

March 10, 2026

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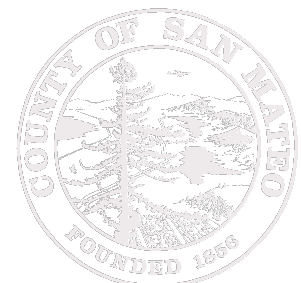
RE: Budget Request for San Mateo County and its Cities for FY 23-24 & FY 24-25 VLF Shortfall

Dear Governor Newsom, Senator Laird and Assemblymember Gabriel:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to respectfully request that the **\$156,989,744 in-lieu Vehicle License Fee (VLF) shortfall** for San Mateo County and its cities be included in this year's State budget. This amount covers a **\$119,238,751 shortfall for FY 24-25** and an unpaid **\$37,750,993 shortfall from FY 23-24**. These funds are vital for providing essential services to our residents and are fully funded for fifty-five other counties and their cities, regardless of the amount. San Mateo County and its cities should not be deprived of this crucial, required funding. Including these funds in the State budget will ensure the continued delivery of essential services to the most vulnerable in our communities.

The State's in-lieu VLF payment obligation stems from the VLF "Swap," an integral part of the 2004 Budget compromise. Under that compromise, the State permanently reduced the annual VLF rate, significantly reducing counties' and cities' revenues and, for two fiscal years, shifted an additional \$1.3 billion in property taxes from counties, cities, and special districts to pay the State's school funding obligations and address the State's budget deficit. In exchange, the State guaranteed counties and cities a mandatory "in-lieu" VLF payment for the lost revenues, adjusted annually based on growth in assessed property value. The payment is drawn from non-basic aid school districts' ERAF and property taxes, with the State backfilling the school districts for each dollar so they do not suffer any loss from the in-lieu VLF payment. Through this backfill, the State effectively pays the entire in-lieu VLF amount for every county and city statewide, regardless of the amount.

In San Mateo County, the direct funding sources identified in the statute are insufficient to cover the full amount of the in-lieu VLF payment,



resulting in a shortfall. The shortfall is not due to any fault of the County or its cities, and it cannot be offset by recourse to their constitutionally protected returned ERAF monies, which, by law, cannot be reduced to fund the in-lieu VLF payment.

Historically, the State has made counties and cities whole by funding in-lieu VLF shortfalls through a special appropriation in the State budget. This appropriation ensures that San Mateo County and its cities, like all other counties and cities in the state, receive their full in-lieu VLF payment required by law. However, the Governor’s January Budget did not include an appropriation to cover the remaining **\$37,750,993 FY 23-24 shortfall** or the **\$119,238,751 FY 24-25 shortfall**, leaving a total outstanding obligation of **\$156,989,744**. The State should fund these amounts and not penalize counties and cities for seeking to ensure such funds are secured for their residents.

As a core source of general fund revenue, VLF covers 18% of all County services funded with general fund dollars, from public safety to health and social services to parks. If the State does not pay its VLF obligation to the County—as it does for every other county in the state—San Mateo County will have to make substantial cuts to programs and services not mandated by state or federal law, such as:

- \$25M to Shelter Operations, *closing 8 shelters and displacing nearly 3,000 people;*
- \$34M to Housing Outreach, Support, and Development, *eliminating rental assistance to 5,500 families and seniors at risk of eviction and homelessness, and cutting funding for 437 units of affordable housing production;*
- \$20M to Senior, Veteran, and Youth Services, *eliminating benefit assistance to 3,000 veterans, early literacy program for 7,400 youth and transportation services and financial exploitation prevention for 3,000 seniors;*
- \$13M to Public Safety, *eliminating domestic violence prevention program, gun violence prevention, and wildfire mitigation;*
- \$24M to Food Security Services, *eliminating meal and grocery services to low-income residents;*
- \$5M to Parks Operations, *eliminating maintenance and repair of fire roads and ten playgrounds;* and
- \$7M to Mental Health Services, *eliminating psychiatric services for 600 homeless individuals and 500 youth.*

Please see the attached documents for a full accounting of County programs to be cut. Each and every one of the County’s 20 cities will also have to cut essential services.

In addition, looming H.R. 1-related cuts, both state and federal, to health and safety net programs are estimated to cost our County approximately \$56.6 million by FY 2027-28, further

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straining our ability to provide essential services to vulnerable county residents. Failure to honor full payment would also be contrary to the 2004 Budget Compromise, in which these payments were guaranteed by law in exchange for substantial financial contributions from local governments.

