



# SFE Budget Overview: FY 2026-2027 and FY 2027-2028

San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
Budget & Appropriations Committee

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**For 30 years, SFE has been the  
City's climate accountability,  
coordination, and equity engine.**

**1997** – 1<sup>st</sup> Sustainability Plan

**2004** – 1<sup>st</sup> Climate Action Plan  
(CAP)

**2021** – Current CAP

**2026** – Forthcoming CAP

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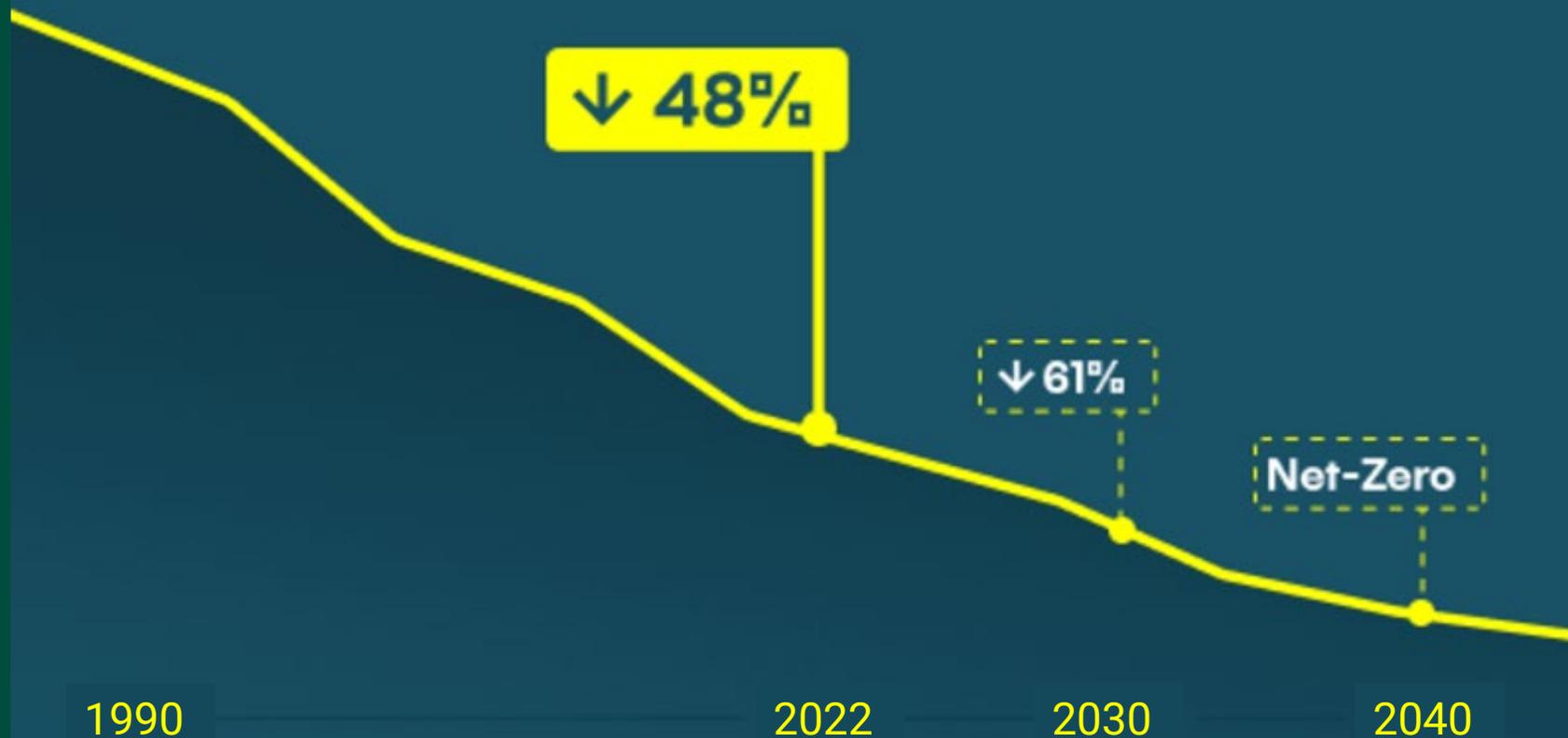
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# CLIMATE ACTION PLAN 2021

