

COUNTY COUNSEL'S OFFICE



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County Counsel

FY 19-20 Proposed Budget Presentation

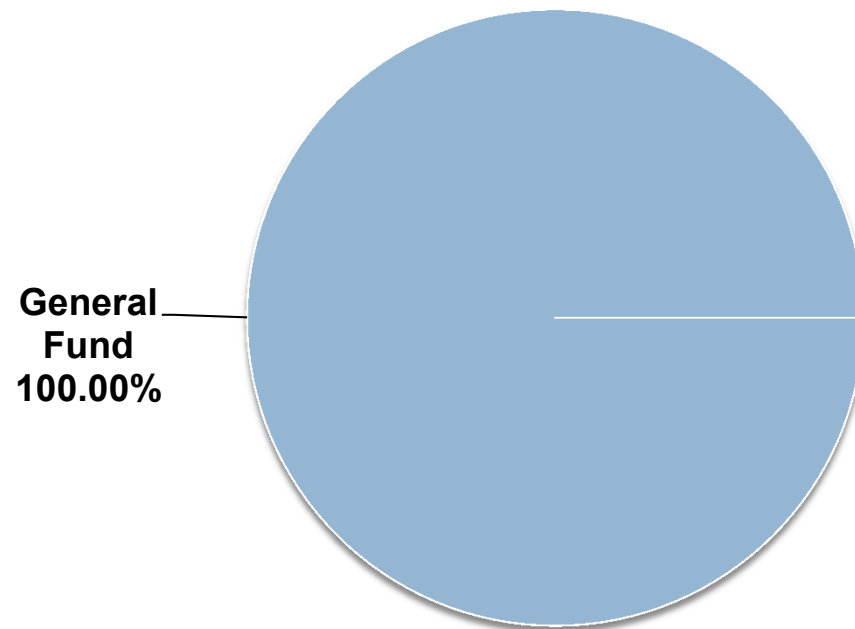
Department Overview

Mission: To provide quality services within sound fiscal practices

- Legal Services
- Risk Management
- Workers' Compensation

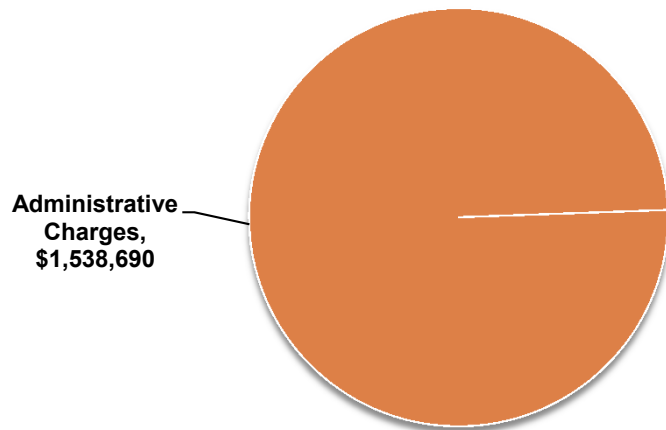


FY 19-20 Overall Budget by Fund



FY 19-20 Budget Details

19-20 RESOURCES



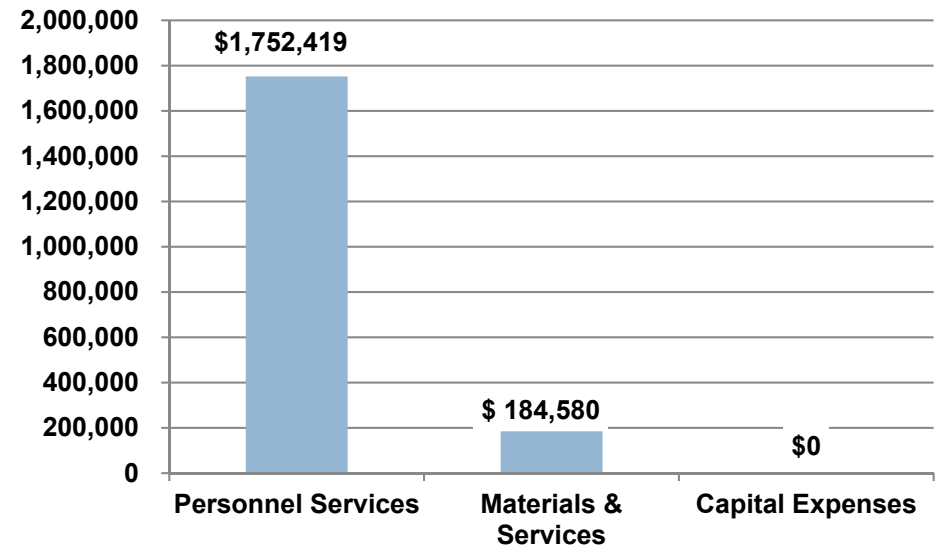
- County Counsel receives all funding through Indirect Revenue, based on the hours and type of work performed.



FY 19-20 Budget Details

19-20 EXPENDITURES

- No significant changes to County Counsel's expenditures
- Expenditures **\$1,936,999**
- FTE 11.0



Partnerships

- Partner with Human Resources and Metro TV to record staff-presented trainings for improved access to employees.
- Partner with University of Oregon Law School to provide employment opportunities for law students to conduct research and assist County attorneys.
- Partner with County departments, State of Oregon, and private agencies to reduce traffic fatalities in Lane County.
- Collaborate with other local governments and vendors to improve best practices.



County Counsel

- Legal Services provides quality legal advice to County departments in almost all legal matters.
- Risk Management resolves third party claims, seeks recovery for damaged County property, and procures property and excess insurance coverages.
- Workers' Compensation processes all injured worker claims and applies for available State reimbursements.



Highlights of FY 18-19 Outcomes

Responded to:
31 union grievances
3 unemployment hearings
8 BOLI/EEOC complaints

Recovered \$25,872.68 for
damages to County property
caused by third parties



Successfully completed
property transaction with City
of Eugene for siting City Hall
and new courthouse

Authority **Written** **RULES** **Implied**
LAW **State**
STATUTES
Federal **Code** **Government**
Regulations **Land Use** **Policies** **Safety**

Began developing Public
Records Request FAQ
Initiative in an effort to
promote transparency and
streamline the request
process



Received Pacesetter Award
for Oregon Public Employer
Labor Relations Association
and nominated for national
award from National Public
Employer Labor Relations
Association

Conducted employee and
new supervisor trainings
totaling approximately 20
hours.



Future Challenges & Opportunities

Current staffing level creates challenges to provide:

- *Comprehensive proactive advice to departments*
- *Adequate personnel redundancies for unplanned absence or high-volume periods*
- *Opportunities to improve our processes to be more effective and efficient*





Lane County Strategic Plan

Safe, Healthy County

- Provide training to employees to reduce litigation exposures and preserve County funds

Vibrant Communities

- Provide fast, accurate service and advice to County personnel to assist staff in improving services provided to the community.

Robust Infrastructure

- Use partnerships to review claims and identify areas that can be improved to reduce loss exposure

Our People & Partnerships

- Partner with local law schools to identify law student interns, which provides experience to the student and maximizes County resources by providing research assistance to County attorneys



Questions?

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