For these reasons, we request that **\$156,989,744 in VLF in-lieu shortfall funding for San Mateo County and its 20 cities** be included in this year's budget to ensure no adverse fiscal impact on our local governments.

We appreciate your consideration of this critical request. Should you have any questions about our request, please contact Connie Juarez-Diroll, San Mateo County's Chief Legislative Officer (650-599-1341, cjuarez-diroll@smcgov.org).

Sincerely,



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VLF Reductions

Measure K

Department Name	Project	Project Name	Description	Area Served	FY 2026-27 Recc Budget
Department of Housing	DOHAH	Affordable Housing Fund	The Affordable Housing Fund provides financial assistance to non-profit and for-profit developers to support production and preservation of affordable housing County-wide for low income families, seniors, Veterans, and the County's unhoused population.	Countywide	19,000,000
Department of Housing	DOHSS	Staff Support	Measure K Staff Support helps to fund staff and admin costs related to administration of the Affordable Housing Fund.	Countywide	1,411,218
Affordable Housing Total					20,411,218

Human Services Agency	HSAIT	ITA - Clarity; FRC database	This item pays for county staffing that supports the County's use of Clarity, a HUD-mandated Homeless Management Information System.	Countywide	141,224
Human Services Agency	HSA7H	Housing Retention	The Housing and Opportunities to Maximize Employment (HOME) program, administered by Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS), supports individuals experiencing homelessness or those who have recently been housed. It helps participants achieve housing stability and self-sufficiency by offering employment training and simulated work experience to individuals in shelter, along with vocational assessments and assistance with securing and maintaining employment.	Countywide	3,283,185
Human Services Agency	HSABF	BitFocus Clarity Human Svcs	Payment of Licenses for the system (BitFocus) which supplies Clarity, our HUD-mandated HMIS system and the system we use for Our Count and all homeless data collection and reporting.	Countywide	138,548
Human Services Agency	HSAHA	COH Shelter Operations	This funding supports the operations of two shelters: Coast House and Pacific Shelter. Coast House is in Half Moon Bay and prioritizes coastal residents; Pacific Shelter is in Redwood City and prioritizes Redwood City residents. County funding supports both shelter operations and the provision of housing-oriented case management,	Countywide	7,500,000
Human Services Agency	HSAHC	Technical Assistance Service	This contract provides training and technical assistance to homeless service providers on best practices in homeless services and implementing new strategies to enhance services and outcomes.	Countywide	120,000

Human Services Agency	HSAHI	Coordinated Entry Service	These funds allow the County to prioritize applicants for shelter and housing through the Coordinated Entry System. \$1.3M pays for Samaritan House to coordinate with service providers countywide to enter applicants in the CES, conduct housing problem solving/diversion, and ensure the data quality. \$1.2M pays for 5.3 FTE County staff in the Center on Homelessness who support homeless system design, changes, and operations, including technical assistance for providers, data analysis, and system coordination.	Countywide	2,711,531
Human Services Agency	HSAHS	EPA Homeless Shelter Op Exp	WeHOPE shelter serves adults experiencing homelessness and provides shelter operations, including housing-focused case management and service linkage, and providing a safe and welcoming environment for residents to stay while providing them with intensive services to help them move to permanent housing.	Countywide	869,127
Human Services Agency	HSAIW	Event Center Inclement Weather	Inclement Weather shelter program that provides safe shelter to families and individuals during severe weather events or emergencies.	Countywide	665,942
Human Services Agency	HSAL5	Motel Voucher/Overflow Shelter	The Overflow Shelter Program provides short-term shelter and case management for eligible families experiencing homelessness, until a space becomes available at a family shelter site.	Countywide	2,303,282
Human Services Agency	HSASH	Safe Harbor Shelter Bridge	Safe Harbor shelter serves adults experiencing homelessness and provides shelter operations, including housing-focused case management and service linkage, and providing a safe and welcoming environment for residents to stay while providing them with intensive services to help them move to permanent housing.	Countywide	1,263,125
Human Services Agency	HSAST	Youth Shelter	These funds cover youth shelter operations, housing-focused case management and service linkage. There will be a new request for RFP to find a new operator after StarVista closed.	Countywide	469,388
Non-Departmental Services		Shelter Operations	Additional support for ongoing shelter operations	Countywide	6,000,000
Shelter Total					25,465,353
County Health	HLTWP	SMCHealth-HPSM-House-Retention	Under the Memorandum of Agreement with Health Plan of San Mateo, supports vulnerable homeless individuals through direct rental subsidies and housing location and retention service	Countywide	2,000,000

