



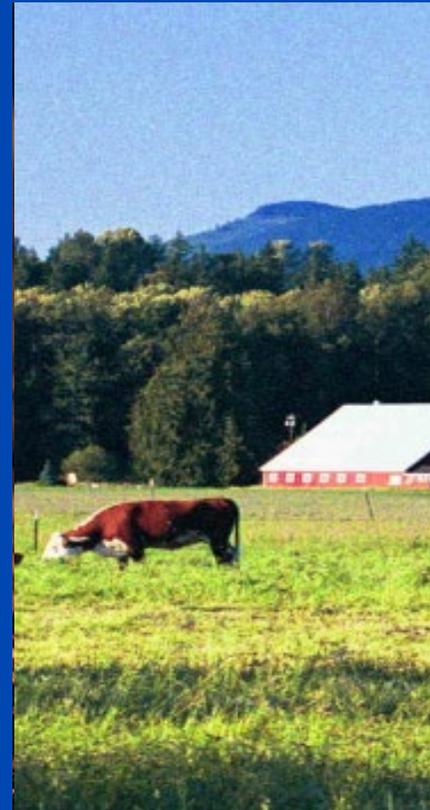
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# Annual Fee Adjustment

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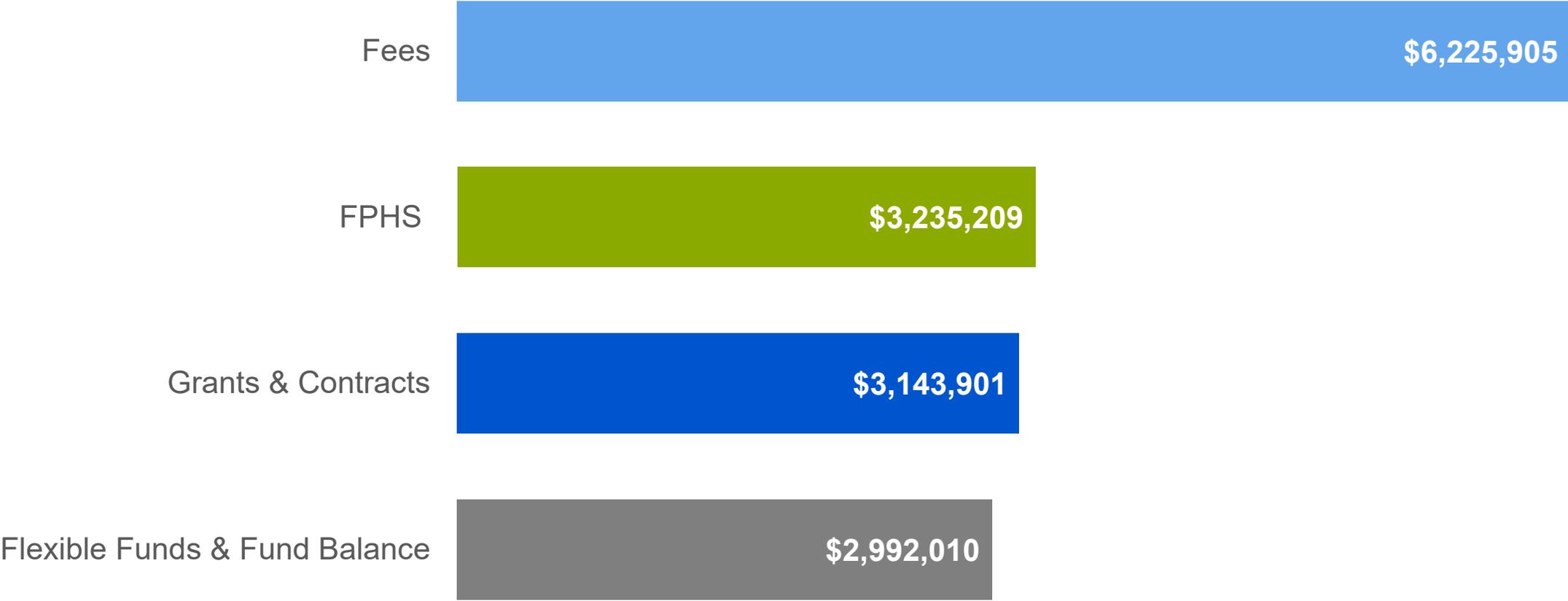
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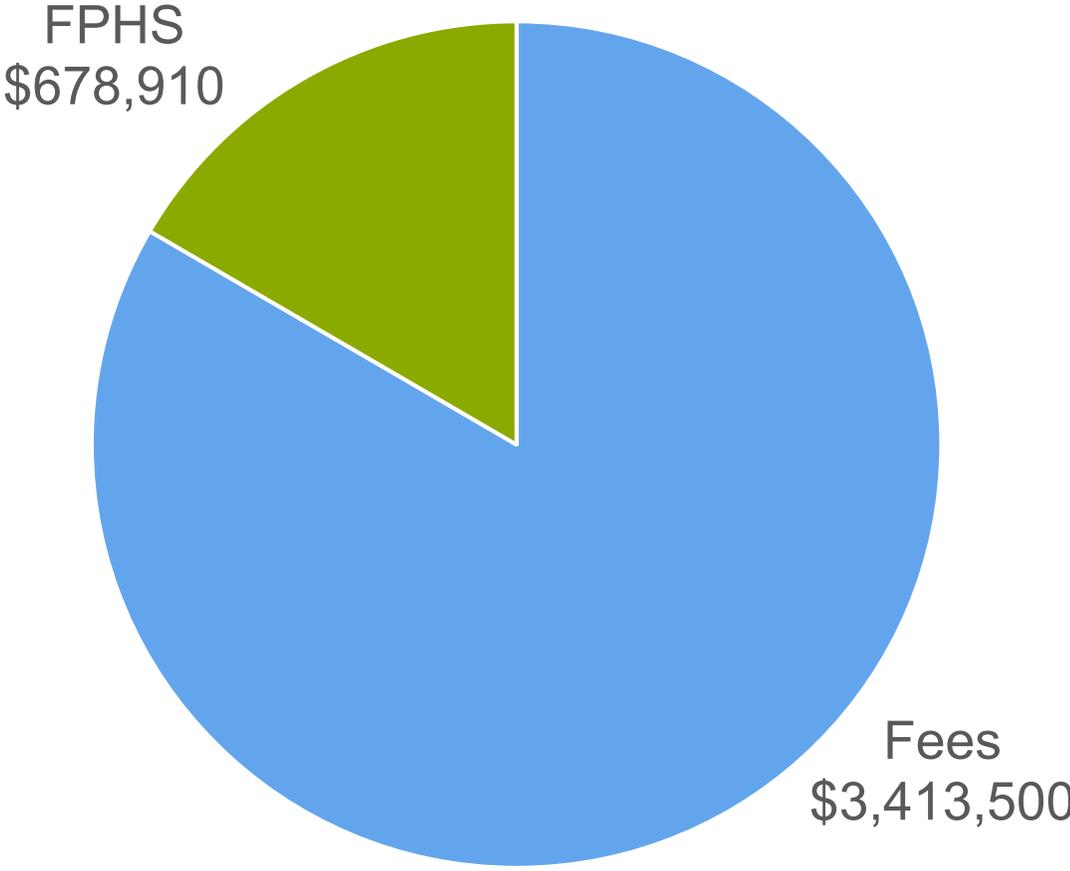
# 2025 Environmental Health Budget

