

Budget Review 2025-26

Corbett RFPD 14



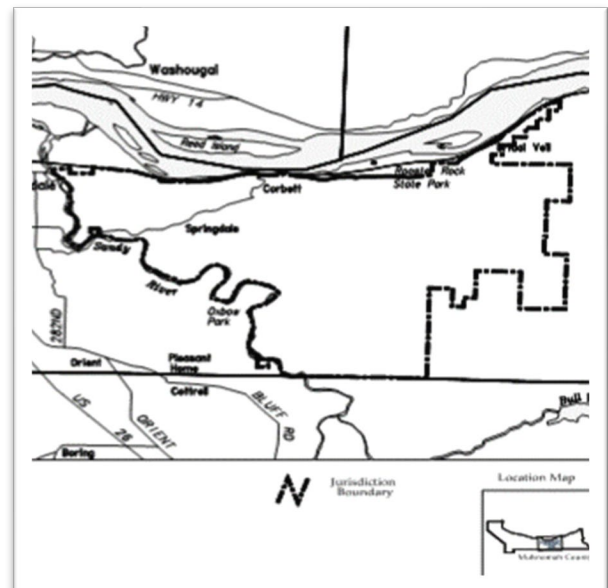
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- The overall FY 2025-26 (FY26) budget is \$5.7 million, a 6% increase from FY 2024-2025 (FY25). While the General Fund decreased by 3.8%, the overall budget rose as budgeting for planned bond-funded projects increased.
- Voters approved a \$4.5 million general obligation bond in November 2022. FY26 is the third year of spending and capital outlay costs increase by 47% in this budget.
 - Planned projects (\$2.5 million) for FY26 include:
 - Completion of the Springdale Station expansion
 - Continued progress of the Corbett Station expansion
 - Replacement of the ambulance style rescue apparatus
 - Cistern installations to improve rural water supply infrastructure.
 - The remaining bond proceeds will be carried over to future years for planned projects.
- The Capital Reserve fund budgets \$453,384, a 25% increase from FY25. This increase is due to the district making its final lease payment on Engine 62 (\$81,823) during FY25 and a \$204,000 transfer from the General Fund for future equipment needs.
- FY26 maintains current service levels with stable property tax revenues at a tax rate of \$1.2624 per thousand of assessed value for their permanent rate. The tax amount for the GO Bond was approved at \$301,728, an increase of 5.6% and sufficient to cover anticipated debt payments.

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Corbett Fire District #14 provides fire, rescue and emergency services to a 40 square mile service area covering the communities of Corbett, Springdale, Aims, Latourell, Bridal Veil, and surrounding areas. The district serves approximately 4,000 residents and is primarily staffed by volunteers, who respond from three volunteer fire stations located in Corbett, Springdale, and Aims.

Five board members elected to four-year terms serve without compensation. District volunteers work out of three stations providing fire and rescue services.



Corbett Fire District No. 14	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
Assessed Value in Millions	\$408.4	\$423.5	\$437.8	\$453.7
Real Market Value (M-5) in Millions	\$692.6	\$813.4	\$833.1	\$816.2
Property Tax Rate Extended:				
Operations	\$1.2624	\$1.2624	\$1.2624	\$1.2624
Debt Service	\$0	\$0	\$0.6315	\$0.6298
Total Property Tax Rate	\$1.2624	\$1.2624	\$1.8939	\$1.8922
Measure 5 Impact	\$-4	\$-4	\$-5	\$-5
Number of Employees (FTE's)	1	1	1	1

