



FY 2024-25 Budget Hearings

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BUDGET & FINANCE**

June 17, 2024

Order of Events

- Opening Instructions/Proceedings
- Opening Comments/Staff Report – CEO
- Opening Comments Board Members
- Public Hearing
- Budget Deliberations
- Adopt Budget Resolutions FY 2024-25
- Final Board Comments

Budget Guiding Principles

- 1) Using Board Established Priorities
- 2) Fiscally Responsible - Realistic Projections
- 3) Transparency and Accountability
- 4) Delivering County Services Efficiently and Effectively
- 5) Fiscal Discipline – Long Term Sustainability

Key Budget Highlights

- **Recommended Budget Includes:**
 - Balanced budget for FY 2024-25
 - Funding for mandated services
 - Requirements of debt service obligations
 - Adherence to your Board's prudent financial management
- **Increased labor costs and inflationary factors have impacted the FY 2024-25 budget**
- **Departments have mitigated these increases through operational efficiencies and modest revenue growth**

Highlights & Key Budget Data

Recommended Budget: \$3.044B*

\$186M or 6.5% increase from FY 2023-24

- **General Fund Appropriations: \$1.44B**
 - \$89.9M or 6.7% increase from FY 2023-24
- **Non-General Fund Appropriations: \$1.61B**
 - \$96.8M or 6.4% increase from FY 2023-24
- **Internal Service Fund Appropriations: \$1.44B**
 - \$29.5M or 7.2% increase from FY 2023-24

**Excludes Internal Service Fund Appropriations*

Key Budget Assumptions

GENERAL FUND GENERAL PURPOSE REVENUE: \$544.9M

- \$21.3M increase or up 4.1% from Current Year Adopted Budget FY 2023-24
 - Property Tax related revenues ~89% of GPR

Prop 172 Public Safety Tax Revenue: \$92.7M

- No change from Current Year Adopted Budget FY 2023-24

Realignment Revenue: \$218M

- Projected flat for FY25 however \$18.4M was utilized from Realignment Trust for FY25
- An increase of 9.2% from Current Year Adopted Budget FY 2023-24

Full-Time Equivalent Positions



TOTAL FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE) POSITIONS: 10,513

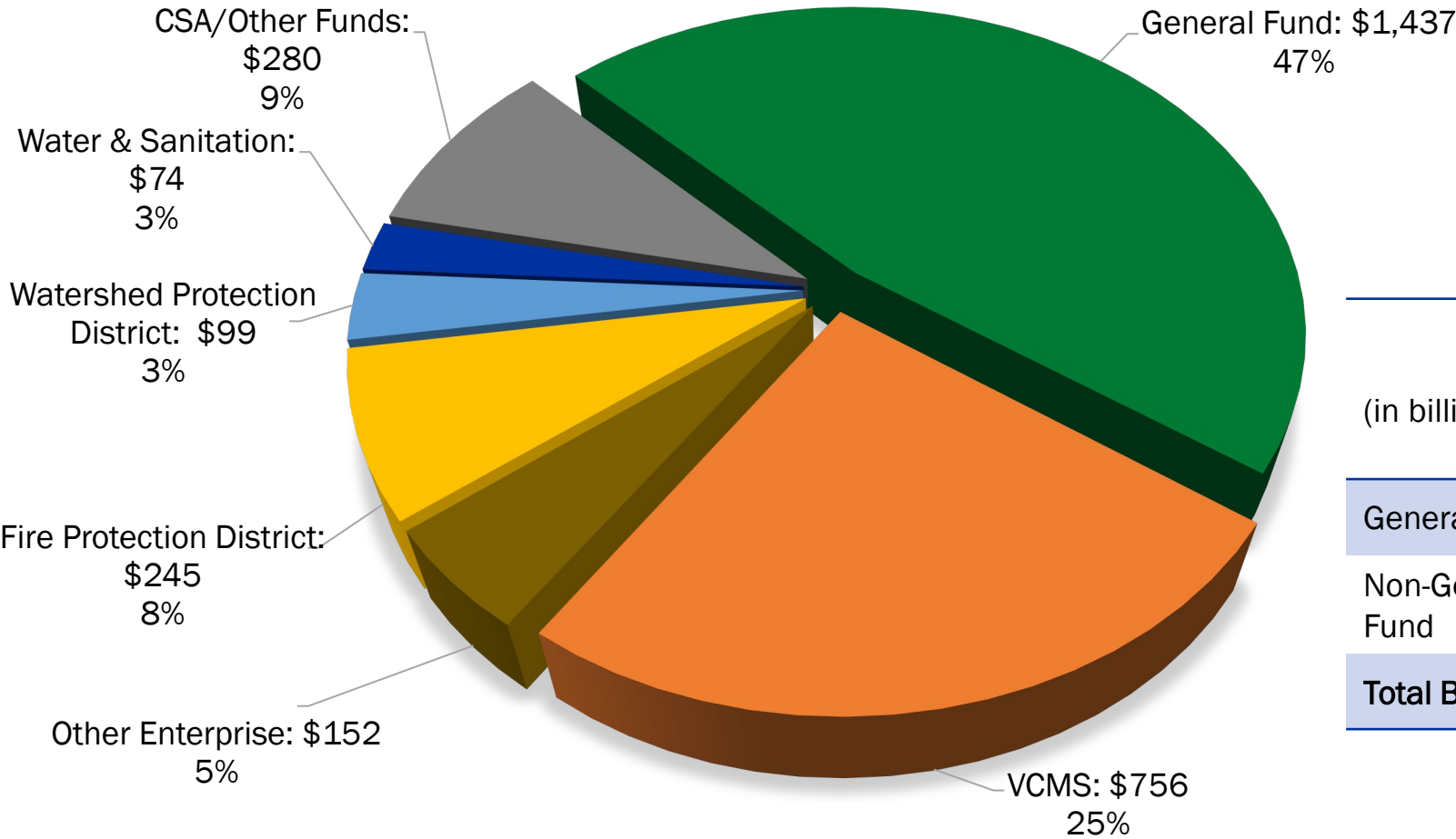
- 237 FTEs or 2.3% increase from Current Year Adopted Budget FY 2023-24
 - Non-General Fund: 4,904 FTE's, net increase of 119 FTE's or 2.5%
 - General Fund: 5,609 FTE's, net increase of 118 FTE's or 2.2%