Human Services Agency	HSAEH	Emergency Financial Assistance	This contract provides homelessness prevention services and financial assistance to prevent homelessness and support housing stability for County residents who are experiencing a housing crisis. Provides rent payment, housing deposits, among other assistance to keep residents housed. This population includes families, seniors and individuals who are experiencing housing instability and are either at risk of homelessness or are currently experiencing homelessness and are returning to housing.	Countywide	3,000,000
Human Services Agency	HSALA	Rapid Rehousing Services	More than half of this funding pays for housing costs associated with rehousing unhoused people. These include move-in costs, time limited rental subsidies and moving expenses. The rest of the funding supports Abode Services in providing housing locator services for unhoused households and case management to support their transition.	Countywide	1,983,556
Human Services Agency	HSAS2	RRHHL Interim Housing Capacity	The Navigation Center is a non-congregate shelter that serves adults experiencing homelessness. This contractor provides shelter operations, including housing-focused case management and service linkage, and providing a safe and welcoming environment for residents to stay while providing them with intensive services to help them move to permanent housing.	Countywide	726,143
Department of Housing	DOHHH	Support/Tech Assist Svcs	Home for All supports production and preservation of housing at all income levels and for all ages throughout San Mateo County. To achieve this goal, Measure K funding is being used to support the following programs: 21 Elements, a countywide partnership to ensure all 21 cities and the county have certified housing elements and implement policies and programs to meet their RHNA housing targets; Faith Community Housing Liaison Pilot Program, a countywide program aimed at working with congregations to identify affordable housing development potential and guide them through the process; a partnership with HIP Housing to refer place a defined number of residents at shelters into permanent supportive housing in the mid- and southern portion of the County; start-up funding for the San Mateo County ADU Non-Profit to assist residents interested in building an ADU in the County; and countywide educational convenings and trainings for elected officials, city staff and community stakeholders on emerging housing trends and innovative solutions.	Countywide	400,000
Housing Support Total					8,109,699

County Health	HLTSM	Mobile Health Street Medicine	Expansion of the Mobile Clinics Street Medicine team, which operates in homeless encampments, or individual living facilities, and offers shelter medicine services and medical case management and builds trusting and lasting relationships with the homeless communities being served, with a focus on providing primary and urgent medical and mental health care in the field. The Program provides high quality, low-barrier medical assessments and treatments with minimal access requirements, including: health screening and education; and appropriate Psychiatric Care, and/ or Specialty Care referrals where the homeless populations are living and or available during the day.	Countywide	777,157
County Health	MHAES	Mental Health Emer Services	Emergency shelter and related services for adults	Countywide	574,434
Human Services Agency	HSAHO	Homeless Outreach Service	Homeless Outreach Team services, also known as HOT, provide services to people experiencing unsheltered homelessness throughout the County. Services include initial outreach and engagement at encampments and other locations where unsheltered people are living, case management, and service linkage, with the goal of building trust and connecting clients with shelter, housing programs and other resources.	Countywide	3,018,467
Human Services Agency	HSAL2	Housing Locator Services	The Housing Locator program provides intensive housing search support to help enrolled families and individuals locate housing, including locating potential rentals and working with the property owner to overcome challenges like past evictions and low credit scores. The program also provides case management for clients who are housed with the support of a housing voucher and who are also in need of supportive services to maintain their housing.	Countywide	1,265,458
Housing Outreach Total					5,635,516
District Attorney's Office	DAODV	DA Domestic Violence	The Domestic Violence Unit reviews and prosecutes cases involving violence, threats, and harassment occurring within the context of domestic relationships. Working in conjunction with the Victims Services Unit prosecutors try to connect survivors of domestic violence with services that address both immediate and long-term needs. Additionally, in cases in which perpetrators of domestic violence are placed on probation, the Domestic Violence Unit prosecutes violations of probation and protective/restraining orders in an effort to provide ongoing protection of survivors as well as ensuring compliance with the terms and conditions of a probationary grant.	Countywide	294,194

