



**Multnomah County
Auditor's Office**

FY2026 Budget Presentation

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promoting accountable, equitable county government

Agenda

- Mission, vision, & service
- Equity updates
- Functions & impacts
- Fiscal year 2026 budget
- Questions



Mission

Auditor's responsibilities are in the County Charter and in the County Code. *

* Auditor must consent to responsibilities in County Code; they are not assigned to the Auditor.



Mission

The County Auditor's Office's mission is to promote accountable and equitable county government.



Mission

Performance
Audits

Independently examine county programs

Good
Government
Hotline

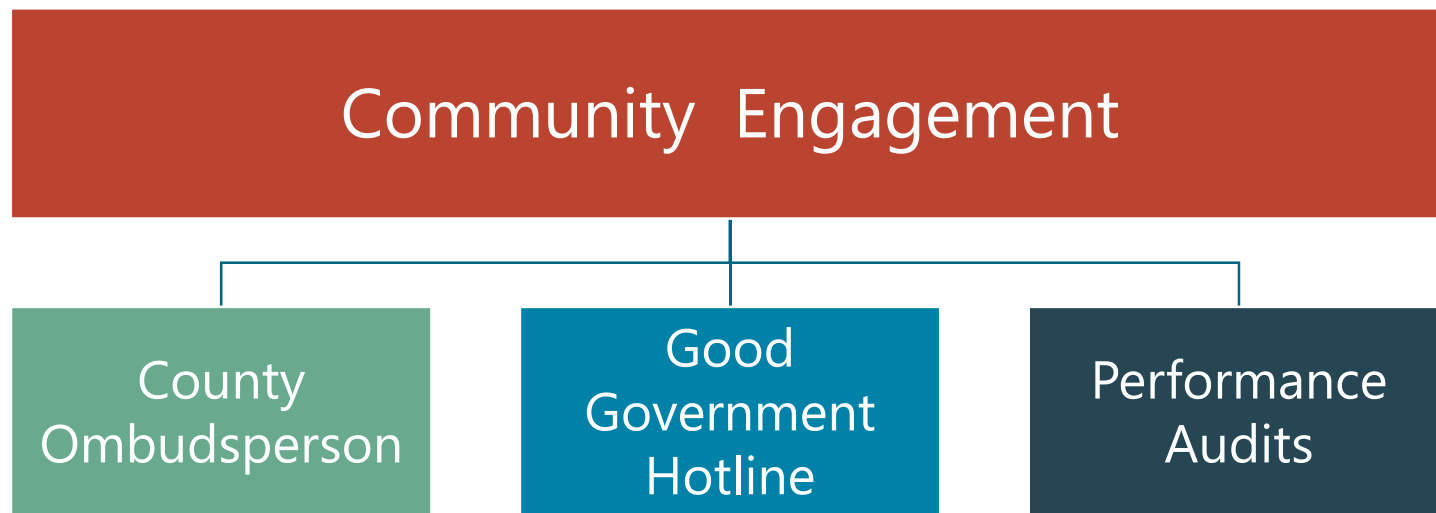
Receive and investigate reports of suspected fraud, waste, inefficiency, and abuse of position

County
Ombudsperson

Serve as an impartial resource to help people resolve issues with county programs



Mission



Additional responsibilities

From Charter & Code:

- Appoint Salary Commission
- Prepare Commissioner District reapportionment plan
- Continually support Board of County Commissioners' Audit Committee



How we serve - values

- Equity
- Accountability
- Inclusion



How we serve - approach

- Serving the public interest
- Acting in integrity
- Adhering to high ethical standards
- Using trauma-informed practices & equity lens



Who we serve

- All Multnomah County community members
- County Auditor directly accountable to the public



