

Office of the City Attorney **Budget Presentation**

FISCAL YEARS 2025-26 & 2026-27





**ADVICE &
COUNSEL**



**LEGISLATION &
CONTRACTS**



**DEFENSIVE
LITIGATION**



**AFFIRMATIVE
LITIGATION**



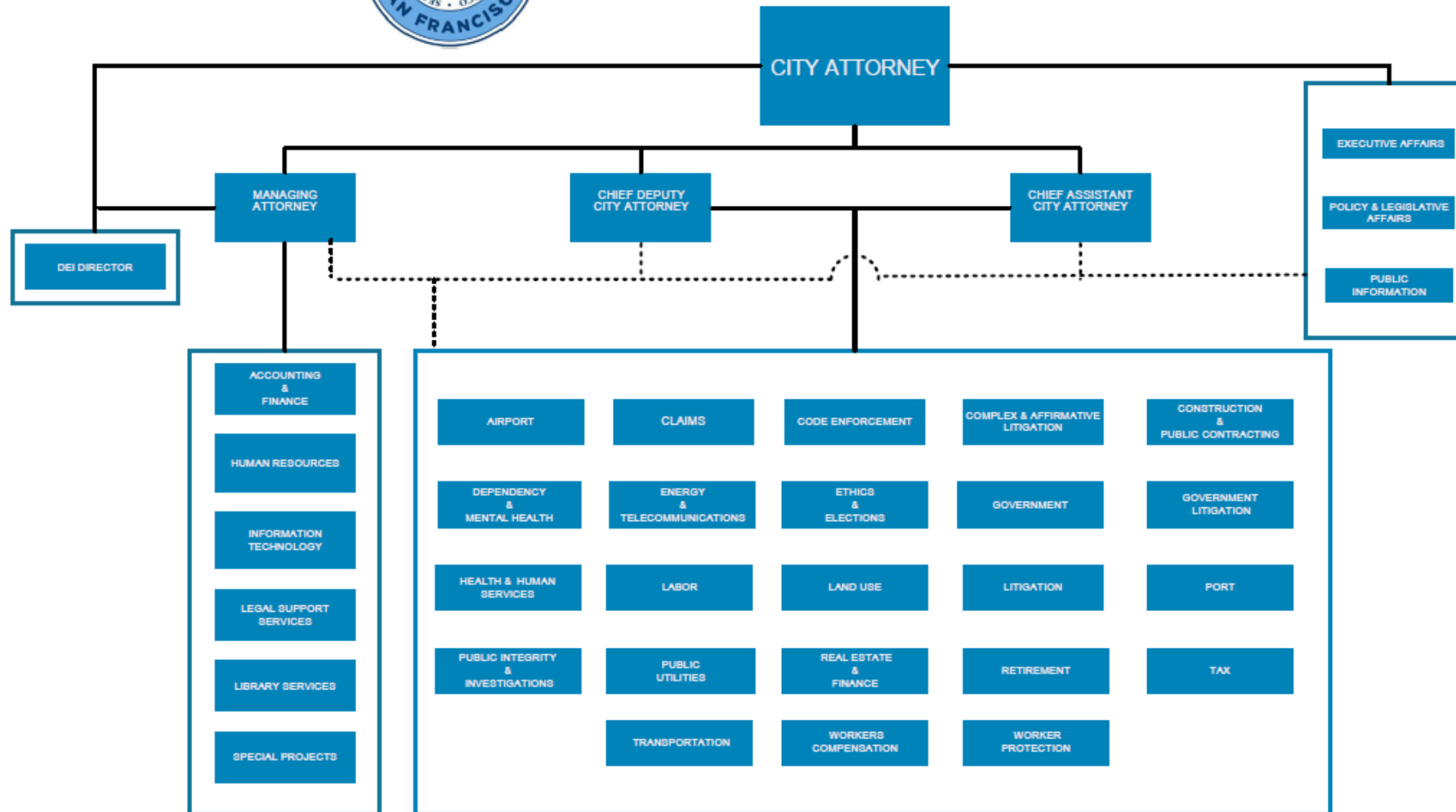
**PUBLIC
INTEGRITY &
INVESTIGATIONS**

Office Legal and Operations Teams

Airport	Claims	Code Enforcement	Complex & Affirmative Litigation
Construction & Public Contracting	Dependency & Mental Health	Energy & Telecommunications	Ethics & Elections
Executive	Finance & Real Estate	Government	Government Litigation
Health & Human Services	Labor	Land Use	Litigation
Port	Public Integrity & Investigations	Public Utilities	Retirement
Strategic Advocacy	Tax	Transportation	Workers' Compensation
Worker Protection			
Accounting	Human Resources	Information Technology	Legal Support



OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY STAFFING STRUCTURE



Our Work is Central to all City Operations

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

Federal Response Program

Unprecedented threat from the federal government to San Francisco's budget, core services, and communities.

- \$3.7 billion in federal funding at risk.

Close to 8,000 hours on work related to the Trump administration devoted by the Office in the first 4 months of 2025.

- Filed six lawsuits, and notched wins in every case at the District Court level.
- Office received no additional funding to do this work, adding to existing workload.

\$1,060,000 to fund 3 new positions.

- Continue monitoring, analyzing and advising clients on federal funding threats.
- Litigate cases to preserve federal funding, City laws and policies.

Public Safety

Advise public safety departments on initiatives to combat crime and **ensure safe and clean public streets**.

Use **code enforcement** actions to abate public nuisances, such as illegal gambling dens and unsanctioned nightclubs that fuel criminal activity.

Respond to **major incidents** involving City property, employees, and vehicles, perform **thorough incident investigations** to resolve claims, and provide appropriate information and resources to the public.

Engage with law enforcement and first responders on **emergency preparedness** initiatives and planning.

Homelessness & Housing

Advise on and defend every aspect of the City's **homelessness and mental health response**, including homelessness encampment practices.

Work with departments to negotiate agreements to finance and develop **new shelters and housing** for people experiencing homelessness.

Represent the City in **dependency and mental health matters**, getting people the treatment and services they need.

Advise on **development projects** and compliance with new State **housing development streamlining** laws.

Draft local housing development conversion and streamlining legislation, including **tax and fee abatement** and **land use flexibility**.

Enforce state and local habitability codes to ensure tenants live in safe and healthy conditions.

Economic Development & Downtown Revitalization

Review and approve hundreds of grants and contracts for OEWD and other departments to **foster economic development activities**.

Advise on **permitting reform** and City tax and fee relief programs.

Advise on **City-hosted large-scale events and conferences**, like 2023 APEC and the 2025 NBA All-Star Weekend.

Work with departments to activate unused spaces, encourage live events, and spark business recovery, to create a more **vibrant downtown environment** and boost commerce, travel, and tourism.

Advise the SFMTA on improved **transportation services** and funding options.

Defending the City's Resources

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

Secured several recent **jury defense verdicts**, standing up for San Francisco against frivolous lawsuits.

Public integrity work ensures taxpayers dollars are spent appropriately and efficiently.

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

Work on tax matters, contracts, real estate deals, and bonds ensures the City can generate revenue and recover costs.

Complex & Affirmative Litigation Team has recovered tens of millions of dollars for the City, including more than **\$350 million for the City to abate the opioid crisis**.

Code Enforcement Team has resolved 27 matters and brought in over \$9 million in settlements since May 2022. They **anticipate collecting \$14 million in settlements** in FY 2025-2026.

Worker Protection Team has **restored nearly \$16 million of stolen wages and benefits** to the pockets of City residents since 2023 and collected nearly a \$1 million in penalties and fees.

Our Claims Team **pursues collections for damage to City property** on behalf of City Departments, securing over \$1.8 million through approximately 400 collections in FY 24-25.