BUDGET OVERVIEW

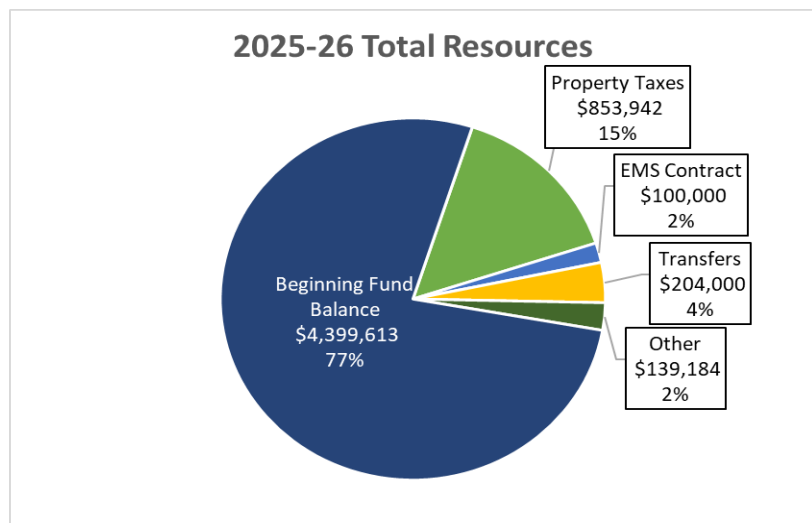
The district’s budget provides for fire protection services with an overall FY 25-26 budget of \$5.7 million, a small increase of \$317,960 from the prior year. A \$4.5 million bond (and associated debt service costs) approved by voters in November 2022 has been implemented and projects are underway, resulting in a decrease to Ending Fund Balance as bond proceeds are spent. Capital Outlay requirements see another substantial increase of \$793,000 as spending for bond related projects continue to increase in the FY 25-26 budget. Planned projects include completion of the Springdale Station expansion, replacement of the ambulance style rescue apparatus, continued progress of the Corbett Station expansion, and cistern installations.

The regular transfer from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve fund increased by \$85,000 to \$204,000. This fund holds money for future capital needs such as equipment.

RESOURCES

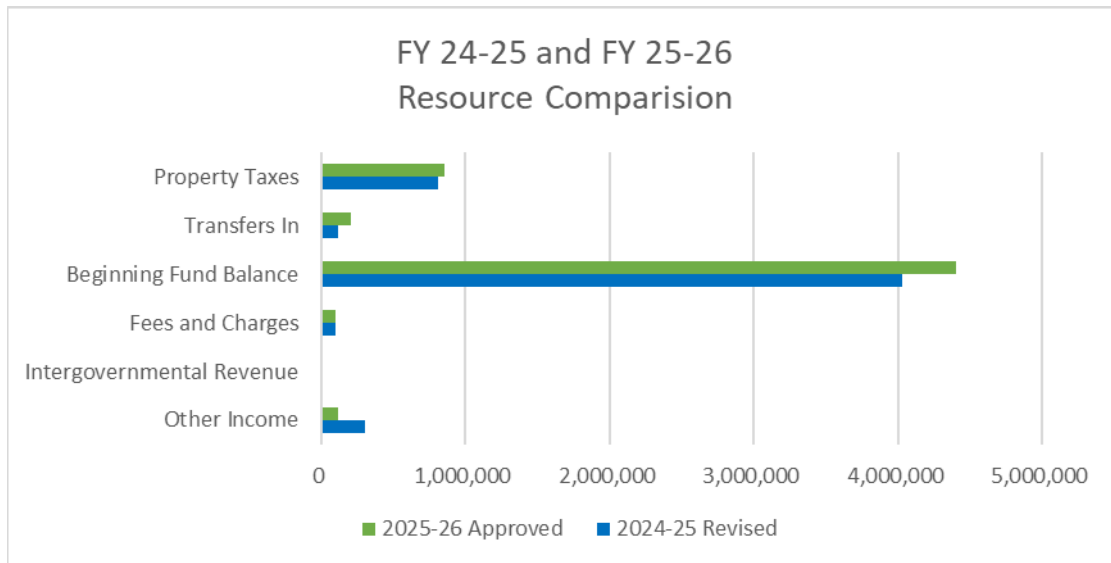
As in years past, property taxes make up the majority of revenues for Corbett Fire and the permanent rate taxes are budgeted to increase in line with historical patterns.

Beginning fund balance increases marginally by \$366,993 dollars reflecting stable financial reserves despite ongoing expenditures and strategic use of bond proceeds. The large beginning fund balance is primarily bond proceeds carried forward from prior years. Other income decreases by \$180,994 as



the reimbursements and grants received in the current fiscal year were not budgeted at the same levels for FY26 as they only occur if they are contracted to assist with fires outside their service area. This

