



Multnomah County  
Auditor's Office

# FY2027 Budget Presentation

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# Agenda

- Mission & budget overview
- How we use our budget
- Questions

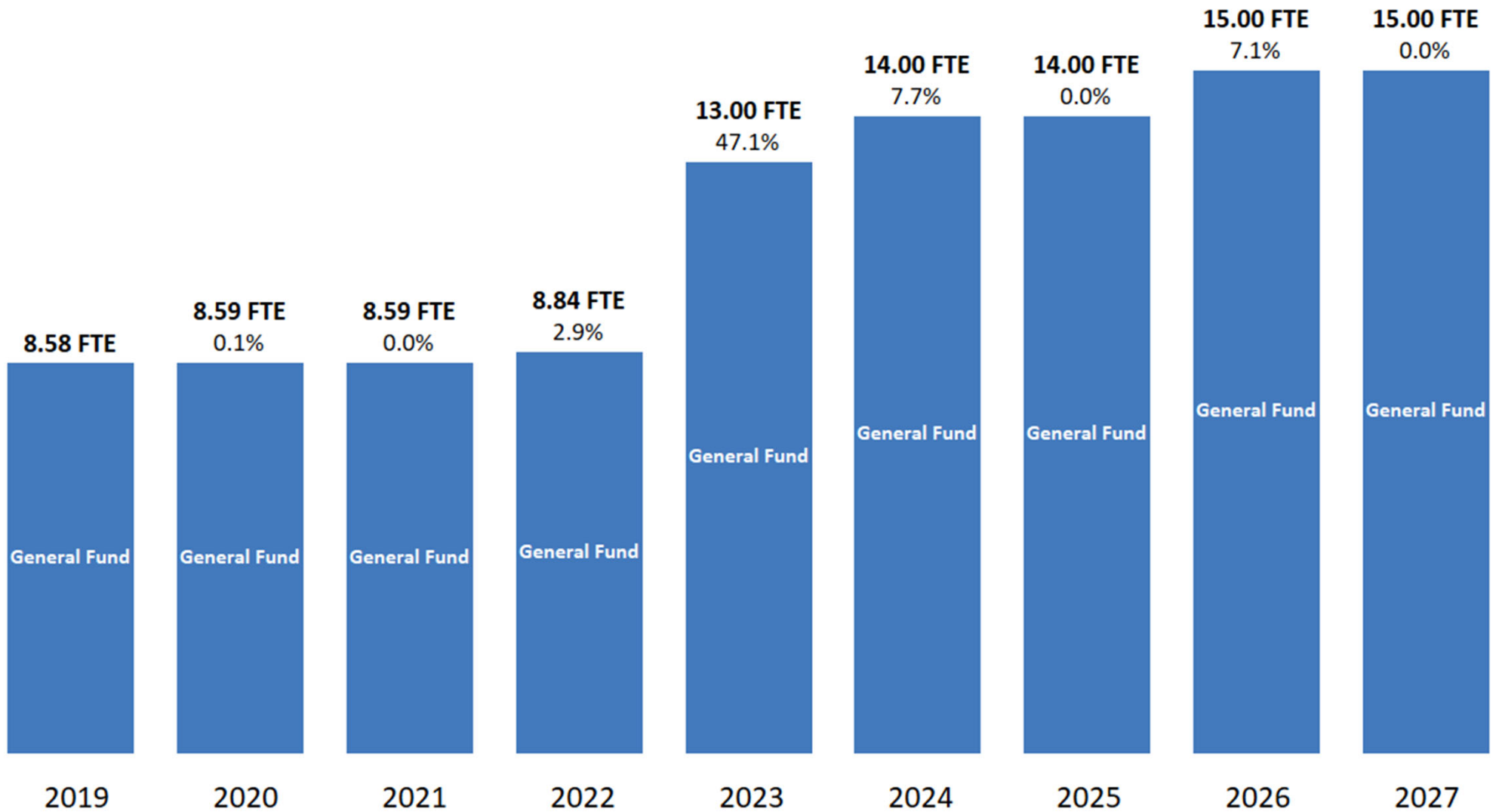


# Mission

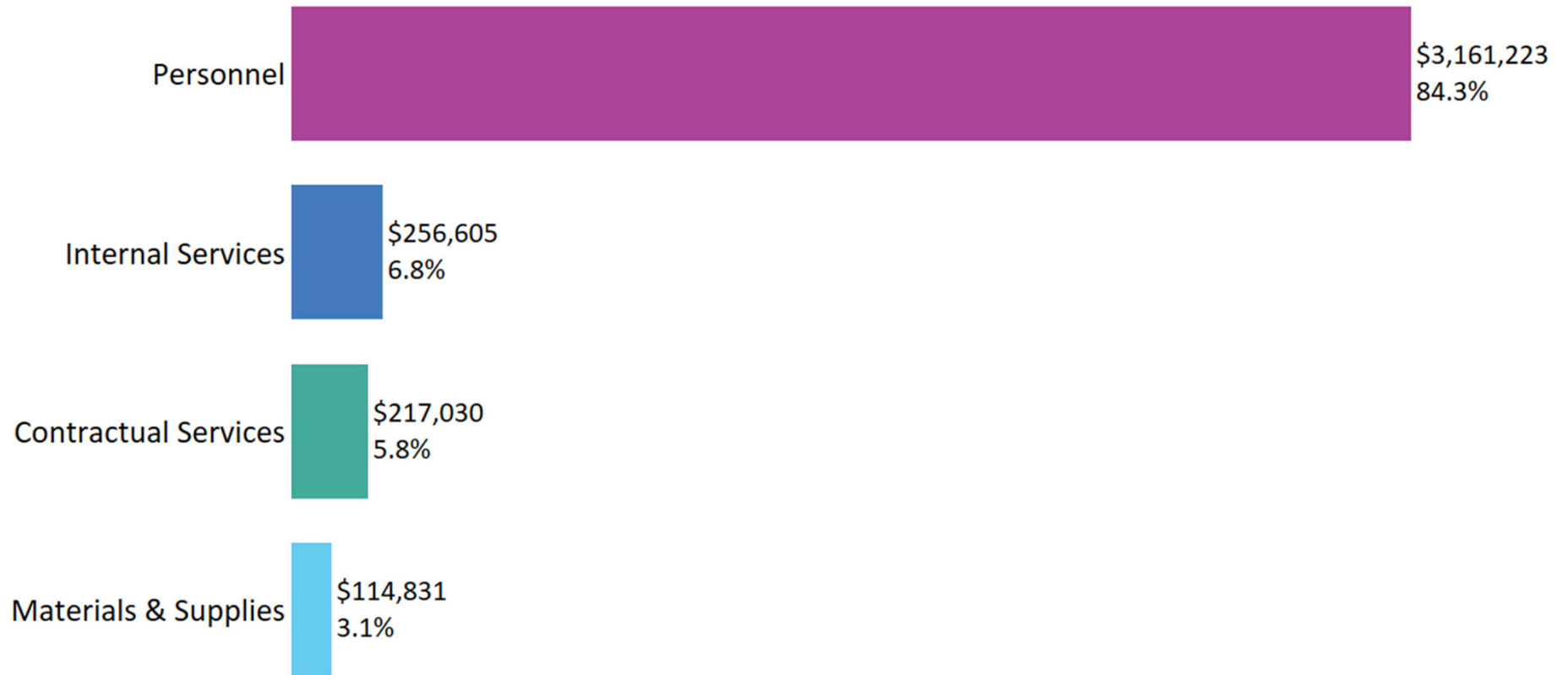
To promote accountable and equitable county government.



# FTE trend



# FY2027 budget = \$3,749,689



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Contractual Services	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Personnel	\$1.5M	\$2.2M	\$2.5M	\$2.7M	\$3.0M	\$3.2M
Internal Services	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M	\$0.3M
Materials & Supplies	\$0.0M	\$0.2M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M



# Non-departmental Community Budget Advisory Committee recommendations

- Consider funding a part-time position for communication and community outreach.
- Ensure independence of the Auditor's office by tying their budget to the overall County budget, rather than leaving it subject to Chair approval, as this creates a conflict of interest.