Non-Departmental Services	NDSDV	DV system of care/gap analysis	DV system of care/prevention gap analysis, including subsequent implementation.	Countywide	670,000
Domestic Violence					964,194

Sheriff's Office	NDSBB	Gun Buy Back		Countywide	40,000
Non-Departmental Services	NDSBB	Gun Buy Back		Countywide	80,000
District Attorney's Office	DAOGV	District Attorney Gun Violence	The District Attorney's Office oversees the law enforcement side of the collaborative Gun Violence Prevention Program (GVPP). The two GVPP Detectives work closely with our Court partners to quickly identify anyone in San Mateo County who has a firearm related restriction placed on them through the civil court process. Engagement with anyone who is restricted then begins to stress voluntary compliance or the GVPP Detectives and law enforcement will move to seize any and all prohibited weapons by enforcing or seeking additional court orders	Countywide	719,227
Gun Violence					839,227

County Health	AASCG	CareGivers Support Analysis	Provides expansion of family caregiver support services to better reach a diverse caregiving community.	Countywide	101,381
County Health	AASED	AAS Elder Depend Adult Protect	Funds are used for staffing financial elder abuse investigations and possible referral, when appropriate, to the DA's office when warranted.	Countywide	985,082
District Attorney's Office	DAOEA	District Attorney Elder Abuse	The San Mateo County District Attorney's Office's Elder Protection Unit serves as a critical hub for our stakeholders by collaborating with Aging and Adult Services' social workers to connect them to appropriate law enforcement and community resources, by providing training and investigative support to our local law enforcement agencies, and by holding abusers criminally accountable while protecting vulnerable victims. With the support of our Measure K funding, our prosecutors, detectives, and victim advocate use their subject matter expertise to pursue justice while improving the outcomes of the most vulnerable residents of San Mateo County. Our Unit helps ensure EDAPT continues to be one of the most innovative and successful models for preventing, investigating, and prosecuting vulnerable adult abuse.	Countywide	1,313,758
County Health	AASFL	AAS Friendship Line	Provides 24 hour hotline offering suicide intervention and prevention for older and disabled adults	Countywide	255,186

County Health	AASMP	Master Plan on Aging Developmt	Design a plan to advance programs and activities that increase social connectedness and wellness through accessible educational, health and wellness, and social and recreational opportunities for older adults and adults with disabilities in San Mateo County.	Countywide	500,000
County Health	AASTZ	Taxi Voucher - Elderly 70+	Provides taxi vouchers to older adults and adults with disability contracted through Peninsula Family Services.	Countywide	608,196
County Health	HLTOA	Senior Clinic	Funding for SMMC to coordinate with AAS for home visiting and services for complex cases.	Countywide	484,462
County Health	PFSMH	Pennisula Family Service Peer	Maintain and expand Peer Counseling program for seniors offering group sessions in Daly City, Pacifica, Half Moon Bay, San Mateo, and Redwood City. Funds will be used to increase participants from 635 to 986 annually and add staff capacity to better serve African-American, LGTBQIA+, and Spanish-speaking communities.	Districts 2, 3, 4 & 5	457,688
Human Services	HSAEH	Emergency Financial Assistance	This contract provides homelessness prevention services and financial assistance to prevent homelessness and support housing stability for County residents who are experiencing a housing crisis. Provides rent payment, housing deposits, among other assistance to keep residents housed. This population includes families, seniors and individuals who are experiencing housing instability and are either at risk of homelessness or are currently experiencing homelessness and are returning to housing.	Countywide	500,000
Seniors Total					5,205,753
Human Services Agency	HSAVS	Veterans Services	This funding supports the County Veterans Services Office (CVSO), which helps veterans and their families access veterans benefits. Accredited Veterans Services Representatives (VSRs) assist with claims, appeals, and college fee waivers, acting on behalf of veterans in these processes. In 2024, VSRs secured \$5.1 million in retroactive funds and \$1.5 million in college fee waivers, benefiting veterans and the local economy.	Countywide	480,863
Veteran's Services					480,863