Who we serve

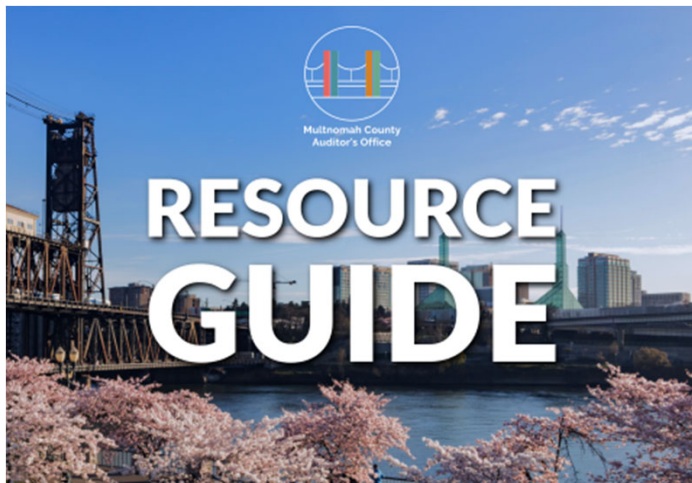


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Photo at left by Philippine American Chamber of Commerce



Equity updates

- Internal DEI Committee
- Auditor's Community Advisory Committee



Equity updates

Training other auditors & investigators

- Trauma-informed interviewing
- Cultural awareness and implicit bias



Equity updates

Continue introducing students to government careers

- 1 intern this summer through College to County
- 3 prior College to County interns
 - All now employed at Multnomah County



County Ombudsperson



PROMOTING ACCOUNTABLE, EQUITABLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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Multnomah County
Ombudsperson



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Who we serve

- All Multnomah County community members
- Responsive to those who contact us for help
- Help people experiencing barriers to accessing county services



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How we serve

- Helps people resolve issues with county programs
- Often resolves issues through informal means
- Can conduct investigations into county administrative acts



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Case work

Case work can include

- Intake
- Interviews, research, other fact finding
- Arranging public meetings & facilitation



