

Your Quarterly Town Hall with Chair Harrington



What is up with Federal
funding?
It's about people!

September 25, 2025 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Zoom

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Proposed Agenda for tonight's conversation

- Introductions
 - Please include name, area you live in and what brought you here today
- Questions for right now...
What is up with federal funding for your County government provided services?
- Questions about anything?
- You are invited to the State of the County event on Thursday October 9, 6pm at the Public Services Building. It is free to attend, and no RSVP is required. All are welcome!

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→ Background

- In 2025, under a new federal administration, with new fiscal year contracts (as we started to receive in June), language has been added regarding compliance to current Executive Orders. This presentation is an overview of Washington County local government work to ensure continued funding to support your community services provided by Washington County directly or indirectly through partners (such as non-profit contracts.)
- Cities and Counties in the area are looking at joining litigation efforts that seek to stop the federal actions from taking effect, but the strategy is on an action-by-action basis and takes time.
- The State of Oregon has also participated in litigation strategies to stop the actions of the federal administration on the State, through the Oregon Attorney General's office.
- **Some ask: why not just sue them?** Litigation will take time. New laws or budgets would be a harder challenge if approved by the legislature.



Attestation Language attached to current and incoming contracts

- Before the County administration can sign-on (commit) to contracts, the contract attestation language must be adhered to.
- 2025 contract language includes complying with Executive Orders, examples:
 - Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal antidiscrimination laws” these includes references to the executive orders.
 - Shall not use grant funds to promote “gender ideology,” as defined in E.O. 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government.
- This is serious, due to the federal False Claims Act, signing federal contracts while not being compliant with the federal orders puts the County and individuals signing at risk of both civil and criminal law violations.



What we have done...

- **Completed Language audit of the initial federally disfavored terms identified as potentially problematic.** For example: Over 15,000 hits regarding sensitive words found in our assessment on the Washington County website alone.
- **Passed a County Access & Opportunity direction** to ensure that everyone in our community has access our services under existing Civil Rights Law and that any barriers to utilizing such opportunity of access is addressed.
- Continue to monitor the situation
- **Analyzed full fiscal impact:** In this fiscal year, your Washington County government anticipates receiving and spending \$135 million Federal dollars. Of these Federal dollars approximately 90% are from direct Federal funding and 10% are pass through funding (through the State of Oregon.)



What we continue to look out for...

- Loss of funding could impact services and staffing for:
 - CDBG projects (community projects... more info in next slides)
 - HUD rental assistance (involves over 3100 households)
 - Transportation projects (roads, bridges, transit)
 - WIC, many maternal, child and family services
 - Climate resiliency planning/inclement weather response
 - Preparedness services (natural disasters with extreme weather plus earthquake preparedness)
 - Prevention and response to preventable and communicable disease
 - Bias & Hate Crimes funding
- But there is more... (next slide)



Consequences of the federal tax and spending bill H.R. 1

- **Federal budget reductions & recissions:**
 - The state Department of Human Services estimates losing nearly \$3 billion for SNAP – the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program –from 2025 – 2029. There are other federal funding program reductions too, that we are just learning about...
- **With the federal tax cuts come State Tax Cuts**
 - Much of the funding for the State of Oregon is from Oregon State Income Taxes paid by workers and businesses.
 - The State Income Tax code is linked to the Federal Income Tax code.
 - “Tax cuts” mean revenue decreases for services people need AND cuts Oregon Income Taxes
- **And cuts to local income tax funded programs:**
 - The Metro Supportive Housing Services program is an income tax funded program, so it will be impacted too.



Illustration: 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan Accomplishments (slide 1 of 2)



Homeless Activities
(including Public Facilities, overnight shelter, homeless prevention, rapid rehousing, and other public services)

7,735 Persons Assisted

- Homeless Prevention: 1473
- Rapid Rehousing: 84
- Overnight Shelter: 670
- Public Services: 5603



Neighborhood and Community Development
(including public infrastructure and facilities)

32,609 persons assisted

- 9 infrastructure projects: 30,793
- 3 facilities projects: 1816



Economic Development
(including job training and microenterprise)

88 persons assisted



Public Services
(including resident services and fair housing)

7.937 persons assisted



Housing

(including new construction of rental housing, housing rehabilitation, and homebuyer programs)

886 Households Assisted

- New Construction of Rental Housing: 213
- Housing Rehab and Weatherization: 668
- Tigard Homeownership: 5