County Executive's Office	SWAGG	Students With Amazing Goals	The Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP) is an internship program for foster youth ages 18 to 27. Participants get an opportunity to work in a County department and mentorship from County employees, who prepare interns for their new job duties and orient them towards developing work experience. STEP's Measure K funds are used to support the salaries and benefits for the STEP Interns and permanent program staff, as well as program costs, including transportation stipends, coaching and intern trainings	Countywide	250,000
Human Resources	STEPS	Supported Training Employ Prog	The Supported Training & Employment Program (STEP) is an internship program for foster youth ages 18 to 27. Participants get an opportunity to work in a County department and mentorship from County employees, who prepare interns for their new job duties and orient them towards developing work experience. STEP's Measure K funds are used to support the salaries and benefits for the STEP Interns and permanent program staff, as well as program costs, including transportation stipends, coaching and intern trainings	Countywide	490,744
Sheriff's Office	SHFSS	School Safety	The Sheriff's Office School Safety program provides a partnership with parents, school administrators, and faculty to address safety and behavioral concerns, problem solve, and mentor and empower youth to become responsible, productive student body members.	Districts 2, 3, 4 & 5	721,111
Probation Department	PROFL	FLY Intervention Services	Fresh Lifelines for Youth, Inc. is a nonprofit that helps over 600 at-risk youth in San Mateo County annually by providing legal education, mentorship, leadership development, and peer-based restorative support programs to disrupt the "pipeline to prison". In San Mateo County, FLY offers programs in schools, underserved communities, and the Youth Services Center - Juvenile Hall. The majority of Measure K funding for FLY will support the personnel costs of their San Mateo County-based team, including coaches and case managers working directly with youth, coordinators providing administrative support, and program managers overseeing daily operations.	Countywide	250,000
County Health	DCYHC	Daly City Youth Health Center	Continued operation of clinic-, school-, and community-based peer leadership and other programs to support youth behavioral health and substance use prevention for youth in North County, including Daly City, South San Francisco, Colma, Pacifica, San Bruno, and Brisbane.	District 5	258,108

County Health	YOPCM	Youth Outpatient Case Mgmt	Funds staffing to provide youth mental health services, case management and resource referrals to County Behavioral Health clients at clinics.	Countywide	584,575
County Health	YSBTY	Youth School-Transition Age	Collaboration with the County Office of Education to address mental health needs of young people and transitional age youth. Planning stage has concluded and in FY 25-26 funding will be utilized for grants will be awarded for services.	Countywide	500,000
County Health	HLTTC	Teen Clinics	Funding for teen clinics located at Jefferson Union High School and Sequoia High school providing needed preventative and reproductive care.	Jefferson & Sequoia High Schools	770,146
Human Services Agency	HSAPI	HSA PEI-At Risk Child	There is an RFP in progress. Program Description: Community Pathway is an alternative response model that connects families to voluntary, community-based services instead of initiating a traditional child welfare investigation when it is safe and appropriate to do so. It focuses on early support, prevention, and family stabilization by partnering with community providers to address underlying needs. The model operates under a “no wrong door” approach, meaning families can access support through multiple entry points without being turned away, and are connected to the most appropriate services regardless of how they enter the system. The goal is to reduce unnecessary system involvement, strengthen protective factors, and promote child and family well-being through collaborative, non-adversarial engagement	Countywide	759,150
Human Services Agency	HSAYS	At-Risk Foster Youth Services	Measure K-funded educational services support at-risk foster youth in San Mateo County, helping them graduate high school at rates comparable to the general public. The program provides personalized case management, including individualized education plans, resources, and ongoing support to help foster youth succeed academically. By working closely with educators and community partners, the program helps foster youth overcome challenges and achieve their educational goals.	Countywide	407,713
County Health	PESCM	PES Case Management	Crisis intervention, assessment, care coordination and consultation services to the San Mateo Medical Center’s Psychiatric Emergency Service for Youth (up to 18) and young adults (up to age 26).	Countywide	325,710
Non-Departmental Services	NDSFY	Friends for Youth	This funding will provide mentorship and connection to behavioral health resources for underserved youth via volunteers from the local community	Countywide	250,000
Youth Services					5,567,257