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Case work, continued

Case work can include

- Mediation
- Conflict resolution
- Recommendations



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Overview of 2024 reports

203 reports in calendar year 2024

- 106 county-related reports
 - 65 county-related cases

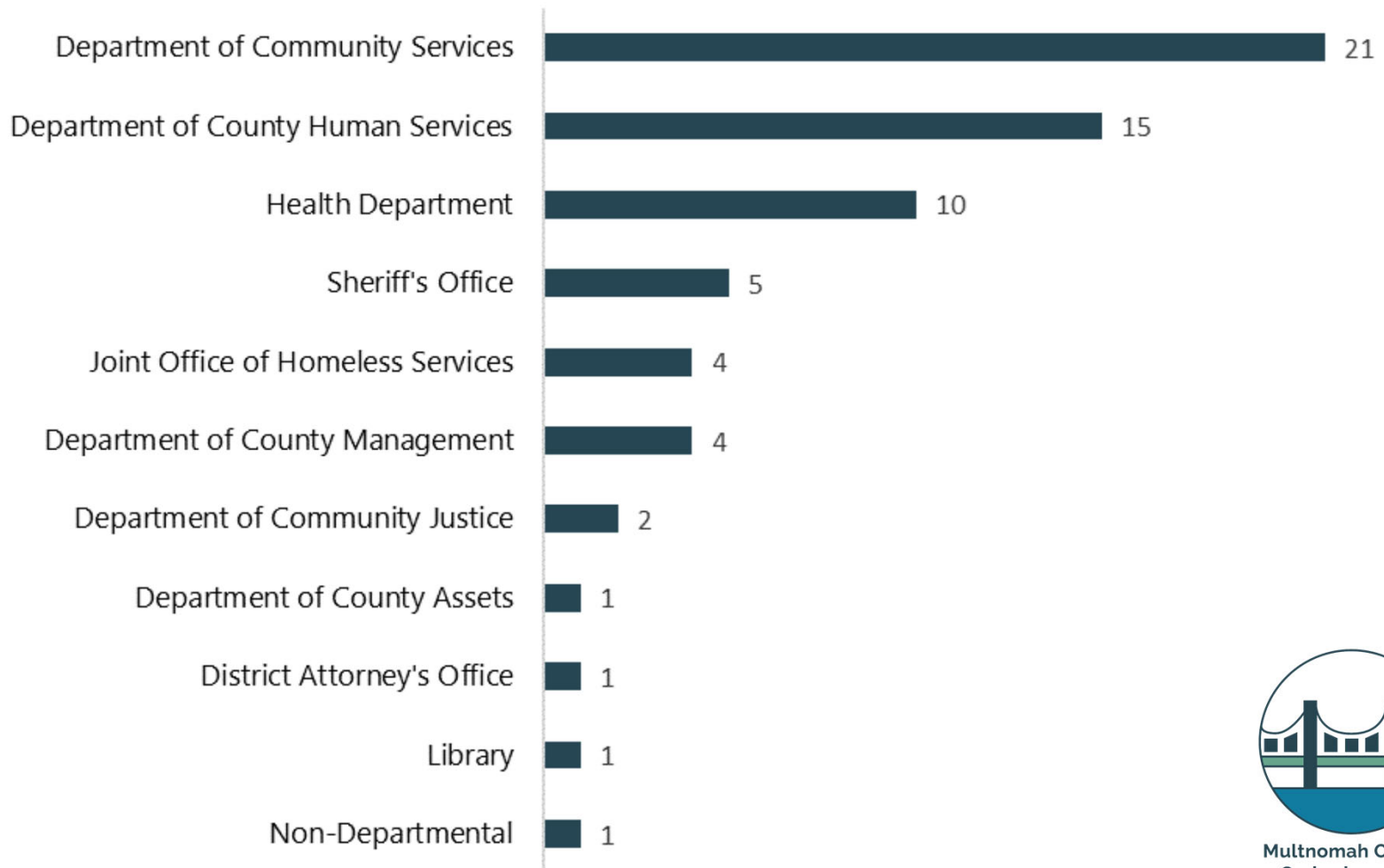


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2024 cases by department



2024 annual report



Good Government Hotline



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government
HOTLINE



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How we serve

- One-on-one connection with people who contact the hotline (reporters) whenever possible
 - Reports can be made anonymously
- Reporter identity is protected by Oregon law
- Reports may lead to investigations



