



County of Los Angeles

# BUDGET AT A GLANCE

## FY 2025-26 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET

Recommended Budget  
April 15, 2025

Final Changes  
June 23, 2025

Supplemental Budget  
September 30, 2025

The **SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET** ("Final Adopted Budget") is the final update in the County's annual budget cycle. It reflects more complete revenue data (e.g., updated property taxes, changes in State/federal funding) and savings identified after closing the books on the prior year.

### SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET AT A GLANCE

**\$52.5B** TOTAL BUDGET

**115,966** BUDGETED POSITIONS

- **CHANGE VS. PRIOR BUDGET PHASE:** Increase of **\$3.7B** and decrease of **1,215** positions from the Adopted Budget (approved June 25, 2025)
- **CHANGE VS. PRIOR FISCAL YEAR:** Increase of **\$3.3B** and decrease of **1,120** positions from the FY 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget

### KEY REVENUE DRIVERS/ADJUSTMENTS

#### *How Much Did We Identify to Fund the Budget?*

The **\$3.7 billion increase** from the Adopted Budget is driven by one-time year-end savings identified after closing the books, updated revenue estimates, and use of reserves, including:

- **\$1.8B** in unspent prior-year funds;
- **\$910.1M** in funding previously set aside in reserves;
- **\$886.8M** in new State, federal, and non-locally generated revenue;
- **\$48.2M** in new ongoing locally generated revenue, resulting from the official 2025 Assessment Roll that reported growth in assessed valuation of 3.91%.

### KEY BUDGETARY PRESSURES

#### *What's Making It Hard to Balance the Budget?*

The County faces multiple budgetary pressures that are expected to considerably impact its fiscal outlook. These pressures, which have also been highlighted in my office's weekly budget briefing during the Board meetings, remain unchanged and include the following:

- **Legal settlements and liabilities:** Financing the \$4.0B settlement of AB 218 childhood sexual assault cases;
- **Disaster recovery costs:** Accounting for the approximate \$800.0 million impact of the devastating January 2025 wildfires;
- **Labor and structural cost growth:** Funding the multi-billion dollar investment in our County workforce resulting from labor negotiations; and
- **Federal cuts:** Addressing the federal cuts which have begun to impact the County.

### CEO'S BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

#### *Our Plan For a Balanced Budget*

The CEO's recommendations reflect a strategic belt-tightening approach in response to rising pressures on the budget and the diminishing availability of funds. Unlike past years, requests for one-time NCC are not slam dunk—there's far less available for one-time uses.

Of the \$52.5 billion budget, the vast majority—\$38.3 billion or 73%—is tied to program-specific revenues and fixed costs. Even within the \$14.2 billion NCC (27% of the budget), most is either one-time or already earmarked. Only a minimal amount remains truly flexible for programming decisions, underscoring the need for careful prioritization.

#### *Recommended Use of Additional Ongoing Funding*

A 0.7% increase in the Assessor's 2025 roll forecast is estimated to generate \$48.2M in new ongoing funding, which is recommended to be used as follows:

- \$40.0M for a \$0.74 an hour wage increase for In-Home Supportive Services providers who offer at-home assistance to older and/or disabled residents.
- \$8.2 million to be set aside in Appropriations for Contingencies, per Board Policy 4.030, which requires that 17 percent of new ongoing discretionary revenues be reserved as a hedge against unforeseen budget issues during the fiscal year.

#### *Recommended Use of One-Time Funding*

Of the \$3.7B increase in this phase, \$1.8B is one-time funding that was unspent in FY 2024-25 across the seven

County funds, of which \$1.3B was generated in the non-General County funds and is being reallocated for various operational needs within those funds.

The remaining \$0.5B is in the General Fund and is now reappropriated for one-time needs, including:

- \$100.6M for projects not completed in the prior year.
- \$96.1M to continue various homeless programs and services.
- \$61M is set aside in Rainy Day Fund.
- \$25M for debris removal from the January 2025 wildfires.

