

Office of the City Attorney **Budget Presentation**

FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 & 2024-25





**ADVICE &
COUNSEL**



**LEGISLATION &
CONTRACTS**



**DEFENSIVE
LITIGATION**



**AFFIRMATIVE
LITIGATION**



**PUBLIC
INTEGRITY &
INVESTIGATIONS**

Office Legal and Operations Teams

Airport

Complex & Affirmative
Litigation

Executive

Health & Human Services

Litigation

Tax

Accounting

Child and Family Services/
Conservatorship

Construction & Public
Contracting

Finance & Real Estate

Public Integrity &
Investigations

Port

Transportation

Administrative Services

Claims

Energy &
Telecommunications

Government

Labor

Public Utilities

Workers' Compensation

Human Resources

Code Enforcement

Ethics & Elections

Government Litigation

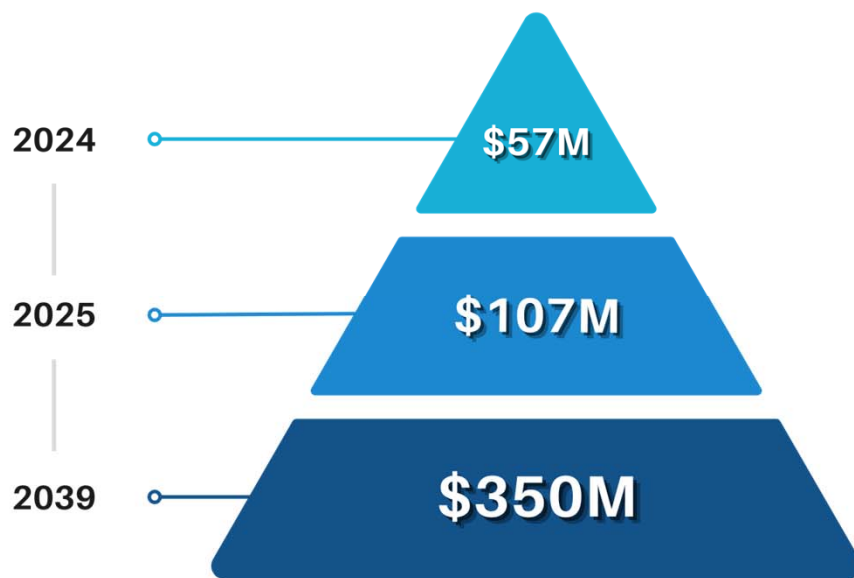
Land Use

Retirement

Worker Protection

Information Technology

Recent Accomplishments: Opioid Victory



In 2018, the City Attorney's Office brought a landmark lawsuit against the opioid industry for creating the opioid epidemic.

In 2022, a federal court found the last remaining defendant, Walgreens, liable for fueling the opioid crisis in SF.

Our Office secured a \$230 million settlement with Walgreens, the largest settlement in the opioid context between a single city or county and a single company.

In total, the litigation has yielded over \$350 million.

Recent Accomplishments



- Protected Laguna Honda from closure.
- With SFPD & SFDA, created unified protocol to provide multilingual services to victims of hate incidents.
- Helped OLSE secure multimillion dollar settlements for gig economy workers.
- Enforced habitability & safety standards against slumlords.
- Ensured non-citizen voting in last November's School Board election.

