

BOARD REPORT

To: Members of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

From: Sherry Lawson, Deputy County Administrator

Subject: Mid-Year Budget Review

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Mid-Year Budget Review is to provide the Board of Supervisors and the public with a summary of the County’s overall financial performance for the 6-month period ending December 31, 2023. This report provides an update on general fund and projected year-end forecasts. Notwithstanding any additional major fluctuations in the Budget, the County is projected to end the year with a balanced budget, largely through the use of one-time funds.

Throughout the course of the fiscal year, additional budget is appropriated to supplement what was originally adopted during September Budget Hearings, under the discretion of the Board. For this reason, the amounts presented under Adjusted Budgets will fluctuate throughout the year.

This projected budget report is prepared in collaboration with all County departments using actual (unaudited) activity for Fiscal Year 2023-24. Staff will continue to monitor actual activity and provide updates for the upcoming 2024-25 budget deliberation process.

MID-YEAR RESULTS

As of December 31, 2023, the General Fund Operating fund realized revenues of \$21,055,245 and expenditures of \$24,165,767, achieving 48.8% and 49.4% of the Adjusted budget, respectively.

	2023-24 Adjusted Budget	December 31, 2023-24 Actuals	Percentage of Budget	Projected Total	Projected Surplus/(Deficit)	Percentage of Budget
Total Revenue	\$43,114,845	\$21,055,245	48.8%	\$44,122,257	\$1,007,412	102.3%
Total Appropriations	\$48,871,107	\$24,165,767	49.4%	\$48,879,231	\$8,124	100.0%

Projected revenue is based on responses from Departments, confirming they are on track to receive budgeted revenue, as well as in the inclusion of unanticipated revenue received to date.

Overall, based on six months of actuals and the most recent data available, the County expects revenues to fall short of current expenditure levels. However, the County is expected to achieve an overall balanced budget for the period ending June 30, 2024, through the use of one-time funds.

GENERAL FUND BALANCE 1/29/24	\$4,649,681
GENERAL FUND COMMITTED ACCOUNTS	-\$463,923
APPROPRIATION 23/24	-\$48,879,231
REVENUE 23/24	\$44,122,257
LATCF	\$571,216
PROJECTED GENERAL FUND BALANCE ENDING 6/30/24	\$0

NON-GENERAL FUND

Non-general fund budgets receive money through specific revenue streams that are earmarked for particular purposes or activities. Unlike general funds, which cover broad government operations, non-general funds are designated for specific functions, projects, or services. Non-general funds include Special Revenue Funds, Internal Service Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Funds.

These funds are used for specific functions and as such, they are treated differently than general fund budgets. Each fund has its own fund balance, which is used in a calculation to project if that fund will be positive or negative at the end of the fiscal year. These non-general funds were evaluated at mid-year and it has been determined there is no need for major budget modifications in non-general fund departments at this time. Non-general fund departments regularly track their fund balances to ensure they are operating within their means. The budget team also monitors, offers support and works with departments to correct any fund balance issues that may occur. Through this joint effort, we continue to work towards the continued fiscal success of our non-general fund departments.

CONCLUSION

The result of the 2023-24 mid-year budget review is a testament to our commitment in managing our budgets appropriately and serving our community responsibly. Despite fluctuations in budget appropriations and expenditures, the County remains on track to achieve a balanced budget by the end of the fiscal year, primarily through the utilization of one-time funds. While general fund revenues may fall short of current expenditure levels, diligent monitoring and strategic financial management will ensure fiscal prudence and sustainability.

Additionally, the evaluation of non-general fund departments has shown no immediate need for major budget modifications, underscoring the ongoing commitment to responsible fiscal stewardship across all areas of County operations.

Looking ahead, staff will continue to monitor actual activity and collaborate with departments to maintain fiscal success and deliver effective services to the community. Through structured financial management and strategic decision-making, we will continue our effort to deliver sustainable outcomes for the County and the communities we serve.