Revenue total: \$15,597,025



# Food Safety 2025 Budget

- Revenue total: \$4,092,410
- 26% of 2025 EH budget

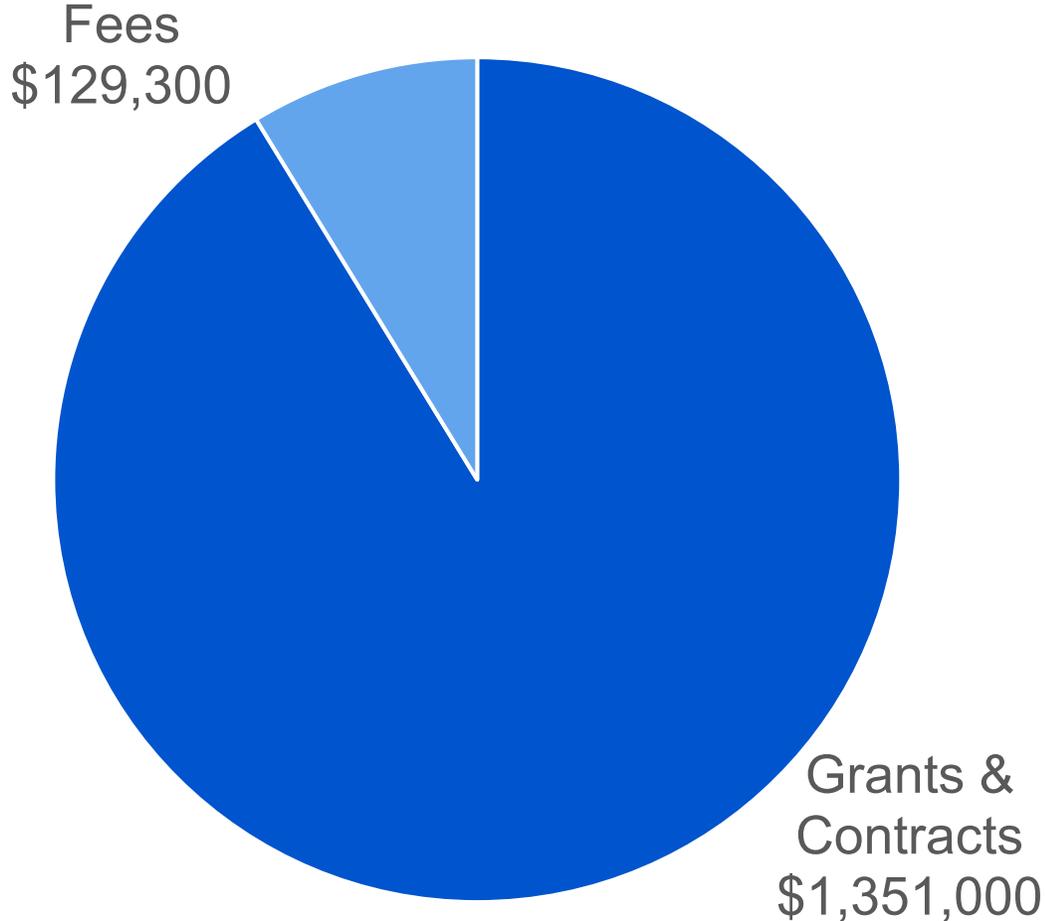


# Food Safety Fees – LHJ Comparison

Fee	Snohomish	King	Pierce	Spokane	Clark	Skagit
Low-risk food service establishment permit	<b>\$450</b>	\$425	\$368	\$290	\$448	\$320
Mobile food unit low-risk permit	<b>\$440</b>	\$608	\$368	\$630	\$475	\$320
General plan review	<b>\$1,000</b>	\$972	\$1,139	\$180/hr	\$1,286	\$725
Single temporary event low-risk permit	<b>\$100</b>	\$122	\$81	\$100	\$140	\$95