Non-Departmental Services	NDSSH	Second Harvest	This funding is to provide food assistance services, such as meals and groceries, to low-income residents of the county	Countywide	2,000,000
Food Security					2,000,000
County Library	LIBBL	Direct Pay to Library for Big Lift	San Mateo County Libraries participates actively in The Big Lift initiative and leads The Big Lift Inspiring Summers program serving rising kindergarten to rising third grade children in Big Lift school districts across the county. The program prevents summer learning loss, increases access to enriching summer experiences, helps youth build 21st century skills and supports the overall county-wide goal to increase third grade reading proficiency for all children living in San Mateo County.	Countywide	1,088,012
County Library	LIBRR	Library Raising a Reader	San Mateo County Libraries provides support to Big Lift preschools to implement the Raising A Reader program. Book bags are regularly rotated for families to read at home together and family engagement events support at-home literacy practices and deepen the connection between preschool families and their local library; connecting families with relevant library resources.	Countywide	100,000
Human Services Agency	NDSEL	Big Lift	The Big Lift is a collective impact initiative aimed at increasing third-grade reading proficiency across San Mateo County, with a focus on early literacy, family engagement, and kindergarten readiness. By addressing educational disparities, the program supports long-term academic success and improves future life outcomes, particularly for socioeconomically disadvantaged students and students of color.	Countywide	7,012,600
Big Lift					8,200,612
Parks Department	PRKOP	Parks Department Ops and Maint	Primary funding source for essential park operations (other than staffing costs) including maintenance and repair of fire roads, service roads, and trails; mitigation of hazard trees near high-use visitor serving areas; operation of water and wastewater treatment plants at Memorial Park; maintenance of ten playgrounds to ensure compliance with California playground safety regulations; and deferred maintenance and emergency repair of water and sewer lines, bridges, and visitor facilities.	Countywide	2,500,000
Parks Department	Various	Parks Projects	Various Capital Projects	Countywide	2,500,000
Parks Total					5,000,000

Non-Departmental Services	CEOCH	Build Up SMC Childcare	This funding will continue the Build Up SMC Child Care Facility Fund program providing funding for minor repairs, renovations, and modifications for existing childcare facilities.	Countywide	250,000
Non-Departmental Services	NDSET	Early Childhood Education Workforce Expansion	Countywide education/training program to enhance the quality and quantity of early childhood education workforce in San Mateo County by offering child development associate (CDA) credential and 4-year bachelor's options to residents along with job placement at childcare centers and providers within the county.	Countywide	1,500,000
Non-Departmental Services	NDSDC	Capacity Building/TA for Family Childcare	Capacity building and technical assistance for existing home daycare providers and those interested in starting home daycares.	Countywide	400,000
Childcare Total					2,150,000

Fire Protection Services	FPSWU	Wildland Urban Interface	The Wildland Urban Interface Project funds a Forestry Assistant II who manages projects, ensures compliance with environmental regulations, and liaises with stakeholders. It also supports an Information Officer II responsible for social media, public outreach, and prevention programs. Additionally, the project funds a WUI Deputy Fire Marshal who assists with required inspections and collaborates with stakeholders and partner agencies."	Countywide	630,000
Parks Department	NATRS	Natural Resource Management	The Parks Department's Natural Resource Management Division manages the land, water, soil, plant and animal resources within the parks system, using scientific ecological principles and techniques to achieve healthy ecosystems. The NATRS account is critical to funding invasive species management projects to protect biodiversity and state and federally protected species. NATRS has also been used to install a salmon monitoring station at Memorial County Park and to support the Friends of Edgewood's experimental de-thatching restoration program at Edgewood County Park and Natural Preserve.	Countywide	275,000