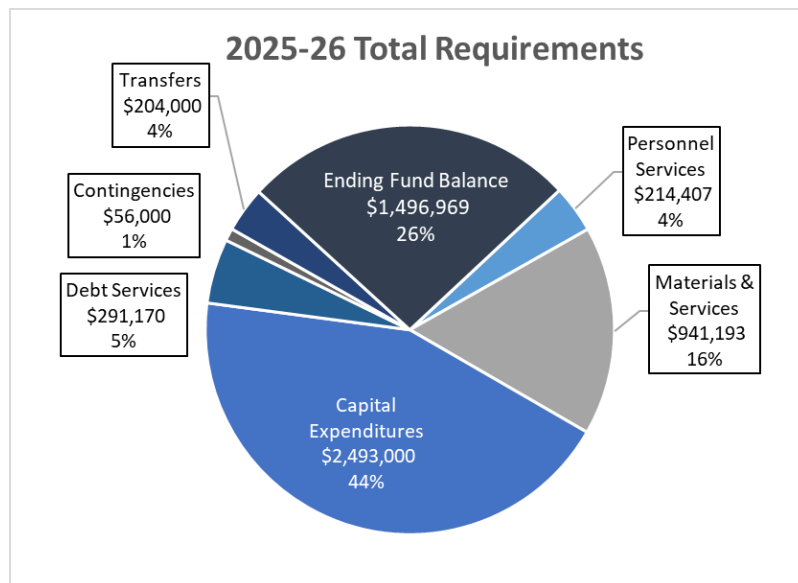
includes the absence of funding from the 2023 CWRR Program Grant, 2023 WFS Staffing Grant, and the Metro Rise Up Enhancement Grant, which were accounted for in the previous year. The current EMS Contract that provides \$100,000 in revenue with Multnomah County EMS and State Parks is currently in negotiations.



REQUIREMENTS

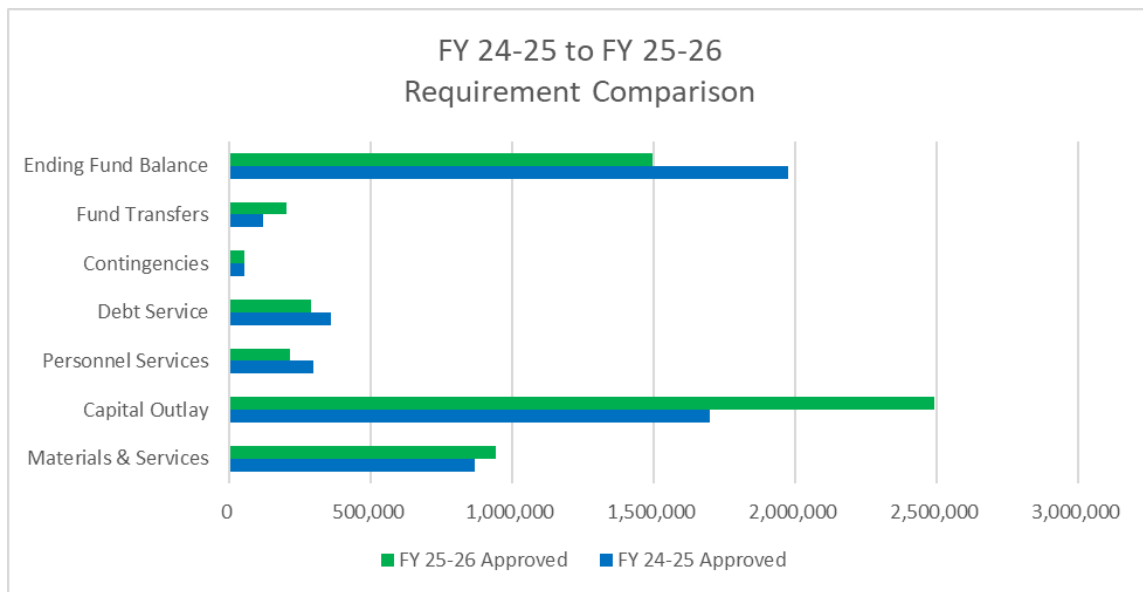
Personnel services see a slight decrease from the revised budget. Personnel costs fluctuate from year to year since temporary hires for fire fighters are added to the budget only as needed.

Capital outlay increases over last year by \$793,000 to a total of \$2.49 million as the district continues to spend bond proceeds on capital projects, the largest being improvements at the Springdale and Corbett Fire Stations (\$550,000 and \$500,000 respectively), the replacement of E63, the ambulance style rescue apparatus (\$525,000), and installations of five cisterns (\$100,000 per cistern). Equipment investments (\$33,000) also include: Paratech Airbags for vehicle extrication and technical rescues, Holmatro Combi-Tool to improve rescue operations and Lucas 3 Chest Compression System to replace the AutoPulse Resuscitation System on S62, resulting in an increase to materials and services over last year.



