

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

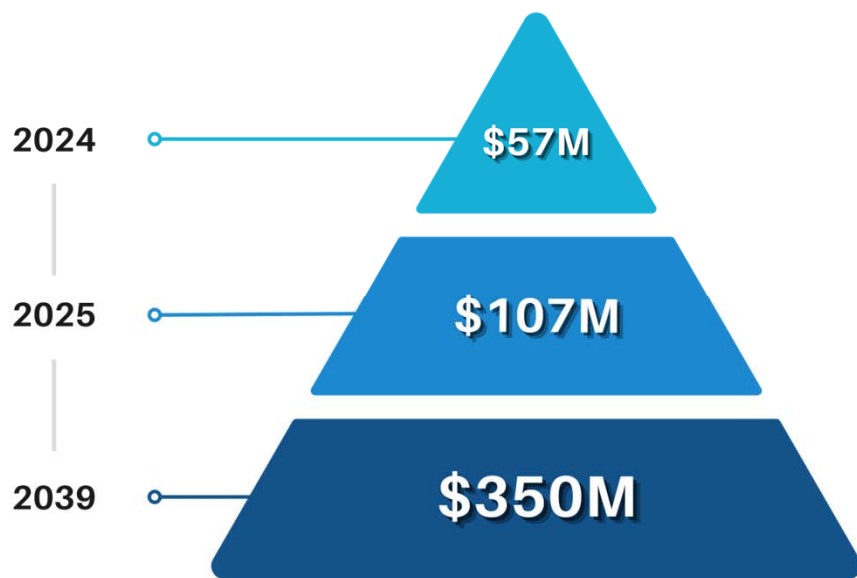
Land Use

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.