Funding

CDBG: \$10,568,315
HOME: \$8,440,079
ESG: \$855,972

CDBG-CV: \$3,024,112
HOME-ARP: \$6,101,728
ESG-CV: \$2,876,855

Total:
\$31,867,061.40



Illustration: Program Year 2024 – 2025

Accomplishments (slide 2 of 2)



Homeless Activities
(including Public Facilities,
overnight shelter, homeless
prevention, rapid
rehousing, and other public
services)

1,280 Persons Assisted



**Neighborhood and
Community
Development**
(including public
infrastructure and facilities)

2,085 persons assisted



**Economic
Development**
(including job training)

25 persons assisted



Public Services
(including resident
services and fair housing)

858 persons assisted



Housing
(including new construction of rental housing,
housing rehabilitation, and homebuyer
programs)

78 households assisted

Funding

Community Development Block Grant: \$1,987,614
HOME Investment Partnerships: \$1,459,406
Emergency Solutions Grant: \$156,014

Total:
\$3,603,034

→ County Government: A lot of services to community

WASHINGTON COUNTY SERVICES DIAGRAM





Now, for your Questions!

Q & A TIME! ??

Ideas for Next Townhalls?



Ways to Connect

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Constituent Inquiry Form

<https://www.washingtoncountyor.gov/bcc>

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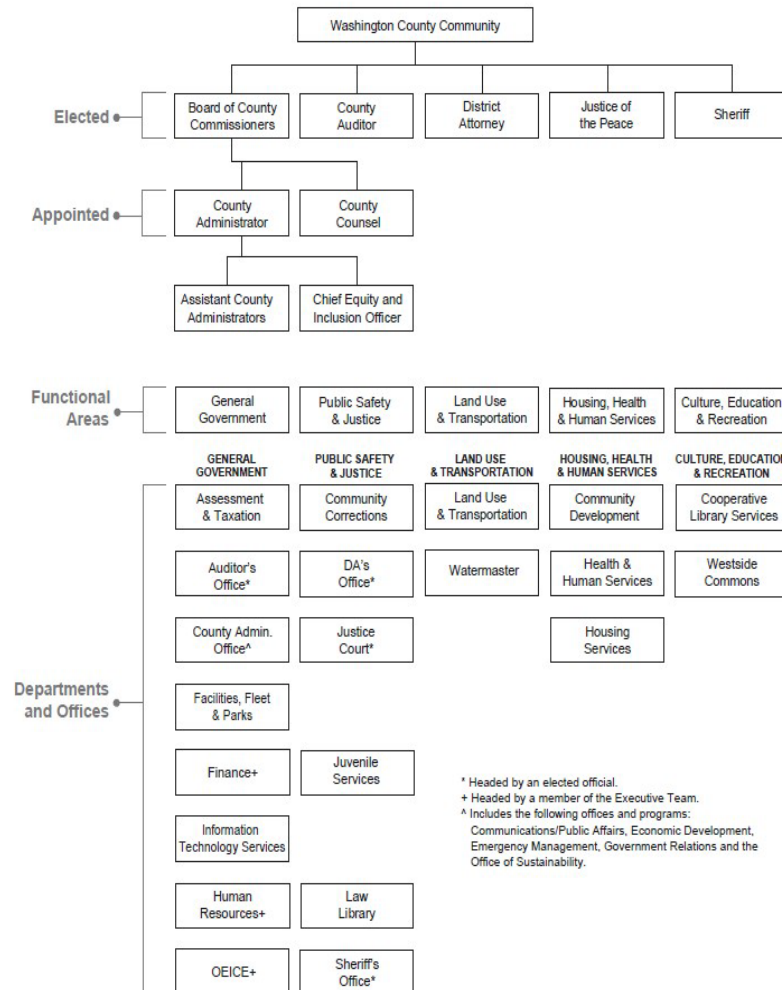
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Many WA County service areas, different revenue sources



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- Discretionary, General Fund Revenue (example: property taxes & fees)
- Special Directed funds: special purpose areas (examples: grants from State and Federal Government for affordable housing, public health, transportation construction)
- Washington County Voter Approved Specific Purpose Funding
 - Washington County Public Safety Local Option Levy
 - Washington County Cooperative Library Local Option Levy
 - UUA specific Enhanced Service Patrol District
 - UUA Urban Road Maintenance District Property Tax
- Other district voter approved bonds and levies, examples: include: TVF&R, THPRD, Metro, School Districts, City specific (ex Hillsboro Parks & Safety, Forest Grove, Tigard, Beaverton...)



Resources

[Adopted County Budget Fiscal Year 2024-2025](#)