

# 2023-24 Annual Update

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE



MARCH 2024

# 2023-24 Budget Summary

Operating Budget \$27,824,248

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Capital Budget \$0

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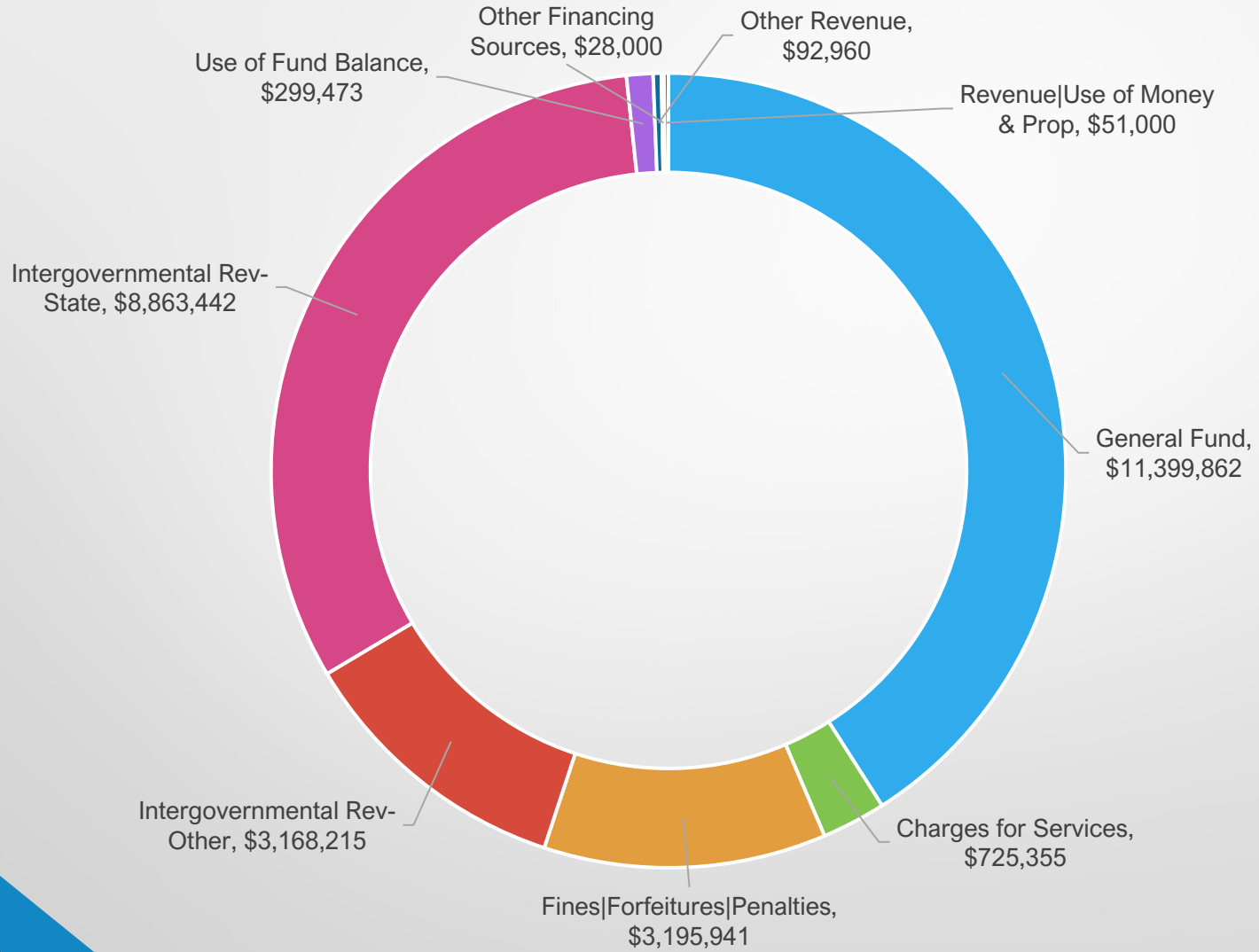
General Fund Contribution \$11,399,862