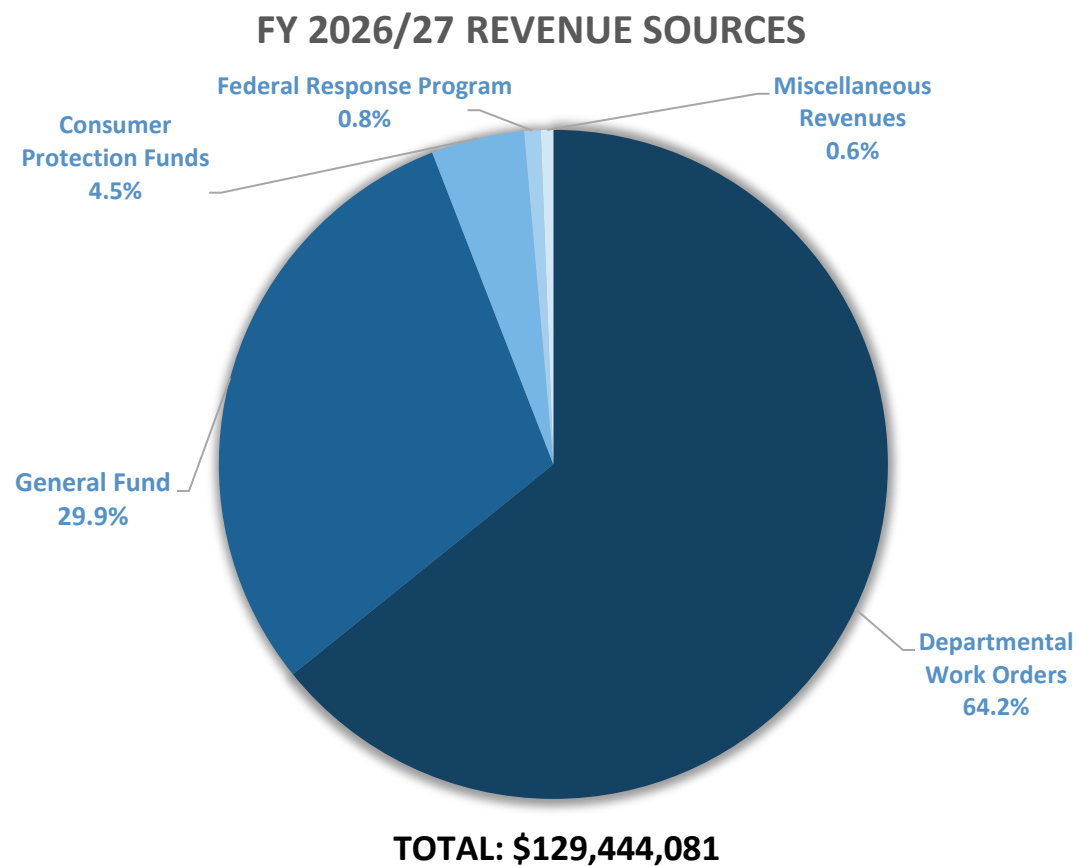
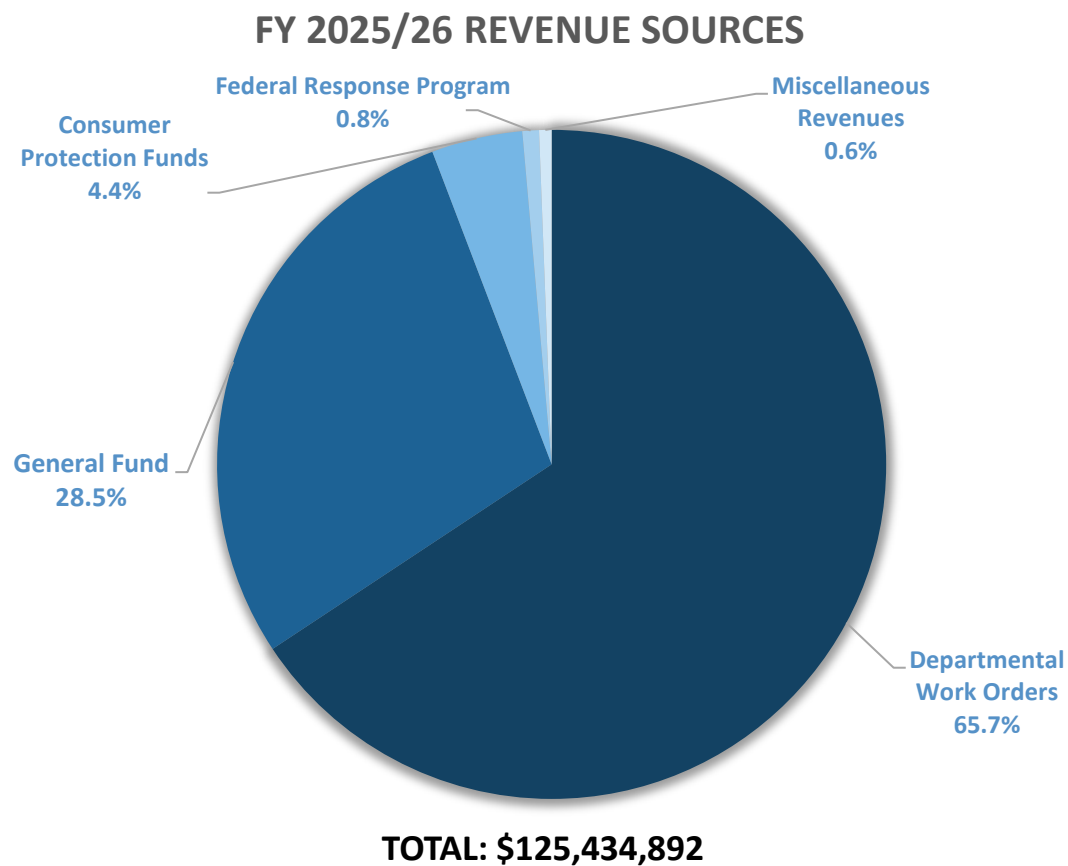
Out Energy Team created a program to recover costs from private parties who connect new electric generating projects to the electric grid, **bringing in \$35 million** since 2014.