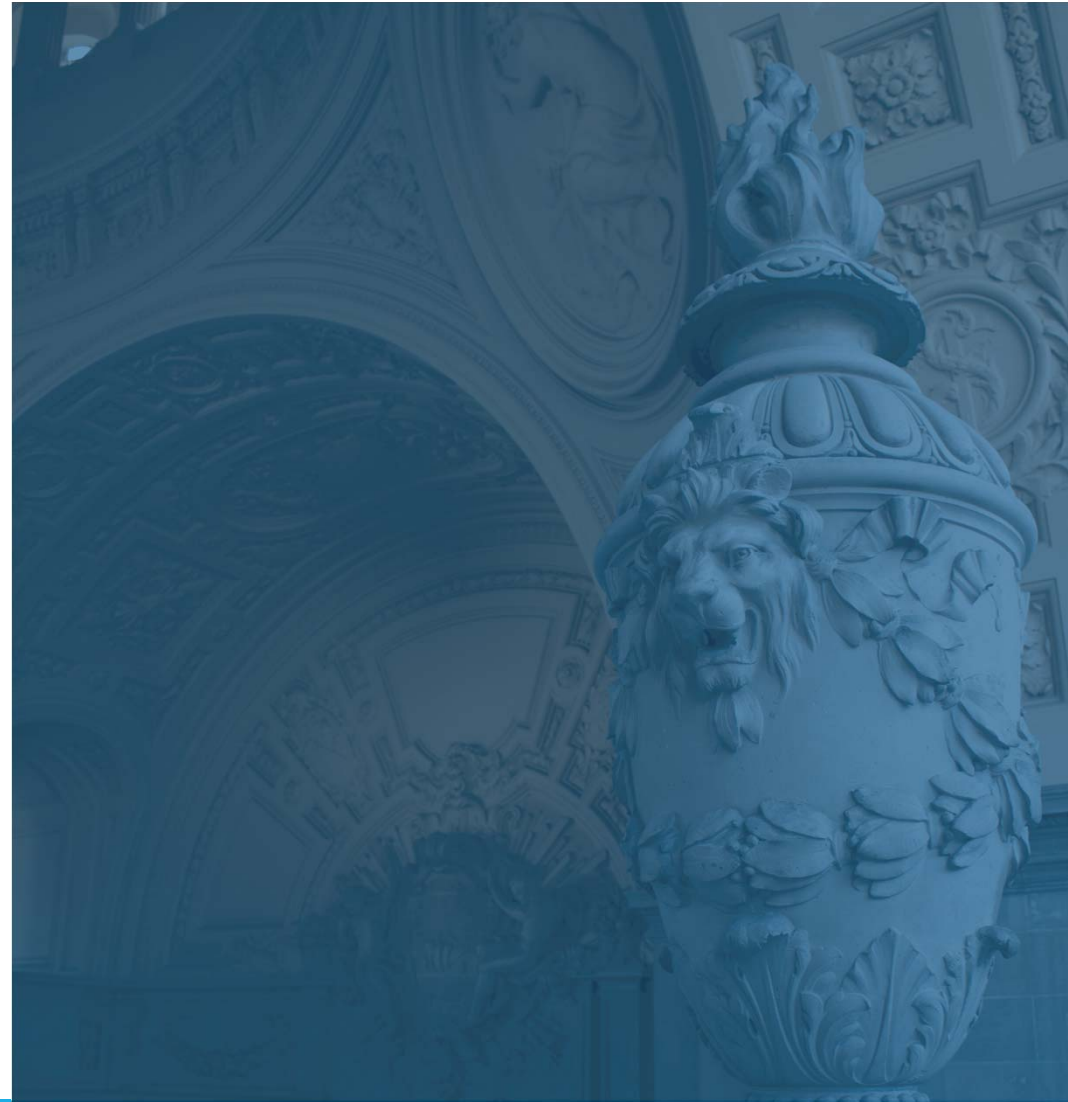
Recent Accomplishments

- Submitted a compliant Housing Element & supported all aspects of housing delivery.
- Upheld the City's eviction protection law, protecting tenants from wrongful eviction.
- Advised on and defended the City's homelessness response & policies in court.
- Supported efforts to revitalize economy.
- Defended the City's taxes & revenues in court.
- Reduced gun violence through gun violence restraining orders.



