



Government Relations Office FY 2027 Approved Budget

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Board of County Commissioners

Multnomah County
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Government Relations Office - Our Vision

We serve as the liaison between Multnomah County and various governmental bodies, including the United States Congress, the Oregon Legislature, and local governing bodies. Our primary mission is to advocate on behalf of Multnomah County while ensuring the voices of our community are heard at every level of government.

We collaborate closely with cities within Multnomah County and we are committed to maintaining strong relationships with Oregon's nine recognized Tribal Governments, recognizing the importance of indigenous voices in shaping County policies and initiatives.

We are committed to transparency, equity, and accountability in all that we do. We strive to be accessible to the community we serve, listening to diverse perspectives and advocating for policies that promote social justice and equity.



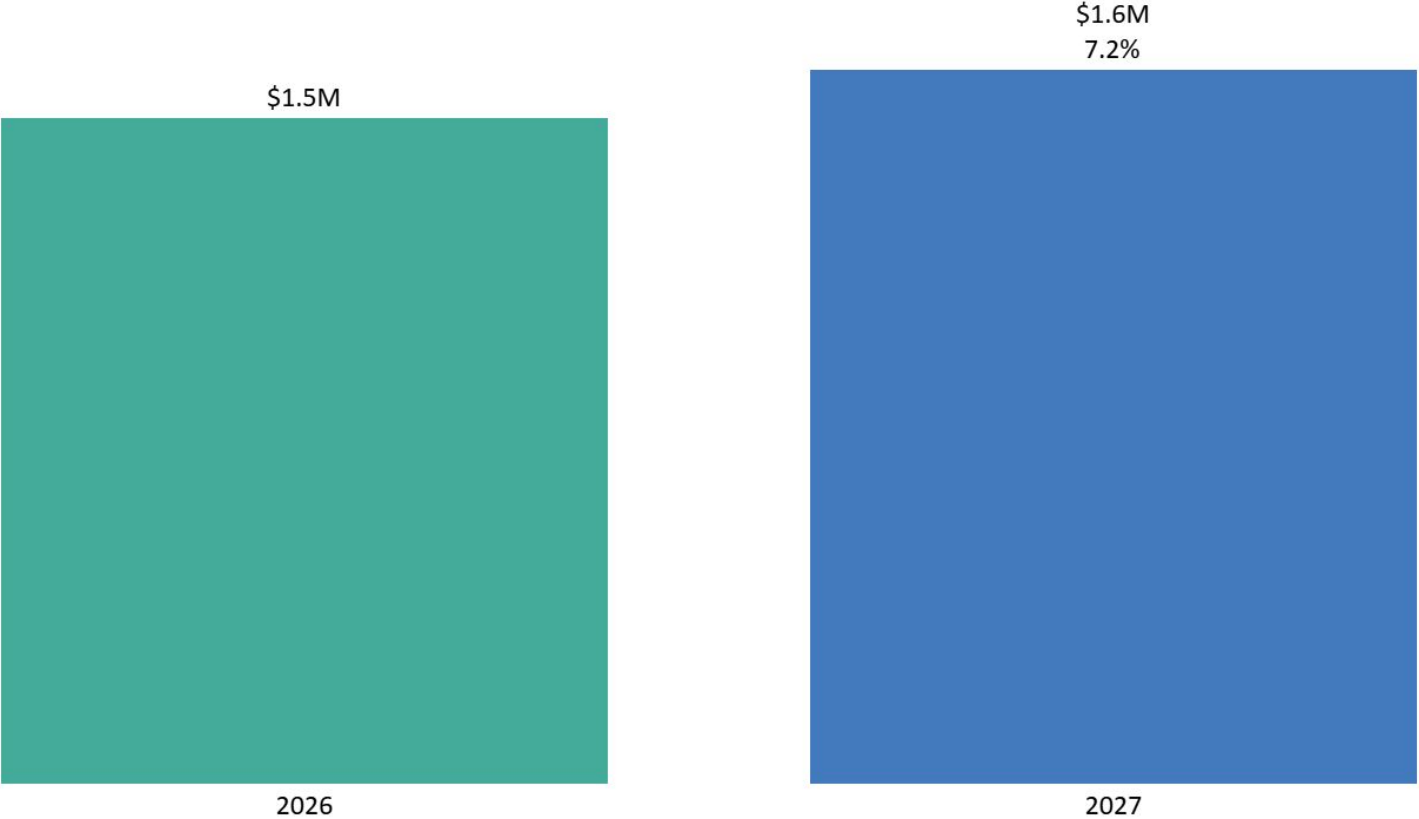
Budget Approach

- Small office with 77% of all costs coming from personnel.
- Focus on leading with equity, making progress on goals for Tribal Relations program, and responding to current Federal Administration.

