



Behavioral Health Board, January 21, 2026

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO**  
**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

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# Budget Presentation

*Play Video from CalMHSAs Purpose of County Behavioral Health Departments*

*Mandatory vs. Discretionary Programs*

*Federal, State, Local(County) and other Grants and Fees—“Braided”*

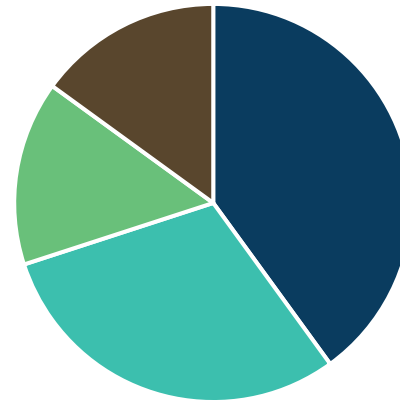
FY25-26 Funding



- Federal
- State
- Local/County
- Other



FY 26-27 Funding



- Federal
- State
- Local/County
- Other



# New County Budget Policies & Approach

- FY25-26 “Reduction” budget of \$10 million (from \$20M)
- Reduction of 33 FTE positions (GFS funded)
- Final budget was \$14M in GFS
  
- FY26-27 “GFS Ceiling” budget of \$11 million
- Reduction of \$3M
- **24. Pursuit of New Revenues/Maximizing Use of Non-General Fund Revenues:** County departments are directed to pursue revenue sources, when reasonable, in support of the communitywide results sought by the County. Where not prohibited by law, departments will maximize use of non-General Fund revenues, existing designations and trust funds prior to using General Fund money to fund programs.



# Other Adjustments

- **Budget Augmentation Requests (BARs)**
- These include changing out of positions to change titles, to eliminate hard to fill positions and request different needed positions
- Vacancy rate becomes a factor
  
- **Reduction of Limited Term Positions**
- Grants that are going away, no longer needed MHSA positions
  
- **Out of County Hospital Placements (IMD Waiver)**
- **Contractor Increases**