Key Factors Impacting Workforce:

- Human Services Agency program shifts, increased service demand, rising caseloads
- Additional resources in support of County's efforts to:
 - Prevent/address homelessness
 - Combat opioid crisis
- Securing of external funding (grants & other supplemental funding) to address needs in public safety, health care and social services

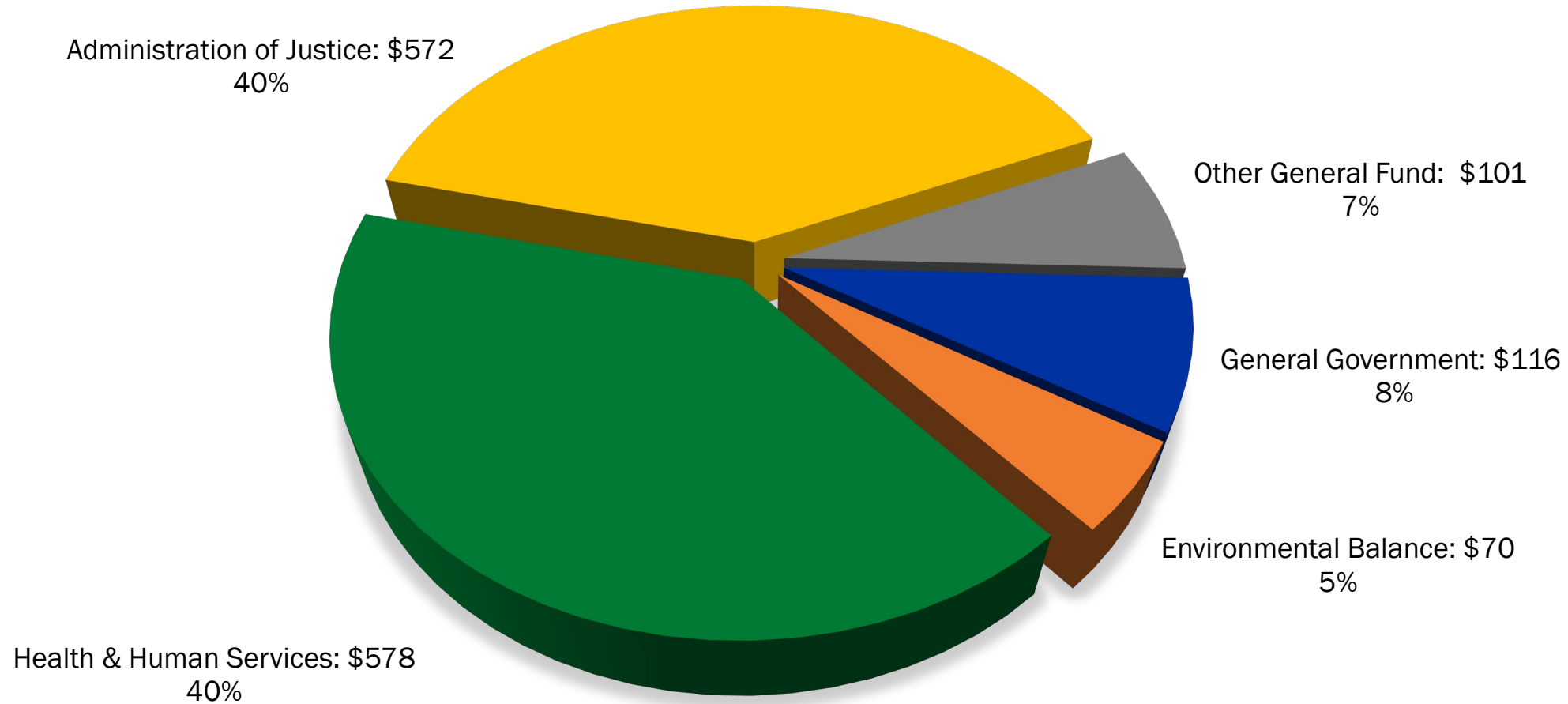
Total Appropriations by Fund:

