

Department of Health Services Fees

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Department of Health Services



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- Sonoma County Animal Services
- Environmental Health
- Public Health Laboratory
- Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program

Projected Change in Net Revenue

Program	Net Revenue Change
Animal Services	\$17,375
Environmental Health	(\$92,367)
Public Health Laboratory	\$48,957
Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Program	\$746,004

Sonoma County Animal Services

- Proposed fee increases between 2% to 43% to match full cost recovery
- New fees:
 - Private Pet Cremations
 - Commercial Dog Walker Permit
- Estimated Revenue: \$852,687, an increase of \$17,375
- A potential gap of \$1,151,332 in costs not covered by the proposed fees
 - Filled by: ongoing General Fund SCAS subsidy of \$287,901, and use of general DHS General Fund allocation in the amount of \$542,363
- Designed to balance affordability and full cost recovery while considering market comparability

Environmental Health

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - Utilization of the fee stabilization fund to minimize cost impact – estimated \$92,367
 - Utilizing ongoing General Fund subsidy of \$34,682
 - No fee increase recommended for FY 2025-2026
- Estimated Revenue: \$7,686,487 - a decrease of \$92,367
- New Fees:
 - Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operation
 - Solid Waste Non-Operational Site
- Department will monitor MEHKO fiscal impacts

Public Health Laboratory

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - Approximately 8% increase across most fees to recover increased labor and supply costs
 - Fees set below full-cost recovery, subsidized by grants and health realignment funding
- New Fees:
 - Tests for specialized services like MALDI-TOF, tick identification, and wastewater surveillance
 - Clinical Molecular Laboratory fee increase of 31% for SARS-CoV-2/Flu/RSV
- Estimated Revenue: \$461,192 - an increase of \$48,957

DUI Program

- Proposed Fee Changes:
 - 35% increase for all programs, including First Offender and Multiple Offender Programs
 - New Late Payment Fee
- Estimated Revenue: \$2,877,445 - an increase of \$746,004
- Cost Recovery Analysis:
 - Fees designed to recover operational costs, with a structural deficit covered by existing DHS General Fund allocation
 - Fee increases based on a detailed cost study and local program
 - Total program costs estimated at \$3,655,843, with the gap subsidized by Department funds

Fee Summary

Program	Estimated Revenue - Proposed	Increase/ Decrease	Approved Subsidy
Animal Services	\$852,687	\$17,375	\$287,901
Environmental Health	\$7,686,487	(\$92,367)	\$34,682
Public Health Laboratory	\$461,192	\$48,957	-
DUI Program	\$5,877,445	\$746,004	-
Total	\$14,877,811	\$719,969	\$322,583

Questions?