Overview of 2024 reports

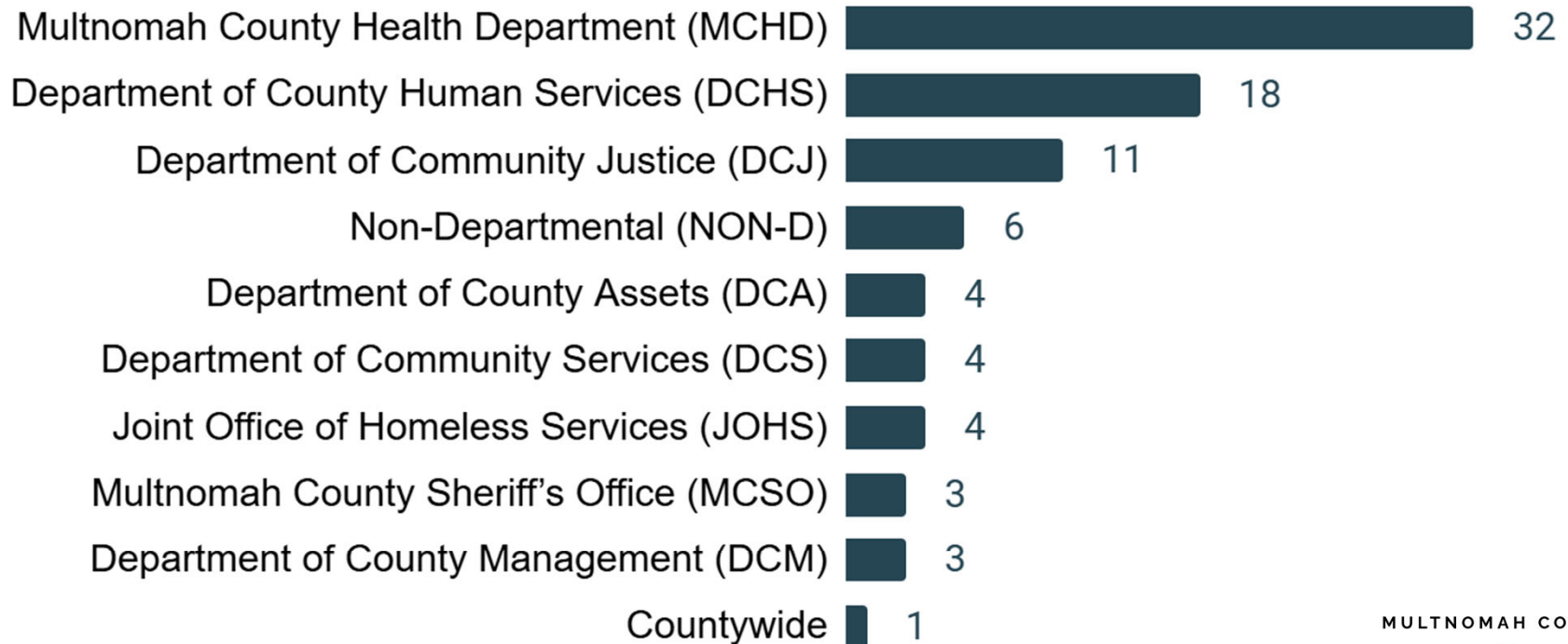
103 reports in calendar year 2024

- 86 county-related reports
 - 32 reports of suspected fraud, waste, inefficiency, or abuse of position
 - 88% increase over prior year

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2024 reports by department



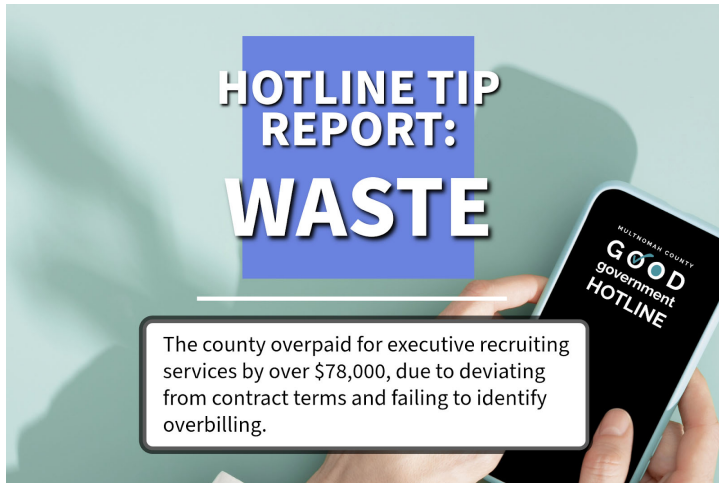
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2024 annual report



FY2025 publications



Performance Audits



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Who we serve

- All Multnomah County community members
- Strive to center experiences of those most impacted



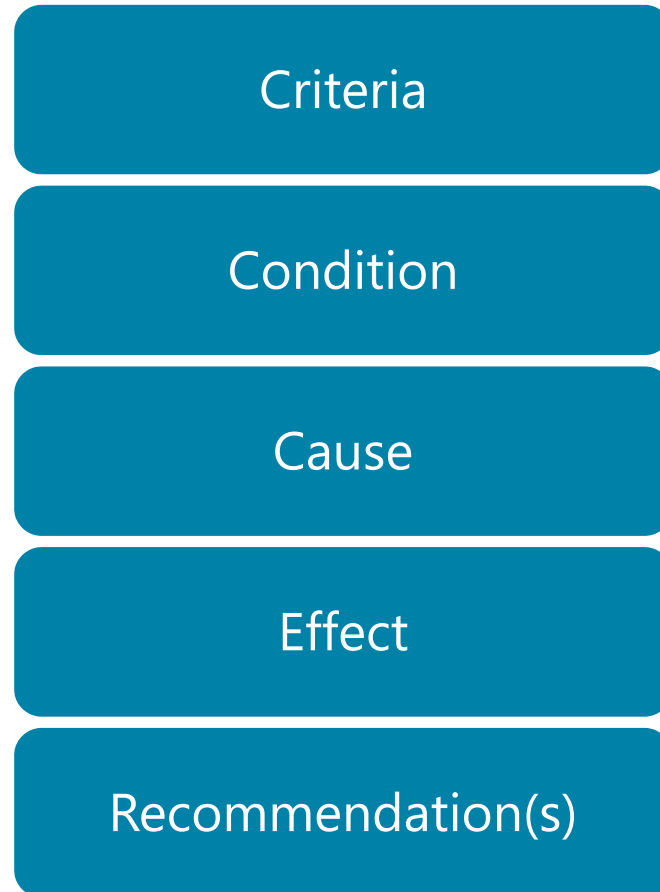
How we serve - audit selection

Annual division-based risk assessment

- Potential life & safety impacts
- Budget
- Staffing
- Ethics survey score
- Complaints to Hotline / Ombudsperson
- Years since last audit