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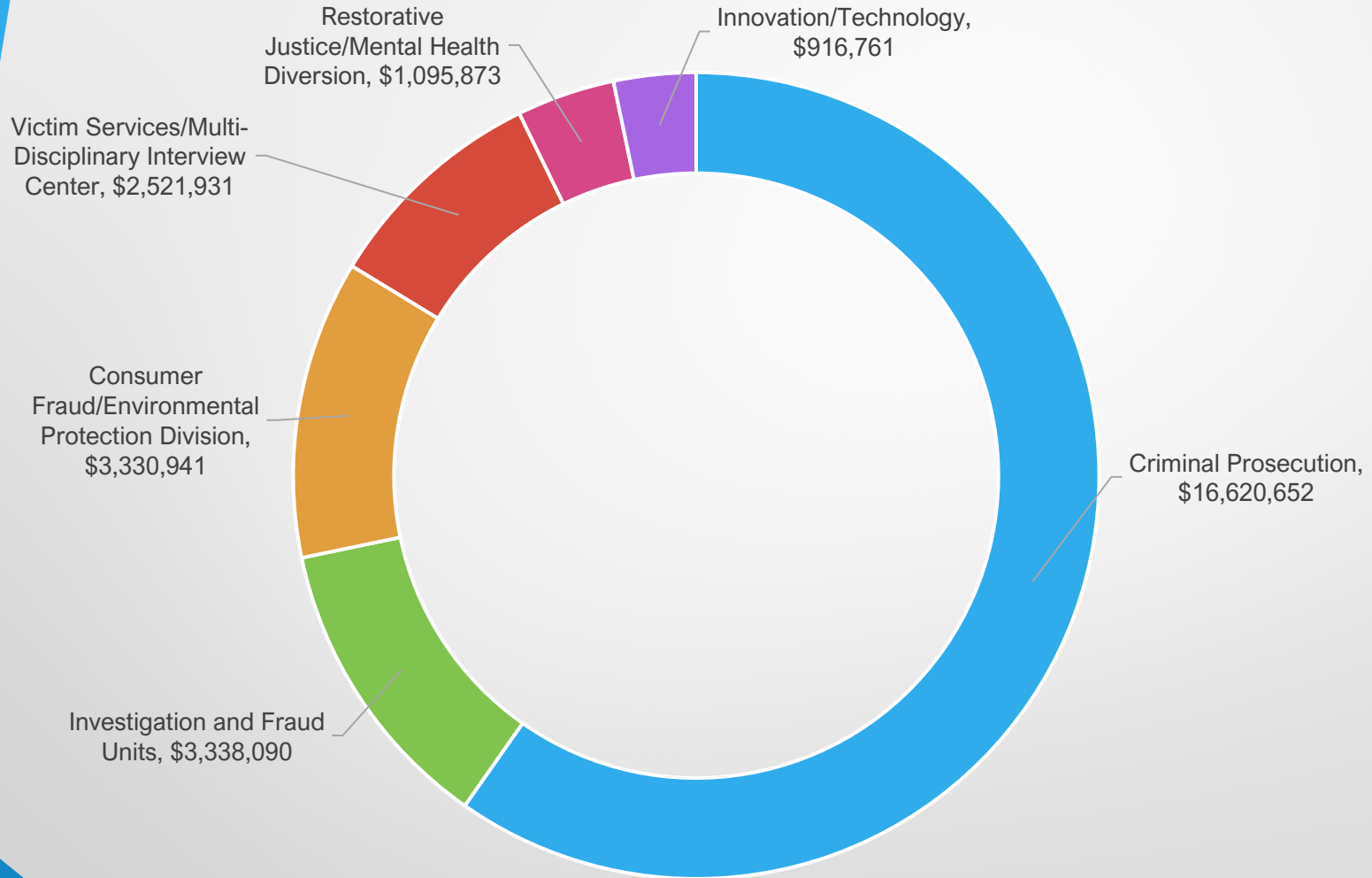
Full-Time Equivalents 121

