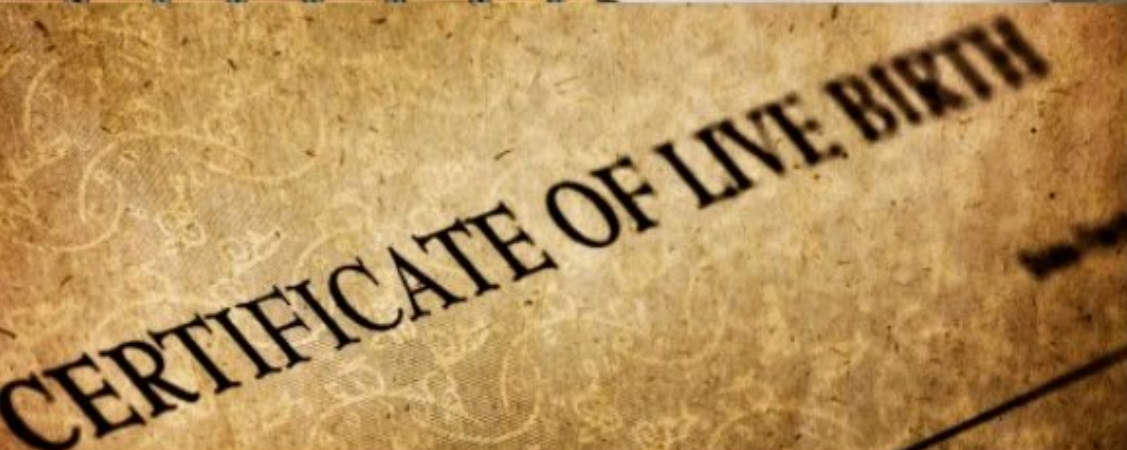


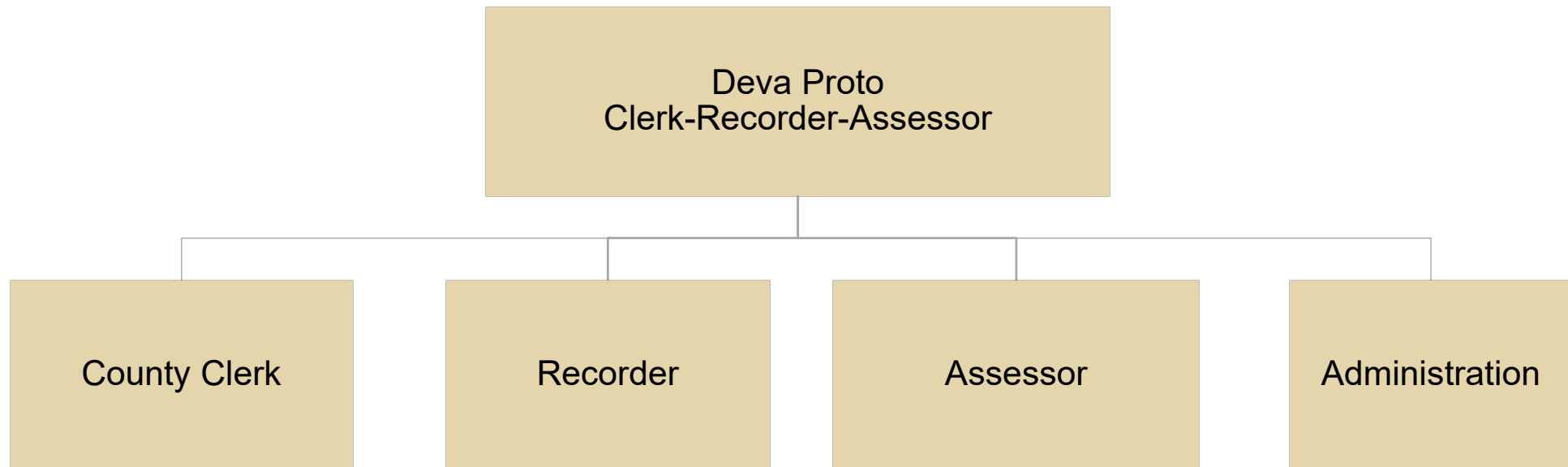
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor

