

Museum Mission



The Klamath County Museum preserves and protects the county's artifacts, museum buildings, historic sites, written and oral histories, and traditions. It also works to educate the public about the value of these resources.

Mandated Services



None.

Self Imposed Services



Klamath County owns two properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places. A third has been nominated for the National Register. The Klamath County Museum is the repository for numerous county records, including tax records, court records and files, maps, aerial photos and numerous types of miscellaneous county-generated records.

Department Overview



The Museum Department oversees the maintenance and operation of three county-owned historic properties and collections stored inside the buildings.



Successes and Challenges

Successes

Attendance steady at about 10,500 per year.

Nearly 2,000 attended special programs in '10.

Estimated 7,000 served on Amtrak.

3,775 hours of volunteer service in 2010.

Challenges

Lack of professional staff.

Absence of curation facilities.



Budget Overview

Major revenue sources for the Museum consist of transient room tax and donations.

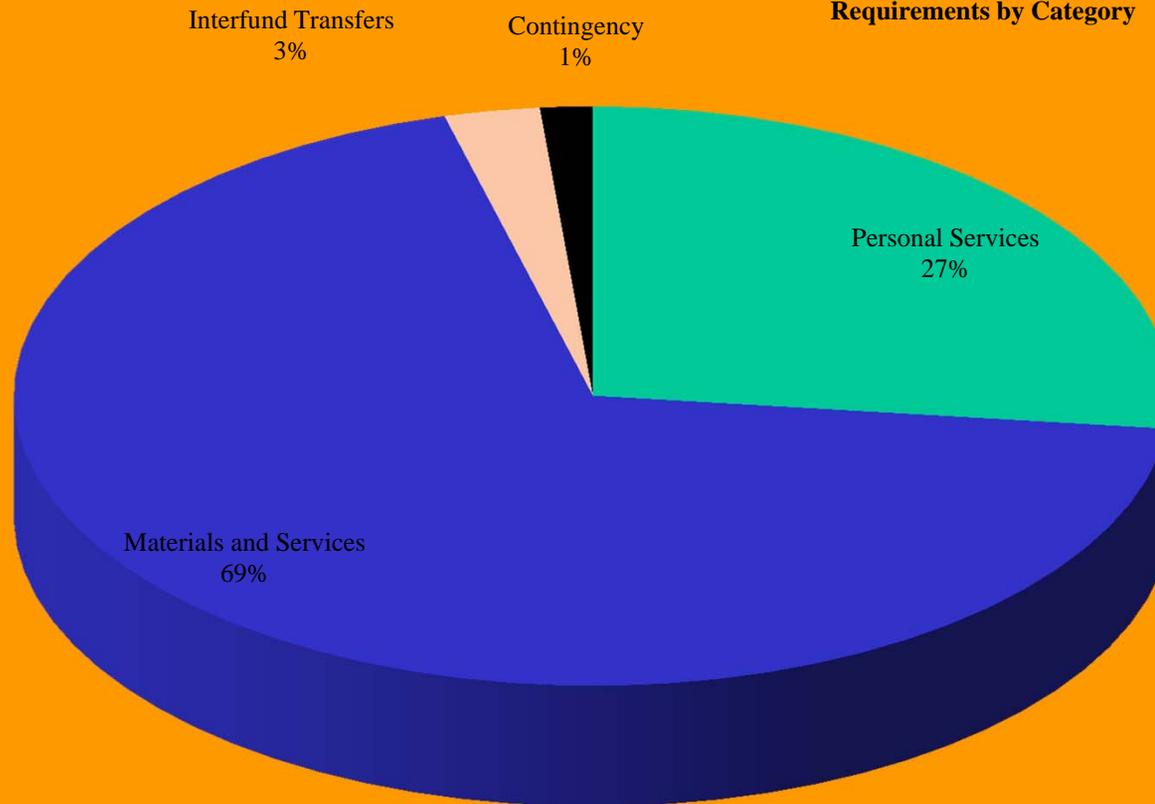
Major expenditures consist of personal services and material costs consisting of restoration items, cataloging items and utilities.

Museum expenditures for FY 2012 are being reduced by about 30 percent as a result of the depletion of museum reserves.

Financial Presentation



2011-12 Budget
Requirements by Category



Significant Changes



The proposed Museum budget for FY 2012 calls for phasing out one part-time position, all temporary help, and the museum manager position for a savings of about \$70,000. At the conclusion of the phase-out, the museum will close to the public on Sept. 30, 2011.

Remaining staff, at 1.5 FTEs, will focus on maintaining facilities and continuing efforts to catalog the museum's collection of artifacts.



Key issues

A political action committee has been formed to seek voter approval of a three year levy to fund museum operations. The proposed levy is 5 cents per \$1,000 of value. Priorities for this new revenue include: 1, Eliminate budget deficit. 2, Replenish reserve funds. 3, Address deferred maintenance. 4, Extend outreach to schools. 5, Reduce cataloging backlog and continue computerization of old museum records.