

Office of the City Attorney **Budget Presentation**

FISCAL YEARS 2026-27 & 2027-28





**ADVICE &
COUNSEL**



**LEGISLATION &
CONTRACTS**



**DEFENSIVE
LITIGATION**



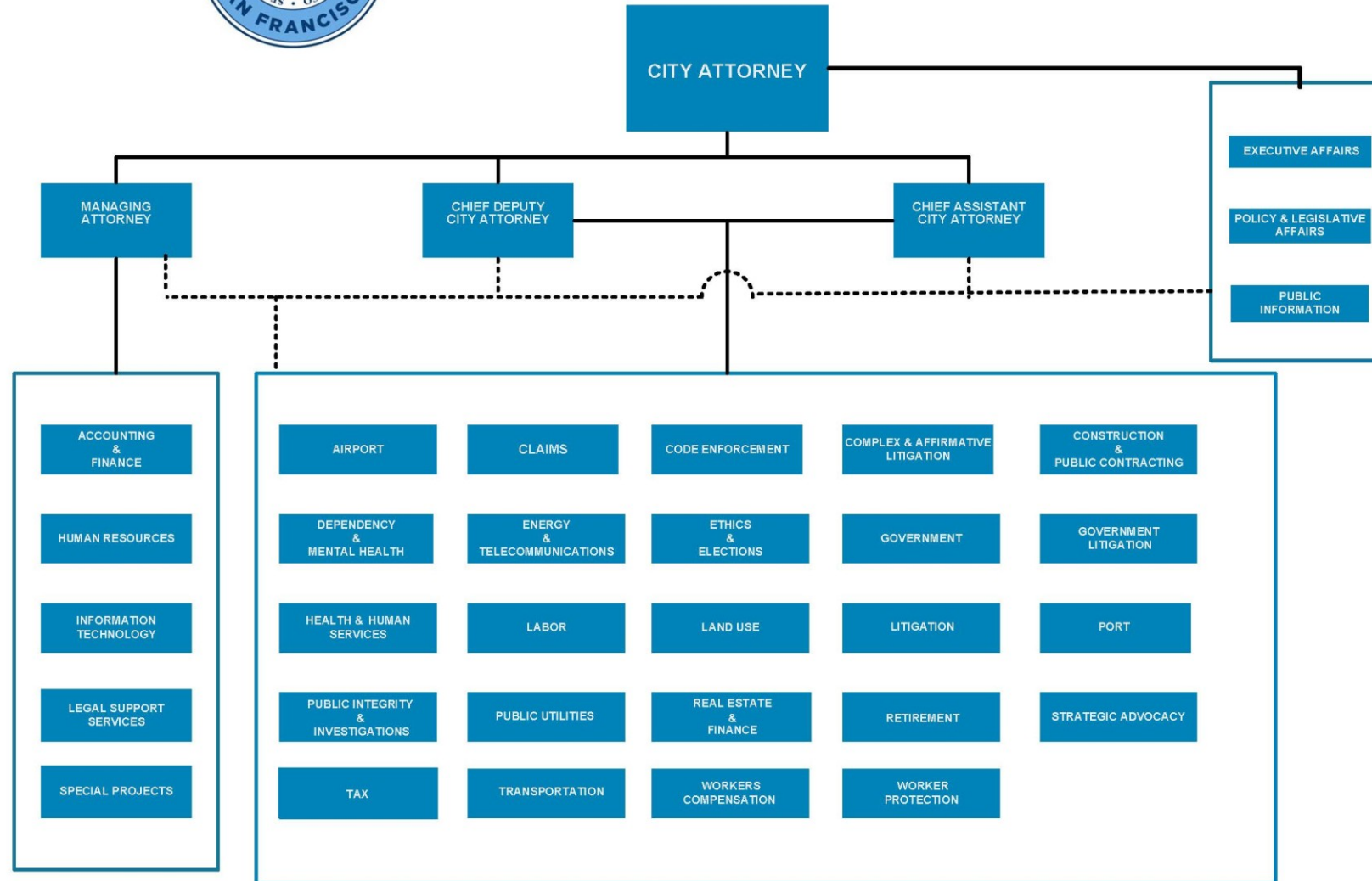
**AFFIRMATIVE
LITIGATION**



**PUBLIC
INTEGRITY &
INVESTIGATIONS**



Office of the City Attorney Departmental Structure



Our Work is Central to Core City Services

PUBLIC SAFETY
& STREET
CONDITIONS

HOMELESSNESS
& MENTAL
HEALTH

AFFORDABLE &
SUPPORTIVE
HOUSING

LAND USE &
REAL ESTATE

REVITALIZING
LOCAL ECONOMY
& SMALL
BUSINESSES

PUBLIC INTEGRITY
& INVESTIGATIONS

TAX LITIGATION
& ASSESSMENT
APPEALS

CLAIMS &
DEFENSIVE
LITIGATION

CONSUMER
PROTECTION &
CIVIL RIGHTS

WORKER
PROTECTION

Defending the City's Resources

Our defensive litigation efforts save the City billions in liability, including protecting **vital tax revenues**.

- In FY 25-26, our Tax Team **saved the City \$120 million** by securing a settlement in which Airbnb agreed to end its business tax lawsuit with **no payment from the City**.

We process and **resolve thousands of claims** filed against the City each year, protecting billions in public resources.

We do not control the inflow of our work:

- Claims and cases are filed against the City, and that work cannot be avoided.
- We are a **high-quality, cost-effective way to meet the City's legal needs**.

Revenue Generation & Cost Recovery

We support department work that brings in revenue, and we generate millions of dollars in revenue through our affirmative litigation, collections, real estate transactions, and more.

Our Complex & Affirmative Litigation Team protects consumers, including **recovering \$4 million this fiscal year** from tobacco retailers flouting our local public health laws.

Our Code Enforcement Team **secured over \$9 million** in settlements or judgments since January 2025 as well as successfully **recouped \$5 million from an oil company** that caused an oil spill near Fisherman's Wharf.

Our Worker Protection Team has **restored over \$28 million of stolen wages and benefits** to workers since late 2021 and collected over \$1 million in penalties and fees.

