

2022-23 Annual Update

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNSEL

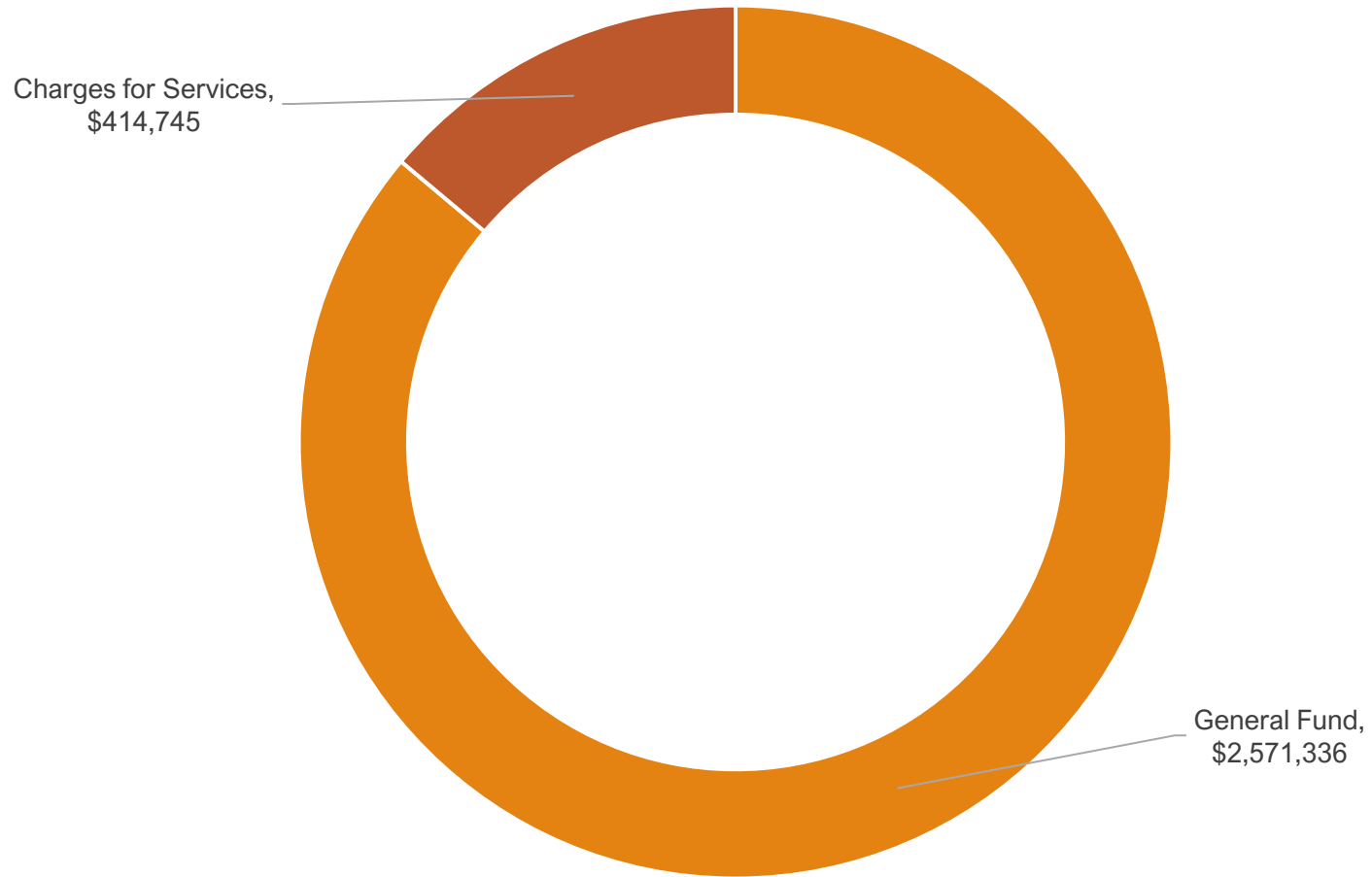


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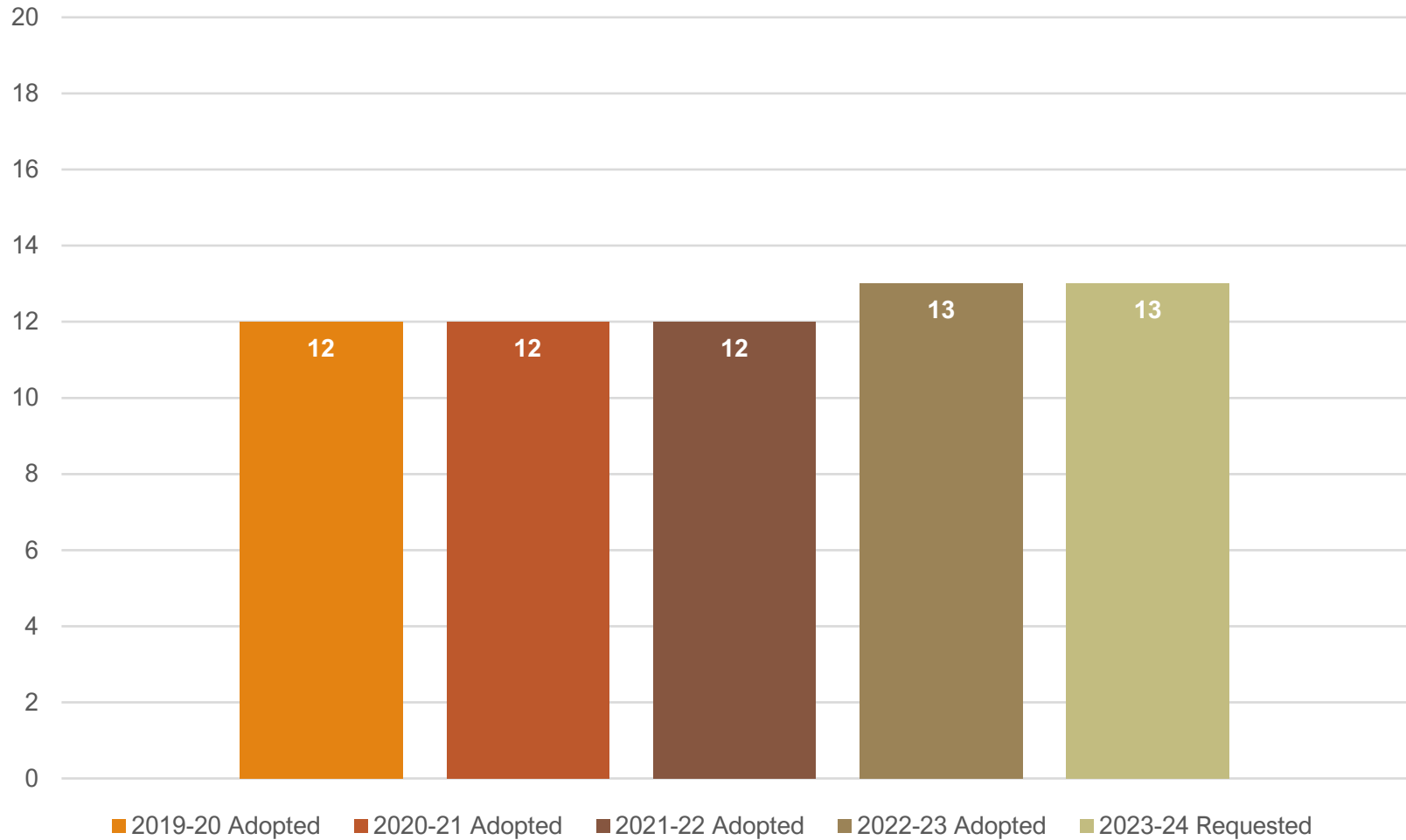
2022-2023 Budget Summary

Operating Budget	\$2,986,081
Capital Budget	\$0.00
General Fund Contribution	\$2,571,336
Full-Time Equivalents	13

Source of Funds



Staffing Summary



Key Challenges & Emerging Issues

- **HR/Personnel** matters increasing in frequency and complexity
 - Labor negotiations
 - Disciplinary matters
 - Other advice to departments and outside agencies on personnel matters
- **Cannabis:**
 - CLUO permitting
 - CLUO litigation
 - Minimizing risk of litigation for individual permit approvals
- **Maintaining alignment** between office and needs of the County, external clients
 - Capacity, expertise, evolving needs
 - Training, as well as cross-training attorneys in essential areas (Public Guardian, labor/employment, etc.)
 - “It’s been with counsel”
- **Changing leadership**, within County and also with external clients.

Anticipated Major Accomplishments

FY 2022-23

- **Land Use/Natural Resources:**
 - CLUO implementation and ordinance changes
 - Gravel mining projects, litigation
 - Resolution of long-running matters
 - Delta/Yolo Bypass
- **Labor and Employment:**
 - Significant role in bargaining, change in compensation philosophy, other support
- **Child Welfare:**
 - Provide full range of legal services
 - Adjusting to rising rate of appeals (3x rate of a few years ago)
 - Interim ombudsperson
- **Transitions:**
 - Yolo County Housing, Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District, Yolo County Transportation District
 - County departments

Department Major Goals & Objectives

FY 2023-24

- Continued attention to actions necessary to minimize litigation and liability risk, including in employment and land use (including cannabis) matters
- Maintaining a high level of support for Child Welfare as needs evolve
- Supporting Board, CAO, and departments in personnel matters, including labor negotiations
- Maintain alignment between Office capacity, expertise and client expectations, including projects and issues that develop into County priorities

Long Range Goals

- Same as prior slide—maintain a focus on:
 - Liability and risk reduction, both generally and with respect to employment and land use matters
 - Effective advocacy and other support for Child Welfare Services
 - Board priorities
- As an office, devote ongoing and additional attention to:
 - Cross-training in key areas
 - Sustaining an office culture that ensures retention of highly capable attorneys and staff
 - Contributing to effective organizational governance and a sustained commitment to the “Yolo Way,” principles of DEI, and other attributes of a high-performing organization