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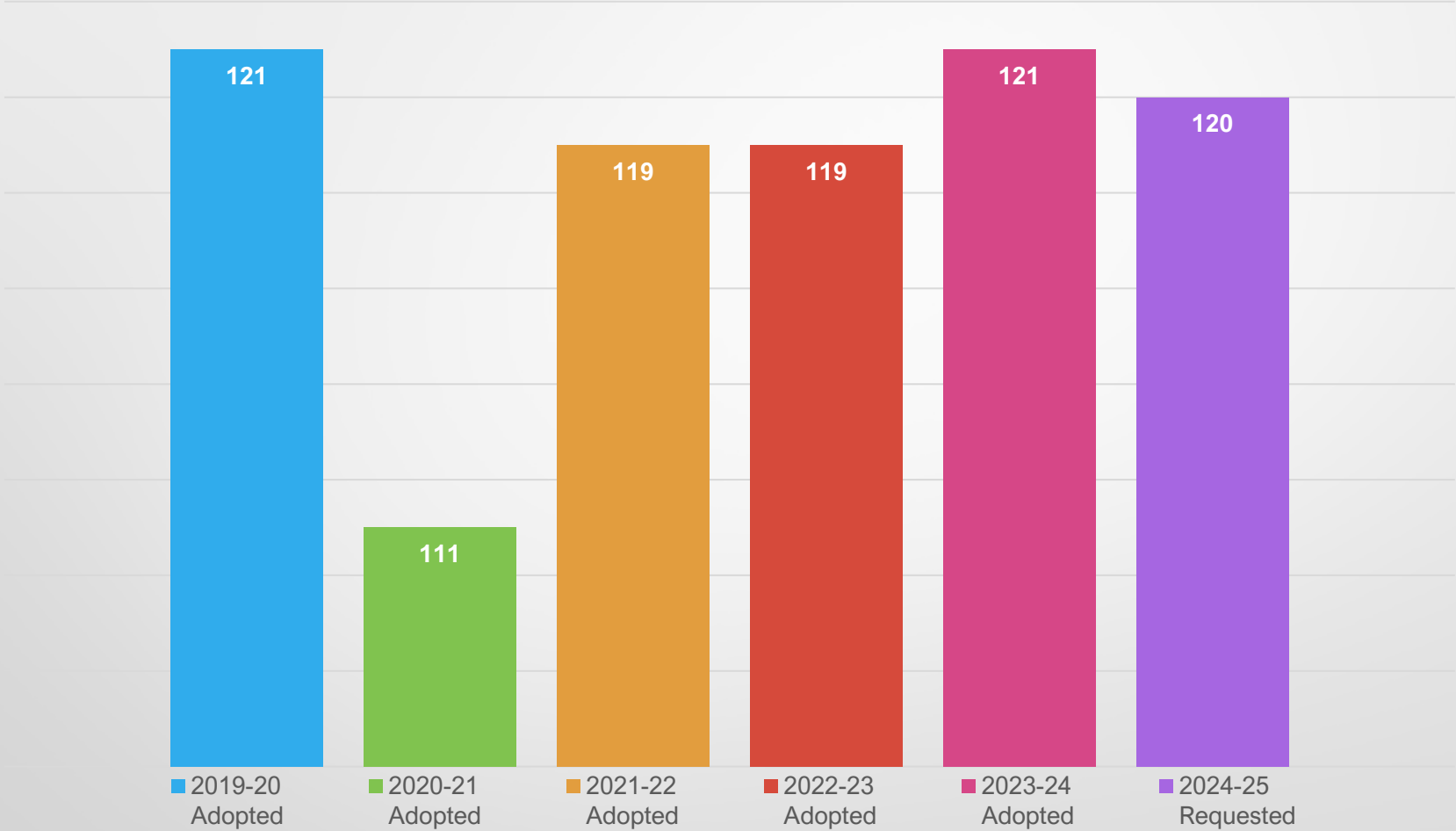
# Source of Funds