FY 2026-27 Preliminary Budget



Department Overview

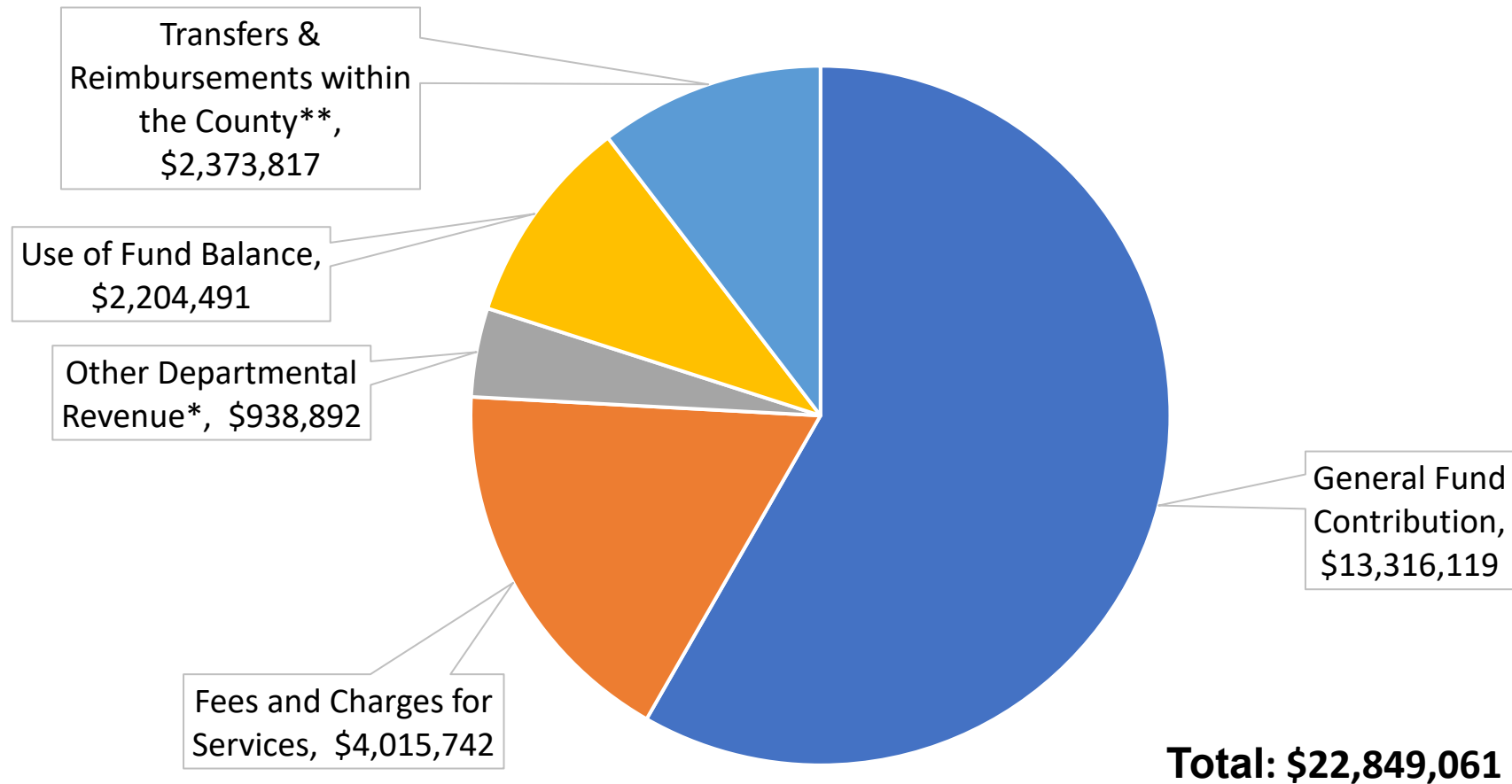
Clerk-Recorder-Assessor	Operating Expenditures	FTE
FY 2025-26 Adopted	\$22,550,628	96
FY 2026-27 Preliminary	\$22,689,194	96
Net Change	\$138,566	0



Departmental Expenditures

FY 2026-27 Service Area Expenditures	Preliminary Budget	FTE
Assessor	\$14,877,083	73
Administration	\$1,565,339	6
County Clerk	\$1,176,837	5
Recorder	\$5,229,802	12
Gross Departmental Expenditures	\$22,849,061	96
Less Internal Departmental Transfers	\$159,867	n/a
Departmental Operating Expenditures	\$22,689,194	96

Departmental Funding Sources



**Other Departmental Revenue includes sales of property data, fines, and penalties for missing Change of Ownership forms, and interest earning on department fund balances.*

***Reflects all funds that are transferred both within this department as well as between departments.*

Key Departmental Funds

	Projected FY 2025-26 Year End Fund Balance	Projected FY 2026-27 Year End Fund Balance
Modernization	\$4,033,399	\$4,957,643
Micrographics	\$938,943	\$905,955

Key Accomplishments FY 2025-26

- **Assessor**
 - Reduced overall backlog to 25% of total workload
 - Cleared all vineyard backlog and launched new online reporting system with all records current
 - Fully implemented new modules within the property tax software
 - Made significant progress on major information systems application rebuilds
- **Clerk-Recorder**
 - Completed phase 1 of the [Restrictive Covenant Modification Program](#) (review of 1964 to current year documents)
 - Converted digitized microfilm images of pre-1964 recorded documents into modern image formats and imported into current recording system

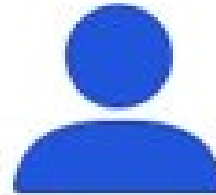
2025 By the Numbers



**Over
14,000**
Supplemental
Notices
Issued*



**Over
16,000**
Roll Corrections
Issued*



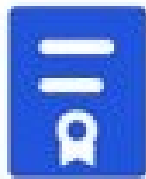
**Over
37,000**
In-Person
Customers
Served



**Over
\$11 million**
Documentary
Transfer Tax
Collected



**Almost
24 million**
Pages Reviewed
for Restrictive
Covenants



29,264
Vital Records
Issued



66,912
Documents
Recorded



3,895
Fictitious Business
Names Filed



993
Marriage
Ceremonies

**Represents data from the 2025-2026 Assessment Year*

State and Federal Budget/Policy Implications

- AB 2224 – County Recorders: fees.
 - Would allow the County to raise recording fees to cover costs of recording, up to a maximum of \$15 per document and \$4 for each additional page

Key Challenges

- Maintain state mandated training requirements for certification with budget limitations
- Maintain trained, highly skilled staff to ensure readiness for future workload surges and new mandates

Key Operational Objectives

- Assessor
 - Continue to reduce backlog, which was 55% of the outstanding work items at the end of last fiscal year, and currently stands at 25% of work items
- Clerk-Recorder
 - Implement SB255 Recorder Notification Program by 1/1/2027
 - Continue Phase II of Restrictive Covenant Modification Program
 - Release pre-1964 recorded documents to public via current recording system

Program Change Requests

None Requested