Our Claims Team **collects for damage to City property** on behalf of City departments, securing over \$1.75 million through 422 collections in FY 25-26.

Federal Response Program

We face an **unprecedented threat from the federal government** to San Francisco's budget, core services, and communities. Our Office continues to **monitor, analyze, and advise on federal funding threats.**

In the last year, our Office has filed 16 lawsuits against the federal administration, **preserving billions of dollars in federal funding** to San Francisco and protecting critical programs and services.

We are also actively **pursuing nearly \$440 million in FEMA reimbursements** for costs the City incurred during the pandemic. Any money reimbursed in these proceedings will be a **net gain to the City's budget.**

Public Safety

Our Office advises public safety departments on initiatives to address crime and **ensure safe and clean public streets**.

Attorneys **enforce building safety and habitability codes**, and abate public nuisances, such as illegal nightclubs and illegal gambling and drug dens fronting as convenience stores.

We respond to **major incidents** involving City property, employees, and vehicles.

We engage with City departments on **emergency preparedness** planning.

Homelessness, Mental Health & Housing

Our Office advises on every aspect of the City's **housing, homelessness, and mental health** response.

- Homeless encampment practices
- Dependency and conservatorship matters
- Shelter financing and development
- Programs that connect people to services, treatment, and shelter

We advise on development projects, housing streamlining legislation, housing element and zoning laws, and land use equity and flexibility.

Effective Commonsense Government

Attorneys partner with City departments to **modernize and streamline government operations.**

- Charter and permitting reform
- Procurement and contracting improvements
- Tax and fee relief

We further support programs that strengthen **economic activity, transportation, and tourism.**

Public integrity work addressing waste, fraud, and abuse ensures that taxpayer dollars are spent appropriately.