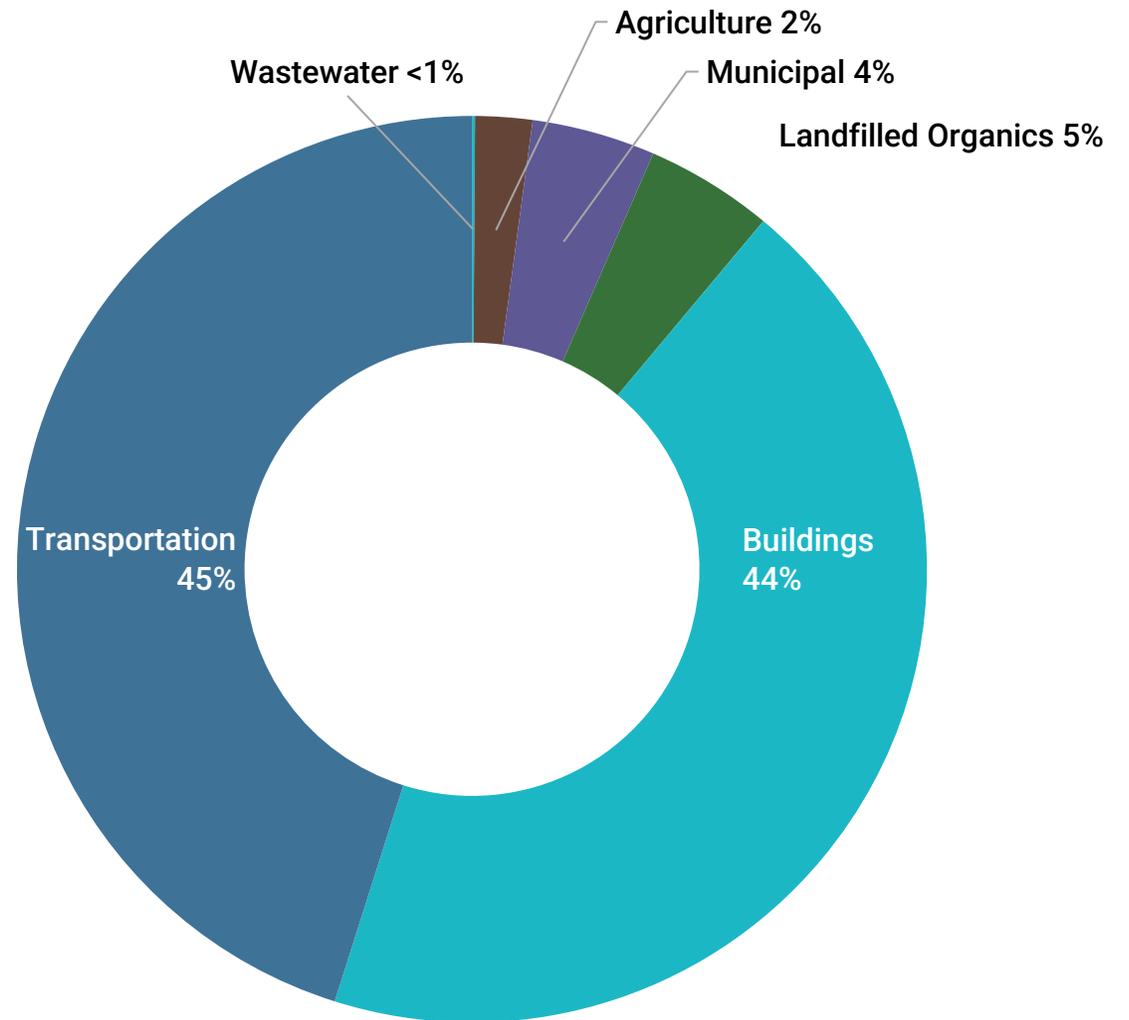


# Emissions reduction since 1990

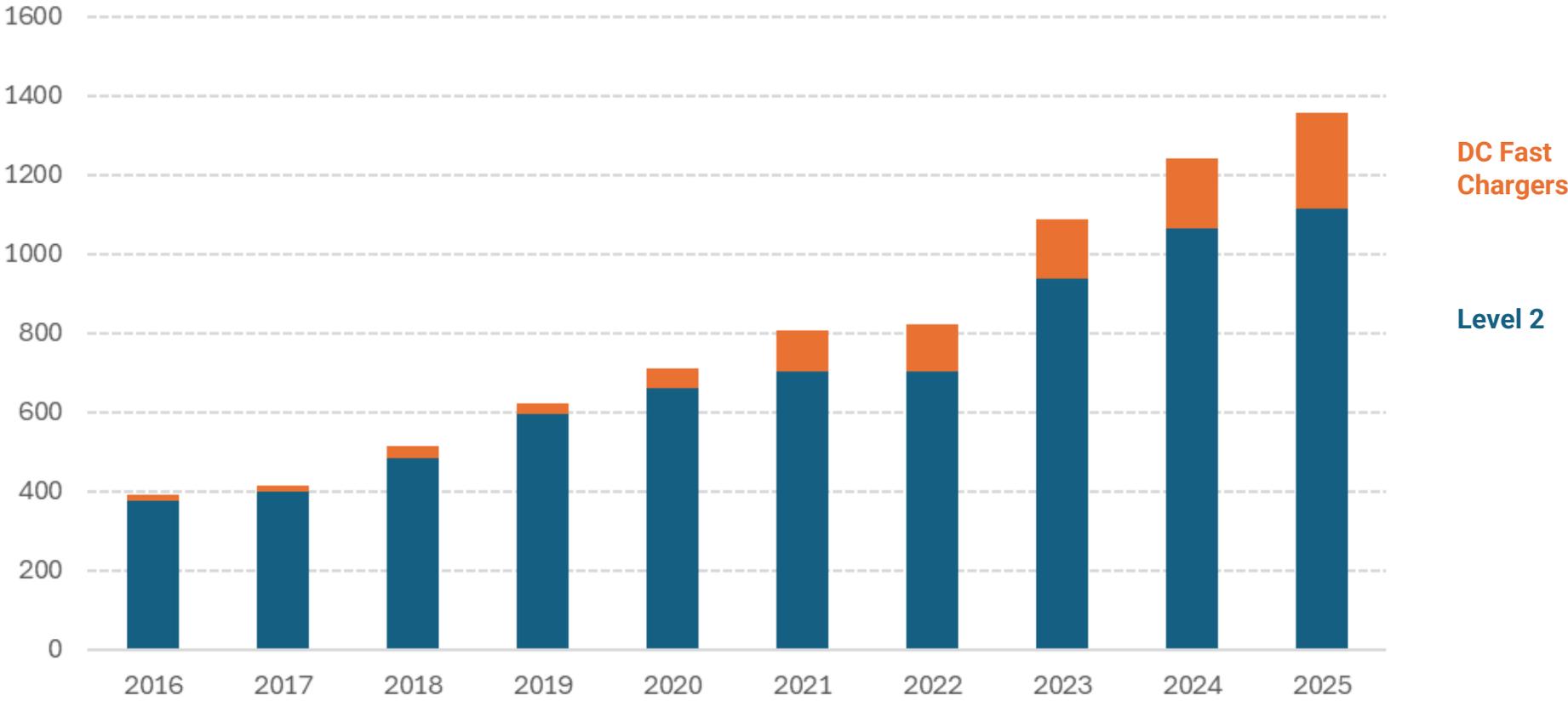
**San Francisco has reduced climate pollution by 48% since 1990.**  
We're aiming for a 61% reduction by 2030 and a goal of reaching net-zero emissions by 2040.



