

Program #91012A - County Surveyor's Office

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Department: Community Services Program Contact: Jim Clayton

Program Offer Type: Existing Operating Program Program Offer Stage: As Requested

Related Programs: 91013, 91015, 91018

Program Characteristics: In Target

Executive Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides maintenance and restoration of public land survey corners, reviews and files surveys and land division plats, provides survey records to the public, and provides survey support to other County programs and local agencies.

Program Summary

The County Surveyor's Office provides several services, some of which are mandated by state law.

Mandated functions (required by state statute) include:

- Maintenance and restoration of public land survey corner monuments under the Public Land Survey System. The maintenance and restoration of these corners are critical in ensuring the integrity of property boundaries within the county because all property descriptions within the state are either directly or indirectly tied to public land survey corners.
- Review, filing and indexing of survey records. All surveys that set permanent monuments (property corners, etc.) within Multnomah County are required to be filed with our office. State statutes require that we review these surveys and file and index them in the County Survey Records.
- Review and approval of land division plats (subdivisions, partitions, and condominiums). Comprehensive reviews of all land division plats within the entire county are performed by our office to ensure accuracy and compliance with state statutes and local ordinances.
- Provide access to the public survey records. We maintain a robust online records retrieval system that is widely used by the public and is essential for providing information required by land surveyors, developers, the title industry, planning jurisdictions and others.

Other functions include:

- Provide surveying support for capital improvement projects on county roads and bridges. Current projects include the Sellwood Bridge Replacement Project and NE Arata Road and NE 238th/242nd Drive Improvement Projects.
- Provide surveying support for county departments and local agencies. The program provides ongoing support to Road and Bridge Engineering and Road Mantenance for various projects (other than CIP).
- Provide surveying expertise to the public, county, and local agencies.

Performance Measures								
Measure Type	Primary Measure	FY18 Actual	FY19 Purchased	FY19 Estimate	FY20 Offer			
Output	Number of public land corner visits performed	100	100	115	100			
Outcome	Percent of plats reviewed within 21 days	96%	95%	93%	95%			
Output	Number of plats reviewed for approval	158	140	185	150			
Output	Number of images added to SAIL website	N/A	920	1000	920			

Performance Measures Descriptions

The Surveyor's Office maintains approximately 2,000 public land survey corners on a 7- to 10-year cycle. In recent years, we have been maintaining rural corners, which require more time to complete than those in urban areas. The County Surveyor approves all land division plats in the county and all cities within it. Our goal to review plans within 21 calendar days of submittal represents an ambitious timeline that allows projects to move forward quickly. The Surveyor's Office makes survey-related records available to the public on our SAIL website, adding new images weekly.

Legal / Contractual Obligation

The County Surveyor position is mandated by state statute. The duties of the County Surveyor are mandated by ORS Chapter 209, including those related to Public Land Corners. Plat review and approval are mandated by ORS 92.100 and ORS 100.115. Certain work regarding county roads is mandated by ORS 368.

Revenue/Expense Detail

	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	Proposed General Fund	Proposed Other Funds	
Program Expenses	2019	2019	2020	2020	
Personnel	\$0	\$1,310,260	\$0	\$1,479,496	
Contractual Services	\$0	\$2,000	\$0	\$9,500	
Materials & Supplies	\$0	\$45,050	\$0	\$49,450	
Internal Services	\$0	\$416,855	\$0	\$459,838	
Capital Outlay	\$0	\$60,000	\$0	\$0	
Unappropriated & Contingency	\$0	\$2,140,835	\$0	\$1,457,922	
Total GF/non-GF	\$0	\$3,975,000	\$0	\$3,456,206	
Program Total:	\$3,97	\$3,975,000		\$3,456,206	
Program FTE	0.00	10.00	0.00	11.00	

Program Revenues								
Indirect for Dept. Admin	\$113,445	\$0	\$0	\$0				
Other / Miscellaneous	\$0	\$1,100,000	\$0	\$852,000				
Interest	\$0	\$35,000	\$0	\$60,000				
Beginning Working Capital	\$0	\$2,675,000	\$0	\$2,319,206				
Service Charges	\$0	\$165,000	\$0	\$225,000				
Total Revenue	\$113,445	\$3,975,000	\$0	\$3,456,206				

Explanation of Revenues

The County Surveyor's Office is self supporting. All revenues are from user fees or charges for services. Maintenance and restoration of Public Land Corners make up the largest part of our program. This is funded by a fee (currently \$6) charged when documents are recorded in the County Records. Another large portion of our revenue is derived from a filing fee (currently \$400) which is charged for all records of survey and plats that are submitted to our office for review and filing. Revenue estimates are as follows: Public Land Corner Preservation Fund – estimated 83,333 documents recorded at \$6 each - \$500,000, Plats and Surveys submitted for filing/recording - estimated 730 at \$400 each = \$292,000, and Survey support for county roads and other projects, estimated \$60,000. (all under "Other/Miscellaneous" above); Plat review and approval - actual cost incurred - estimated \$225,000 ("Service Charges" above).

Significant Program Changes

Last Year this program was: FY 2019: 91012-19 County Surveyor's Office

Additional 1.00 FTE will support the increased customer demand for review and approval of land division plats (subdivisions, partitions and condominiums). Salary costs are covered through a direct cost recovery for work performed for survey customers.