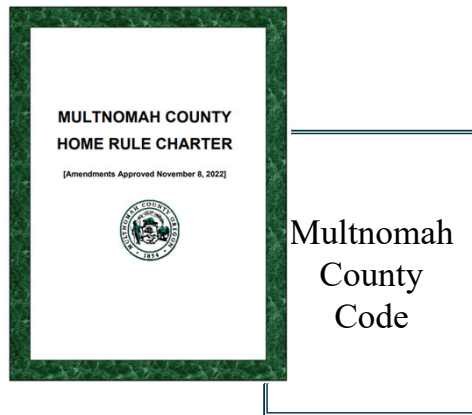


# Non-D CBAC's 2<sup>nd</sup> recommendation & key aspects of budget process

Current process	In proposed process?
Auditor's Office funded through General Fund	Yes
Auditor's Office proposed budget reflects General Fund constraints	Yes
Auditor presents to Board on proposed budget	Yes
Auditor meets with NonDepartmental Community Budget Advisory Committee (at their request)	Yes
Auditor's Office returns any unused funds to the General Fund at fiscal year end	Yes



# How we use our budget



Deliver mandated functions  
that serve everyone in  
Multnomah County



Exemplify the highest  
standards for public service



# Core mandated functions

Performance  
Audits

Essential to  
systems  
improvement

Good  
Government  
Hotline

Essential to  
government  
integrity

County  
Ombudsperson

Essential to  
fairness

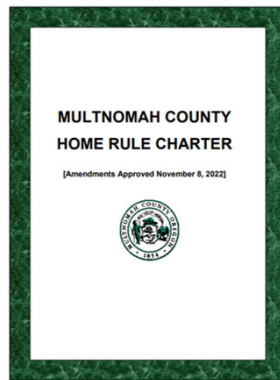


# Additional mandated functions

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



# How we use our budget



Multnomah  
County  
Code

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# Equity

- Centering & elevating the voices of those most impacted
- Identifying barriers & working to remove them
- Dedicating ourselves to using a racial justice lens to guide all of our work



# Equity



# Equity



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# Accountability

- Holding ourselves accountable to our mission, each other, and our community
- Promoting responsible government through truth-telling
- Sharing trustworthy information so people can understand and improve their government



# Accountability



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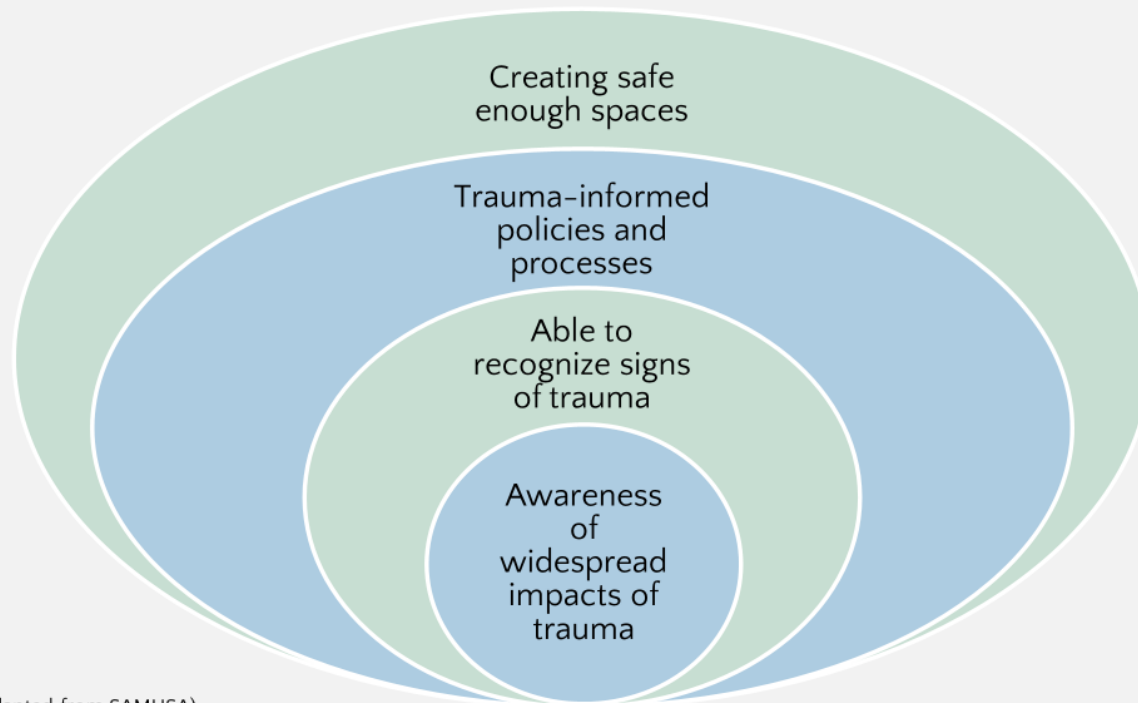
# Inclusion