Parks Department	PRKFM	Fire Mitigation	The Parks Department's Fire Mitigation account funds all of the department's efforts (less grant funding) to improve public safety by reducing the amount of fire fuels present in the County parks system as well as by improving access to the interior of parks to enable first responders to conduct wildfire containment and suppression activities (per direction provided by fire agencies). Utilizing these funds, the department has created, expanded, and maintained fuel breaks and shaded fuel breaks at Huddart Park, Wunderlich Park, Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve, Memorial Park, Quarry Park, Junipero Serra Park, and San Bruno Mountain. Since first receiving these funds in FY2021-22, and in addition to grant funds, the department has conducted 778 acres of fire fuel management. The department has also used these funds to plan the repair of Old Haul Road in Pescadero Creek County Park, a critical fire road and access route for emergency responders.	Countywide	1,000,000
Parks Department	PRKG1	RCD Grant	A grant agreement with the San Mateo Resource Conservation District ("RCD") to identify, facilitate, and develop plans and permits necessary for the implementation of at least four projects along critical emergency access corridors and roads; to provide program oversight, coordination, and administration; and to provide technical assistance services to San Mateo County land managers and/or residents.	Countywide	200,000
Parks Department	PRKG2	Fire Safe SMC Grant	A grant agreement with Fire Safe San Mateo County to provide Community Emergency Response Team ("CERT") equipment and supplies; to dispense educational materials and supplies; and to reduce hazardous fire fuels along evacuation routes in high-risk communities throughout San Mateo County.	Countywide	200,000
Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMLF	La Honda Fire Brigade	Grant funds are being used to purchase five Advanced Resource Containers (ARC) and four conex boxes, which will be equipped with critical emergency supplies and Starlink technology to provide emergency internet access during extended outages. These containers will support CERT responders, HAM radio operators, and Red Cross volunteers in both training and emergency response. Strategic placement in high-priority coastal locations will enhance preparedness and ensure rapid deployment capabilities in the event of a disaster.	Countywide	100,000
Fire Total					2,405,000

Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMAI	AI Software	Ladris is creating an AI-driven situational awareness tools that enhances risk evaluation and mitigation specific to San Mateo County. The CORE software improves early detection through pattern recognition, enabling better resource deployment, incident management, and targeted alert and warning capabilities for at-risk areas. Future enhancements include automated grant writing, community-accessible risk visualizations, and AI-assisted disaster plan updates to strengthen overall resilience.	Countywide	430,000
Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMAW	Alert and Warning DC	The Alert and Warning Coordinator is crucial for emergency communication. This position will be developing and standardizing San Mateo County's alert and warning systems, including Intergrated Public Alert and Warning Systems, tsunami sirens, and SMC Alert. This role will collaborate with emergency managers, local agencies, and stakeholders to create policies, procedures, and messaging that effectively reach all residents, including vulnerable communities. Through training, exercises, and system improvements, the coordinator will ensure timely, accurate alerts that protect lives and reduce the impact of disasters.	Countywide	183,775
Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMCO	Community Outreach DC	The Community Outreach Coordinator will ensure local communities are prepared for emergencies by conducting outreach events, providing training, and strengthening partnerships with cities, CBOs, and VOADs. This role will engage diverse populations, including monolingual individuals and those with Access and Functional Needs, by developing programs and materials that improve preparedness and access to resources. As the first dedicated position to work closely with these groups, the coordinator will bridge gaps, support response initiatives, and build a more inclusive and resilient Operational Area.	Countywide	214,544
Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMCS	Coastside DC	The Coastside Coordinator will serve as the emergency manager for San Mateo County's coastal communities, which lack dedicated emergency management staff. This role will strengthen relationships with local and regional groups to enhance preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery efforts. By collaborating with emergency services, community organizations, government agencies, and residents, the coordinator will ensure a unified and resilient approach to disasters across the coast.	Coastside	206,191

Dept. of Emerg. Mgmt	DEMCT	Coastside CERT Prog Coord	The Coastside CERT Program is focused on maintaining its 100% volunteer-based structure by securing funding for leadership, consulting, and professional services. To support this, a dedicated Coastside CERT Program Manager has been hired through a contract to coordinate and enhance efforts for training, outreach, and community engagement. The program's primary objective is to sustain and strengthen volunteer participation, particularly within vulnerable populations, including Spanish and Cantonese/Mandarin-speaking residents, farmworkers, teens, and seniors.	Coastside	170,000
County Health	HLTLA	Health Large Animal Evac Group	The Measure K contract for Health – Large Animal Evacuation Group (SMC LAEG) aims to train at least 60 first responders over the next three years to enhance preparedness for the evacuation of large and farm animals within San Mateo County. This rescue group has already begun acquiring essential disaster equipment, including stalls, pens, communication tools, and other resources, to improve their ability to safely evacuate large and farm animals owned by county residents. SMC LAEG will create a virtual map of large and farm animal locations throughout the county and will host three types of training, including in-person and tabletop exercises, with a focus on the critical Large Animal Technical Rescue training.	Countywide	101,764
County Health	EMSRC	EMS - Medical Reserve Corps	The Measure K contract for EMS – Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) seeks to fully implement a sustainable program that recruits, trains and equips community-based volunteers in accordance with regional best practices to provide medical care in large scale emergencies and disasters Countywide. Rooted in a threat/vulnerability vs resources available risk-assessment, the focus of the initial three years of the project is on the coastside region. The following two years will leverage and continue to build upon the established infrastructure, expanding MRC Countywide.	Countywide	223,381