# Solid Waste 2025 Budget

- Revenue total: \$1,480,300
- 9% of 2025 EH budget



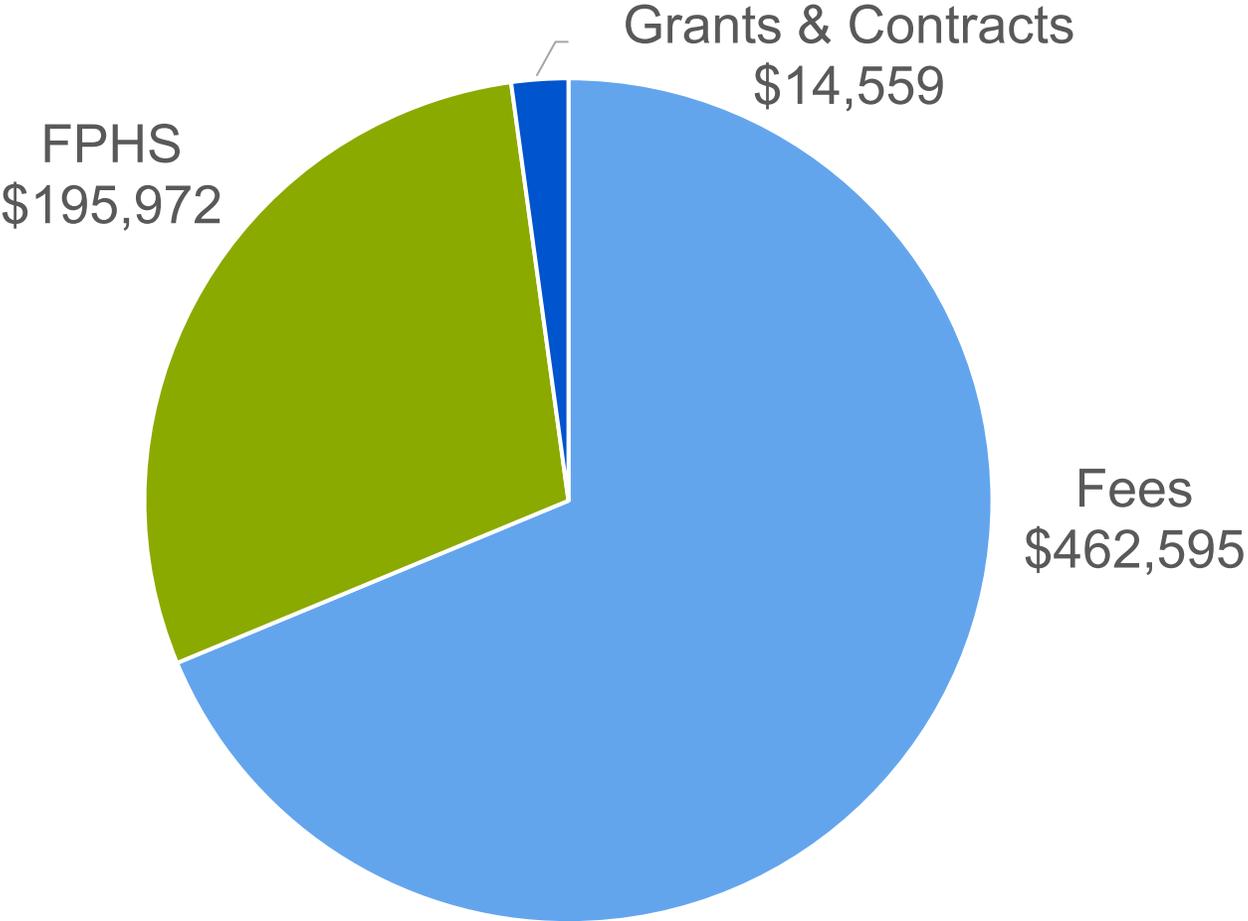
# Solid Waste Fees – LHJ Comparison

Fee	Snohomish	King	Pierce	Spokane	Clark	Skagit
Solid waste plan review	<b>\$2,705 + \$225/hr after 11 hrs</b>	\$864 + \$216/hr after 4 hrs	\$230/hr	\$180/hr	\$3,493	\$2,500 \$125/hr after 20 hrs
Limited purpose landfill permit	<b>\$4,280 + \$225/hr after 19 hrs</b>	\$7,992 + \$216/hr after 37 hrs	\$6,210	\$2,500	\$6,782	\$6,000
Surface impoundment and tanks permit	<b>\$4,280</b>	\$5,616 \$216/hr after 26 hrs	\$3,220	\$2,500	\$6,782	\$840
Closure or closed landfill	<b>\$675</b>	\$216/hr	\$1,150	\$600	\$5,753	\$1,200

# Safe Environments 2025 Budget

(Pools, schools, group camps, illegal drugs)