\$3.044B



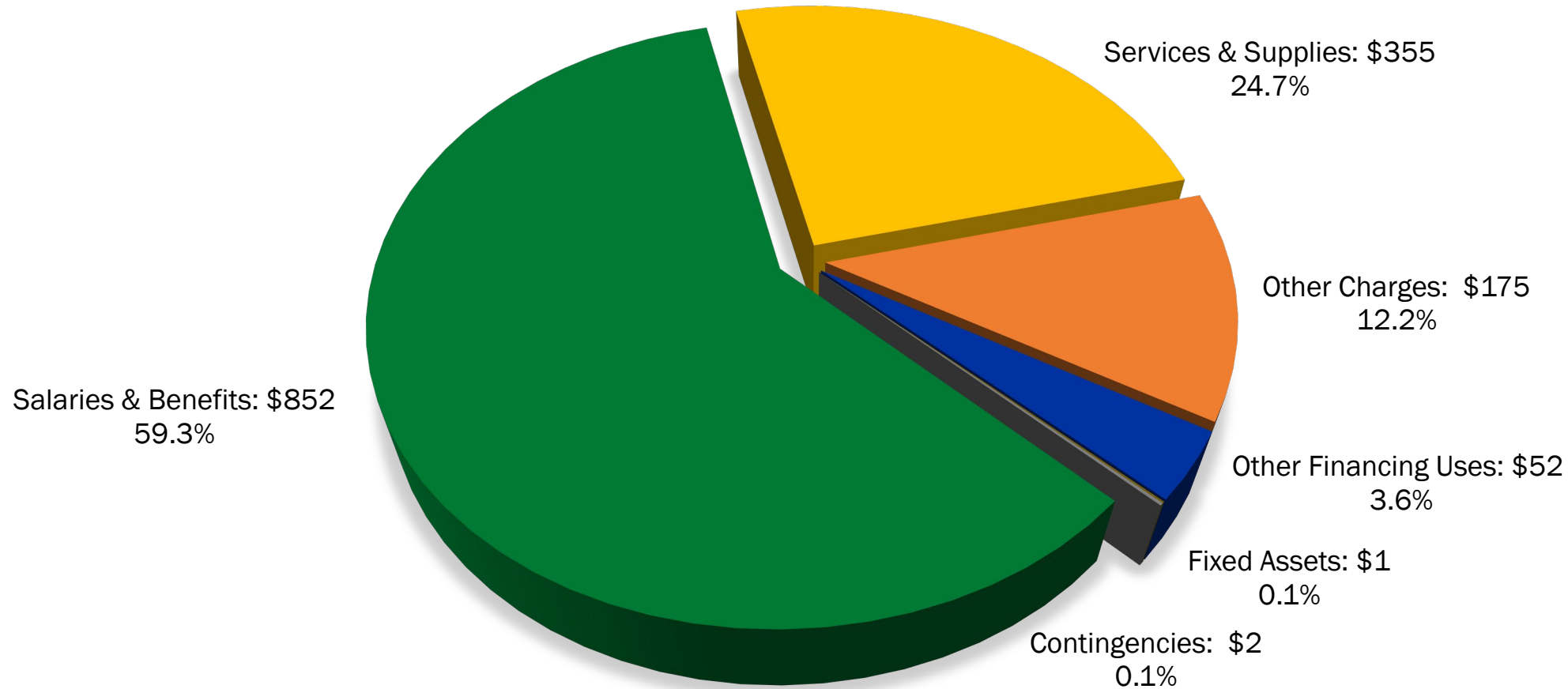
	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Post- Prelim Budget	Change \$	Change %
(in billions)				
General Fund	\$1.347	\$1.437	\$0.090	6.7%
Non-General Fund	1.510	1.607	0.097	6.4%
Total Budget	\$2.857	\$3.044	\$0.187	6.5%

