

Department of Regional Planning

MISSION

Provide equitable planning, development, and engagement for all unincorporated LA County residents and businesses to help create vibrant, sustainable, and resilient communities.

MANDATORY & MAJOR DUTIES

- Advance Planning
 - General Plan and Title 22
- Current Planning
 - Case Processing/Zoning Regulations
- Land Use Regulation
- Administration



CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

FY 2025-2026
Final Adopted Budget
(\$ Millions)

Total Appropriation <i>(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)</i>		\$50.1
	Salaries & Employee Benefits (212 positions)	40.1 (80%)
	Services & Supplies	9.0 (18%)
	Other (Cap Assets/Equip, Other Charges)	1.0 (2%)
Sources of Funding <i>(How We Pay For All of This)</i>		\$50.1
	Federal Assistance	--
	State Assistance	--
	Fees/Charges for Services*	10.5 (21%)
	Other Resources**	1.7 (3%)
	Net County Cost <i>remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues</i>	37.9 (76%)

* Some State and Federally funded services are reflected as “Fees/Charges for Services” through reimbursement mechanisms (e.g., Medi-Cal billing)

** “Other Resources” includes miscellaneous revenues not otherwise classified, including fines, settlements, interest earnings, and interdepartmental billing

BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY PROGRAM AREA

What These Investments Deliver For Residents

General Program Category	% of Dept Budget
Advance Planning	21%
Current Planning	36%
Land Use Regulation	22%
Administration	21%

Program categories shown here are presentation-level groupings created to consolidate information from the new LA County Enterprise System (LACES) for this briefing. Note that as part of the County's initial rollout of data-driven budgeting through LACES, categories and outcome measures will continue to evolve based on practical use and data insights as departments operationalize the system in FY 2026–27.

DEPARTMENT PRIORITIES, METRICS & OUTCOMES

Priority #1		
Fire Recovery (Altadena & Unincorporated Palisades)		
Destroyed Parcels (#)	Eaton 6,746	Palisades 671
Rebuild apps received	2,791	210
Cleared	2,444	176
% Processed	87.6%	83.8%
Avg initial review time (biz days)	7	11

*Jan. 2025 to Jan. 2026

Priority #2		
Housing Element Implementation		
~56,000 additional housing units to date		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rezoning Program for Board-adopted Area Plans• Compliance with SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)		
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Priority #3		
Continued Case Processing Efficiencies		
Applications Approved		
	4,066 (2024)	
	4,442 (2025) ↑9%	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EPIC-LA Migration to SaaS• Data tracking enhancements		

BUDGET REQUEST (FY2026-2027)

Total New Appropriation Request*	\$1.9M
Additional positions requested	0.0
Additional NCC requested	\$1.9M

Key Budget Requests	Amount (\$Millions)	One-Time/ Ongoing?	Positions
County Counsel General Advice	\$1.3	Ongoing	0.0
County Counsel-Litigation	\$0.6	One-time	0.0

* Priority budget and unmet needs requests

CHALLENGES & MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Challenge	Response
Long-term fire recovery workload	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Secured \$2.3M in HCD Recovery Planning Grant fundingSubmitted \$397K in OEM FEMA reimbursement claimsPursuing \$16.1M in Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding
Rising legal costs and exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">General legal advice mitigates legal risk and exposure for the CountyExplore embedded in-house legal services within the Department