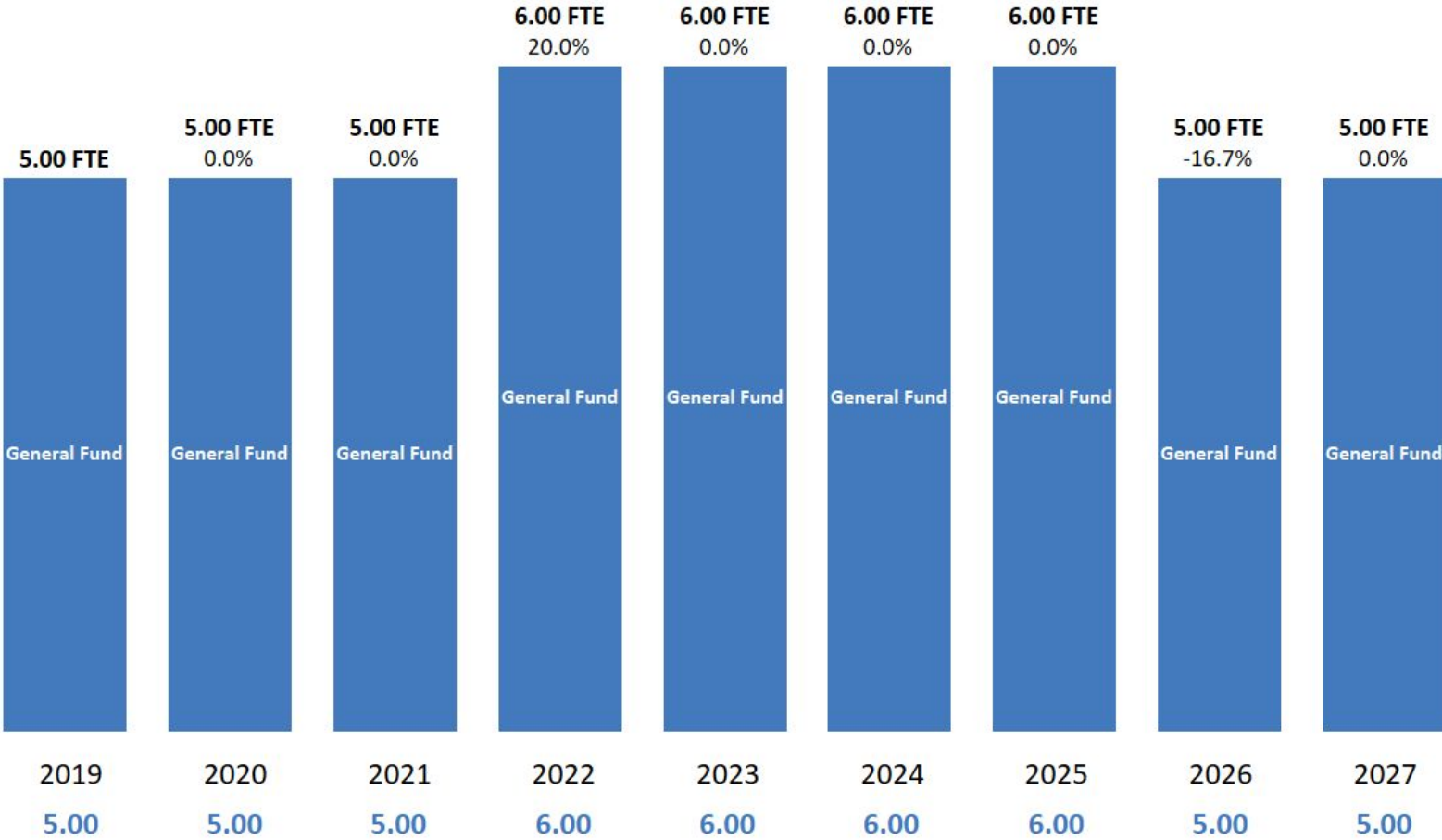


Operating Budget by Fund: \$1,590,480

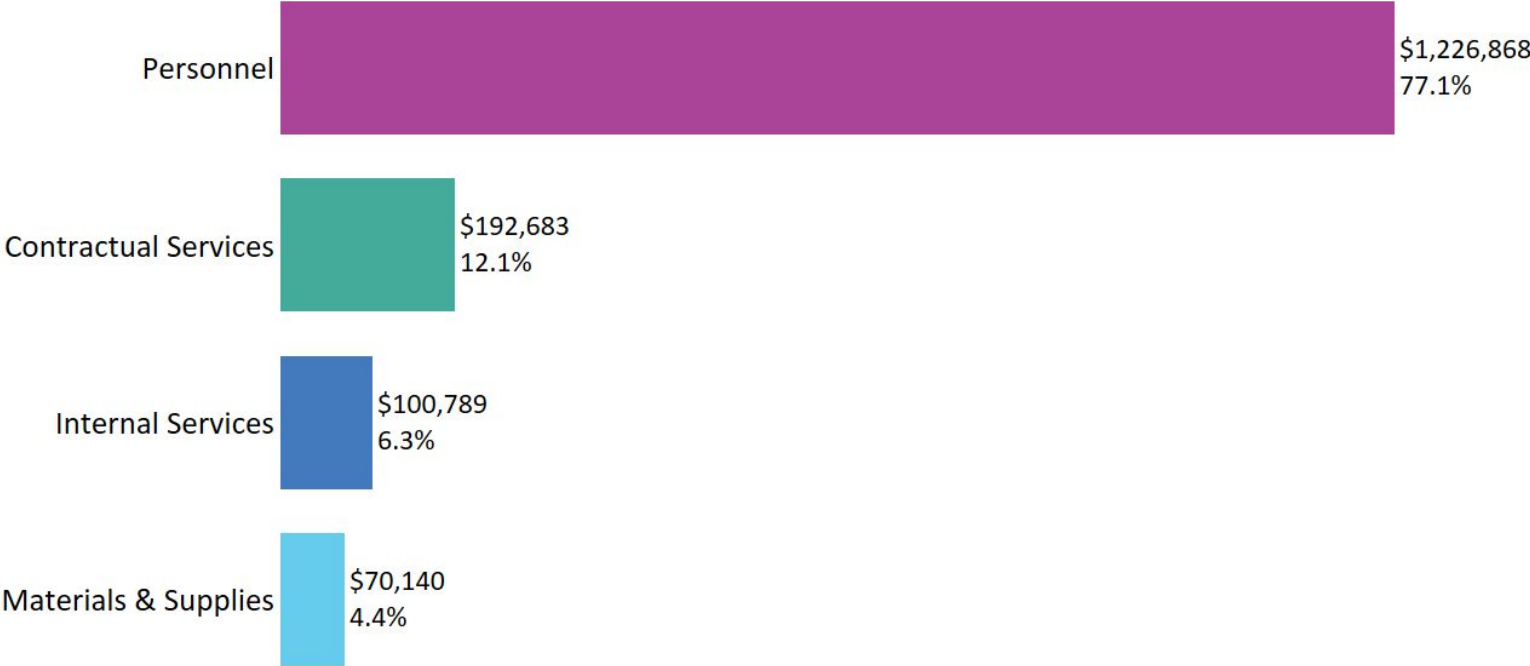
General Fund



FTE Trend FY 2019-2027

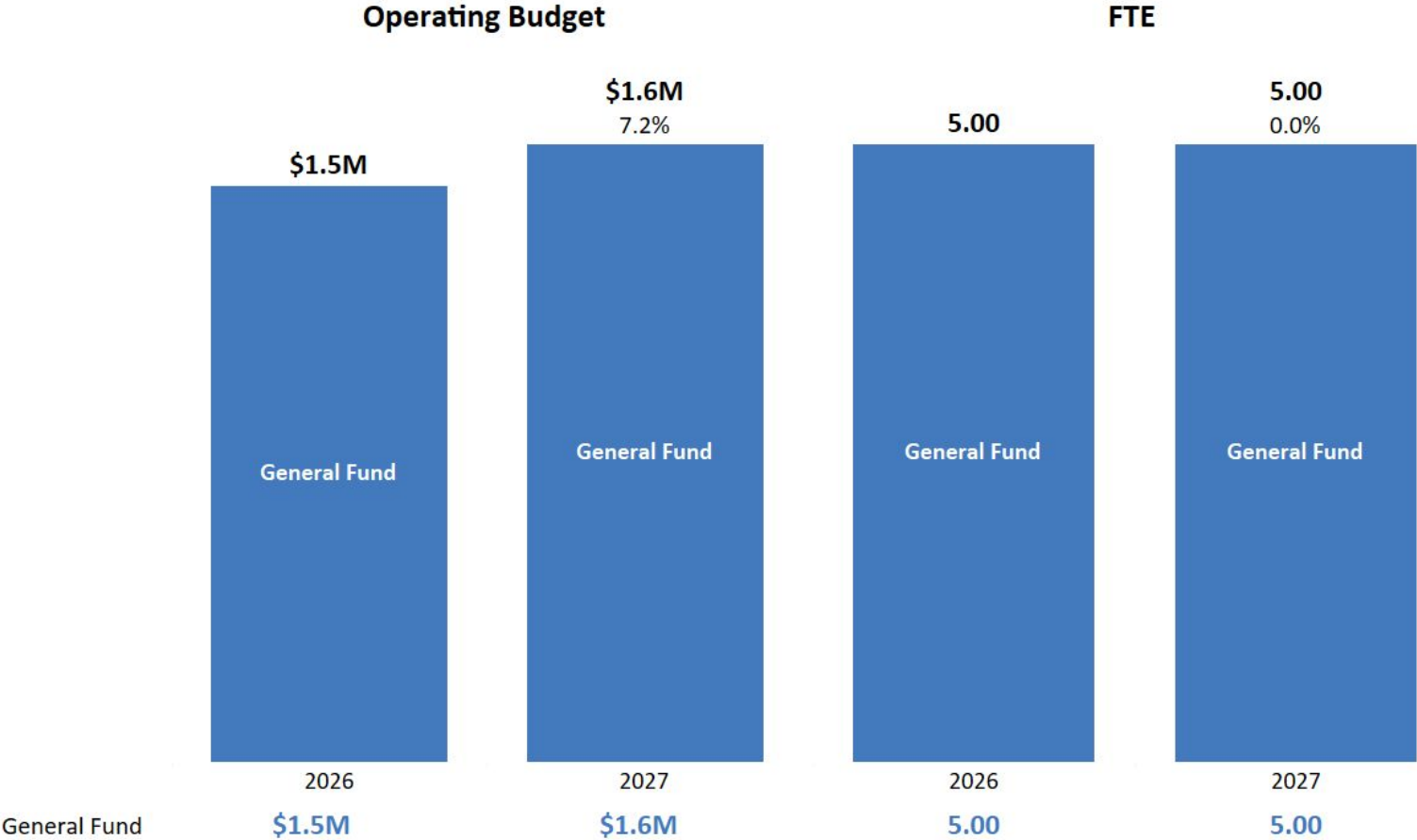


Operating Budget by Category - \$1,590,480



	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Contractual Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.2M	\$0.2M
Personnel	\$1.1M	\$1.1M	\$1.2M	\$1.3M	\$1.2M	\$1.2M
Internal Services	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M
Materials & Supplies	\$0.0M	\$0.0M	\$0.1M	\$0.1M	\$0.0M	\$0.1M

Operating Budget & FTE



How the Budget Delivers

- We will **advocate** for policies, initiatives, and funding that serve the best interests of Multnomah County and its residents. We're dedicated to ensuring that Multnomah County's voice is heard loud and clear.
- In collaboration with County Departments, we will diligently **analyze** and **track** the impact of federal and state legislation on County programs and residents. This allows us to anticipate challenges and opportunities, ensuring informed decision-making.
- We will actively **collaborate** with local government and community partners in the metro region to align priorities and share insights into Multnomah County operations and policy. By fostering strong relationships, we amplify our collective impact and drive positive change.
- We will continue to **facilitate** meaningful interaction with Multnomah County and Oregon's nine federally recognized Tribal Governments. We recognize the unique sovereignty and cultural significance of Tribal Governments and are committed to honoring their perspectives and priorities in our work.