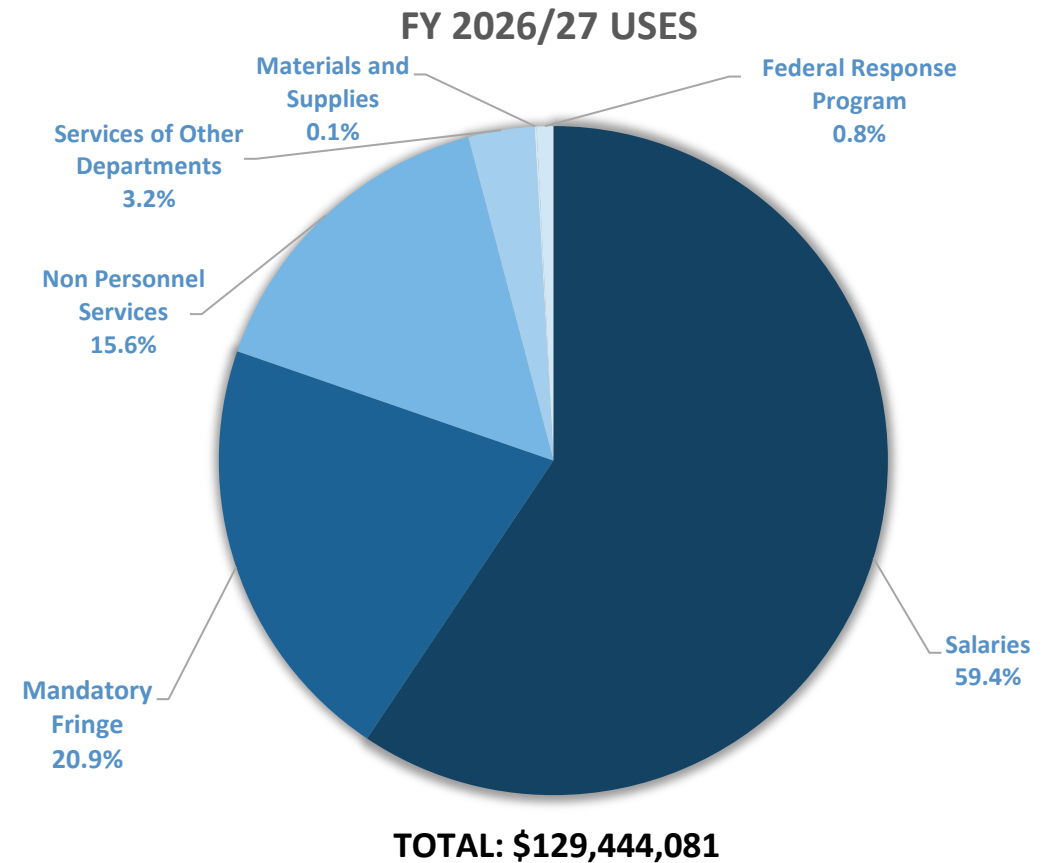
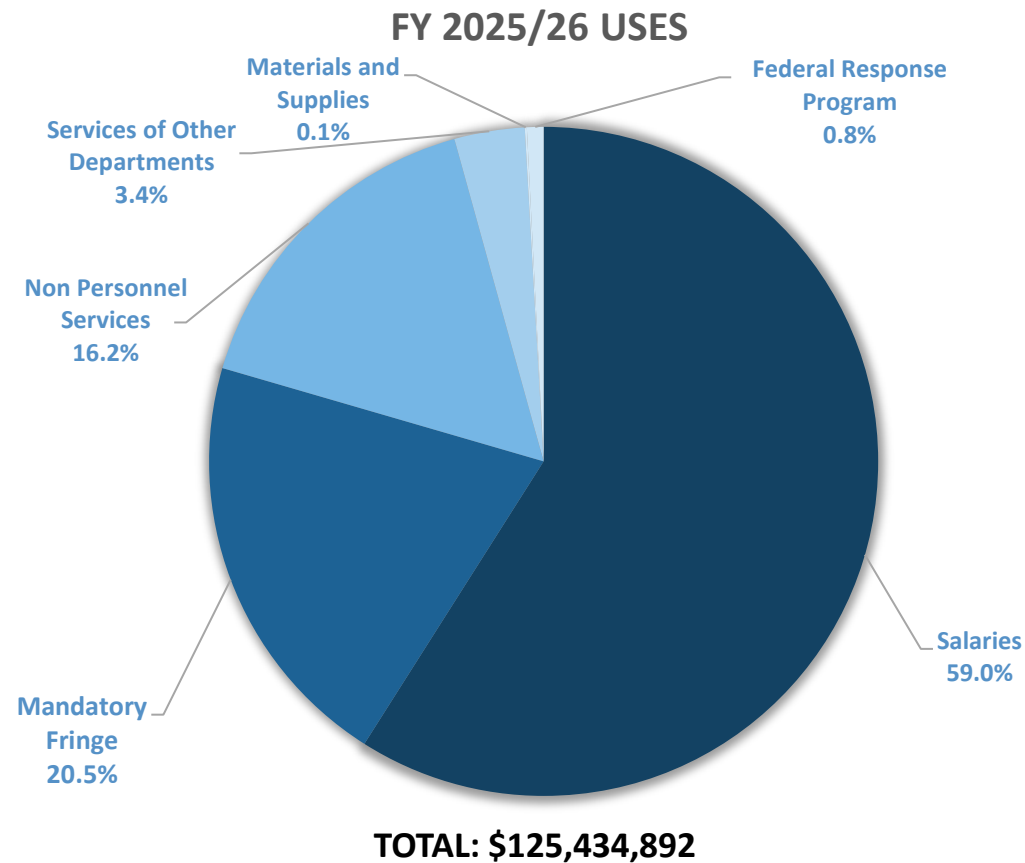
Budget



Budget Overview – Sources of Funds



Budget Overview - Uses of Funds



Adjustments to Budget

Adjustment Description	FY 2025-26 Change From 2024-25	FY 2026-27 Change From 2025-26
Mandatory Salary and Fringe - COLA and Attrition Adjustments	\$3,919,584	\$4,009,747
4 New Positions - Salary and Fringe - Non General Fund	861,091	262,525
Legal Expenditures	1,569,656	53,223
New Federal Response Program	1,060,000	-
Other Non Personnel Services – Training, Legal Subscriptions	22,000	(250,000)
Materials & Supplies	-	(3,488)
Services of Other Department	286,538	(62,818)
Summary of Changes	\$7,718,869	\$4,009,189



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