# Carbon emissions by sector



# Public EV Chargers in San Francisco



Last updated: 2/20/2026

**EV charging access more than triples in past decade **

# The nation's most comprehensive **All-Electric New Construction Ordinance**

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Image: SFE



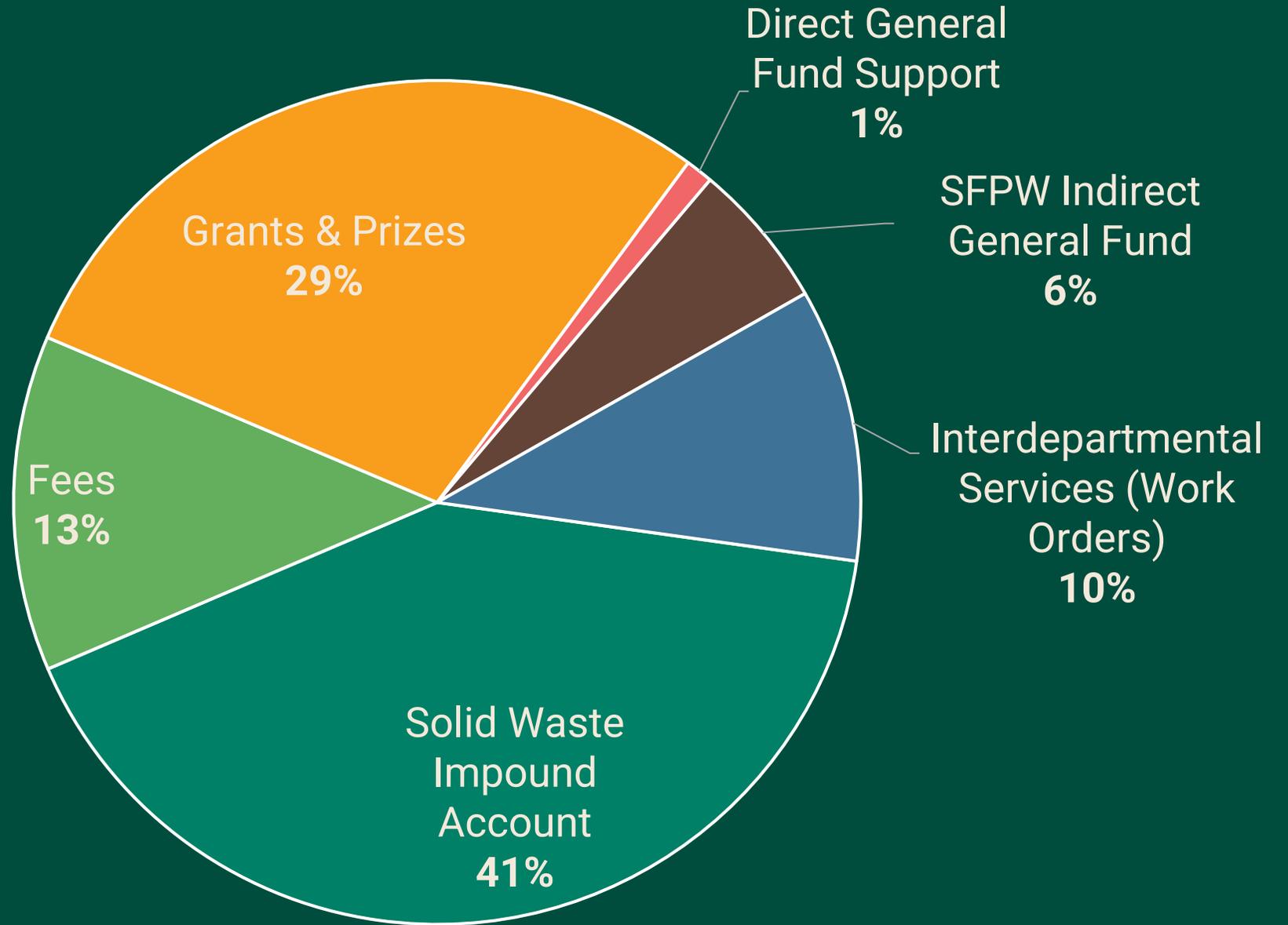
# Unlocking innovation – eliminating barriers for new climate solutions

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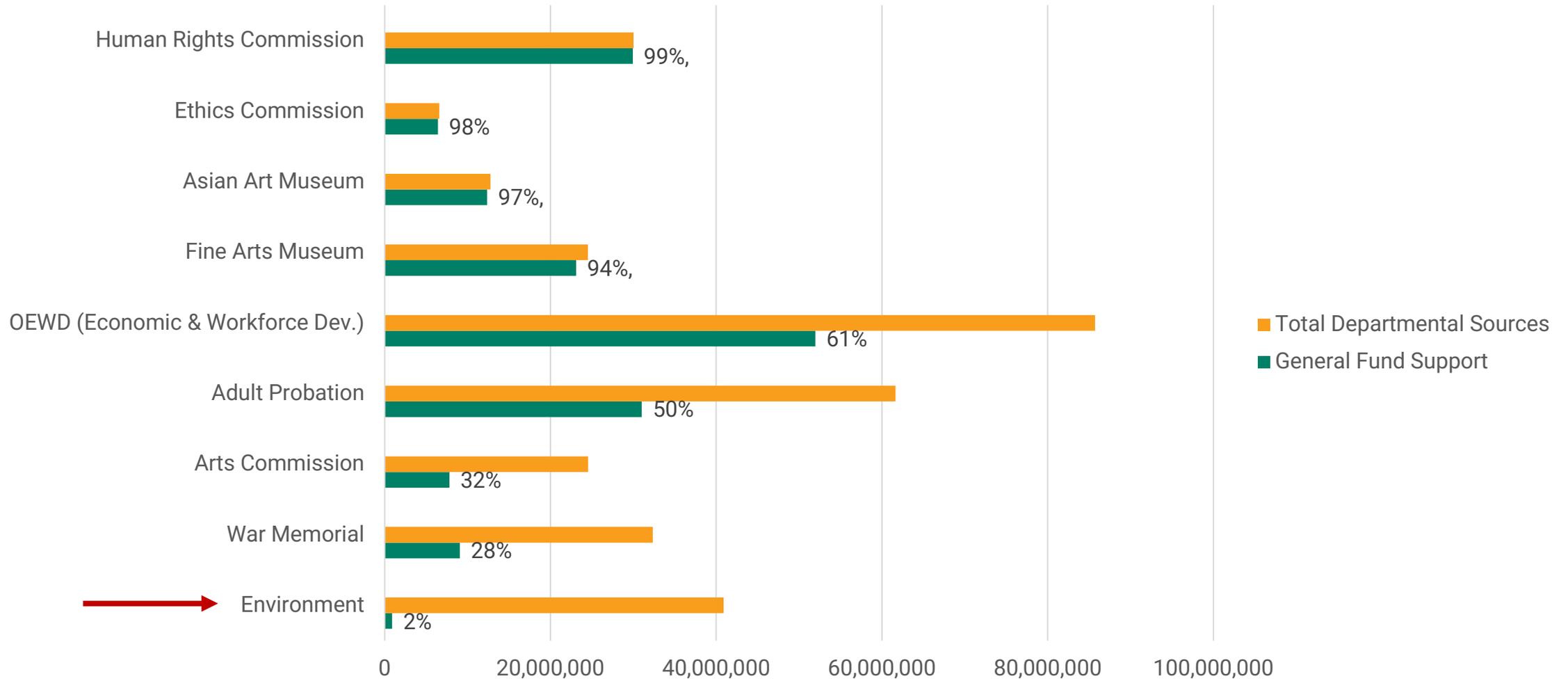