How we serve – audit findings



Community engagement

Engagement with impacted communities

One-on-one

Meetings

Focus groups

Surveys



FY2025 publications



FY2025 publications



Recommendation Status Evaluation

The county has implemented three of the pandemic funds audit recommendations, but found the other two not practical to implement



Recommendation Status Evaluation of Budget Process Audit



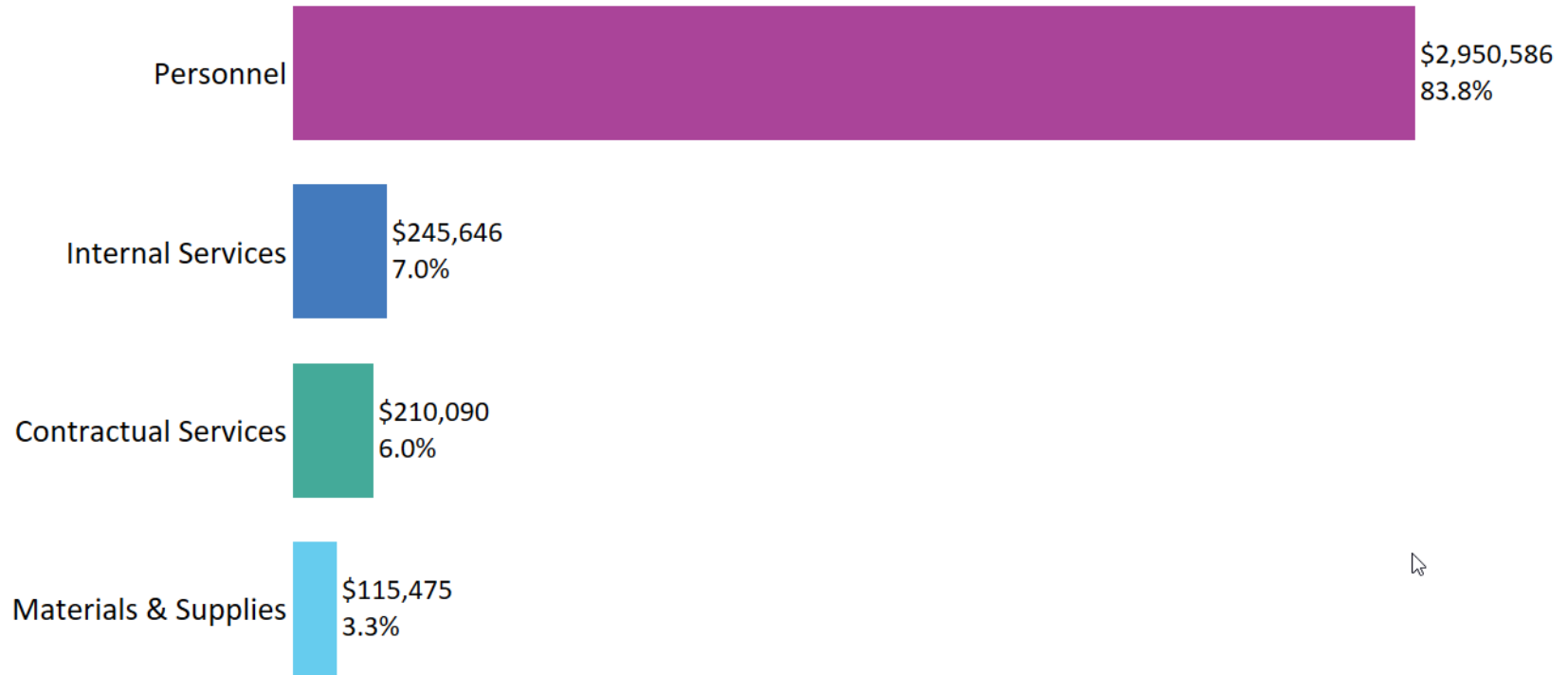
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Background

