



Office of the Coroner

FY 2025-27 Recommended Budget

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COUNTY OF SAN MATEO



Mission

The mission of the Coroner's Office is to serve the residents of San Mateo County by providing prompt independent investigations to determine the cause and manner of death of decedents under the Coroner's jurisdiction and to provide high quality service in a courteous manner balancing the needs of residents with the Coroner's legal requirement.

FY 2025-27
Budget
Overview



FY 2025-27 Budget Overview



	FY 2024-25 Revised	FY 2025-26 Recommended	Percent Change	FY 2026-27 Preliminary Recommended
Total Sources	1,844,193	2,029,917	10.07%	2,021,223
Total Requirements	6,636,130	6,860,843	3.39%	6,979,277
Net County Cost	4,791,937	4,830,926	0.81%	4,958,054
Total Positions	17	18	5.88%	18



Significant Budget Changes

- *Replacement of outdated radio communications equipment*
- *Addition of 1 Deputy Coroner position*
- *Increase in services and supplies and negotiated contracts*

Priorities

- *Re-accreditation by the International Association of Coroners and Medical Examiners (IAC&ME)*
- *Continue to maintain excellence through specialized continued education and training for deputies*
- *Move to the Link Building*



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Challenges

- *National shortage of Forensic Pathologists*
- *Increased indigent cremations*

Updated Indigent Data

FY 2024-25 (as of 6/5/2025):

Fiscal year	No. Indigent Cremations
2022-23	27
2023-24	57
2024-25	26 (as of 6/5/2025)

**Department
Performance &
Improvements**



Efficiencies

- *Staffing changes*
- *Forensic genealogy*



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Performance Measures

- *Case closures within 90 days – IAC&ME accreditation standards and allow families to handle affairs following the death of a loved one sooner*

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Target	Target
Percent of Cases Closed within 90 days	72%	61%	90%	90%	90%

- *Average cost per investigation – significantly increased due to cost of contracted services and inflation.*

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Estimate	Estimate
Average Cost per Investigation	\$2,831	\$2,924	\$3,104	\$3,426	\$3,531

Performance Measures

- *Diversity or unconscious-bias training – for staff to recognize and understand diversity in the San Mateo County population*

	FY 2022-23	FY 2023-24	FY 2024-25	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
	Actual	Actual	Estimate	Target	Target
Percent of Staff who completed a Diversity or Unconscious-Bias training	88%	94%	100%	100%	100%



Questions?

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