- Inclusively leading with race
- Being responsive to our communities
- Actively supporting people to participate



# Inclusion

## What does it mean to be trauma-informed?



(Adapted from SAMHSA)



# Auditor's Office core capabilities



**Engage:**  
intake,  
interviews,  
focus groups,  
surveys



**Research:**  
best  
practices,  
laws,  
program  
information



**Analyze:**  
quantitative  
data,  
qualitative  
themes



**Synthesize:**  
Bring  
together  
engagement,  
research,  
analysis



**Share:**  
reports,  
community  
events,  
media



# Auditor's Office standards



- Serving the public interest

- Acting in integrity

- Adhering to high ethical standards



- Using trauma-informed practices & equity lens

Photo at top from U.S. GAO; screenshot at bottom by Multnomah County Auditor's Office



# Recognized excellence



# County Ombudsperson



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# How we handle reports

- Review of all reports
- Resolution through Ombudsperson mediation or assistance
- Referral as needed
- Formal investigation by the Ombudsperson



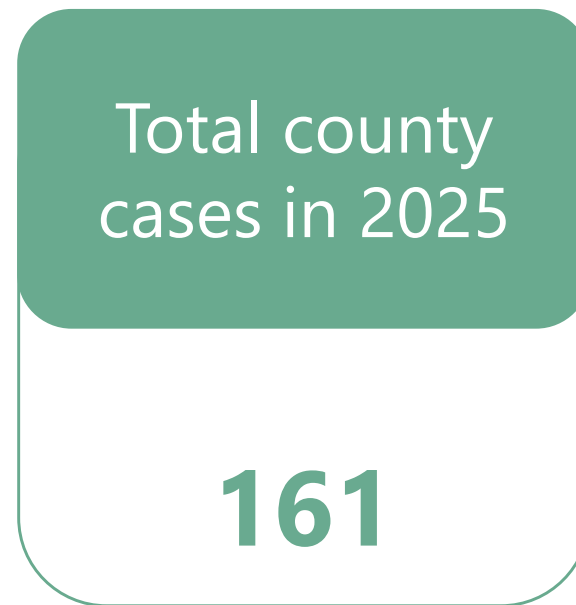
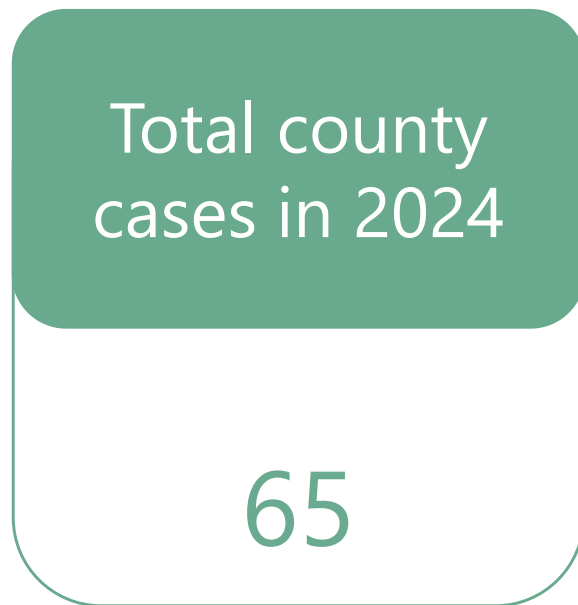
# Increase in reports



