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County Releases FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget

Santa Ana, Calif. (May 25, 2023) – The County of Orange's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Recommended Budget has been released for review by the Board of Supervisors and the public. It is available online at https://cfo.ocgov.com/budget.

The total County base budget is \$9.3 billion, of which \$4.9 billion is the General Fund budget with \$1B in discretionary funding to cover the cost of providing County mandated services. The Recommended Budget is consistent with the County's long-term strategic priorities identified through the County's five-year Strategic Financial Plan process.

A Citizens' Guide to the FY 2023-24 Budget was developed, and is also <u>available online</u>, to provide members of the public with an overview of the FY 2023-24 Budget including General Fund revenue sources and uses, timeline, department requests, and key initiatives the County is prioritizing and funding including OC CARES, Office of Care Coordination, and Housing strategic priorities benefiting individuals in the County's various systems of care.

The County's OC CARES initiative links the various systems of care in the County to provide full care coordination and services for individuals to address immediate and underlying issues with the goal of attaining self-sufficiency. Significant achievements have been made in implementing the OC CARES 2025 Vision, including various initiatives in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget. Additional information on the OC CARES 2025 Vision can be found by clicking here.

The County Executive Office looks forward to presenting the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget to the Board of Supervisors during the Public Budget Hearings scheduled for June 13, 2023. The Board of Supervisors is scheduled to adopt the FY 2023-24 Annual Budget at their June 27, 2023 meeting. In addition, a Public Budget Workshop will be made available by Tuesday, June 6, 2023. The workshop will be previously taped and distributed via the County's Facebook and YouTube channels. The public may submit comments on or questions about the Budget through the Budget and Finance website by clicking here.

The FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget, Budget Augmentation Requests, Transmittal Letter, Key Budget Message, Department Contact List and Citizens' Guide can be found online at https://cfo.ocgov.com/budget.

The County also invites members of the public to explore additional budgetary and financial information online through the OpenOC data tool, the Strategic Financial Plan and budget reports. These helpful resources can be found at the links above and: http://ocgov.com/about/openoc/.