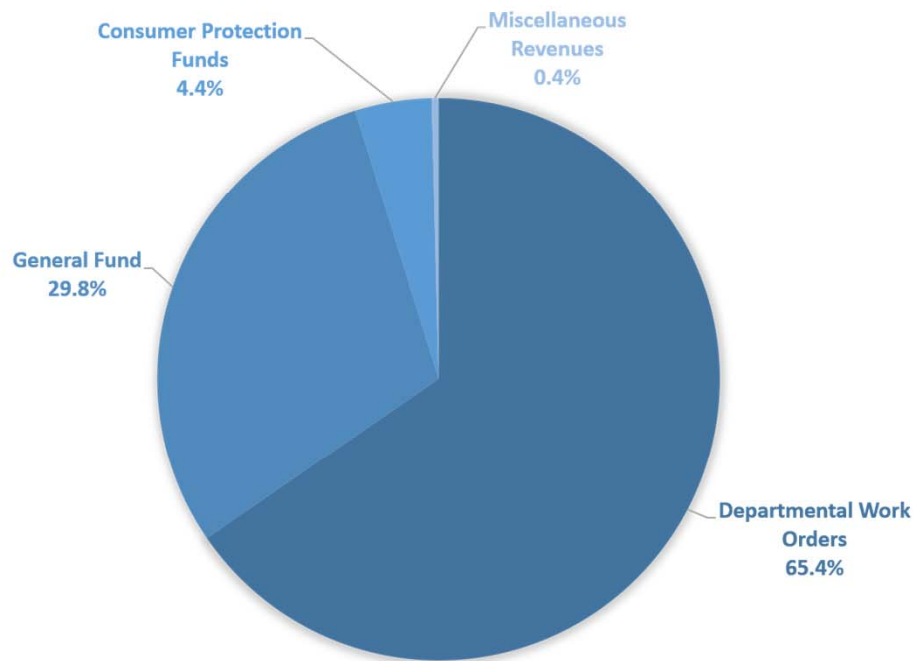


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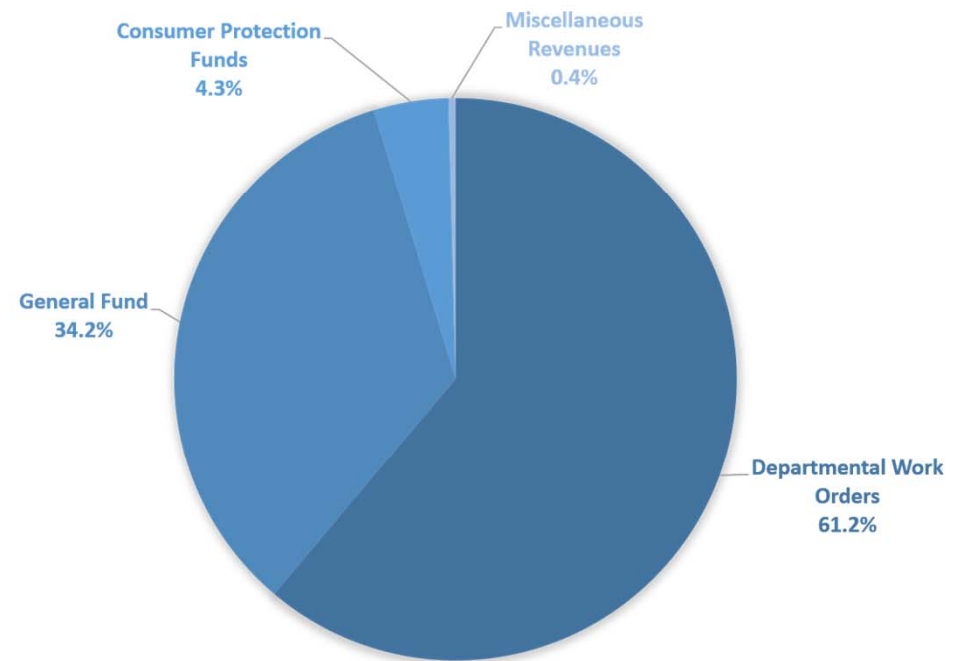
Budget Overview – Sources of Funds

