

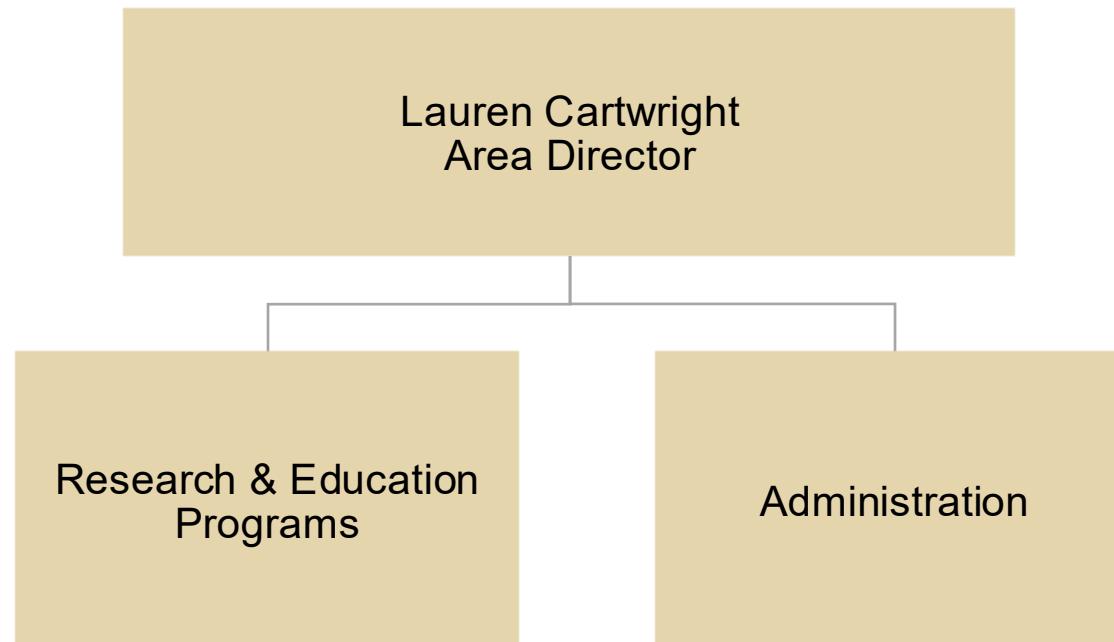
UC Cooperative Extension

FY 2026-27 Preliminary Budget



Department Overview

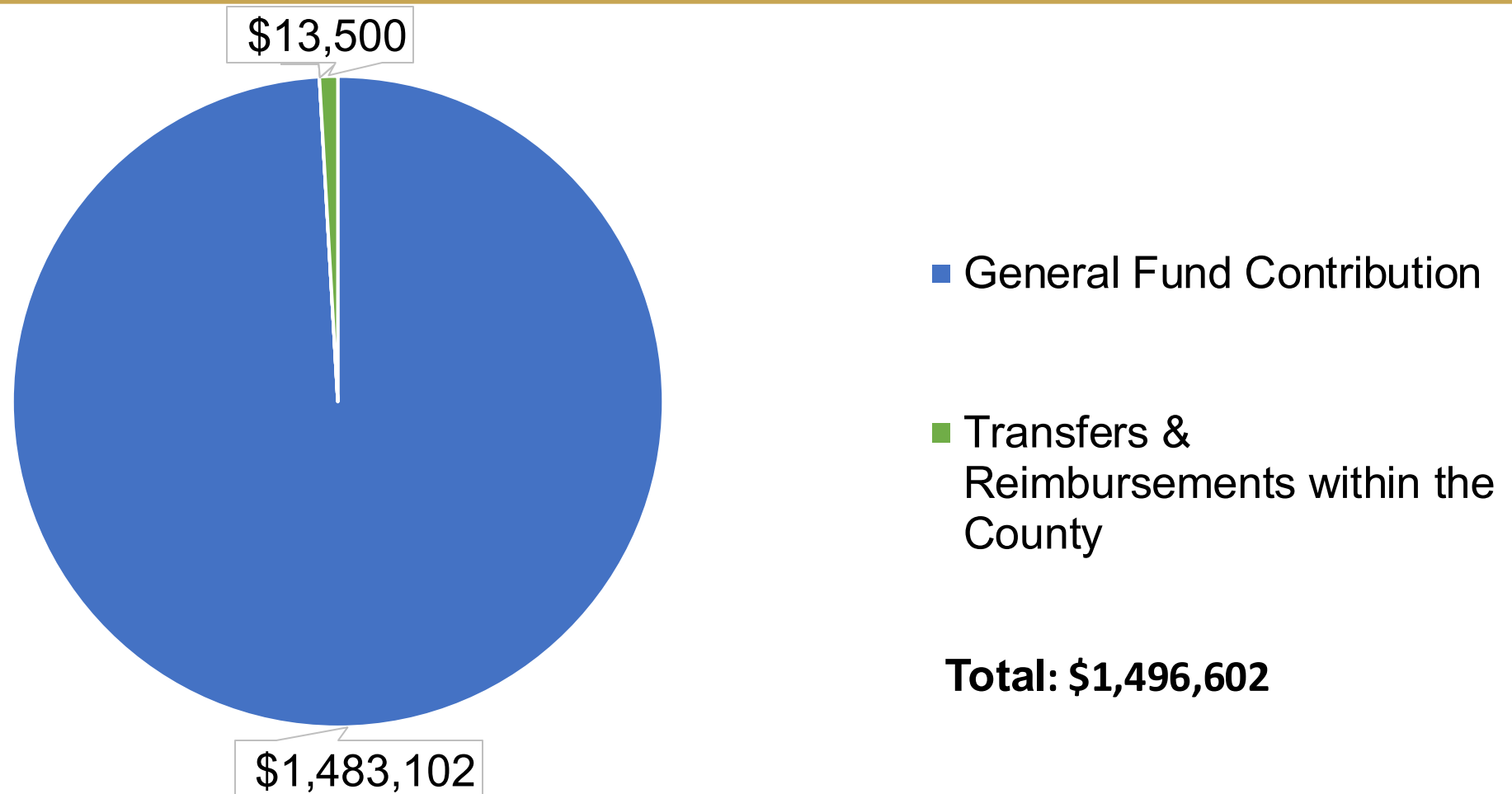
	Operating Expenditures	FTE
FY 2025-26 Adopted	\$1,447,393	6.0
FY 2026-27 Preliminary	\$1,496,602	6.0
Net Change	\$49,209	0.0



Departmental Expenditures

FY 2026-27 Service Area Expenditures	Preliminary Budget	FTE
Research and Education Programs	\$1,164,041	4.8
Administration	\$332,561	1.2
Gross Departmental Expenditures	\$1,496,602	6.0
Less Internal Departmental Transfers	\$0	n/a
Departmental Operating Expenditures	\$1,496,602	6.0

Departmental Funding Sources



Key Accomplishments FY 2025-26

- Advanced **climate-adaptive landscape education** to promote sustainability and water resilience
- Completed successful recruitment of **Forest Stewardship Community Education Specialist** to strengthen local forest stewardship capacity
- Collaboratively led 6 community-engaged coalitions and committees supporting **emergency food access and food systems resilience** to disaster and disruptions

FY 2025-26 By the Numbers

- Volunteer Programs

- 550+ volunteers
- 18 4-H Community Clubs
- UC Master Gardeners of Sonoma County launched new training class with 40 individuals enrolled

- Research and Education

- 35+ educational events
- 30+ presentations
- 45+ publications and videos



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State and Federal Budget/Policy Implications

- Not applicable.

Key Challenges

- Structural and environmental pressures including market volatility, workforce and land access challenges, climate stressors, and regulatory complexity affecting long-term **agricultural viability**
- Addressing emerging and persistent **food security** needs while strengthening long-term coordination and strategic planning
- Securing **funding** for research and programs amid a shifting federal funding landscape

Key Operational Objectives

- Develop and Publish **Ag Access Training** and Certification Course
- Develop post-funding sustainability strategy for the **North Coast Emergency Food Systems Partnership** and **Community-Based Food Networks**
- Secure a conservation easement for **Los Guilicos Demonstration Garden** to support long-term stewardship and sustainability of the site
- Complete recruitment of UC-funded **Weed Science and Environmental Horticulture Advisors**

Program Change Requests

- Office Re-configuration, \$25,000, one-time General Fund