# Budget Background

# How SFE is funded for FY 2026-27

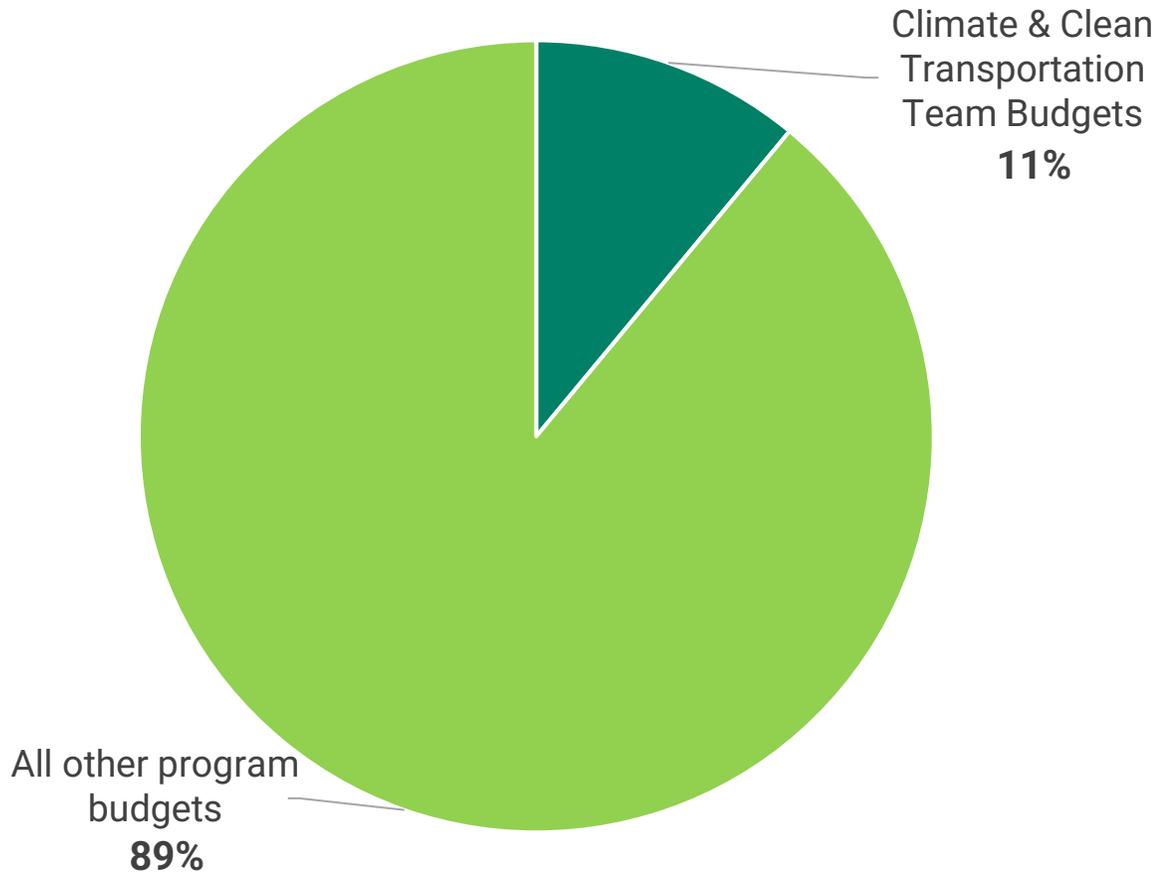


FY 2026-27 AAO Department Proposed Budget

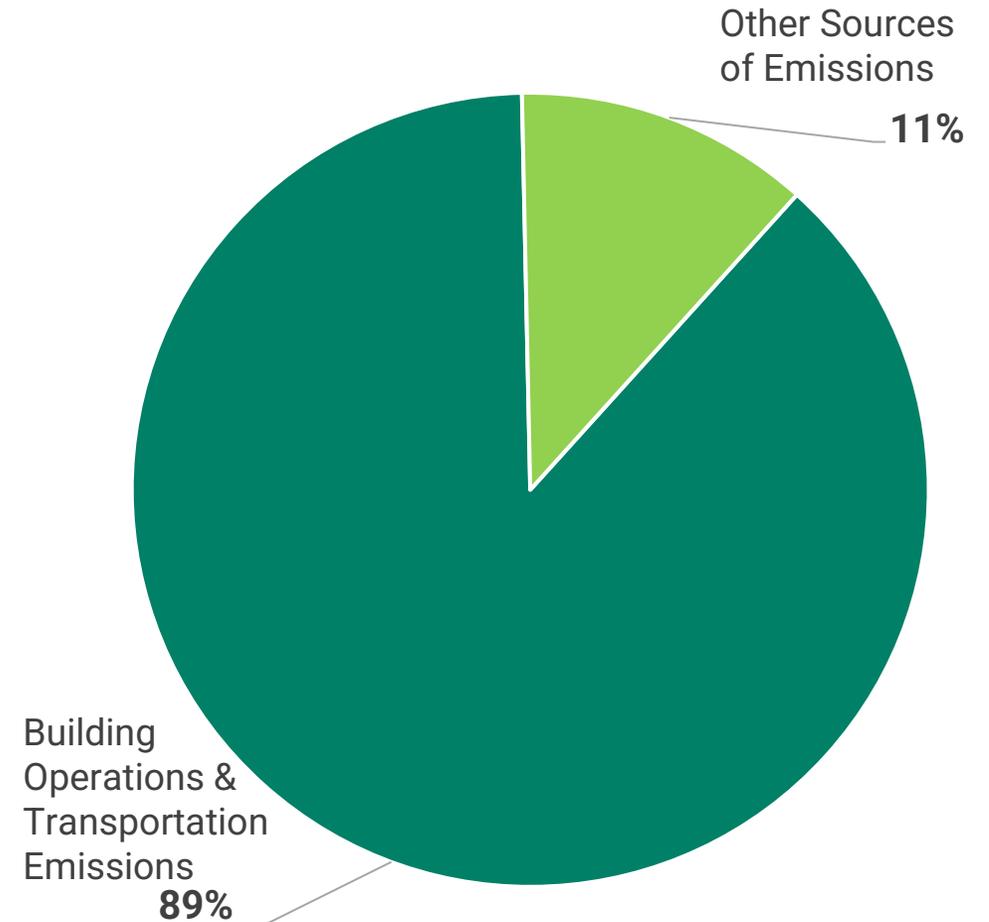


# Current year General Fund budget (% of total)

FY 2026-27 SFE Proposed AAO Budget



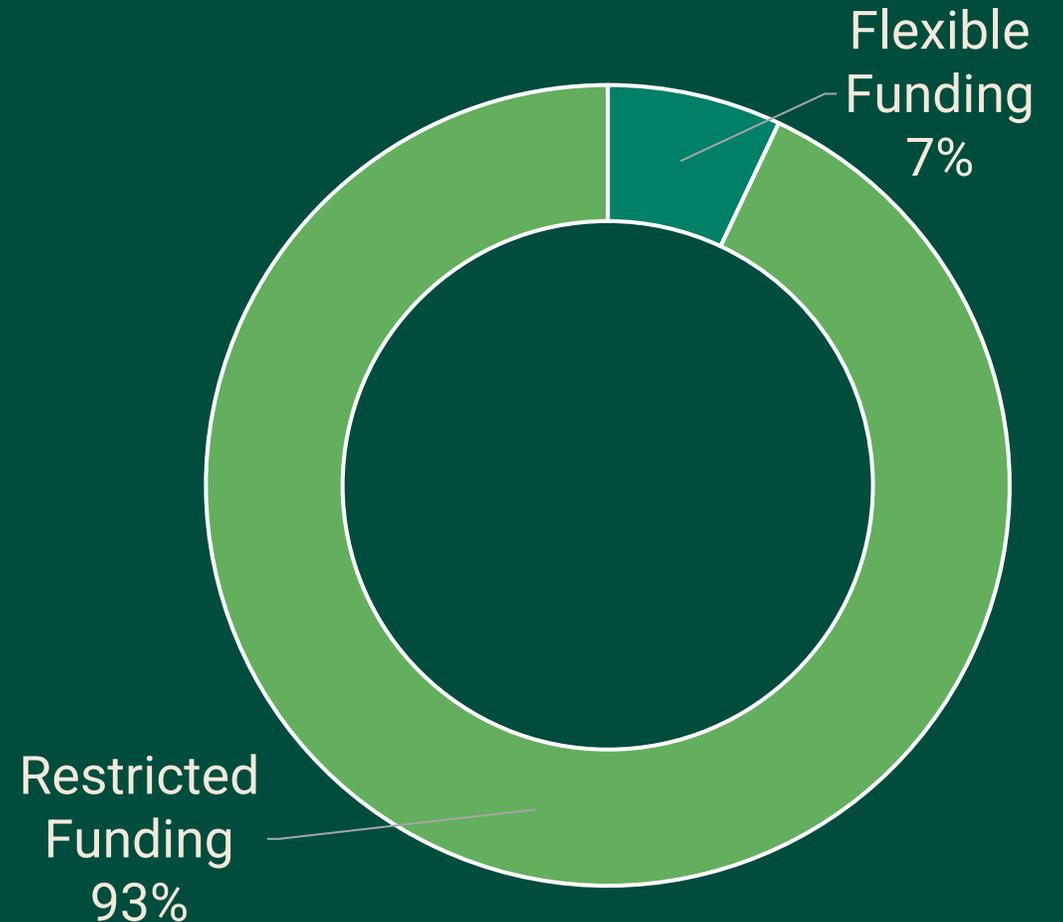
2022 Carbon Emissions



Funding vs carbon emission sources

# Why can't funding be reallocated?

- Over 90% of funds are restricted (impound, fees, grants) and tied to specific scopes and deliverables.
- Many are time-limited and require specialized staff to execute and report.



# SFE budget challenges

- General Fund
- Public Works indirect General Fund support
- Work order changes
- Grants

