

MULTNOMAH COUNTY FY 2022 Budget Work Session Follow Up – Budget Office

Budget Office – April 27, 2021

Question 1

Commissioners Jayapal and Vega Pederson (Districts 2 & 3): For the work session slides showing Nondepartmental's budget, can you break out the Joint Office of Homeless Services numbers?

Response: Yes. We have updated slides 11, 13, and 17 (attached) in the pdf posted on our website for the FY 2022 Budget and Financial Overview (https://multco.us/file/97977/download).

Question 2

Commissioner Stegmann (District 4): The FY 2022 budget shows 5,249.03 full-time equivalents (FTE). How many employees does the County have, whether full-time or part-time?

Response: As described by Travis Graves during the Department of County Management's April 27th budget work session, in the County's Human Resources system as of April 27, 2021, the County has 6,156 total employees. Of those, 4,921 are regular employees, including 4,677 full-time employees and 244 part-time employees. The remaining 1,235 employees are a mixture of temporary, limited duration, and on-call positions.

The budget refers to permanent positions, sometimes referred to as regular/ongoing positions. These are the positions that the Board of County Commissioners approves to comply with Oregon Budget Law's requirement to show the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions. By their very nature, temporary, limited duration, and on-call positions do not have the certainty necessary to fit into the FTE requirement.

Question 3

Commissioner Stegmann (District 4): What is the current state of the extension of unemployment benefits in Oregon? Can people whose benefits ran out reapply for benefits? Do people who are about to lose benefits have an option to continue for a longer period of time?

Response: The passage of the American Rescue Plan (ARP) further extended several key sources of unemployment support. Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) is the version of unemployment benefits that most regularly-employed workers who have lost employment during the pandemic would be eligible for if they have remained unemployed for an extended period of time. The ARP extended PEUC benefit eligibility from 24 to 53 weeks. Additionally, through the Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation (FPUC), most of these workers will be eligible for an additional \$300 per week through September 4th. The other major source of unemployment support is the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. The PUA provides unemployment benefits for sole

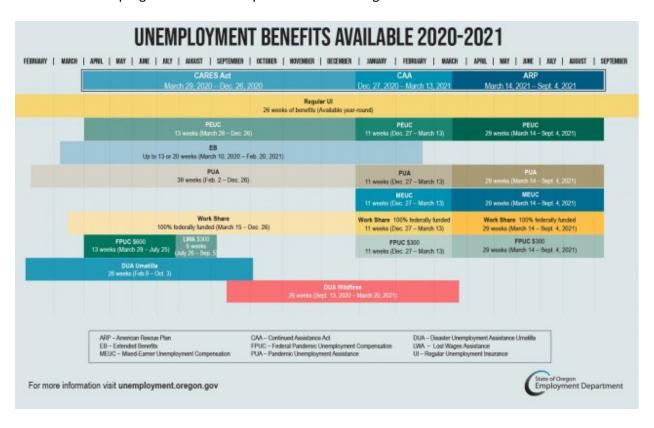


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proprietors, contractors, and other self-employed workers who are not normally eligible for unemployment benefits. The ARP extended PUA benefits for up to 79 weeks. For workers who had already exhausted their benefits before the passage of the ARP, they are eligible to re-apply for benefits, but the Oregon Employment Department warns there could be a delay in restarting benefits. The Federal government also exempted \$10,200 of unemployment benefits from Federal income tax.

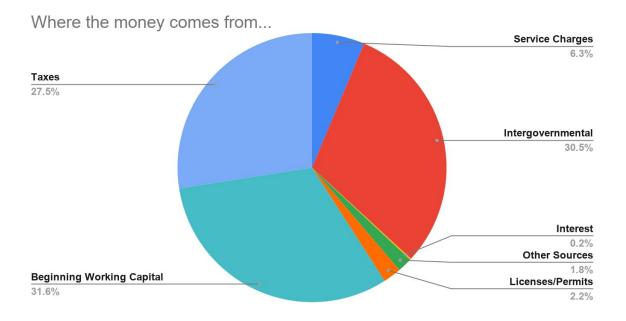
In addition to the large-scale programs noted above, there are a variety of smaller, targeted programs available covering additional direct financial support, food support, and medical support in which eligibility depends on specific characteristics of the individual applying. The following graphic shows a timeline of these programs and their implementation in Oregon.



For further information, please note that the Oregon Employment Department releases the breakdown of unemployment benefits in Oregon by type, and releases updated information every Wednesday. The latest update can be found here: https://unemployment.oregon.gov/media.

All Funds Overview

\$2.81 billion

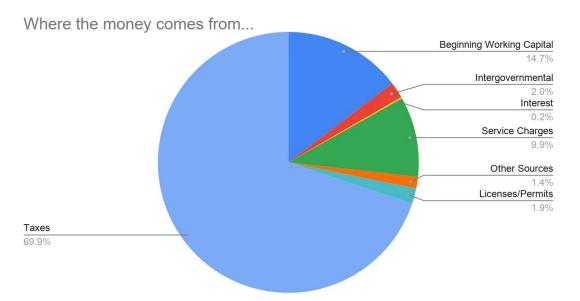


FY 2022 - Department Spending (All Funds)

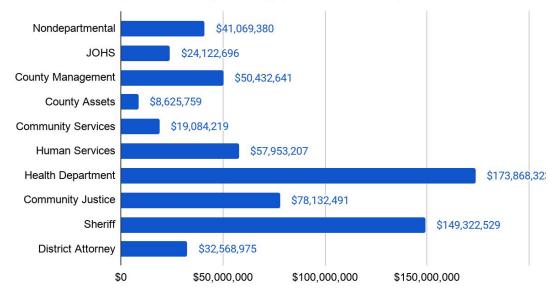




General Fund Overview \$723 million



FY 2022 - Department Spending (General Fund)





Full Time Equivalents by Department

+87.10

total FTE increase all funds

NonD *increased* by 41.04 largely due to an increase in JOHS from Metro SHS Measure

DCHS *increased* by 27.30 mostly due to adding the Preschool and Early Learning Division

DCJ *decreased*by -16.20 mostly due to
State reductions

DCS decreased by -11.00 FTE due to midyear reductions in Transportation.

