

# 2026-2027 Approved Budget

## Extension County Service District

For the Fiscal Period

Beginning July 1, 2026

Ending June 30, 2027



**Benton**  
**County**  
**OREGON**

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# Benton County Agricultural Extension Services County Service District

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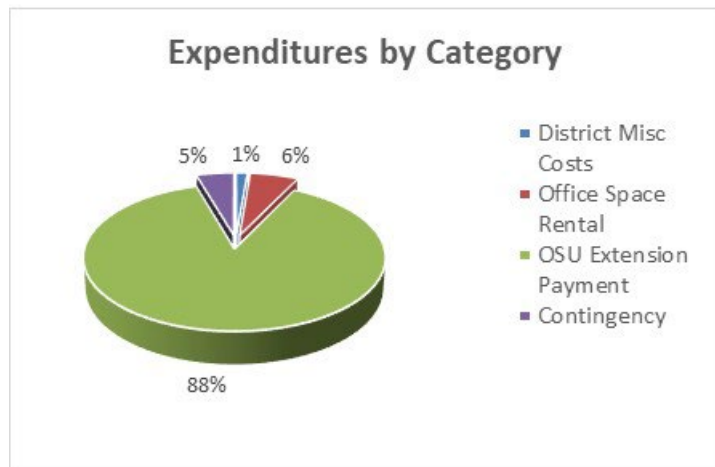
## DISTRICT OVERVIEW:

The service district was created by voters on May 16, 2017. Voters also authorized a maximum district tax rate of \$0.08 per \$1000 of assessed value. The rate for FY 2026-27 is based on the levy of the maximum rate of \$0.08 per \$1,000. The district boundary is the same as Benton County.

The service district is an independent municipal corporation. By law, the Benton County Board of Commissioners sits as the Governing Body. Benton County Financial Services provides general administration, financial management and coordinates the annual budget process. The County is reimbursed for these services by district funds.

Benton County prior to district formation, provided funding to the OSU Extension Service from the General Fund budget and other fund sources, such as Title III Forest Payments.

Revenue is all from current and prior year property taxes levied at the maximum rate approved for the district. The contingency budget represents the estimated working capital requirement of the district. District cash is entirely dependent on the tax collection cycle.



**BENTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES COUNTY  
SERVICE DISTRICT  
Budget Summary**

Category Title	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Adopted Budget	2026-27 Proposed
General Revenues	839,462	859,354	871,000	901,538
Current Program Income	839,462	859,354	871,000	901,538
Dedicated Beginning Balance	107,652	126,782	85,577	57,777
Beginning Balances	107,652	126,782	85,577	57,777
 Total Resources	 947,114	 986,137	 956,577	 959,315
Materials & Services	820,332	901,021	903,444	915,548
Expenditures	820,332	901,021	903,444	915,548
Other: Contingency	-	-	53,133	43,767
Reserves	-	-	53,133	43,767
 Total Budget	 820,332	 901,021	 956,577	 959,315
 Resources to Expenditures	 126,782	 85,116	 -	 -
Full-Time-Equivalent (FTE)				
Regular	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-
 Total Resources-Total Budget	 -	 -	 -	 -

**BENTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION SERVICES COUNTY  
SERVICE DISTRICT  
District Statement**

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**Mission and Purpose**

The Oregon State University Extension Service engages Oregonians with research-based knowledge to strengthen communities, economies, and the environment. As part of the university's land-grant mission, its purpose is to provide education in agriculture, natural resources, 4-H youth development, and family health, helping residents solve local challenges and improve their lives.

The OSU Extension Service has existed since 1911. Established through federal legislation—including the Morrill Act of 1862, the Hatch Act of 1887, and the Smith-Lever Act of 1914—Extension works in partnership with Oregon counties to serve as the “front door to OSU.” In Benton County, Extension functions as an integral part of county government.

Faculty based in this office, as well as in surrounding counties and on campus, deliver educational programs to residents in several key areas: commercial agriculture (serving both large and small farms); community horticulture (Master Gardeners); 4-H Youth Development (including 4-H clubs, Natural Resources/Wildlife Stewards school programs, and residential and day camps); family and community health (Master Food Preservers); and forestry and natural resources (including Master Woodland Managers, Oregon Naturalists, and Oregon Season Tracker citizen scientists).

OSU places Extension faculty in counties to deliver education in these key areas where county and other support exists, leveraging additional state, federal and grant funding to pay for these positions and service to residents. In addition, faculty trained **385** volunteers that provided approximately **46,200 hours** of community service annually, which is valued at more than **\$1,607,298 in wages** based on the estimated national value of volunteer hours.

**Goals and Actions**

**1: Promote Health and Well-Being**

Provide training, information, and activities to improve key health indicators – such as nutrition, physical activity, and environmental health for youth and families. This will be accomplished through 4-H Youth Development clubs, camps, and school-based programs, as well as family and community health education for high-risk adults and families. Efforts will also include training community volunteers to teach others and partnering with food resource organizations to support a secure, healthy, and affordable food supply.

**2: Strengthen Agriculture and Forestry**

Support the productivity, profitability, and sustainability of small and large farms, as well as forestry businesses, by providing relevant training and information. Volunteers will be trained in forest, fisheries, and wildlife management practices and supported in sharing this knowledge within their communities.

**3: Address Environmental Issues**

Provide education and training to help communities respond to key environmental challenges affecting natural resources. Programs will include training Master Gardeners, 4-H Natural Resources/Wildlife Stewards, and other residents to lead community education and environmental enhancement projects.

**4: Expand Access to University Resources**

Increase access of university-based education and resources to Benton County residents through direct programs, trained volunteers, and media outreach. This includes producing print and digital newsletters and using social media to raise awareness of Extension programs and opportunities.

**5. Sustain and Strengthen Local Programs**

Maintain and enhance existing Extension programs in Benton County while continuing to serve all residents to the fullest extent possible within available Service District funding.

**Outcomes are reported by individual faculty using the following metrics:**

1. Number of people contacted/served
2. Number of volunteers trained/supported, including hours contributed, projects completed and people reached or served
3. Increases in participants' awareness, knowledge, skills and changes in practices
4. Adoption of research-based behaviors that lead to positive long-term outcomes
5. Improvements in youth success related to life skills, workforce skills, and community service engagement
6. Adoption of practices resulting in increased profitability or productivity, reduced costs, or improved environmental, health or community conditions
7. Summary of outcomes and impacts for targeted underserved populations compared to other populations