The district enters its third year of bond payments per the debt schedule, with a total debt service payment of \$291,170 planned for FY 2025-2026. This includes \$80,000 in principal and \$211,170 in interest payments. Additionally, the district made its final lease payment of \$81,823 on Engine 62 in FY 2024-2025.

The ending fund balance is projected to be \$1.49 million, reflecting a budgeted ending fund balance of \$925,000 in the GO Bond Capital Projects Fund. This amount is designated for future spending on bond-related projects such as fire station improvements, cistern installations, and apparatus upgrades. The decrease in the ending fund balance compared to the previous fiscal year reflects the continuation of bond-related spending for FY 2025-2026.



SIGNIFICANT BUDGET AREAS

The district has four active funds. The General Fund covers operating expenses, the Capital Reserve fund tracks non-bond related capital, primarily capital outlay for equipment, and the GO Bond Debt and GO Bond Capital funds track debt and bond spending.

GENERAL FUND – \$1,048,600 (18% of total budget)

All district operating expenses are budgeted in the General Fund. The General Fund decreased by 3.8% (\$41,311), primarily due to the absence of grant funding. The 2023 CWRR Program Grant and 2023 WFS Staffing Grant, which collectively provided over \$22,849 and \$12,315 respectively in the previous year, were not budgeted for FY 2025-2026. These grants supported wildfire prevention and community risk reduction activities. The district opted not to include these funds in the new budget due to uncertainty with future federal and state grant availability. The Metro Rise Up Enhancement Grant, which provided \$9,212 in FY 2024-2025, is also no longer included in anticipated revenue.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$453,384 (8% of total budget)

The Capital Reserve Fund is used to accumulate resources to pay for capital expenses such as buildings, land, equipment, and vehicles. Resources are transfers from the General Fund for the sale/lease of

equipment. The fund sees a moderate (\$91,711) increase for FY26. For FY26, the district will transfer \$204,000 from the General Fund into this fund., and increase of \$85,000 from the prior year budget. The Capital Reserve fund budgets \$453,384; included is the replacement of FC62 and to complete the outfitting of R63 (\$85,000) and reserve for future equipment and apparatus replacement expenditures (\$368,384) as an anticipated replacement of Engine 63 is slated for 2029.

GO BOND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND - \$3.8 million (67% of total budget)

The Corbett Fire board wants to maintain transparency with the taxpayers on bond related projects and created this fund to specifically track work related to the bond, which will finance capital costs for equipment, facilities, and five water cisterns (underground water storage tanks). Planned projects for the upcoming fiscal year include completion of the Springdale Station expansion, replacement of the ambulance style rescue apparatus, continued progress of the Corbett Station expansion and beginning of cistern installations. Budget for these projects and supporting materials and services results in \$2.49 million budgeted. The remaining bond proceeds will be carried over to future years for planned projects.

GO BOND DEBT SERVICE FUND - \$394,755 (7% of total budget)

As required by budget law, the district has created a separate fund to track debt service payments for the general obligation bond debt. FY26 assumes interest of \$108,113 and property tax revenue of \$286,642. This will support the debt service payment of \$279,420 per the debt schedule. The district will be reserving some money as ending fund balance to cover their December 2025 debt service payment in FY 25-26 in the event property tax collections come in lower than expected or come in late.

DEBT STATUS

The debt payments for FY 25-26 are budgeted at \$279,420 for General Obligation debt and are in line with estimates provided by the district’s financial advisor. The district will also collect sufficient property tax resources for an ending fund balance to make debt payments prior to full tax proceeds being received in FY 26.

The district made its final debt service payment on a capital lease for the fire engine (E63) in FY25.

BUDGET PROCESS & COMPLIANCE

Yes	No	Compliance Issue
X		Did the district meet publication requirements?
X		Do resources equal requirements in every fund?
X		Does the G.O. Debt Service Fund show only principal and interest payments?
X		Are contingencies shown only in operating funds?
X		Did the budget committee approve the budget?
X		Did the budget committee set the levy?
X		Does the audit show the district was in compliance with budget law?

LOCAL BUDGET LAW COMPLIANCE

The FY 2025-26 Budget is in substantial compliance with local budget law. Estimates were judged to be reasonable for the purposes shown.