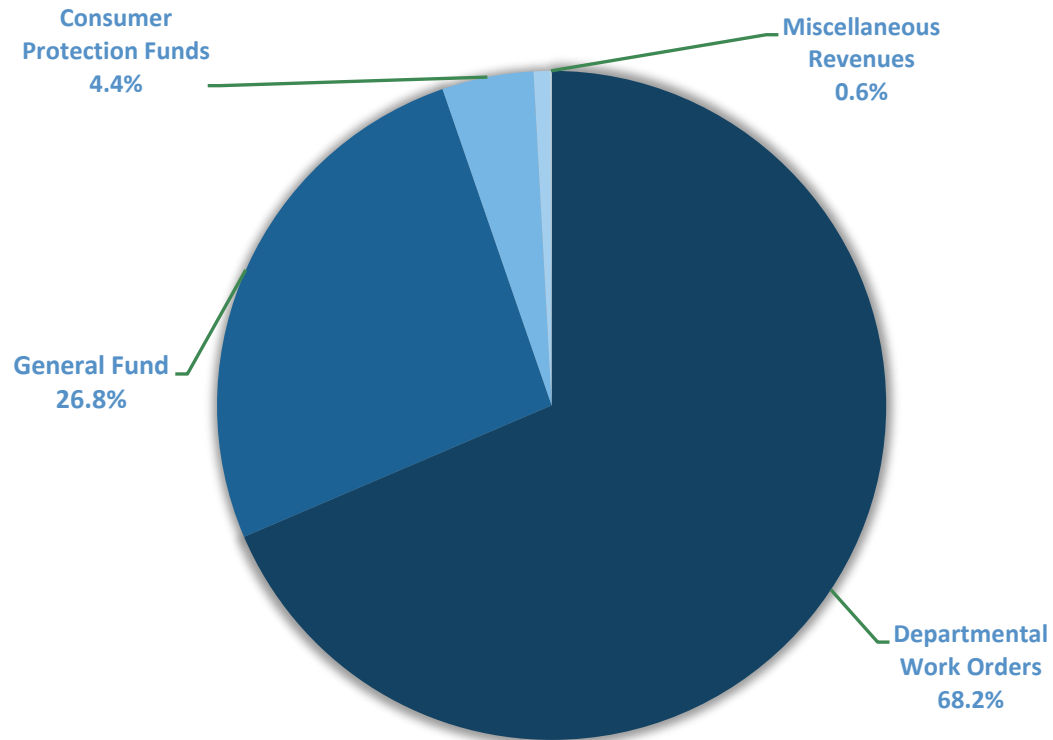


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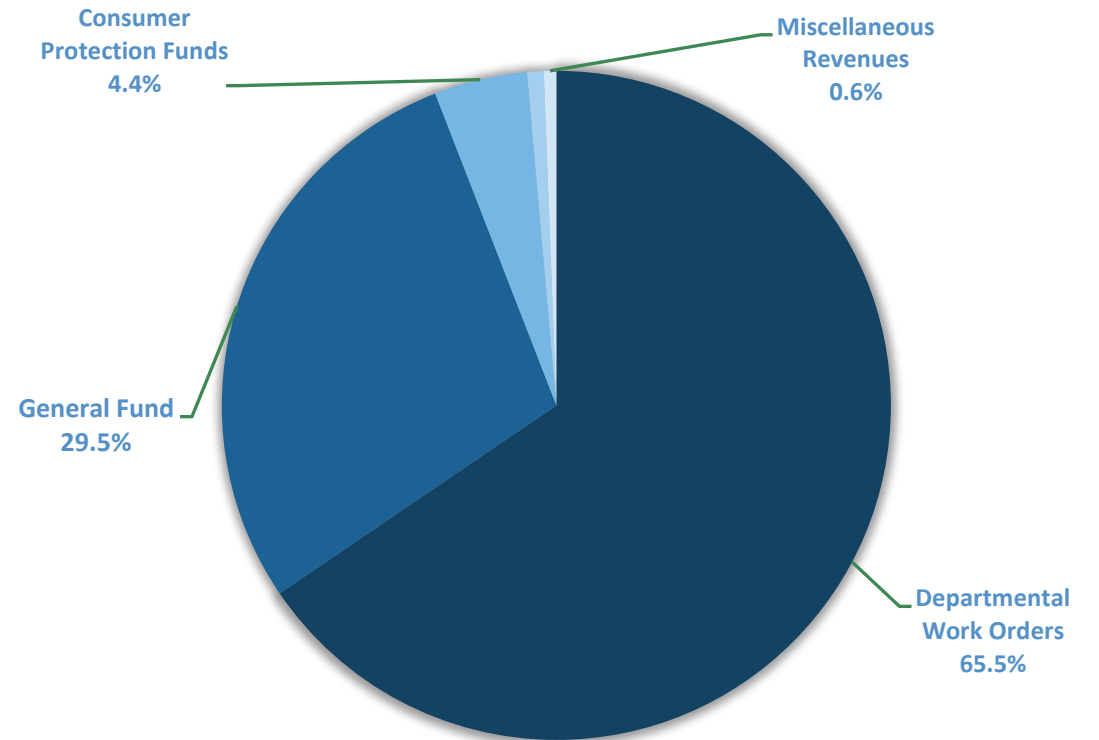
Budget Overview – Sources of Funds

