

## **Bureau Notes**

Tax increment is a financing tool used in urban renewal areas (URAs) that dedicates future tax revenues to pay for current revitalization efforts. This tool is the primary source of funding for the Portland Development Commission, a component of City government formed by voters in 1958 as the City's urban renewal agency.

Tax increment and urban renewal are geographically focused: tax revenue growth within a certain boundary is dedicated for investment within that same area. URA boundaries are adopted by City Council based on recommendations from PDC. Investments within each URA are paid for by urban renewal bonds which are issued on a schedule that corresponds to the URA's tax growth. The rise in property tax revenues ("tax increment") is used to pay off the bonds. (Property tax is based on assessed, rather than real market property values.) A large portion of increment generated goes to pay debt service on past investments.

There are currently 11 URAs within the City; many cross neighborhood coalition boundaries. For this mapping exercise, tax increment was apportioned across neighborhood coalitions according acreage, or the percentage of each URA within each neighborhood coalition. This method approximates increment generated and is not exact.

Central City reports the highest tax increment generated, in large part because all or portions of six of the City's eleven URAs are located within its boundaries. Only one coalition (SWNI) contains no portion of a URA. PDC directs spending. Some of these funds are spent in-house; some are passed through to Parks & Recreation and the Bureau of Transportation. These bureaus have mapped their expenditures of tax increment directly.

State law limits urban renewal areas to 15% of the City's land area and 15% of its total real market value. The City of Portland is within one-two percentage points of each of these limits.

## **Total Spending Per User**



## **Coalitions**

**CENT - Central City** 

CNN - Central Northeast Neighborhood

EPNO - East Portland Neighborhood Office

NECN - Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods

SEUL - Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition

NPNS - North Portland Neighborhood Services

NWNW - Neighbors West/Northwest

SWNI - Southwest Neighbors, Inc.

## **Bureau Resources**

Beginning Fund Balance:	\$61.7 M
City General Fund:	\$5.8 M
Fees and Charges:	\$0.3 M
Federal and Other Grants:	\$2.8 M
Interest of Investments:	\$0.3 M
Loan Collections:	\$5.9 M
Miscellaneous:	\$0.4 M
Property Income:	\$9.2 M
Reimbursements:	\$0.4 M
Service Reimbursements:	\$14.3 M
TIF Proceeds:	\$107.9 M

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Total:



\$209.1 M