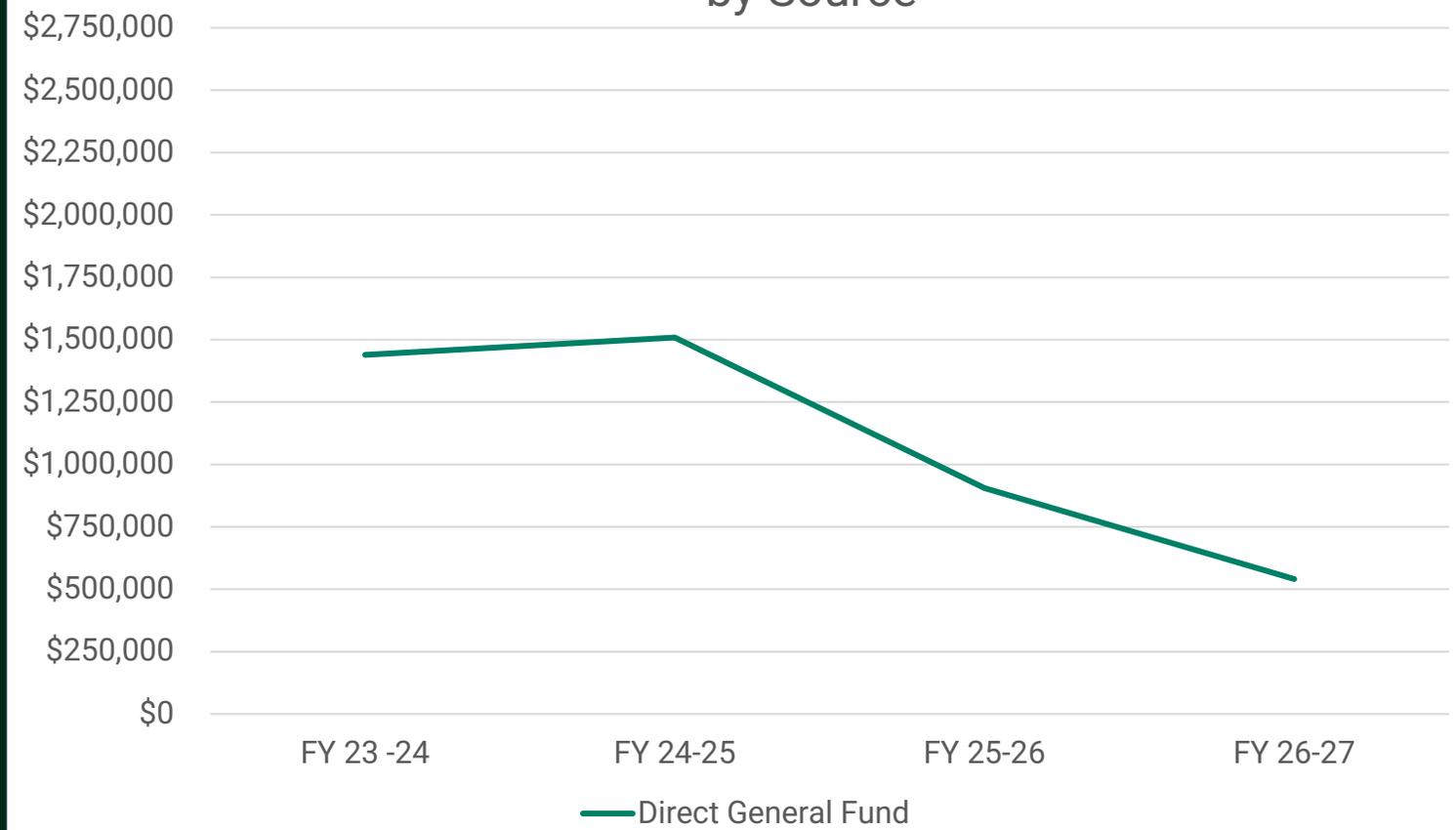


# More than an 80% decline in direct General Fund support over 4 years

- FY 22-23: The Board of Supervisors allocated CAP funding of \$2.6M, bringing total General Fund support to \$2,929,677.
- FY 26-27: Current Department budget proposal only includes \$544,886 of General Fund.

# Direct General Fund support

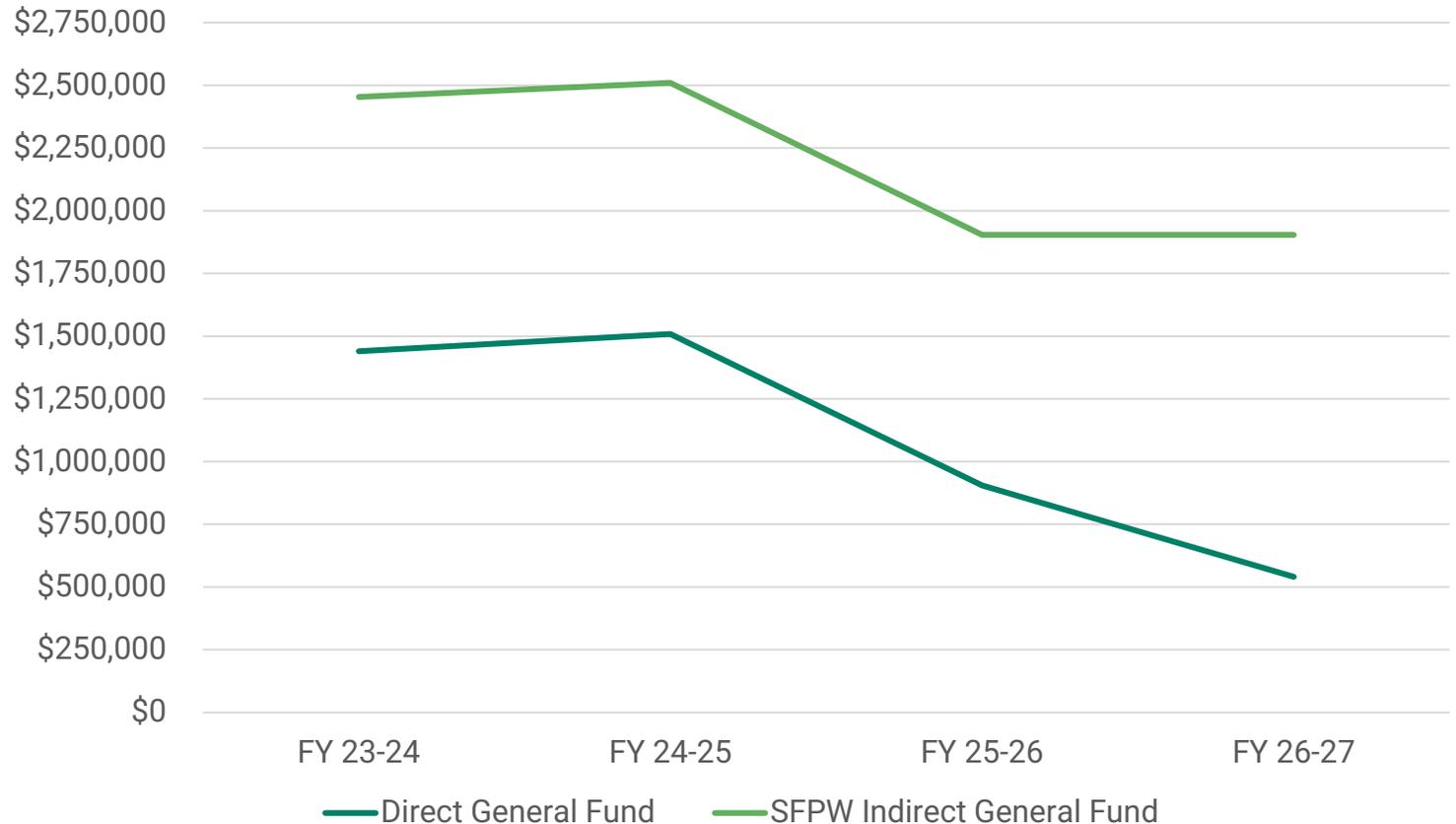
## Losses to Climate and Clean Transportation Funding by Source



