

County of Yolo
Preliminary Approach to Addressing Structural Budget Deficit

1. Organizational commitment to achieving a structurally balanced budget, where ongoing revenues are equal to (or exceed) ongoing expenses.
2. Recognize that structurally balancing the County's budget will not be achieved in one year, but rather will be a multi-year process.
3. Immediately implement a hiring freeze or hiring review.
4. Identify potential one-time funding sources and budgetary solutions to avoid more severe program reductions and service impacts.
5. Evaluate the use of restricted departmental funding sources and fund balances.
6. Begin a department budget reduction process, including elimination of vacant positions.
7. Evaluate options for long-term cost savings, such as early retirement/golden handshakes, departmental reorganization/restructuring, elimination of non-core programs.
8. Evaluate options for ongoing revenue enhancements.