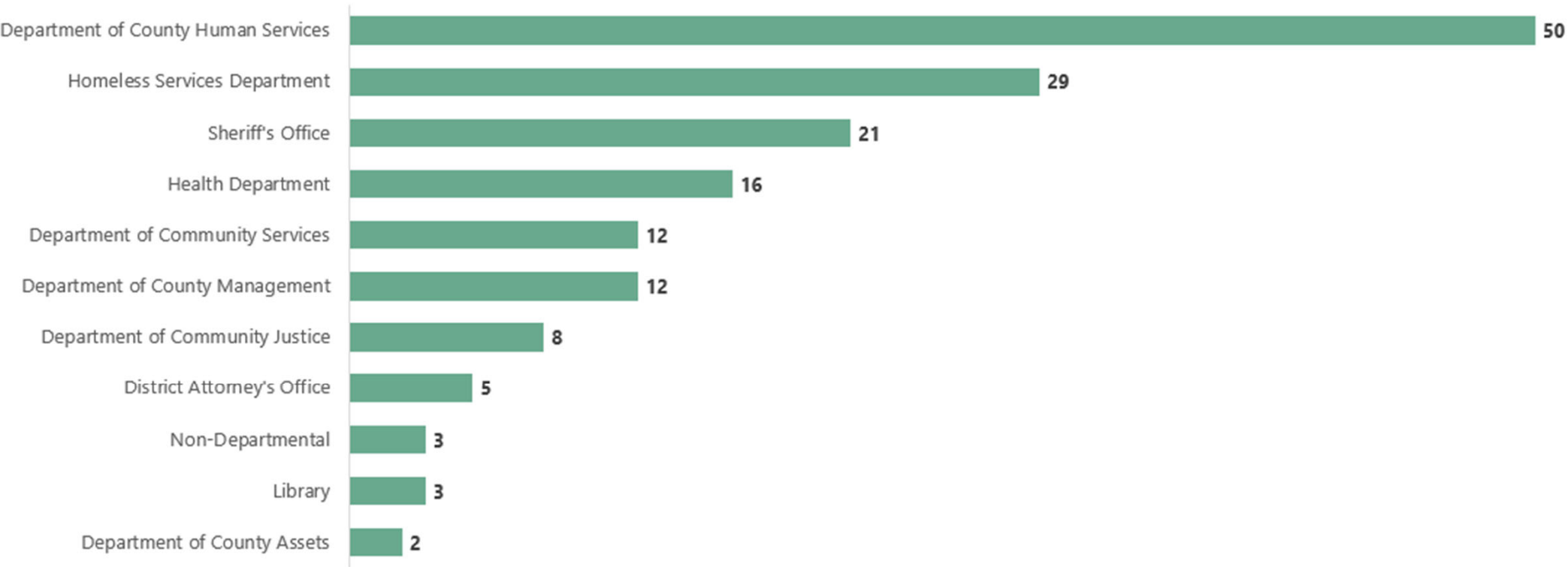
# Increase in total cases



# Increase in county-related cases



# 2025 cases by department



# Good Government Hotline



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# How we handle reports

- Review of all reports
- Referral, if needed
- Formal investigation
- Protect the identities of people who report to the Hotline