- Revenue total: \$673,126
- 4% of 2025 EH budget



# Safe Environments Fees – LHJ Comparison

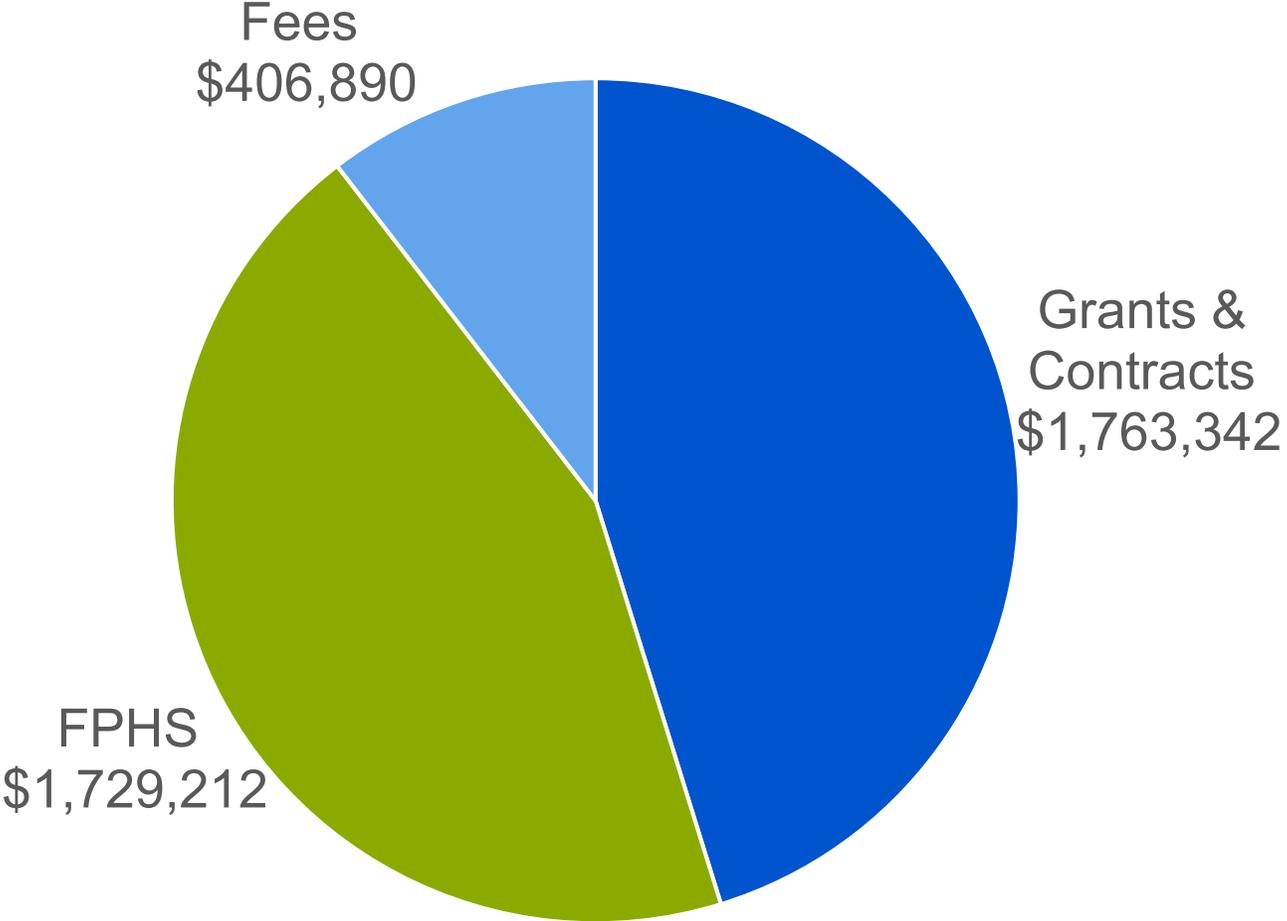
(Pools, schools, group camps, illegal drugs)

