of criminal activity.
- Health Services: Communicable disease outbreak prevention and investigation; high-risk maternal/child healthcare nursing; community health assessment and health improvement planning; and county-wide, school-based mental health services that provide prevention and early intervention to children/youth at risk of mental health problems, depression, suicide, delinquency, and school failure.