

# 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



**LA COUNTY**

**PLANNING**

## CURRENT BUDGET OVERVIEW

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

### Total Appropriation

*(What We Budgeted to Spend in FY 2025-26)*

**\$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

*(How We Pay For All of This)*

**\$50.1**



Federal Assistance

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State Assistance

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Fees/Charges for Services\*

**10.5** (21%)



Other Resources\*\*

**1.7** (3%)



Net County Cost

*remaining balance, covered by locally generated revenues*

**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			PRIORITY #2		PRIORITY #3	
Fire Recovery (Altadena & Unincorporated Palisades)			Housing Element Implementation		Continued Case Processing Efficiencies	
	Eaton	Palisades	<div>~56,000</div> additional housing units to date		<u>Applications Approved</u>	
Destroyed Parcels (#)	6,746	671			4,066 (2024)	
Rebuild apps received	2,791	210	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rezoning Program for Board-adopted Area Plans</li> <li>Compliance with SCAG Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)</li> </ul>		4,442 (2025) ↑9%	
Cleared	2,444	176			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EPIC-LA Migration to SaaS</li> <li>Data tracking enhancements</li> </ul>	
% Processed	87.6%	83.8%				
Avg initial review time (biz days)	7	11				
*Jan. 2025 to Jan. 2026						

## 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"><li>• Secured <b>\$2.3M</b> in HCD Recovery Planning Grant funding</li><li>• Submitted <b>\$397K</b> in OEM FEMA reimbursement claims</li><li>• Pursuing <b>\$16.1M</b> in Cal OES Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funding</li></ul>
Rising legal costs and exposure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General legal advice mitigates legal risk and exposure for the County</li><li>• Explore embedded in-house legal services within the Department</li></ul>