



Oregon City Parks & Recreation  
Funding Options Matrix

	Description	Capital Projects and/or Operations	Example(s) of Use Regionally	Authority	Statistically Valid Survey of Oregon City Households <i>(2008 Oregon City Parks &amp; Recreation Master Plan)</i>	Benefits	Challenges
FEASIBLE OPTIONS							
General Fund Support	Increase permanent tax rate to be used for parks and recreation services. Oregon City is currently \$0.6481 under the permanent tax rate limit. An increase of \$0.25 per thousand of assessed value would produce approximately \$700,000 in additional revenue for parks and recreation.	Capital Projects or Operations		City Commission can make adjustment during the budget cycle up to the permanent allowable tax rate for the City.	68% indicated they would pay additional taxes for parks and recreation facilities/services	Stable funding source for P&R operations.	Revenue is general fund and subject to shifting priorities.
General Obligation (G.O.) Bonds	May be used for land acquisition or capital projects, not for operations and maintenance purposes.	Capital Projects only	Eugene 2018 - \$39.35M Portland 2014 - \$68M Bend 2012 - \$29M Willamalane 2012 - \$20M	Voter approval	58% indicated they would vote in favor (31%) or might vote in favor (27%) in a bond election. Twenty-three percent were unsure.	Available for capital projects and land acquisition.	Can not contribute to operational needs or ongoing maintenance.
Local Option Levy	Up to 5 years for operations levy or up to 10 years for capital levy.	Most often used for operations	Eugene 2018 - \$0.19/thousand Hillsboro 2017 - \$1.72/thousand (Parks & Public Safety) Metro 2016 - 9.6 cents/thousand Corvallis 2013 - \$0.8181/thousand	Voter approval	n/a	Flexible	Not reliable for a long-term solution. Continued public vote needed for ongoing support.
Park Utility Fee	Fee paid on regular utility bill to fund parks and recreation.	Capital Projects or Operations	West Linn - \$14.32/month/unit Medford - \$2.95/month/unit Gresham - \$7.50/month/unit (Parks & Public Safety)	City Commission approval	76% indicated they would pay a park utility fee.	Stable, dedicated funding source for park operations	Existing utility fees
NOT FEASIBLE/RELEVANT							
Transient Tax	Dedicated tax revenue for tourism related parks and recreation facilities and programs.	Capital Projects or Operations	The Dalles, OR - \$225,000 annual dedication for parks  Oregon City Community Services supports tourism facilities including Ermatinger House, McLoughlin Promenade, Clackamette Park, Jon Storm Park and End of the Oregon Trail Interpretive Center	City Commission dedication of percentage of transient tax	n/a	transient funds would support P&R tourism related projects/facilities, could dedicate with future hotel/motel developments.	Competition for funds.
Food & Drink Tax	Tax on prepared food and beverage sales.	Capital Projects or Operations	Ashland, OR 1/4 of 5% tax brings in approximately \$700,000 in annual revenue	Voter approval	n/a	Stable, dedicated revenue source	Management of stand alone tax, public perception of sales taxes in Oregon, resistance from local restaurants.
Park District - Special Park District	Municipal corporation for park and recreation services. Voter elected Board of Directors.	Capital Projects or Operations	Tualatin Hills Parks & Recreation Bend Parks and Recreation Willamalane Parks and Recreation (Springfield, OR)	Voter approval	n/a	Focus on parks and recreation services	Stand alone park district loses efficiencies of larger organization and City Departments.
Park District - County Service District	Service District of the County. County Commissioners would serve as the District Board of Directors.	Capital Projects or Operations	North Clackamas Park & Recreation District (NCPRD)	Voter approval	n/a	Focus on parks and recreation services	Loss of local control, level of service dependent on permanent tax rate and prioritization of regional agency.