



# Budget Deliberations

## 2024-25 Final Changes to the Recommended Budget

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

**CEO.**

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Chief Executive Officer

June 24, 2024

# CEO. Changes in this Budget Phase

**TOTAL BUDGET:  
\$45.6 BILLION**



Adds **\$251 million** to the Recommended Budget

**TOTAL BUDGETED POSITIONS: 116,571**



Adds **412 positions** to the Recommended Budget

**No changes to property tax revenue forecasts**

**This phase in our budget process does not yet include any unspent funds or over-realized revenues from the 2023-24 fiscal year, which ends June 30. Any year-end surplus funds will be allocated in the Final Adopted Budget in October.**

# CEO. New *Care First* Investments

Despite limited new funding available in this budget phase and uncertainties ahead, the County continues to expand its commitment to *Care First* by:

- Growing the Department of Youth Development by 28 positions
- Adding 10 positions to the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department
- Expanding the Office of Diversion and Reentry's Housing program to 3,450 beds
- Adding positions to help reduce the jail population by expediting transfers to State hospitals



Expanding  
diversion  
opportunities



Reducing our  
Jail Population

# CEO. Other New Commitments



Mental health services

**\$66.9 million funded by the Mental Health Services Act, including money to:**

- Build 24 child/family mental health care housing units and add 16 residential treatment beds in South Los Angeles
- Expand community mental health care countywide
- Pay for hotel and motel rooms to increase supply of interim housing

Specialized housing



**\$9 million** for substance abuse prevention and treatment at interim housing sites

**\$5 million** in federal funding for refugee assistance



Voting Solutions for All People

**30 new Environmental Health positions** in the Department of Public Health to support operations including new rental housing and mobile and micro-kitchen inspections

**\$3.5 million** for additional security at our juvenile halls

**\$19.8 million** to support Voting Solutions for All People

Investments in cybersecurity



**\$1.5 million** to protect against growing cybersecurity threats

# CEO. Update on State Budget Impacts

**The Governor and Legislative Leadership have reached a budget agreement, prior to start of the July 1 fiscal year.**

- Many of the most significant cuts have been partially or completely reversed.
- However, the County continues to closely monitor potential cuts or funding reductions in:
  - CalWORKS programs
  - Child welfare programs
  - Justice and Public Safety programs
  - Public Health and Behavioral Health programs
- CEO will incorporate the impacts of the final Budget Agreement in the Supplemental Budget phase.



### Looking forward, the County faces sobering budget challenges:



- Potential liability and settlements from Child Victims Act claims under AB 218
- Uncertainty in the real estate market could negatively impact property taxes in future years
- DOJ consent decree and other jail-related court actions could mandate new funding commitments
- Expiration of American Rescue Plan one-time funding in 2026
- Homeless and housing crisis continues while Measure H is set to expire in 2027
- Structural deficits in the Departments of Children and Family Services, Fire and Health Services may require new commitments



## The Board's new Fiscal Resilience Protocol continues to align budget decisions with Board priorities.

- A tiered readiness system determines which motions are ready for implementation and consideration for possible funding.
- A detailed checklist further informs funding recommendations.



- Closing County books for Fiscal Year 2023-24
- Monitoring and incorporating State budget changes into the County budget
- Moving motions forward based on Fiscal Resilience Protocol
- **Supplemental/Final Adopted Budget scheduled for October 8**