



**Health Department  
FY 2025 Proposed Budget,  
Health Officer Division**  
Presented to the  
Board of County Commissioners

**Multnomah County  
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# Agenda

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- Introduction
  - Medical Examiner Office
  - Emergency Medical Services
  - Public Health Emergency Preparedness
  - Tri-County Health Officer Team
- Budget Approach & Equity
- Budget Overview



# Budget Approach

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- Core services held harmless: protecting and maintaining core health department services

*“We provide services that people do not get to choose, and we want to be who they would choose if there were a choice”*



# Budget Approach

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- Maintain the 24/7 services provided by the Division
  - Meet Medical Examiner office capacity needs
  - Maintain the Emergency Medical Services day to day Administration, and Medical Direction
  - Meet the needs and requirements for local Public Health Emergency Preparedness
  - Addressing Health Officer workload
- Deliver high quality services that meet the demands of the communities these programs serve



# Budget Approach

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- Equity considerations are integrated throughout Health Officer Division Work implicitly and explicitly:
  - Implicitly in the populations we serve most
  - Explicitly in established internal processes:
    - Indigent death and remains services
    - Monitoring for disproportionate impacts of disease/injury/death in all surveillance
    - Connecting frequent 911 callers to needed services by Tri-County 911 social workers
    - Buprenorphine pilot for those most vulnerable at their time of greatest need



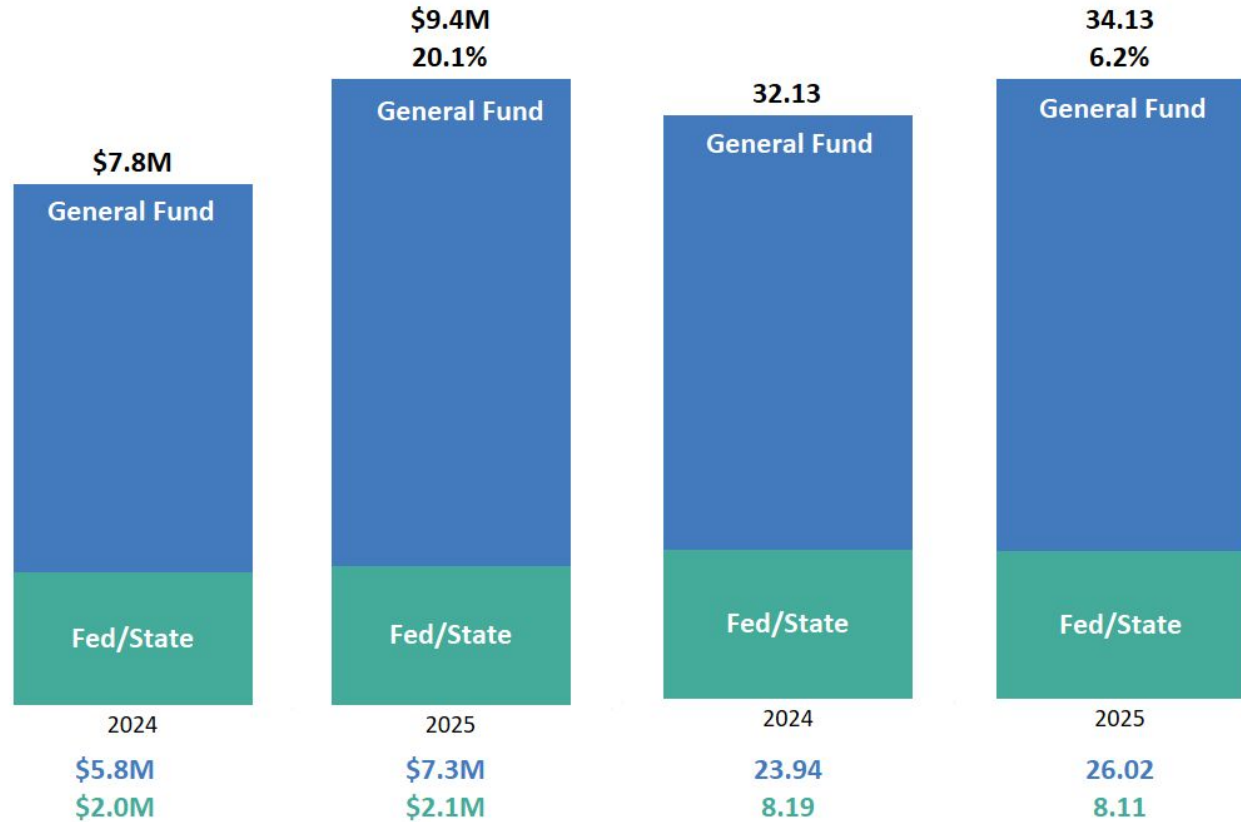


# FY 2025 Proposed Budget Overview

# Health Officer

## Operating Budget

## FTE



General Fund  
Fed/State



# Health Officer: Significant Program Changes

- **Medical Examiner's Office:** 2.00 FTE, \$300,000 for Medical Death Investigators to meet increased workload (74% increase in cases requiring in-person investigation from 2019-2022, and another 13% increase from 2022-2023)
- **Medical Examiner on call position:** \$150,000 to ensure County medical examiner available to sign death certificates (ORS 146)
- **Ambulance Service Plan (ASP) Revision procurement process:** \$756,768 for an external contractor to perform ASP assessment, recommend revisions, & some associated internal expenses.





# Oregon Legislature - Short Session Updates

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- **HB 4081 EMS Modernization**

- Signed March 2024, effective June 2024
- Reorganizes state EMS advisory committees tasked with:
  - Working on time-critical EMS responses
  - Developing a fully coordinated, integrated approach to the treatment of time-sensitive medical emergencies.



# State/Federal Impacts or Other Policy Issues

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- **ORS 146:** Mandates that a County medical examiner sign death certificates. The State Medical Examiner's Office mandated changes in July of 2023.
- **Post-90 Day Fentanyl Emergency Declaration:** Advising and consulting on numerous projects and pilots including:
  - Paramedic buprenorphine pilot with Portland Fire & Rescue
  - Overdose data dashboards and visualization



# Questions

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# Appendices:

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The following slides are provided for reference.



# General Fund Reductions

Program Name/# or Description	FY 2025 General Fund	General Fund FTE
None		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.00</b>



# New, OTO, Backfill & Restored Offers

Program Number & Name	FY 2025 General Fund	GF Backfill	FY 2025 Other Funds	Total	Restoration	OTO	New
40004B Ambulance Service Plan Assessment Project	\$756,768			\$756,768		X	X
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$756,768</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$756,768</b>			