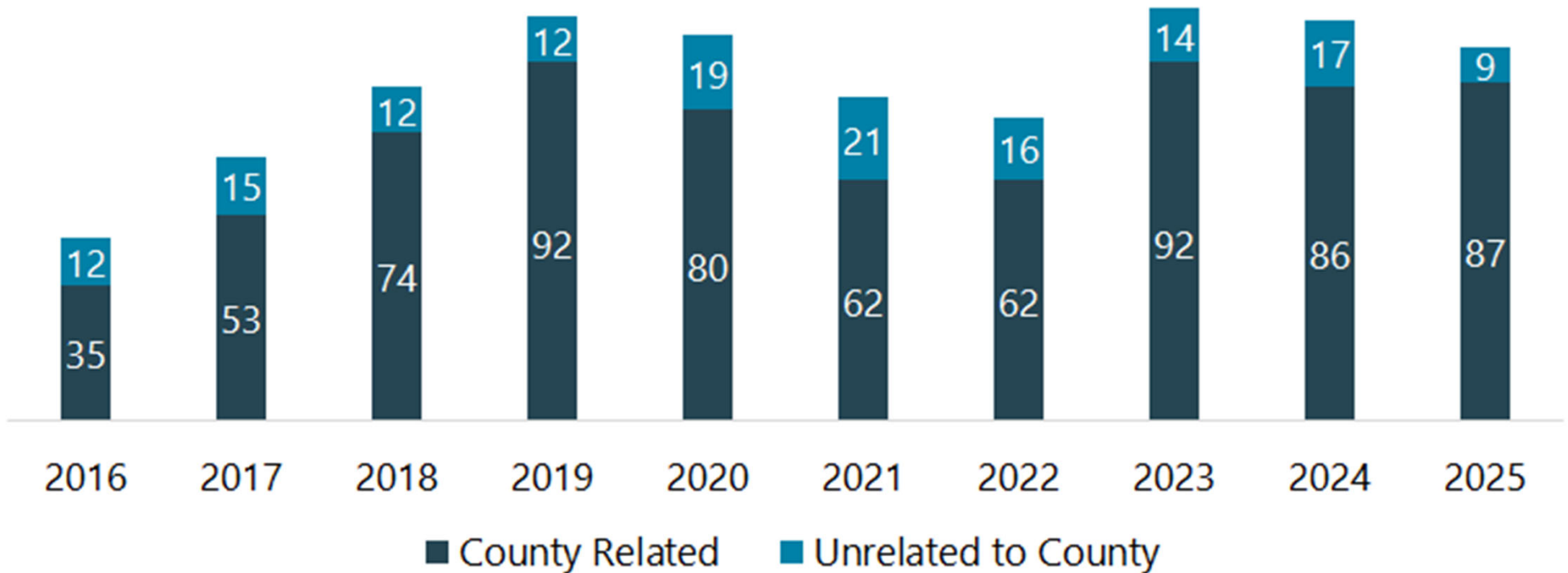


# How we handle reports of suspected fraud, waste, or abuse of position

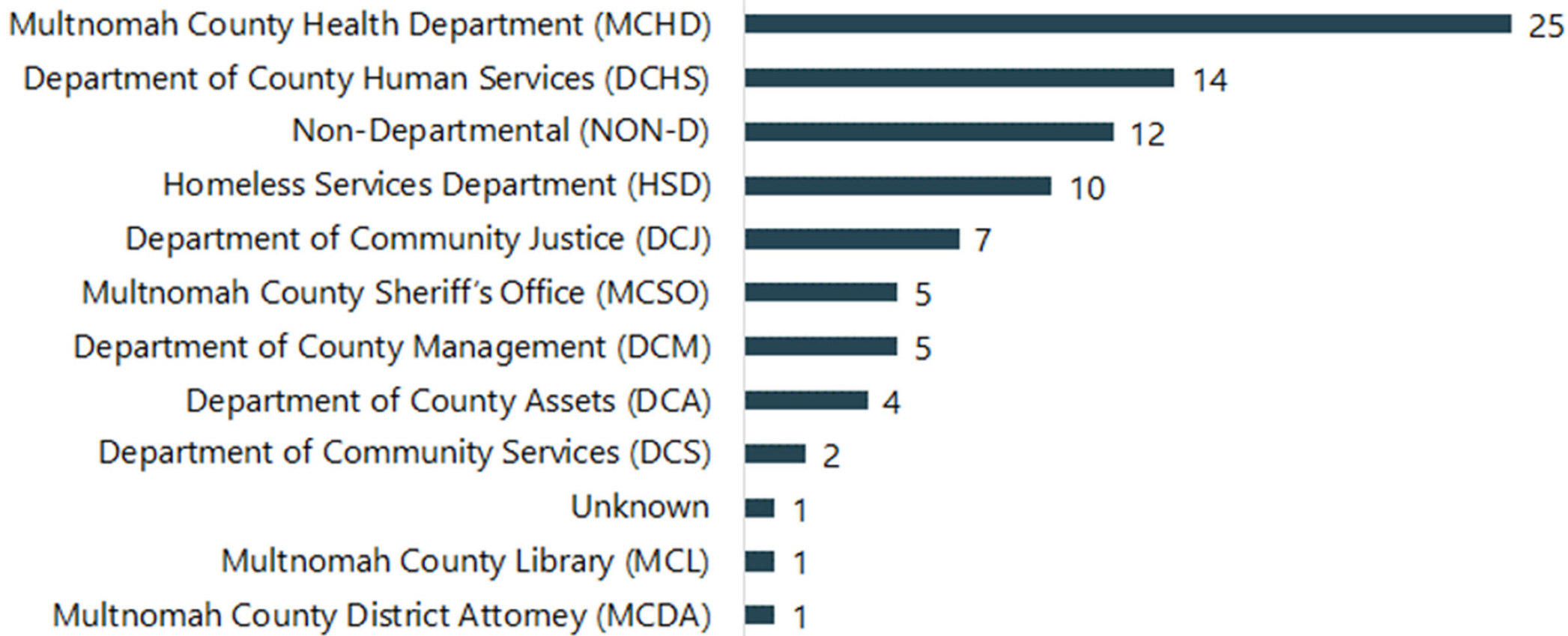
- Conduct a preliminary review
- May lead to a formal investigation by the Hotline Director



# Calendar year 2025 complaints



# 2025 complaints by department



# 2025 substantiated allegations & reports

1 of 4

## HOTLINE TIP REPORT: WASTE

The county overpaid for executive recruiting services by over \$78,000, due to deviating from contract terms and failing to identify overbilling.

