

TO: Josephine Community Library District Budget Committee
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SUBJECT: FY 2025-26 Budget Message

JOSEPHINE COMMUNITY LIBRARY DISTRICT FY 2025-26 BUDGET MESSAGE

This FY 2025-26 budget document represents the resources and requirements anticipated to be necessary to accomplish the goals and activities of the District as approved by the Board of Directors. This proposed budget is in balance as required by Oregon Budget Law.

RESOURCES

General Fund resources are made up with the cash carryover including any unappropriated ending fund balance, the taxes to be received, restricted resources such as funds from the Library Foundation, State Library, and Trust donations along with interest and fees.

Maintenance Fund resources are made up from the carryover (Fund Balance) and a transfer in from the General Fund.

Reserve Fund resources are made up from the carryover (Fund Balance) and a transfer in from the General Fund.

REQUIREMENTS

APPROPRIATIONS SUMMARY

General Library Operations: This allocation includes all aspects of operating the library branches and provides the basic level of core services as approved by the Board of Directors.

Enhanced Library Services: This allocation includes funding from the Josephine County Library Foundation for maintenance, special projects, and library card sponsorships. It also includes expenditures supported by the State Library of Oregon Ready to Read grant, government and federal funding, and other foundation grants.

Interfund Transfers: This appropriation represents a transfer from General Library Operations to the Grants Pass Maintenance Fund as required by the lease agreement between Josephine County and JCLD for use of the Grants Pass branch at 200 NW C Street.

Operating Contingency: For FY 2024–25, approximately 15% of the operating budget is reserved as a contingency to cover unforeseen expenses or emergencies. These funds are not expected to be used under normal operating conditions.

Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance: It is anticipated a fund balance of \$700,675 will be necessary to provide for operations in FY 2025-26 until the receipt of tax revenue.

GENERAL LIBRARY OPERATIONS

PERSONNEL SERVICES

Library Staff Salaries: The District will employ 15 positions at 14 FTEs. The staffing schedule reflects JCLD's plan to maintain core services and implement strategic goals. No new positions are planned.

Taxes and Benefits: Employee benefits include worker's compensation, employment insurance, health insurance, life and disability insurance, and a retirement program.

MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Library Services: The Materials and Services budget is closely tied to JCLD's core services and strategic plan and is based on an analysis of FY 2024-25 YTD actuals and the past two fiscal years, as well as projections for inflation. Library Services represents Collection Development, Technical Services, Patron Services and Supplies, Volunteer Support, Communications and Outreach, and Special Contracts for grants administration, website maintenance, information technology and network services, audit and municipal accounting, and annual community needs assessments and patron surveys.

Maintenance and Repairs: Allocations include Building Improvements, Facilities and Equipment, and Computer Maintenance. Maintenance and Repairs calculations are based on FY 2024-25 YTD actuals with maintenance and repairs for the Illinois Valley, Williams, and Wolf Creek branch buildings in accordance with the Capital Improvement Plan.

Administration: Allocations include Insurance, Travel & Training, Election, Audit Services, Legal Services, Administrative Support, Telecommunications, and Utilities. Administration calculations are based on previous years' actuals and inflation.

Transfers: The Board of Directors authorizes the Reserve Funds for the purpose of emergencies, future library services and operations, personnel inflation, and capital improvement projects. The Operations Reserve Fund is for 10 years and expires in May 2030 and the Capital Reserve Fund was established in FY2024-25.

ENHANCED LIBRARY SERVICES - MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Library Staff Salaries: The District may employ one grant-funded position at 1 FTE. The staffing schedule reflects JCLD's plan to support core service goals technology and lifelong learning. Wages may be supported by Library Services and Technology Act through the State Library of Oregon.

Taxes and Benefits: Employee benefits include worker's compensation, employment insurance, health insurance, life and disability insurance, and a retirement program.

Library Services: The Josephine County Library Foundation and other foundation, government, state, and federal grant funds will pay for early literacy, technology, and lifelong learning programs in this category. Other expenditures include State Library of Oregon Ready to Read Grant.

Maintenance and Repair: The Josephine County Library Foundation grant funds will pay for JCLD building improvements and maintenance in this category.

Total General Fund Requirement, including Contingency and Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance is \$3,156,500.

MAINTENANCE FUND

The Maintenance Fund supports repair and landscaping needs across all JCLD library branches, including Grants Pass, Illinois Valley, Wolf Creek, and Williams. The fund includes both restricted and unrestricted monies. In accordance with the lease agreement between JCLD and Josephine County, the district is required to contribute \$5,000 annually in restricted funds specifically for the maintenance of the Grants Pass branch. All other contributions to the fund may be used for maintenance projects at any branch as needed.

Total Fund Requirement is \$28,823.

OPERATIONS RESERVE FUND

The JCLD Board directed the formation of a Reserve Fund for capital outlay for building improvements, infrastructure, and future operations in May 2019. The Operations Reserve Fund is set aside for the purpose of emergencies, future library services and operations, personnel inflation, and capital and maintenance improvement projects.

Total Fund Requirement is \$838,400.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

The JCLD Board will form a Grants Pass Capital Reserve Fund for specific capital outlay for building improvements and infrastructure beginning in July 2024. The Capital Reserve Fund may be used for the purpose of the construction of a new library in downtown Grants Pass.

Total Fund Requirement is \$682,800.

The proposed total annual budget is \$4,706,523.