BOARD REPORT

То:	Members of the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors
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Subject:	Mid-Year Budget Review

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of the Fiscal Year 2024-25 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, 2024. This report provides an update on the 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, with the use of one-time funds.

Throughout the fiscal year, additional budget appropriations supplement the original allocations adopted during the September Budget Hearings at the Board's discretion. 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 and projected activity for Fiscal Year 2024-25. Staff will continue to monitor actual activity and provide updates for the upcoming 2025-26 recommended budget process.

MID-YEAR RESULTS

As of January 1, 2025 the General Fund Operating fund realized revenues of \$24,238,161 and expenditures of \$23,498,757, achieving 43.9% and 42.2% of the Adjusted budget, respectively.

	2024-25 Adjusted		January 1,	Percentage	Projected Total		Under
		Budget	2025 Actuals	of Budget	at J	une 30, 2025	Budget
Total Revenue	\$	55,239,452	\$24,238,161	43.9%	\$	53,669,224	\$(1,570,228)
Total Expenditures	\$	55,677,103	\$23,498,757	42.2%	\$	51,409,079	\$(4,268,024)

Projected revenues and expenditures, including salaries and benefits, are based on responses from departments. Using departmental submissions, six months of actual data, and the most recent available projections, the County anticipates a revenue shortfall compared to initial estimates. However, a corresponding decrease in overall expenditures will partially offset this shortfall. While both revenues and expenditures are lower than initially forecasted, a remaining deficit of \$588,844 will be addressed through the use of one-time funds, allowing the County to achieve a balanced budget for the period ending June 30, 2025.

General Fund Balance 2/10/25	\$2,741,298
General Fund Committed Accounts	(\$5,590,287)
Appropriation 24/25	(\$51,409,079)
Revenue 24/25	\$53,669,224
Budget Stabilization	\$588 <i>,</i> 844
General Fund Unassigned Balance 6/30/25 (Projected)	\$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. These funds include Special Revenue Funds, Internal Service Funds, Enterprise Funds, Debt Service Funds, and Capital Funds. Each of these funds operates independently with its own fund balance, which is closely monitored to ensure fiscal stability.

At mid-year, non-general fund budgets were reviewed, and no major budget modifications are necessary at this time. However, it should be noted that some departments have experienced significant operational changes that have resulted in increased expenditures. As an example, Sanitation has taken on additional responsibilities, and Airports has encountered increased project costs. Behavioral Health and Social Services are also navigating financial uncertainties due to ongoing policy and funding changes. While these factors are contributing to higher costs in certain areas, the budget team is actively monitoring these situations and working with departments to ensure financial stability within existing resources.

Non-general fund departments continue to track their fund balances to ensure they are operating within their means, and the budget team provides ongoing support to address any emerging financial challenges. We will continue working together to adapt to these challenges and maintain responsible financial management.

CONCLUSION

The Fiscal Year 2024-25 Mid-Year Budget Review provides an overview of the County's financial standing at the halfway point of the fiscal year. While revenues and expenditures remain below initial estimates, the County is projected to achieve a balanced budget by utilizing one-time funds. Non-general fund budgets continue to be stable, with departments managing their resources responsibly.

Moving forward, the County must remain proactive in addressing financial uncertainties stemming from potential policy changes and economic pressures. Staff will continue to monitor budget performance and provide recommendations to ensure fiscal stability. Collaboration across departments and careful financial planning will be key in navigating the remainder of the fiscal year and preparing for the 2025-26 budget cycle.