FY 2023 – 24



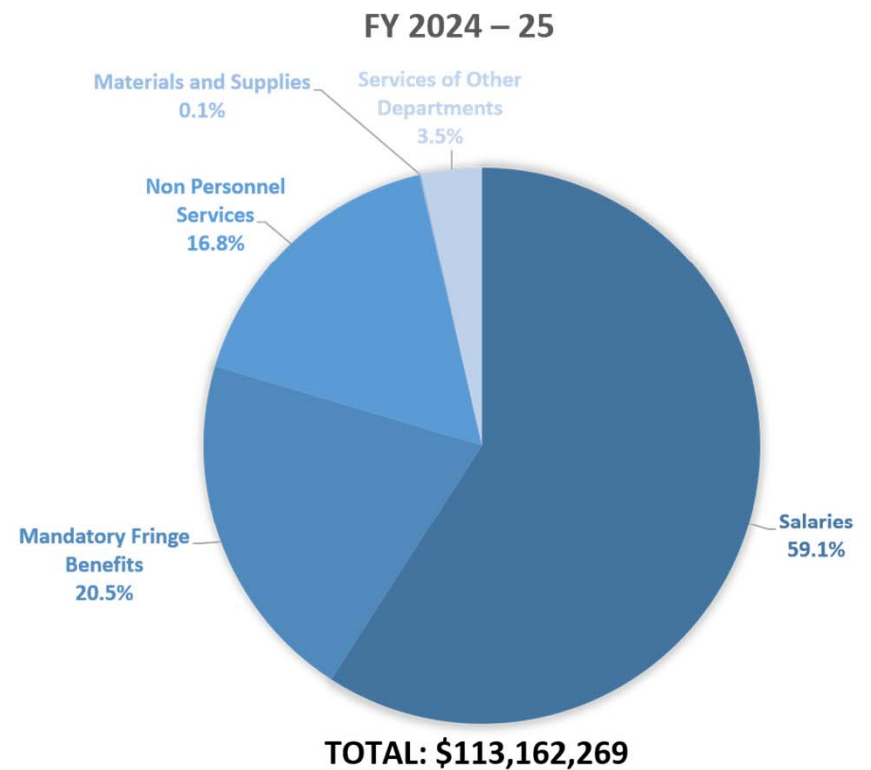
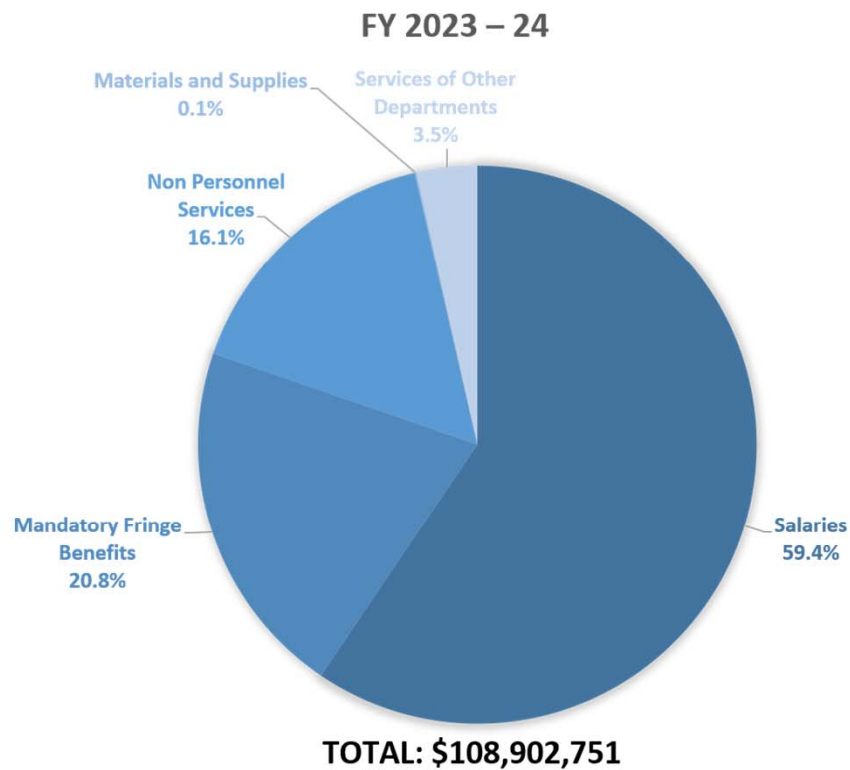
TOTAL: \$108,902,751

FY 2024 – 25



TOTAL: \$113,162,269

Budget Overview - Uses of Funds



Adjustments to Budget

Adjustment Description	FY 2023-24 Change From 2022-23	FY 2024-25 Change From 2023-24
Mandatory Salary and Fringe Benefits (COLA and Attrition adjustments)	2,009,374	2,531,254
4 New Positions – CARE Court	1,018,840	210,161
1 New Position – PUC Off Budget	-	-
Litigation Support IT Budget	555,640	55,144
Legal Expenditures	970,529	1,000,000
Other Non Personnel Services	755,867	407,396
Services of Other Department	184,281	71,063
Materials and Supplies	(6,000)	(15,500)
Summary of Changes	5,488,531	4,259,518

Litigation Support & Technology Needs



- Increase in technology budget to begin modernizing legacy technology systems, allowing us to remain current and competitive.



- Increase in legal services budget for outside counsel, consultants, experts, court reporters, translation services, and other legal vendors.

Critical New Personnel

CARE COURT

- New state mandate requires three new deputy city attorneys and one paralegal.
- SF CARE Court implementation must be operational by October 2023.
- Each petition involves significant investigation, at least five court hearings, and a bench trial.
- Potential CARE Court caseload is double the current conservatorship docket.

GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS (GVROS)

Our Office obtains GVROs through civil court proceedings to remove firearms from individuals at risk of harming themselves or others.



WHEN CAN WE SEEK A GVRO?

Law enforcement refers cases to our Office when a person poses a serious threat to themselves or others.



EXPANDED TRAINING

With investment in last year's budget, we expanded this work and organized trainings for San Francisco agencies.



INCREASING REFERRALS

Our Office actively engages to increase referrals from our law enforcement partners.

Gun Violence Restraining Orders

Through our GVRO efforts, the City has seized firearms from:

- Homes where minors had access to loaded, unsecured weapons.
- Individuals experiencing psychotic episodes, dealing with serious trauma, and making suicidal threats.
- In domestic violence situations. For example, we seized firearms from an individual, who strangled his mother while telling her “I hope you die.”
- The individual who brought a firearm to the Balboa Theatre, shot blank rounds in a synagogue, and made antisemitic remarks.
- A mentally ill individual with multiple firearms, firearm accessories, a camouflage suit, and ingredients to make homemade bombs.





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