

Lane County - Service Option Sheet - FY 19-20 Adopted

SOS 37: **Elections and Voter Registration**
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Service Category: General Government

Mandate	None	Related	SHALL
Leverage	None	Some	HIGH

Executive Summary

The elections program involves multiple complex, overlapping, and interwoven responsibilities. Voter registration (new and ongoing updates), Preparation/Organization/Conduct scheduled Elections, Absentee Ballot Requests, Election related Research Requests, Candidate/Sponsorship/Initiative/Referendum/Recall/Boundary Change, Petition Signature Verification, County/District Candidate filings, County/District Measure filings, Recall/Initiative/Referendum, District Formations/Mergers/Dissolutions and Annexations, Political Parties, Research and Maintenance of Political & Taxing District Boundaries for election purposes, and Census/Redistricting.

Service Descriptions

	Revenue	Expense Total	General Fund	FTE
Adopted Budget Total	\$537,000	\$2,190,286	\$1,653,286	6.40
Addition		\$154,000	\$154,000	0.00

County Clerk has a one time addition of \$54,000 in addition to the \$250,000 currently set aside in the Elections Equipment budget for acquiring a second ballot sorter. The second sorter will provide a backup to the existing sorter and enable Lane County to be well prepared for the 2020 election cycle. Without a backup, in the event of a failure, the work could not be processed resulting in delayed release of results. The second sorter will also increase efficiency. On Election Day, it's typical to receive as many as 50,000 to 60,000 ballots. This number is projected to increase in 2020. Having a second sorter and 5 extra computers will allow us to run different sorter processes simultaneously, significantly speeding up our ability to process ballots and, ultimately, product election results.

Current Service Level	\$537,000	\$2,036,286	\$1,499,286	6.40
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Timely and accurate voter registration ensures qualified voters can cast their votes in scheduled elections. Multiple election processes occur in rapid and overlapping stages with rigid deadlines, requiring careful oversight. Also includes \$50,000 annually for elections equipment fund.

State/Federal Mandate

Except as otherwise provided by law, the county clerk is the only elections officer who may conduct an election in this state. County clerks shall administer Federal, State, County, and Local laws as they apply to conduct elections, voter registration, petition validation, initiative/referendums and public record law. Failure to comply with applicable laws would likely result in litigation, and risk the rights of citizens to participate in the electoral process. ORS 246 through ORS 260, Oregon Constitution, and all applicable federal and local laws.

Leverage Details

The General Fund portion of this program leverages the following:

_____ \$0	back to the Discretionary General Fund
_____ \$50,000	into other non Discretionary County Funds
_____ \$0	directly to community members