Accomplishments

- Co-sponsored proclamations for Indigenous Peoples' Day, Native American Heritage Month, and MMIWR Awareness.
- Coordinated Tribal Consultation with local Native American Community & Tribal Government leadership.
- Coordinated federal advocacy and impact monitoring related to immigration, housing, transportation, public health, and federal funding.
- Successfully secured \$5.16 million in FY26 for Federal Community Project Funding (CPF) awards for projects in Multnomah County.
- Coordinated comment letters and federal advocacy efforts to protect and preserve Medicaid, SNAP, housing resources, immigrant services, public health programs, and environmental justice funding.
- Successfully advocated for state transportation funding package to include new revenue for counties (HB 3991).
- Protected key services from state budget cuts in the short legislative session.
- Coordinated and facilitated numerous engagement opportunities for the Commission with elected partners.



Challenges and Responses

- Reduced state funding resources available to meet the need.
- Continuing federal uncertainty that leads to funding cuts, policy changes that undermine service delivery.



Reductions

No Reductions

New, OTO, & Backfill

PO #	Program Offer Name	General Fund	GF Backfill	Total	OTO	New
10016B	Local Tribal Nations Summit	20,000	0	20,000	X	X
	Total	20,000	0	20,000		



Questions?

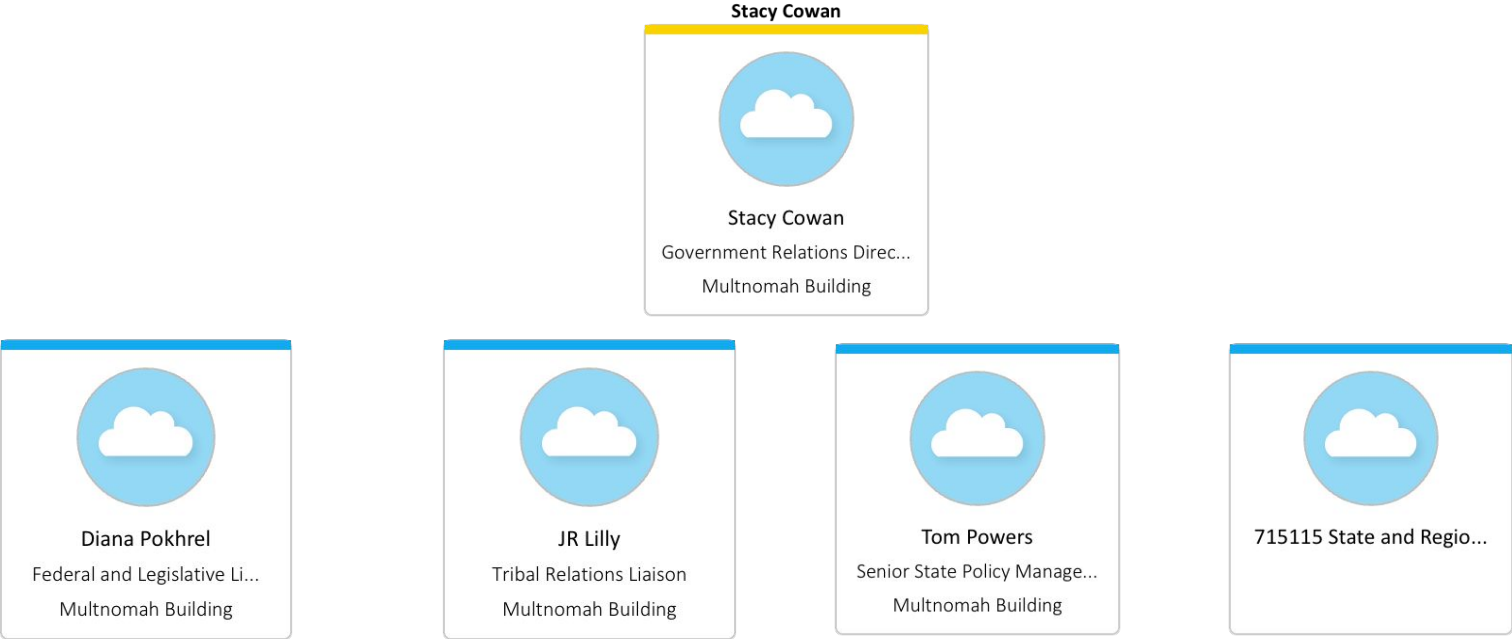




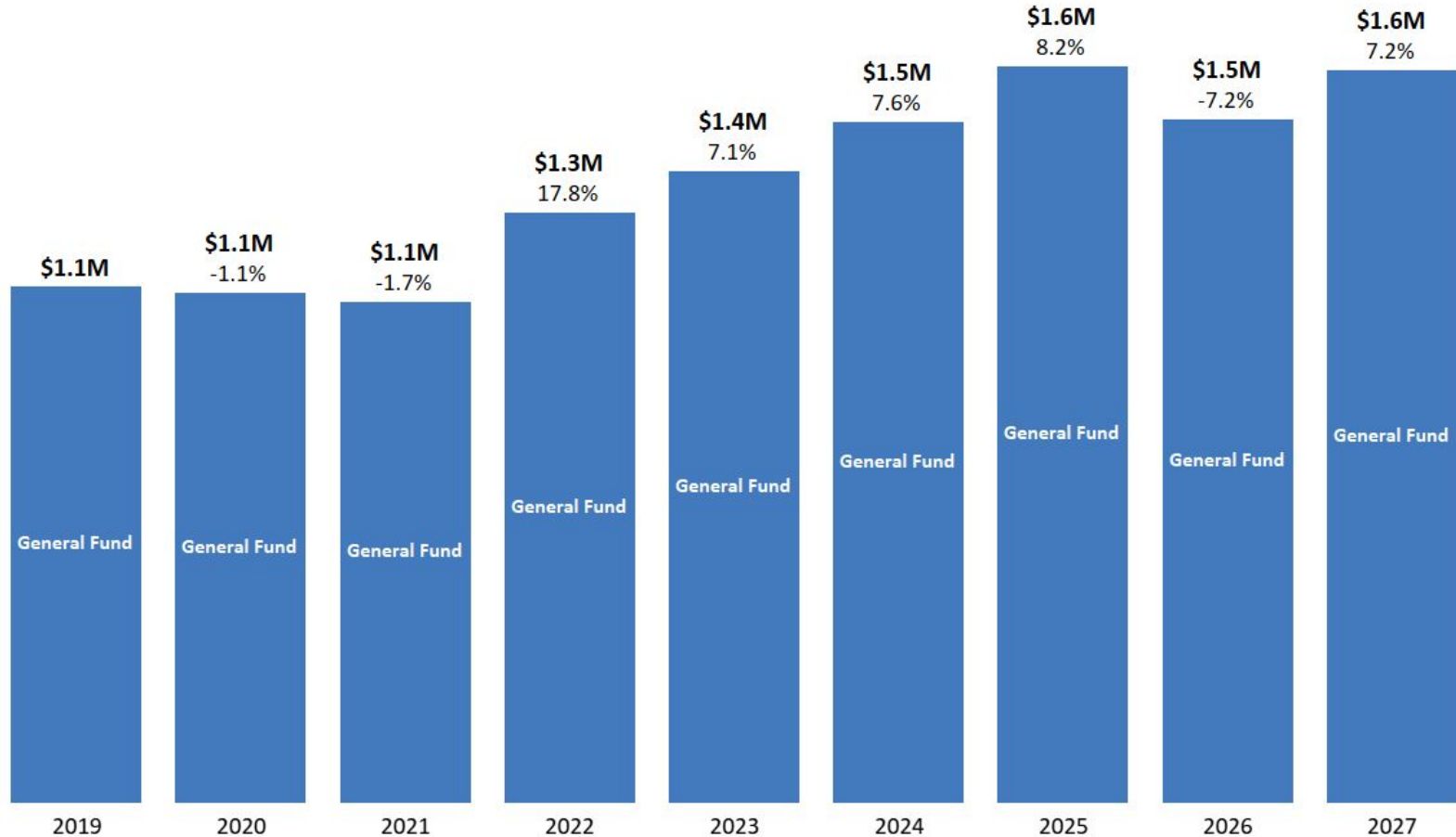
Appendices

The following slides
are provided for reference.

Organizational Chart



Significant Operating Funds FY 2019-2027



FTE Overview

FTE by Bargaining Unit

Type	Bargaining Unit	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Approved	+/-	% Change
Nonrep	94 - Elected Officials, Staff Asst.	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%
Total		5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%

FTE by Fund

Fund Name	FY 2026 Adopted	FY 2027 Approved	+/-	% Change
General Fund	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%
Total	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.0%

FY 2027 Budgeted Vacancies - FTE & Total Personnel Cost

NOND Office	Job Code	Job Profile	FTE	General Fund	Total Cost	Hired as of
Government Relations	9400	Staff Assistant	1.00	200,341	200,341	5/22/26
Total			1.00	200,341	200,341	