FY 2026/27 REVENUE SOURCES



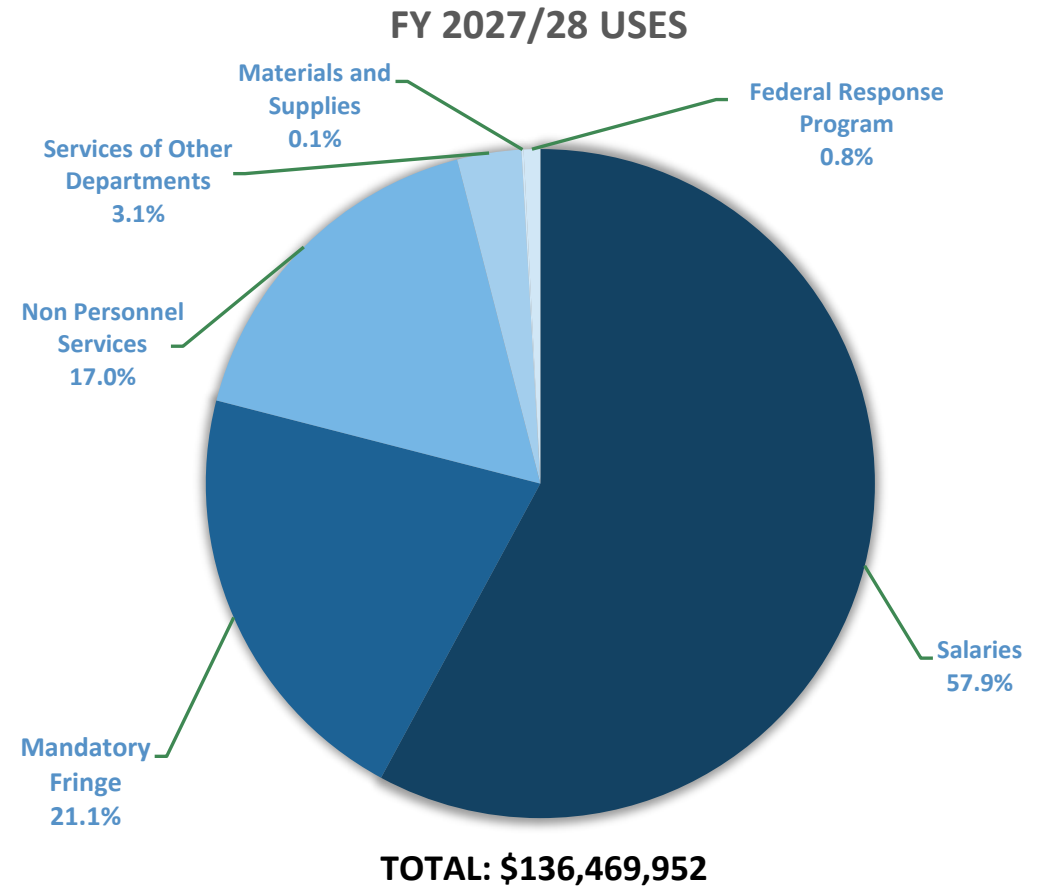
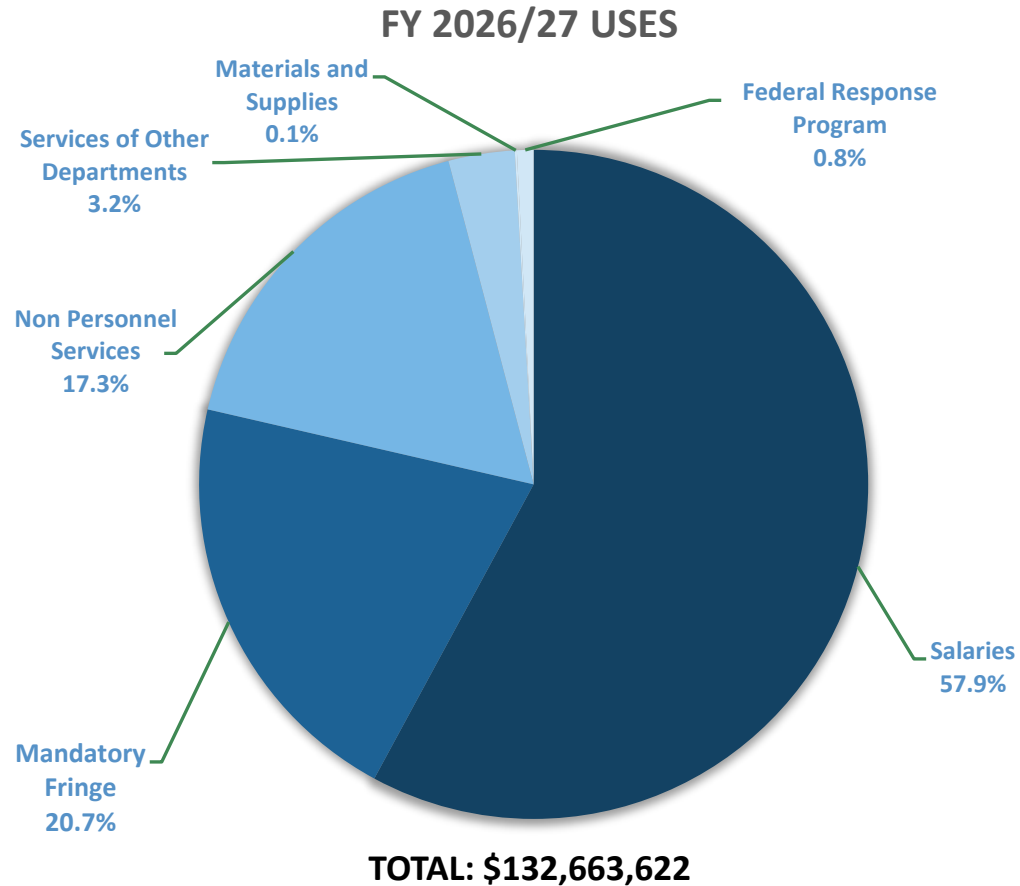
TOTAL: \$132,663,622

FY 2027/28 REVENUE SOURCES



TOTAL: \$136,469,952

Budget Overview - Uses of Funds



Adjustments to Budget

Adjustment Description	FY 2026-27 Change From 2025-26	FY 2027-28 Change From 2026-27
Mandatory Salary and Fringe Adjustments	\$4,873,386	\$5,722,540
Attrition Saving from Re-Org Initiatives Project	-	(2,222,224)
Legal Expenditures	3,053,223	-
IT Services	413,676	-
Property Rent	(498,718)	226,543
Other Non Personnel Services – Legal Subscriptions	(250,000)	-
Materials & Supplies	(3,488)	-
Services of Other Department	(51,773)	79,471
Summary of Changes	\$7,536,306	\$3,806,330



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