### Key Programmatic Funding Adjustments

The 2025-26 Supplemental Budget also directs significant funding to the following key areas:

#### Homelessness & Housing

- \$164.8M in one-time fund balance from Measure H and Measure A for a total combined budget of \$1.5B for the County's, LACHASA, and LACDA **multi-layered approach to combating homelessness**.
- \$79.8M in one-time MHSA funds to support the development of a **one-stop multi-service campus for children and youth**.
- \$9.8M in one-time Affordable Housing funding to DCBA to support the **Wildfire and At-Risk Rent Relief Program**.
- \$2.0M in one-time Affordable Housing funding to acquire the **Bellflower New Hope Shelter**.

#### Care First, Jails Last

- \$181.5M in unspent CFCI funds for the Year Four Spending Plan to continue the **Care First, Jails Last** vision and \$245.8M in uncommitted funds that are pending future allocation.
- \$184.3M for **AB 109** programs.

#### Public Health Services

- \$20M to establish a **public health emergency reserve fund**.

#### Children, Older Adults & People with Disabilities

- \$9.4M to DCFS for **expanding the Guaranteed Breathe Program** to non-minor dependent foster youth and funding a neutral facilitator for Child and Family Team meetings at the South Bay Counseling Center.
- \$2.5M to DYD for the **Our SPOT program** that provides youth development through recreational programs in a safe space at select County parks to teens in grades 6-12.

#### Immigrant Support

- \$2.6M to DCBA for the **RepresentLA** program and **Office of Immigrant Affairs**.
- \$4.8M for APD (\$1.2M) and PD (\$3.6M) to provide **immigration defense assistance**.

#### Other Significant Program Changes

- \$6.6M in one-time grant funding for DEO to provide **employment and career support services** to 1,000 workers impacted by the January 2025 wildfires.
- \$16.4M one-time funding transfer from the PFU budget unit for the Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk's **VSAP** election system model.

## UNDERSTANDING WHAT'S AVAILABLE TO ALLOCATE

The CEO recommends changes to the full budget, but only a small portion is flexible. Most of the budget comes from program-specific revenue – including State, federal, and special district funds earmarked for specific purposes designated under legal, contractual or voter-approved requirements.

The rest of the budget comes from locally generated revenue, also known as net County cost (NCC), and its flexibility varies:

- **One-time NCC** is available only once and can't be relied on in future years;
- **Restricted ongoing NCC** is largely obligated to cover mandated/structural commitments, e.g., Maintenance of Effort<sup>1</sup>, legal/contractual obligations, State/Federal requirements;
- **Unrestricted ongoing NCC** is the most flexible and can be used to address Board priorities and discretionary programs.

<sup>1</sup> **Maintenance of Effort (MOE)** means the County is required to keep spending at a certain level — usually to continue receiving State or federal funding. These rules prevent cuts to core programs by making sure local funding doesn't drop below a set baseline.

## 2025-26 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET SUMMARY

(\$ in Millions)