# Use of Operating Funds (by Budget Program)



# Staffing Summary



## Key Challenges & Emerging Issues

1. Hiring and retention of staff (especially those with diverse backgrounds) due to non-competitive salaries and decreased interest in prosecution work.
2. Ongoing work to educate and work with the community to maintain and build trust in the criminal justice system.
3. Increasing crime rates, particularly in sale of fentanyl, crimes involving firearms with the Transition Aged Youth (18-25) population, and organized retail theft.
4. Increasing demand in Victim Services due to post-conviction resentencing and vacancies.

## Key Challenges & Emerging Issues (Continued)

5. Space availability for current and future employees.
6. Funding to maintain traditional prosecution and to support alternatives to prosecution.
7. Funding for additional staff to accommodate the demands of increased workload due to expansion of Racial Justice Act and increase in post-conviction resentencing petitions.

# Anticipated Major Accomplishments

## FY 2023-24

1. Continued work with Measure for Justice – Commons Data Transparency Portal. Host monthly Town Hall meetings to educate the public and seek their input. Used the data to drive policy change.
2. Advances in Genealogical DNA Unit towards solving cold cases.
3. Continued diverting 10% of Felony Cases through the Restorative Justice Partnership.
4. Continued commitment to address the schools to prison pipeline by hosting 6th Annual Youth Academy.
5. Continued partnership with the Court and Probation on the “365 SOR” (Supervised Own Recognizance) – under this program individuals in jail are assessed 365 days/year for immediate release.

## Anticipated Major Accomplishments FY 2023-24 (Continued)

6. Increased diversity of our Department Staff.
7. Continued collaboration with HHSA and the Public Defender supporting Expungement Clinic for individuals working to have their records cleared. These clinics also support individuals in Sacramento and Solano counties.
8. Continued partnership with HHSA, Probation, Public Defender, Sheriff, Court, and CommuniCare in our collaborative court programs (Mental Health Court, Addiction Intervention Court, Mental Health Diversion) – backfill lost grant funding for Mental Health Court with Mental Health Services Act dollars.
9. Continued expanding our paralegal program which has proved successful in supporting trial attorneys.
10. Accreditation of High-Tech Unit through American National Standards Institute.

## Anticipated Major Accomplishments FY 2023-24 (Continued)

11. Formation of Transition Age Youth court.
12. Reclassification of Victim Services positions.
13. California Department of Insurance (CDI) grants funding Workers Compensation Fraud and Auto Insurance Fraud Units.
14. “FastPass” partnership with Retail Industry Leadership Association (RILA) and Vibrant Communities Initiative grant funding to target habitual and organized retail theft offenders.
15. Awarded California Board of State & Community Corrections (BSCC) grant targeting Organized Retail Theft. Funding for three years: Deputy DA, DA Investigator and Crime Analyst.

# Department Major Goals & Objectives

## FY 2024-25

1. Continue offering law student stipends to stay competitive with other DA's offices, private sector, and to recruit diverse applicants.
2. Partner with the Sheriff, HHSA, Probation, Public Defender to develop a robust re-entry program in the jail (obtain grant funding).
3. Maintain current paralegal staffing.
4. Hire additional personnel for ever expanding post-conviction work.
5. Implementation of NICE Justice in partnership with Public Defender to digitize A/V discovery.
6. Assist other offices throughout the state with the implementation of Race Blind Charging.

## Long Range Goals

1. Work with court and county collaborative team to expand court reviews for diversion cases.
2. Collaborate with internal & external stakeholders to develop balanced criminal justice policies and procedures.
3. Focus on expanding youth diversion and outreach programs.
4. Maintain collaborative court programming.
5. Expand “FastPass” into countywide collaboration between retailers, law enforcement and prosecutors to hold retail theft offenders accountable and free up law enforcement resources for emergency response.
6. Expand post-conviction unit.