# SF Public Works indirect General Fund support for climate and clean transportation work

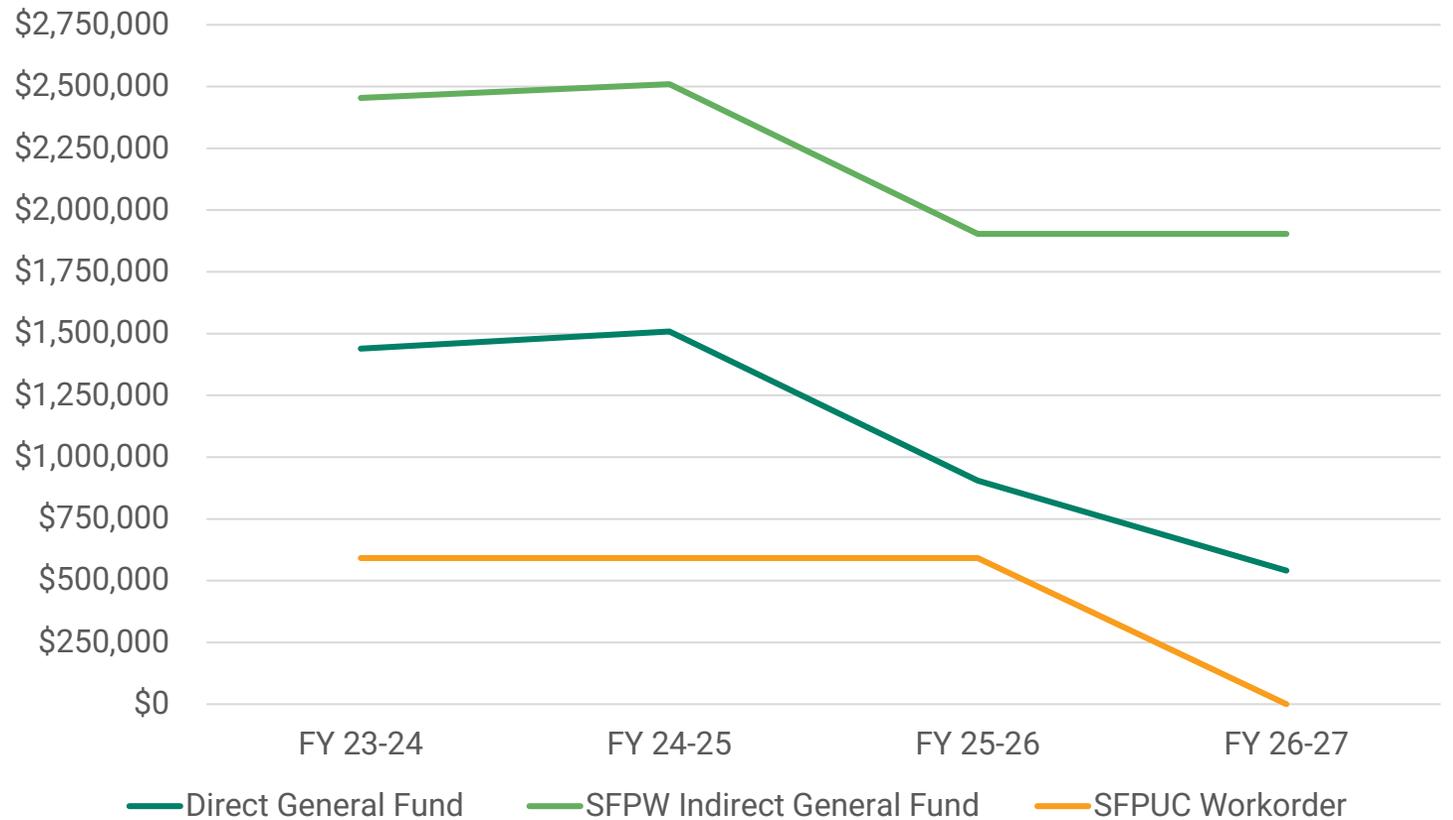


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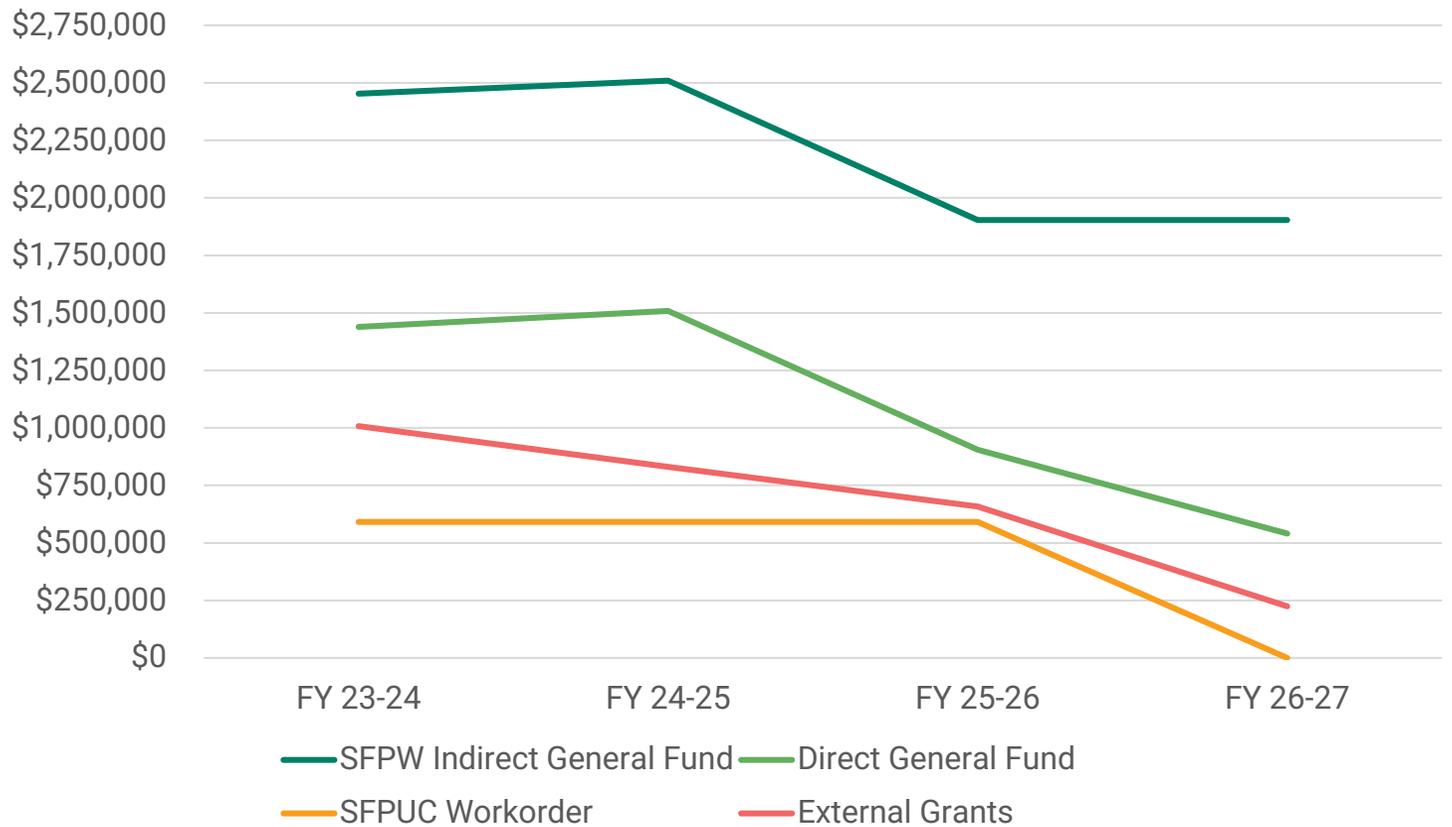
# SFPUC work order funding for climate and clean transportation work