- Ombudsperson Intake Specialist
- Proposed reductions



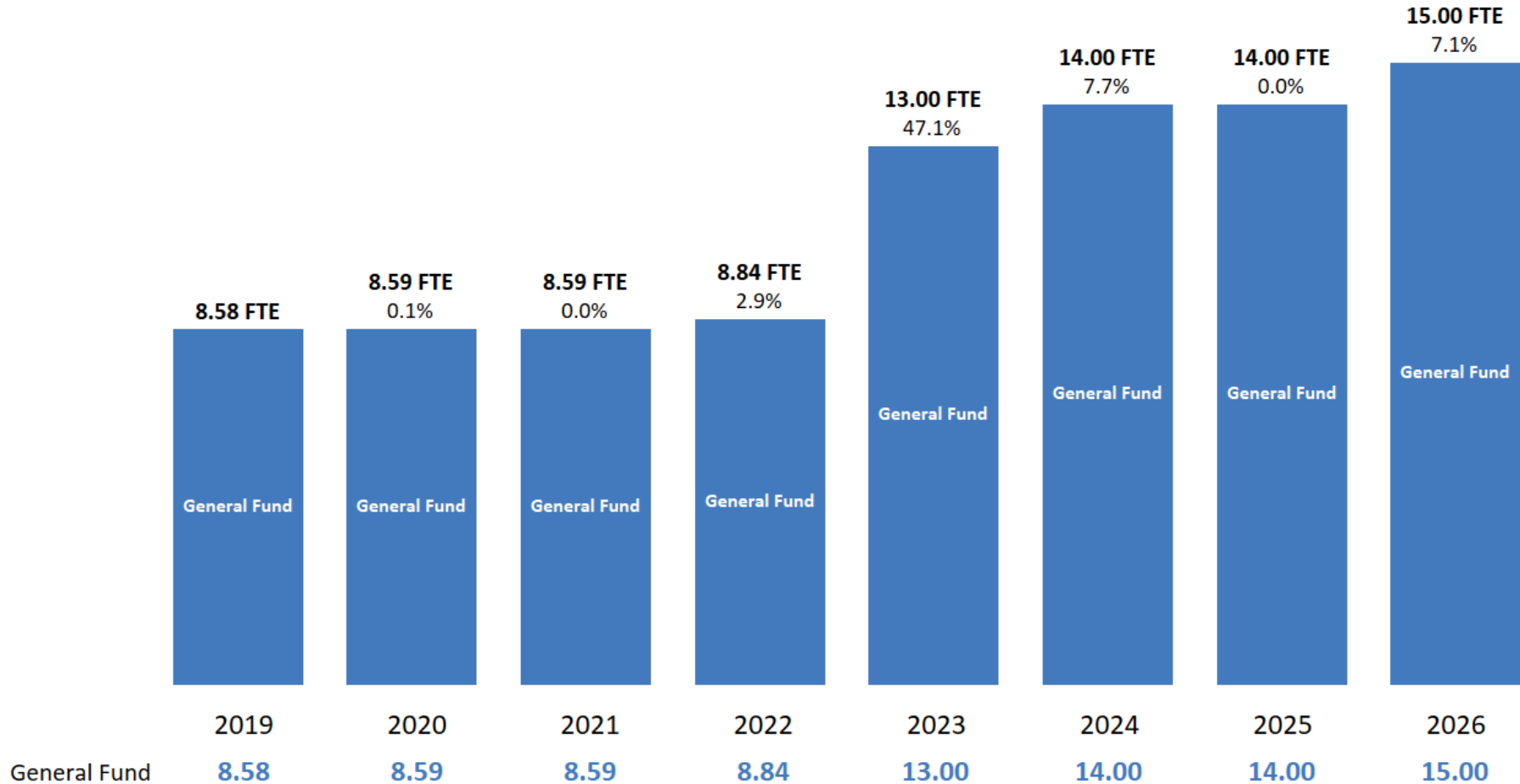
FY2026 proposed - \$3,521,797



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Contractual Services	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Personnel	\$1.5M	\$2.2M	\$2.5M	\$2.7M	\$3.0M
Internal Services	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Materials & Supplies	\$0.0M	\$0.2M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M



FTE trend FY2019-2026



Budget discussion

Budget process is an opportunity to support the County Auditor's independence.



