# FY 2026-27 Budget Workshop



Chief Executive Officer

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#### **Cannabis Tax**

- September 2024: the Board of Supervisors Adopted Ordinance temporarily reduced Cannabis Business Tax for cultivation and nursery operations
  - 40% reduction for Tax Year 2025
  - 35% reduction for Tax Year 2026
- Cannabis Tax Collections:
  - 412 True-up payments outstanding between 2020 though 2024
  - Estimated additional tax revenues by fiscal year, if minimum paid
    - FY 2025-26 \$1,494,750
    - FY 2026-27 \$1,619,312
    - FY 2027-28 \$2,491,250



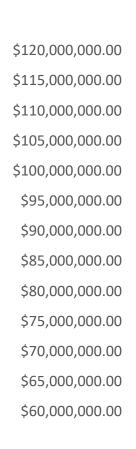
### **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Funding**

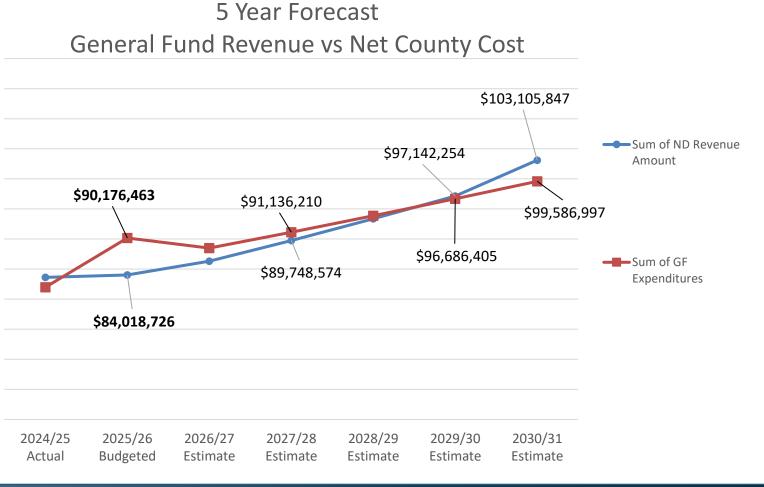
- Option 1: Local Sales Tax Measure
  - ¼ cent (0.25%) Countywide sales tax dedicated to EMS
  - Approximately \$5.5M (\$2.2M for unincorporated)
- Option 2: Utilize Existing Revenue Sources
  - Reallocation of Measure P revenue
- Option 3: CSA 3 and LAFCo Consideration
  - Levy a service charge, benefit assessment, or special tax



#### Revenue 5-year Look Ahead

- Revenue estimates up to FY 2030-31, with following assumptions:
  - 3% year-to-year expense growth
  - 10-year average revenue growth
- If General Fund continues to be strategically managed, we can expect revenues to closely align to expenses in Fiscal Year 28-29.



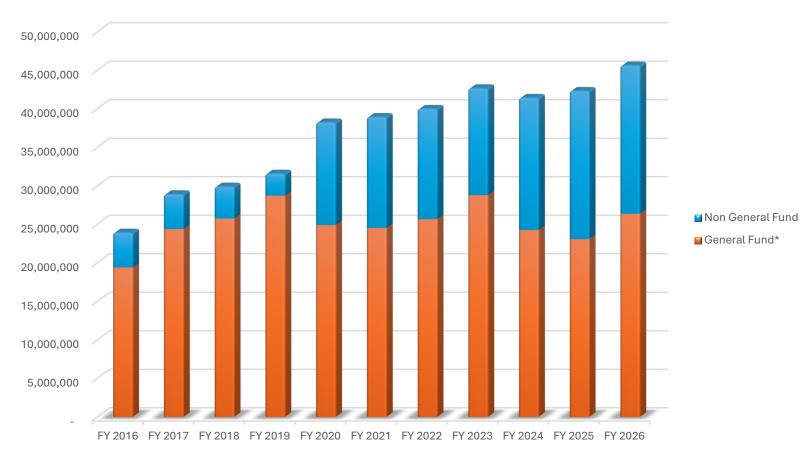




#### **County Reserves Fund Balance**

- County General Reserve fund balance is currently \$14,042,921
- General Reserve target balance per Policy #32 is \$15,950,368
- Target General Fund balance, per GFOA recommendations is
  \$27,136,712
- General Fund includes County General Reserve, Retirement Contribution Reserve, and other Designated Reserves

#### **County of Mendocino Reserves**





#### **CEO Recommendations**

• Direct staff to research options for the collection of delinquent Cannabis business taxes and to present findings to the Board of Supervisors no later than Mid-year Budget Report in February 2026.

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Questions

**Discussion**