## Losses to Climate and Clean Transportation Funding by Source



# External grant funding for climate and clean transportation work

## Losses to Climate and Clean Transportation Funding by Source



# Why SFE is leverage, not overhead

- Since November 2022, SFE has been awarded over **\$84 million** in grants.
- Using general fund dollars, SFE has secured over **\$43 million** in competitive climate and clean transportation grants - a **\$29:1** return on every dollar invested.
- Funds have supported electrification, EV charging infrastructure, small business assistance, and biodiversity.
- General fund enables the department to plan, coordinate, & compete for external investments – multiplying the City's impact.



# Current grants at risk of forfeiture (federal, state, local)

Grant/Funding Source	Award Amount	Work Status	Communities Impacted
Building Performance Standards	\$20,000,000	Stalled	Large commercial and multifamily/community building owners
Public Charging Infrastructure	\$15,000,000	Stalled	All SF residents/EV owners
Curbside Charging Planning	\$1,244,951	Stalled	All SF residents/EV owners, particularly multifamily residents
San Francisco Clean Cities Coalition	\$130,000/annual	Restarting	All SF residents/EV owners and EV businesses
TECH Clean California Quick Start	\$299,091	Starting Up	Low-income childcare facilities
CEC EV Phase II Blueprint	\$222,368	Almost Finished	All SF residents/EV owners and EV businesses
SFCTA Prop L Grant Funding	\$94,604	Pending	All SF residents/EV owners, particularly multifamily residents
<b>Totals</b>	<b>~37M</b>		

# Upcoming grants

Grant/Funding Source	Requested Amount	Status	Communities Impacted
Bloomberg Cities Youth Climate Innovation	\$50,000	Submitted	SF school-aged youth and students in higher education
LACI C40 Cities	Up to \$120,000	Awarded	All SF residents/EV owners, particularly multifamily/commercial buildings
USDN Catalyst Fund	\$19,500	Submitted	CCSF/All SF residents
Jumpstart	\$20,000	Pending Submission	All SF residents/ EV owners
DPR	TBD	Pending	SF Environmental Justice Communities
CA Natural Resources Agency (Prop 4)	Millions	Pending	All SF residents/urban greening
Strategic Growth Council	Millions	Pending	All SF residents/community resilience centers
Extreme Heat and Community Resilience Program (prop 4)	Millions	Pending	All SF residents
California State Parks (Prop 4)	Millions	Pending	All SF residents/environmental justice communities

# Impact of Funding Losses



# What's at stake?

- Approximately 8 FTE proposed for elimination.
- Core climate accountability and clean transportation delivery reduced or eliminated.
- Lack of adequate multilingual outreach and engagement supporting these priority areas.
- Inability to meet compliance requirements and millions in foregone future grant opportunities.

4.06 FTE Reduction

Eliminate coordination and tracking of the Climate Action Plan

Eliminate emissions tracking/modeling

Eliminate the Climate Equity Hub (low-income electrification and workforce training)

Eliminate City's only biodiversity role

Loss of capacity to implement the electric landscaping ordinance

**Projected impact of the FY 26-27 budget on climate program**

3.75 FTE Reduction

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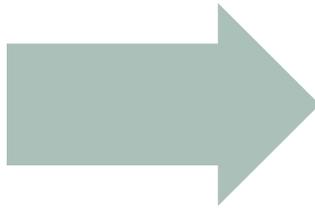
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**Projected impact of the FY 26-27 budget on clean transportation program**

Ongoing 3.00 FTE  
reduction related to  
FY 25/26 PW indirect  
General Fund  
reduction



Nearly eliminated the ability  
to conduct outreach and  
engagement related to Clean  
Transportation, Climate, and  
Energy due to funding  
restrictions

**Ongoing impact of the FY 25-26 budget on  
climate outreach**

# Commission funding request (2.4.26)

Program Area	FTEs Supported	Personnel	Non-Personnel	Key Deliverables at Risk if Unfunded
Climate Action Planning	1.26	\$352,617	\$47,000	Citywide Climate Plan coordination, GHG inventory, CDP/C40 reporting
Transportation Decarbonization	3.75	\$1,096,175	\$65,000	EV charging and e-mobility policy, ordinance compliance, curbside charging and urban freight decarbonization support
Building Decarbonization & Climate Equity Hub	2.15	\$498,854	\$300,000	Direct installs, technical & financial assistance, workforce pathways, equity engagement
Healthy Ecosystems & Communities	0.65	\$196,189	\$88,600	Biodiversity, gas-free landscaping implementation
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>7.81</b>	<b>\$2,143,835</b>	<b>\$500,600</b>	<b>Ongoing core Climate and Clean Transportation capacity restored beginning in FY 26-27 Proposed Budget</b>
Community Outreach & Engagement	3.00	\$562,131	\$185,000	Outreach focused on climate action, building electrification, and electric mobility
<b>TOTAL (not including new target reduction of \$60k)</b>	<b>10.81</b>	<b>\$2,705,966</b>	<b>\$685,600</b>	<b>Grand Total to address FY 25-26 impacts &amp; proposed FY 26-27: \$3,391,566</b>

# Questions and thank you!

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