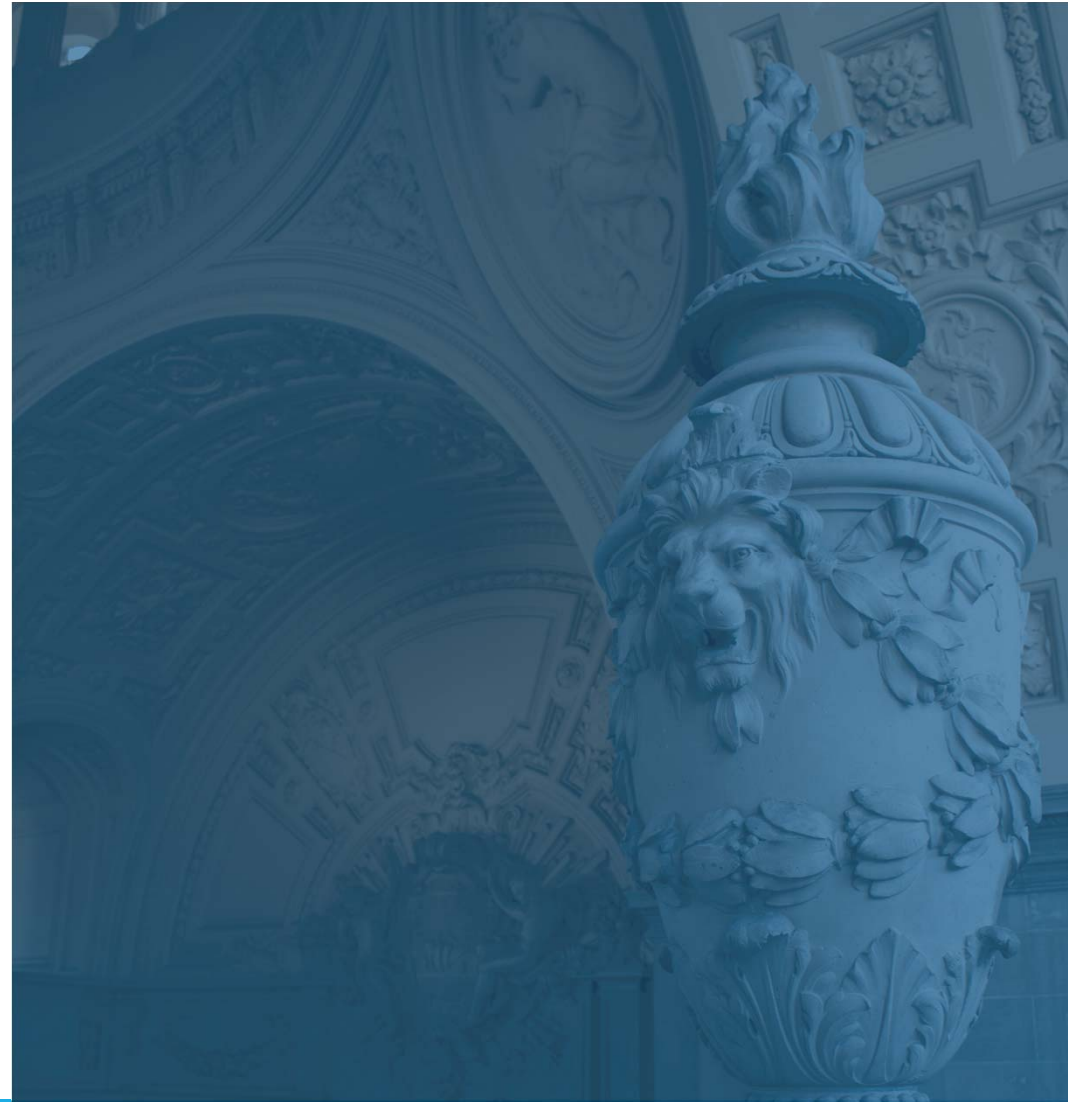






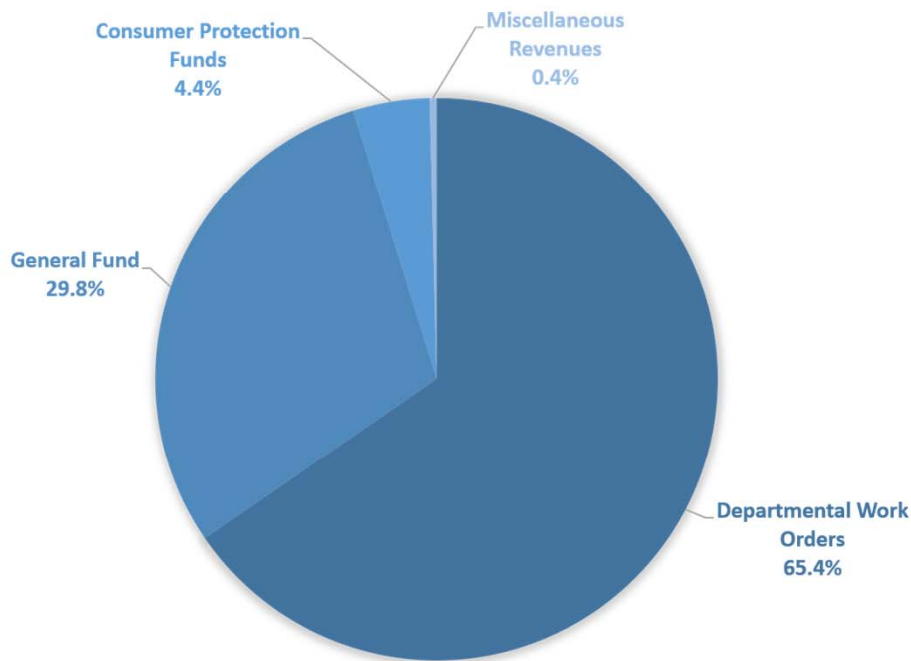
# Budget

---



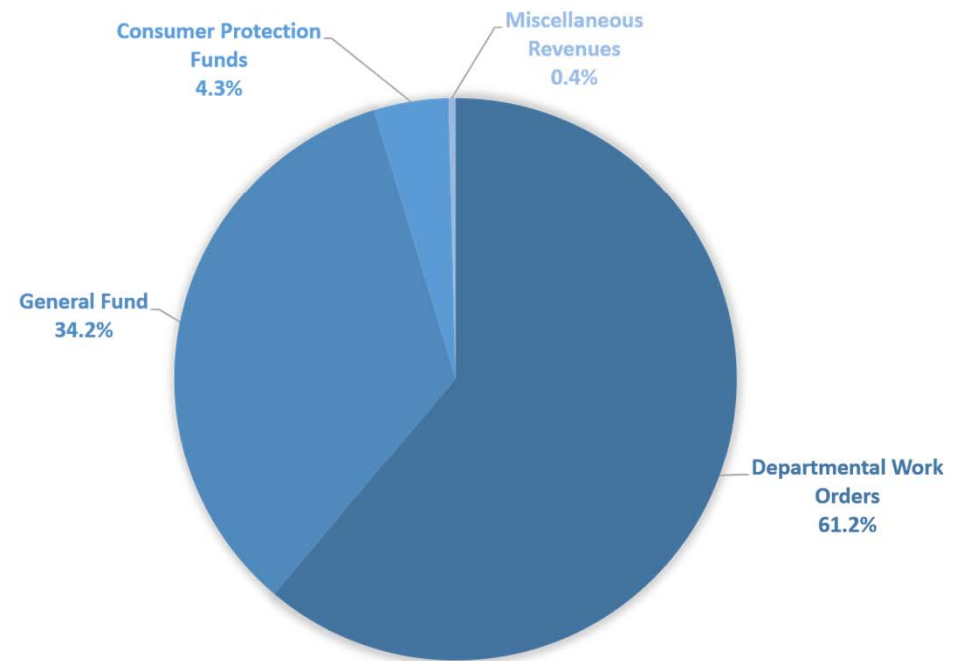
# Budget Overview – Sources of Funds

FY 2023 – 24



TOTAL: \$108,902,751

FY 2024 – 25

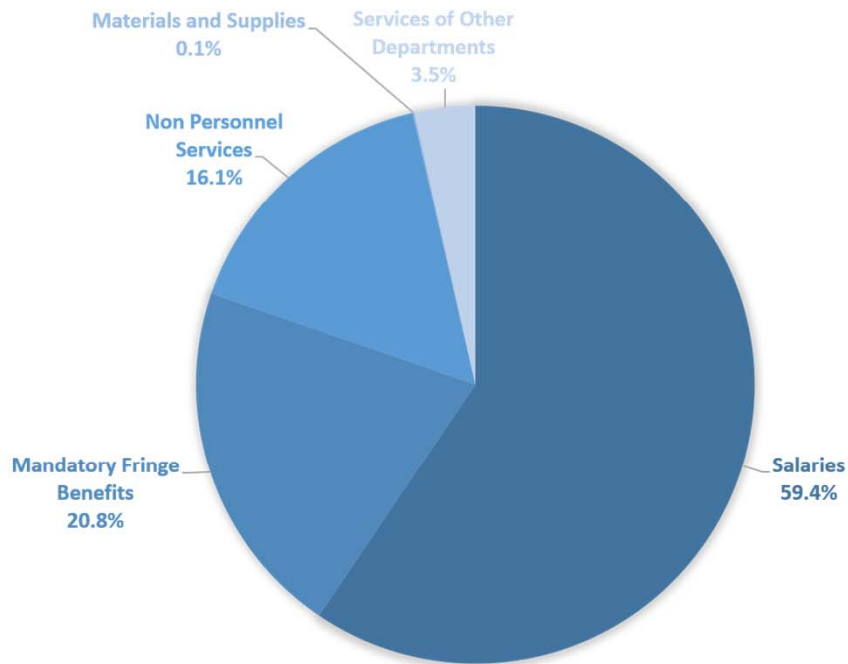


TOTAL: \$113,162,269



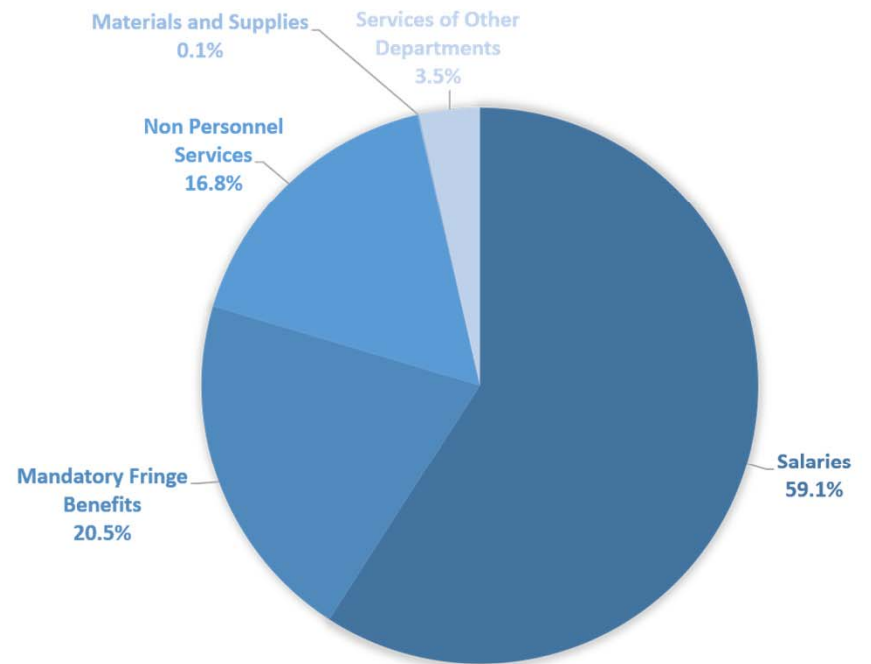
# Budget Overview - Uses of Funds

FY 2023 – 24



TOTAL: \$108,902,751

FY 2024 – 25



TOTAL: \$113,162,269

# 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)
<b>Summary of Changes</b>	<b>5,488,531</b>	<b>4,259,518</b>

# 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.







# San Francisco City Attorney's Office

FISCAL YEARS 2023-24 & 2024-25