



Medical Examiner's Office

2025-2026 Council Budget Presentation

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*