General Fund Appropriations by Program Area: \$1.437B



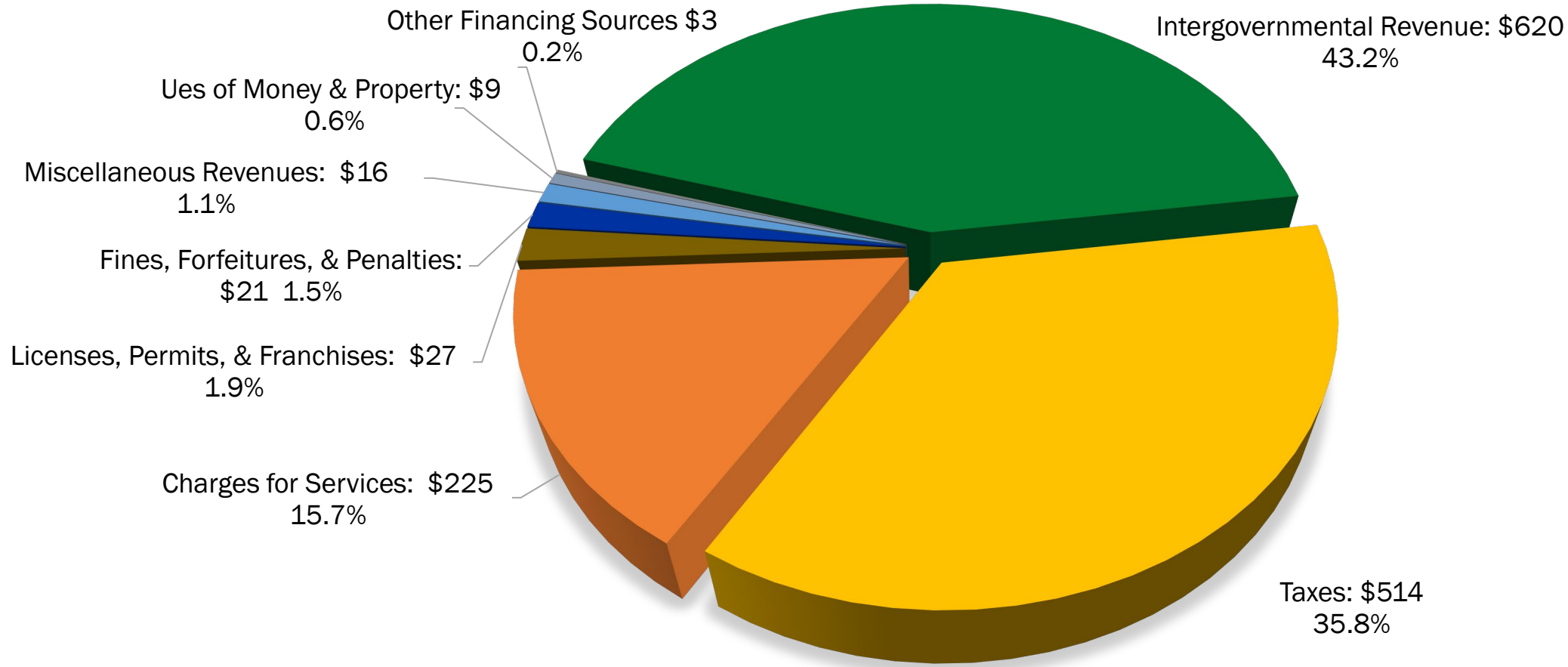
Pie Chart values (in Millions)

General Fund Appropriations by Expenditure Type: \$1.437B



Pie Chart values (in Millions)

General Fund Revenue by Financing Source: \$1.435B



Pie Chart values (in Millions)

County Strategic Plan Progress

Since adoption of the 2024-2027 County Strategic Plan in October 2023, your Board has taken the following number of actions in support of each of the Strategic Priorities identified in the plan:

<input type="checkbox"/> Healthy, Safe, and Resilient Communities	192 Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Vitality	109 Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Reliable Infrastructure and Sustainability	102 Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Address Homelessness and Lift Up the Most Vulnerable	36 Actions
<input type="checkbox"/> Diverse and Innovative Workforce Dedicated to Service Excellence	58 Actions

In Total, since October 2023, your Board has taken more than 497 specific actions in support of the County’s Strategic Plan Priorities



State Budget Update

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State Budget Timeline

Late 2023

- LAO estimated revenue projections released

January

- Governor's proposed budget released (January 10)

May

- Governor's May Revision (May 14)

June

- Legislature passes budget bill (June 15)

Ventura County Budget Advocacy

Governor's Budget Proposal

- Health Care Agency - \$46.5m
- Human Services Agency - \$513.5m
- Public Defender - \$40m

\$600m Cuts to Counties Statewide

Governor's May Revision

- Health Care Agency - \$310m
- Human Services Agency - \$1.3b
- Public Defender - \$40m
- Resource Management Agency - \$300m

\$1.9b Cuts to Counties Statewide

Legislature's Budget Bill – AB 107

- Department of Child Support Services - \$10m
- Human Services Agency - \$67m

\$77m Cuts to Counties Statewide

Legislature's Budget Bill– AB 107

Human Services Agency

- Rejects \$343m in cuts to CalWORKs programs in 2024-25 and reduces cuts to others by \$128m. Further rejects cuts to our remaining fiscal year and future years of funding for programs.
- Rejects the elimination of key programs, such as the CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment program, Family Urgent Response System (FURS)
- Rejects the elimination of \$50m in 2024-25 for county child welfare agencies to complete caregiver approvals for foster caregivers, primarily relative caregivers.
- Eliminates \$195,000 General Fund in 2024-25 to provide a housing supplement for youth in Supervised Independent Living Placements (SILPs).
- Rejects \$40m in cuts for the Adult Protective Services Expansion in 2024-25 and ongoing
- Rejects \$4.8m in cuts Adult Protective Services training in 2024-25 and ongoing
- Rejects \$37.2m cut to Older Californias Act Modernization funding
- Reduces cut to the Bringing Families Home program \$40m in 2025-26 and \$40m in 2026-27
- Rejects \$65m reduction to the Home Safe Program

Legislature's Budget Bill - AB 107

Health Care Agency

Behavioral Health

- Approves \$85M for Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA) implementation
- Reduction of \$450.7M for Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure Program (BHCIP)
- Reduction of \$340M for Behavioral Health Bridge Housing (BHBH)
- Maintains downward adjustments to CARE Act Implementation funding due to lower than anticipated referrals

Public Health

- Rejects \$52.5M reduction of the Future of Public Health (FoPH) funding in the current year and the \$300M elimination of FoPH funding in the budget year and ongoing



Legislature's Budget Bill - AB 107

Child Support Services

- No reduction for May Revise, AB 107 proposes \$10m general fund reduction statewide, resulting in a \$29.4m loss including Federal match

Public Defender

- Restores \$40m for Public Defender Pilot Program

District Attorney

- Appropriates \$103m ongoing to augment federal funding for victim services provided through the Victims of Crime Act

Housing and Homelessness

- Adds \$1b in 2024-25 for the Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) round 6 with a reduction of \$260m in repurposed HHAP funds from Rounds 3 and 4
- Eliminates \$100 unspent/unawarded grant funds from Encampment Resolution Program



Key Takeaways on State Budget

- Historically, the State budget has fluctuated due to volatile revenue sources including sales and income taxes.
- Since December 2023, the State has produced fluctuating estimates on the deficit ranging from \$27-\$67 billion.
- The Legislature's budget bill (AB 107) should be seen as a placeholder for the next 10 days.
- The Governor is required to act on the budget by June 27th and follow on bills (budget bill jr. and trailer bills) can continue through the end of the legislative session.
- The LAO and others have emphasized the state budget issue will be ongoing for several years



Summary

- **DILIGENT MANAGEMENT AND STAFF EFFORTS...**

- Board of Supervisors direction & support
- Agencies/Departments managed their budgets
- Managing Salary & Benefit and Services & Supplies cost increases
- Service Excellence Program

- **HAVE RESULTED IN...**

- **A Balanced Budget for FY 2024-25**
 - Sustains core County services such as health, social services, and public safety
 - ‘Triple A’ long-term credit rating from Moody’s and S&P
 - Supports long-term sustainability of essential County programs



Thank you

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