The audit report for FY 2023-24 notes no exceptions.

CERTIFICATION LETTER RECOMMENDATIONS & OBJECTIONS

TSCC staff notes no deficiencies in the district's FY 2025-26 budget development process and recommends that the Certification Letter contain no recommendations or objections.

Corbett RFPD District 14					
Budget Summary					
	2022 - 2023	2023 - 2024	2024 - 2025	2025 - 2026	%
<u>SUMMARY OF ALL FUNDS</u>	Actual	Actual	Revised	Approved	Change
PROPERTY TAX BREAKDOWN:					
Permanent Rate Property Taxes	512,408	526,426	540,000	562,000	4.1%
GO Debt Property Taxes	0	261,615	271,481	286,642	5.6%
Prior Years Property Taxes	5,050	7,248	4,600	5,300	15.2%
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX	517,458	795,289	816,081	853,942	4.6%
RESOURCES:					
Beginning Fund Balance	445,651	5,181,891	4,032,620	4,399,613	9.1%
Property Taxes	517,458	795,289	816,081	853,942	4.6%
Intergovernmental Revenue	7,000	7,000	7,000	16,100	130.0%
Fees and Charges	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Other Income	115,290	371,540	304,078	123,084	-59.5%
Debt Proceeds	4,819,755	0	0	0	0.0%
Transfers In	201,000	107,000	119,000	204,000	71.4%
TOTAL RESOURCES	6,206,154	6,562,720	5,378,779	5,696,739	5.9%
REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT:					
Personnel Services	236,694	232,961	298,247	214,407	-28.1%
Materials & Services	383,940	357,534	868,664	941,193	8.3%
Capital Outlay	77,629	133,883	1,700,000	2,493,000	46.6%
Debt Service	125,000	392,946	361,243	291,170	-19.4%
Fund Transfers	201,000	107,000	119,000	204,000	71.4%
Contingencies	0	0	54,000	56,000	3.7%
Ending Fund Balance	5,181,891	5,338,396	1,977,625	1,496,969	-24.3%
TOTAL REQUIREMENTS BY OBJECT	6,206,154	6,562,720	5,378,779	5,696,739	5.9%
<u>SUMMARY OF BUDGET - BY FUND</u>					

General Fund	1,025,419	1,097,120	1,089,911	1,048,600	-3.8%
Equip, Bldg & Land Reserve Fund	356,830	344,558	361,673	453,384	25.4%
GO Bond Capital Fund	4,819,755	4,802,545	3,542,190	3,800,000	7.3%
GO Bond Debt Service Fund	4,150	318,497	385,005	394,755	2.5%
GRAND TOTAL ALL FUNDS	6,206,154	6,562,720	5,378,779	5,696,739	5.9%

DETAIL OF GENERAL FUND

RESOURCES:

Beginning Fund Balance	307,363	334,251	300,100	305,000	1.6%
Property Tax	517,458	533,674	544,600	567,300	4.2%
State Revenue	7,000	7,000	7,000	16,100	130.0%
Fees and Charges	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	0.0%
Other Income	93,598	122,195	138,211	60,200	-56.4%
Transfers In	0	0	0	0	0.0%
TOTAL FUND RESOURCES	1,025,419	1,097,120	1,089,911	1,048,600	-3.8%

REQUIREMENTS:

Public Safety	490,168	520,276	816,911	688,600	-15.7%
Transfers Out	201,000	107,000	119,000	204,000	71.4%
Contingencies	0	0	54,000	56,000	3.7%
Ending Fund Balance	334,251	469,844	100,000	100,000	0.0%
TOTAL FUND REQUIREMENTS	1,025,419	1,097,120	1,089,911	1,048,600	-3.8%

DETAIL OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT SERVICE FUND

RESOURCES:

Beginning Fund Balance	0	4,150	51,524	104,613	103.0%
GO Debt Property Taxes	0	261,615	271,481	286,642	5.6%
Interest on Investments	4,150	52,732	62,000	3,500	-94.4%
TOTAL FUND RESOURCES	4,150	318,497	385,005	394,755	2.5%

REQUIREMENTS:

Debt Services	0	267,946	279,420	291,170	4.2%
Ending Fund Balance	4,150	50,551	105,585	103,585	-1.9%
TOTAL FUND RESOURCES	4,150	318,497	385,005	394,755	2.5%