



Auditor's Office

2025-2026 Council Budget Presentation

draft as of [2024.10.01](#)

Departmental Expenditure Budget

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
002	Admin, Animal Services, Elections, Licensing, Recording	\$23,332,744	\$23,276,043	-\$56,701
100	Animal Bequest Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0,000
130	Help America Vote Act (HAVA 3)	\$954,030	\$565,000	-\$389,030
130	SOS Information Security Grant (Elections)	\$320,000	\$130,775	-\$189,225
186	Auditor's O&M (Recording)	\$4,972,338	\$3,976,391	-\$995,947
189	Elections Cumulative Reserve	\$2,241,951	\$268,623	-\$1,973,328
	TOTAL	\$31,841,063	\$28,236,832	-\$3,604,228

Departmental Revenue Budget

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
002	Admin, Animal Services, Elections, Licensing, Recording	\$22,109,489	\$20,831,342	-\$1,278,147
100	Animal Bequest Fund	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
130	Help America Vote Act (HAVA 3)	\$954,030	\$565,000	-\$389,030
130	SOS Information Security Grant (Elections)	\$320,000	\$130,775	-\$189,225
186	Auditor's O&M (Recording)	\$4,972,338	\$3,976,391	-\$995,947
189	Elections Cumulative Reserve	\$2,241,951	\$268,623	-\$1,973,328
	TOTAL	\$30,617,808	\$25,792,131	-\$4,825,677

Departmental FTE Report

FUND	DIVISION/PROGRAM	2024 ADOPTED	2025 PROPOSED	2026 PROPOSED
002-410	Administration	5	5	5
002-430	Recording	7.25	7.25	7.25
002-481	Licensing	9.5	9.5	9.5
002-483	Animal Services	10	10	10
002-485	Elections Services	4	4	4
002-486	Voter Registration	8	8	8
002-430	Auditor's O&M (Recording)	2.25	2.25	2.25
	TOTAL	46	46	46

Departmental Budget Allocation

CATEGORY	DEPARTMENT	2023-2024 ADOPTED	2025-2026 PROPOSED	CHANGE
Salaries	Auditor	30%	31%	1%
Benefits	Auditor	10%	11%	2%
Supplies	Auditor	7%	7%	0%
Prof. Svcs.	Auditor	33%	35%	2%
Capital * (remodels 2023-24)	Auditor	6%	0%	-6%
Interfund	Auditor	14%	16%	2%
Total		100%	100%	

* Capital is primarily from the Elections Cumulative Reserve (Fund 189), used for remodels.

Successes & Challenges

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

- *With the recent completion of remodels of the 1st and 3rd floors of Admin West and the creation of the new Elections Center, the Auditor's Office has been able to enhance customer service, capacity, security, and transparency in time for the 2024 August and November elections. We appreciate the support of the Council and the Executive to achieve these important improvements for the voters of Snohomish County.*

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

- *Continued propagation of mis/disinformation and threats against election workers*
- *Nationwide trends in property fraud through the recording process*
- *Shortage of license plate inventory from State due to ongoing production issues*
- *Fewer pet owners acquiring pet licenses with no indication that there are fewer pets*
- *Maintaining critical staff*



Thank you. Any questions?

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