Medical Examiner's Office

2025-2026 Council Budget Presentation

Departmental Expenditure Budget

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
002	General Fund	\$8,227,302	\$8,766,749	\$539,447
124	Human Services	\$895,062	\$1,164,164	\$269,102
	TOTAL	\$9,122,364	\$9,930,913	\$808,549

Departmental Revenue Budget

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
002	General Fund	\$794,225	\$917,648	\$123,423
	TOTAL	\$794,225	\$917,648	\$123,423

Departmental FTE Report

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2024 ADOPTED	2025 PROPOSED	2026 PROPOSED
002	General Fund	19.65	19.65	19.65
124	Human Services	1.85	1.85	1.85
	TOTAL	21.50	21.50	21.50

Departmental Budget Allocation (002 Fund)

CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
Salaries	Medical Examiner	55.8%	54.3%	-1.5%
Benefits	Medical Examiner	18%	17.8%	-0.2%
Supplies	Medical Examiner	2.6%	4%	1.4%
Prof. Svcs.	Medical Examiner	6%	7.6%	1.6%
Capital	Medical Examiner	1.5%	0.6%	-0.9%
Interfund	Medical Examiner	16.1%	15.7%	-0.3%

Departmental Budget Allocation (124 Fund)

CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
Salaries	Medical Examiner	55.6%	53.7%	-1.9%
Benefits	Medical Examiner	13.5%	13.6%	0.1%
Supplies	Medical Examiner	4.5%	5.2%	0.6%
Prof. Svcs.	Medical Examiner	20.7%	17.8	-2.9%
Capital	Medical Examiner	0%	0%	0%
Interfund	Medical Examiner	5.7%	9.8%	4.1%

Successes & Challenges

Please provide a brief description of a recent success or overcome challenge:

 Our body cooler recently went down and we were able to quickly coordinate emergency storage options with King County ME and Skagit County Coroner.

Please provide a list of non-budget challenges facing your programs in the upcoming biennial budget cycle:

- Managing how many autopsies are performed with only
 2 of 3 doctor positions being filled
 - Only 325 autopsies are allowed per physician per year 325 = full autopsies + (external autopsies / 3)
 - Exceeding 325 autopsies risks losing accreditation which is now required per RCW 36.24.210
 - Losing accreditation results in less reimbursement from the state