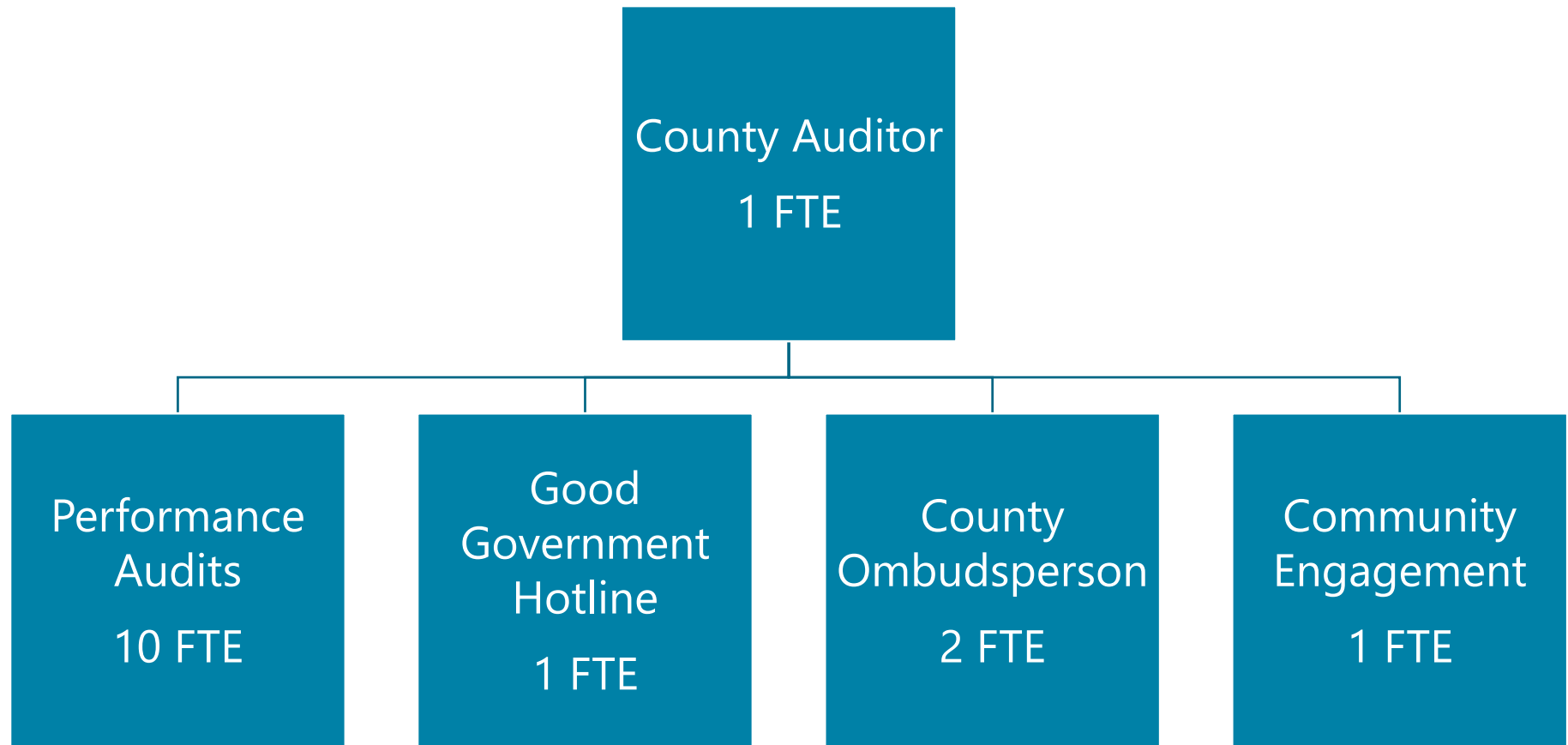
Questions



Appendices



Organizational Chart



Significant Operating Funds FY2019-2026