Multnomah County  
**Library**  
North Portland

**Hotline Tip: Waste**

MULTNOMAH COUNTY  
**GOOD  
government  
HOTLINE**

We substantiated an allegation of waste. We found that due to inadequate oversight, the county could not verify actual recycling rates on four major construction projects.



# FY 2026 outreach

The screenshot displays a web application interface. At the top left is a logo with the letter 'W'. A search bar is located at the top right. A left-hand navigation menu includes icons for Home, Personal, Career, Team, Recruiting, Cost Center Manager, and Procurement. The main content area is titled 'Good Government Hotline Course' and features a video player. The video content shows three dark blue boxes with the text 'FRAUD', 'WASTE', and 'ABUSE of position'. Below these boxes, the text '@Multnomah County' is written in green cursive, and 'or our contractors / suppliers' is written in black cursive. The video player shows a progress bar at 0:38 / 5:09 and a Multnomah County logo in the bottom right corner.



# Performance audits



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# Audit selection

Annual division-based risk assessment

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



# Audits in process

- Corrections Health
- Gift cards
- Jail visits
- Land & building purchases
- Supportive housing services



# Peer review



# FY2026 office publications to date



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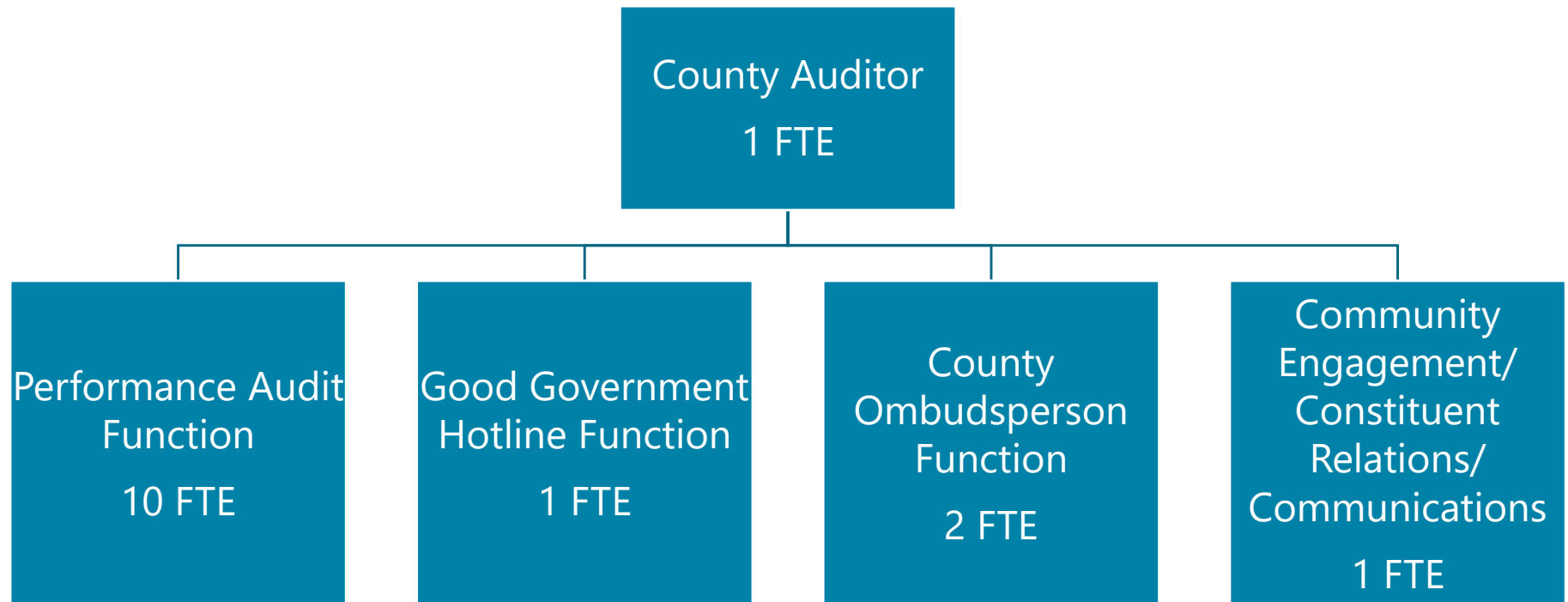
# Questions?



# Appendix



# Organizational chart



# Operating funds FY2019-2027