Department of Housing	DOHEP	Disaster Prep Workshop	This funding has been provided to Climate Resilient Communities (CRC). CRC will improve the climate resilience and health/safety of up to 18 low-income, owner-occupied homes in the County per year. CRC will also increase disaster preparedness in frontline communities via four (4) emergency preparedness workshops per year and via hands-on assistance to communities of color facing climate challenges within the County.	Countywide	165,000
Emergency Coordination and Disaster Prep Toatl					1,694,655

County Health	HLTRW	Ravenswood Health Network	San Mateo County Health's contract with Ravenswood Family Health Network (RFHN) implements the Pipeline to Peak Performance Training for Workforce Preparedness project to fully develop and sustain a robust pipeline of highly qualified staff in three paraprofessional categories: Dental Assistants, Medical Assistants (MAs), and Front Office Staff (FO Staff). This project builds a solid paraprofessional pathway for young people from the communities RFHN serves – low-income, people of color.	Countywide	259,524
County Health	AASOP	Special Olympics	Provides outreach and establishes events for Special Olympics in the county for youth and young adults with disabilities.	Countywide	252,957
County Health	CPRID	CoastPride, Inc.	Sustain and increase services for the coastside LGBTQ+ community, including support groups, school trainings and educational offerings, outreach services, school affinity groups, and pride events.	Countywide	257,400
County Health	KIMAT	Meas K Imat Program	The Integrated Medication Assisted Treatment (IMAT) team provides outreach, case management and treatment to those dealing with alcohol or opioid addiction. Staff is located in the emergency department of the San Mateo Medical Center, some county primary care clinics, and other community settings such as shelters, treatment programs	Countywide	1,798,563
County Health	NDSPP	BHRS and Police Pilot Program	Provides co-responding behavioral health service through partnerships with local police departments.	Countywide	500,000
County Health	PRETH	Pre To Three	Case management, therapy services, and resource referrals provided to pregnant mothers, caregivers, and children under the age of five and is specific to Medi-Cal clients where reimbursement isn't available.	Countywide	897,747

County Health	FHHVE	Home Visit Expansion	Funds support staffing at Family Health for home visiting services specific to Medi-Cal clients. Program supports first-time mothers and their partners, following children from pregnancy to age five improving the health and socio-economic outcomes for parent and child. Funding is braided with other State and Federal funding.	Countywide	1,524,056
County Health	PRETH	Pre To Three	Funding covers WIC staffing costs to complete screening assessment to determine eligibility for home visting program. Once eligible, refers underserved or disenfranchised families to evidence-based home visiting programs, which provide education and support to parents and caregivers regarding parenting, infant attachment and bonding, and links families to medical, dental and other services as necessary.	Countywide	558,510
County Health	HLTCS	Coastside Clinic	Funding supports Coastside Clinic as MediCal reimbursement does not cover the costs of operation.	Coastside	108,105
County Health	PESCA	Coastside Medical Services	Supports clinical services through a satellite clinic in Pescadero operated on Thursdays by County Health	Coastside	609,209
Non-Departmental Services	NDSCB	CBO Community Outreach (OCA)	CBOs and local organizations to work with the Office of Community Affairs to provide enhanced community outreach in historically underserved areas and areas designated in the census as "hard to count" throughout the county.	Countywide	300,000
Health & Mental Health					7,066,071

Total Measure K Reductions					101,195,417
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General Fund

Sheriff's Department	General Fund	Staffing Changes	Reduction of vacant positions in several programs such as Admin, Tech Services, Property Unit, Professional Standards		
	General Fund	Salary Changes	Reduction of additional pay incentives for Academy, FTO, and the JTO programs		
	General Fund	Sheriff Activity League	Delete the Sheriff's Activity League including filled positions		
Sheriff Total					7,500,000

Human Services Agency	General Fund	Staffing Changes in Children and Family Services, Homeless Services and Economic Self-Sufficiency	Reduction of E/H positions and contracts from Children and Family Services, Center on Homelessness, and Economic Self-Sufficiency		5,000,000
Human Services Agency Total					5,000,000

Total Reducations

113,695,417