Total Budget by Fund	2023-24 Final Adopted	2024-25 Final Adopted	2025-26 Recommended	2025-26 Final Changes	2025-26 Supplemental	Change From Final Changes	% Change
Total General County	\$ 35,934	\$ 37,995	\$ 37,352	\$ 37,766	\$ 40,097	\$ 2,331	6.2%
Special Funds/Special Districts	10,809	11,178	10,569	11,041	12,380	1,339	12.1%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 46,743</b>	<b>\$ 49,173</b>	<b>\$ 47,921</b>	<b>\$ 48,807</b>	<b>\$ 52,477</b>	<b>\$ 3,670</b>	<b>7.5%</b>
<b>Budgeted Positions</b>	<b>115,324</b>	<b>117,086</b>	<b>117,100</b>	<b>117,091</b>	<b>115,966</b>	<b>(1,125)</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>
Position Change by Department	Net Change	Description					
Fire	81	Adds 45 positions to convert 15 engine companies from 3-person to 4-person staffing; 16 positions to expand employment opportunities for formerly incarcerated wildland firefighters; 11 positions for the Advanced Provider Response Unit; 6 positions to staff a permanent Recruit Training Cadre; and 6 positions for the Early Detection Rapid Response program.					
Parks and Recreation	32	Deletes 40 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 4 positions to realign a curtailment placeholder included in the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget. Adds 37 positions for aquatics program; 31 positions to enhance staff and public safety at County parks; 6 positions for Earvin Magic Johnson and Wishing Tree Parks; 1 position for various youth and community programming at County parks; and 1 position to support the new restroom area at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area.					
Public Works	13	Adds 13 positions to meet the operational needs of the department.					
Military and Veterans Affairs	8	Deletes 1 position as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 9 positions to provide direct assistance to justice-involved veterans at various touch points.					
Youth Development	4	Adds 3 positions for the Youth Development Learning Collaborative initiative and programming in juvenile Probation facilities; and 1 position for human resources support.					
Justice, Care and Opportunities	2	Adds 2 positions to provide critical CFCI administrative and programmatic support.					
Arts and Culture	1	Adds 1 position to support the launch and implementation of a new internship program.					
Child Support Services	(1)	Deletes 1 position as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Independent Defense Counsel	(1)	Deletes 1 position as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Regional Planning	(1)	Adds 1 Executive Assistant to act as a liaison between the Director and the Department's executive management team, Regional Planning Commission, Board offices, and other County departments, fully offset by the deletion of 2 positions.					
Chief Executive Office	(2)	Deletes 2 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Consumer and Business Affairs	(4)	Deletes 4 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 4 positions to realign a curtailment placeholder included in the FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget. Adds 3 positions to support the Rent Registry program and 1 position for the Financial Management division.					
Agricultural Commissioner/Weights & Measures	(6)	Deletes 6 position as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Auditor-Controller	(6)	Deletes 8 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 2 positions to address the increase in investigations and referral volume from the Fraud hotline.					
Human Resources	(6)	Deletes 6 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Alternate Public Defender	(10)	Deletes 28 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 2 positions for the Substance Use Disorders Assessment & Treatment program; 4 positions for diversion representation; 5 positions for expansion of the Parole Revocations Unit; and 7 positions for post conviction resentencing operations.					
County Counsel	(13)	Deletes 12 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 1 position to support the performance management unit and 1 position to oversee billing operations, fully offset by the deletion of 3 positions.					
Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk	(14)	Deletes 14 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Animal Care and Control	(17)	Deletes 17 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Economic Opportunity	(21)	Deletes 21 positions due to the end of ARPA grant funding.					
Treasurer and Tax Collector	(21)	Deletes 21 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Board of Supervisors	(23)	Deletes 20 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 3 positions from the Commission on HIV due to a reduction in federal grant funding.					
Medical Examiner	(25)	Deletes 25 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Beaches and Harbors	(27)	Deletes 28 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 1 position needed to open and operate the Royal Palms facility.					
LA County Library	(34)	Deletes 29 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 3 positions to provide support at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall offset by the deletion of 8 positions.					
Public Social Services	(68)	Deletes 68 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Public Defender	(72)	Deletes 57 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 26 positions needed to realign anticipated revenue for post-conviction representation. Adds 11 positions for diversion representation.					
Sheriff	(84)	Deletes 88 positions due primarily to changes in contract agencies requests. Adds 4 positions to work collaboratively with DPSS in ensuring individuals who are released from County jails, receive timely and appropriate access to Medi-Cal services.					
Public Health	(86)	Deletes 75 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 11 positions due to program realignment and operational restructuring of SAPC.					
Children and Family Services	(92)	Deletes 92 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
District Attorney	(99)	Deletes 102 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Adds 3 positions to support revocation proceedings.					
Probation	(262)	Deletes 262 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments.					
Health Services	(271)	Deletes 5 positions as part of the department's share of the countywide curtailments. Also deletes 275 vacant positions in preparation of federal funding cuts. Adds 1 position to support ODR operations; 5 positions, funded by ongoing Measure A, to support housing programs; and 3 positions for the Dermatology Residency Program at LA General Medical Center.					
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(1,125)</b>						

Blue and green font denote positions curtailed as a result of NCC reductions.