Fee	Snohomish	King	Pierce	Spokane	Clark	Skagit
Pool permit – year-round	<b>\$855</b>	\$668	\$920	\$1,280	\$1,161	\$500
Swimming pool plan review	<b>\$1,130</b>	\$972	\$1,610	\$180/hr	\$1,670	\$800*
School safety inspection	<b>\$225</b>	\$486	\$377 - \$1,081	\$180	\$1,149 - \$2,009	\$125
Group camp permit	<b>\$380</b>	N/A	\$575	N/A	N/A	\$310

\*WA DOH manages plan review and sets fee

# Land Use Monitoring & Maintenance 2025 Budget

- Revenue total: \$3,899,444
- 25% of 2025 EH budget

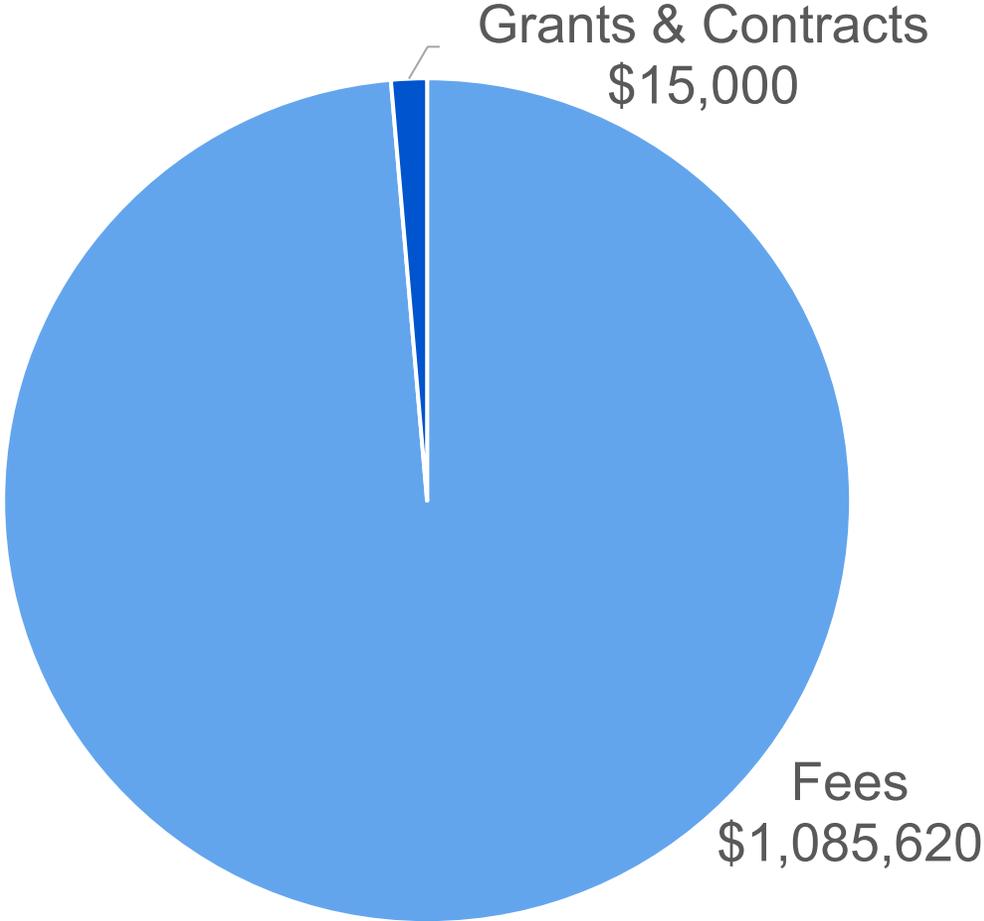


# Land Use M&M Fees – LHJ Comparison

Fee	Snohomish	King	Pierce	Spokane	Clark	Skagit
Inspection report submittal	\$40	\$32	\$58	N/A	N/A	N/A
Annual OSS operating permit	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$13.21	N/A
Annual certification – installer, M&M specialist	\$485	\$378	\$345	\$460	\$260	\$260

# Land Use Permitting 2025 Budget

- Revenue total: \$1,100,620
- 7% of 2025 EH budget

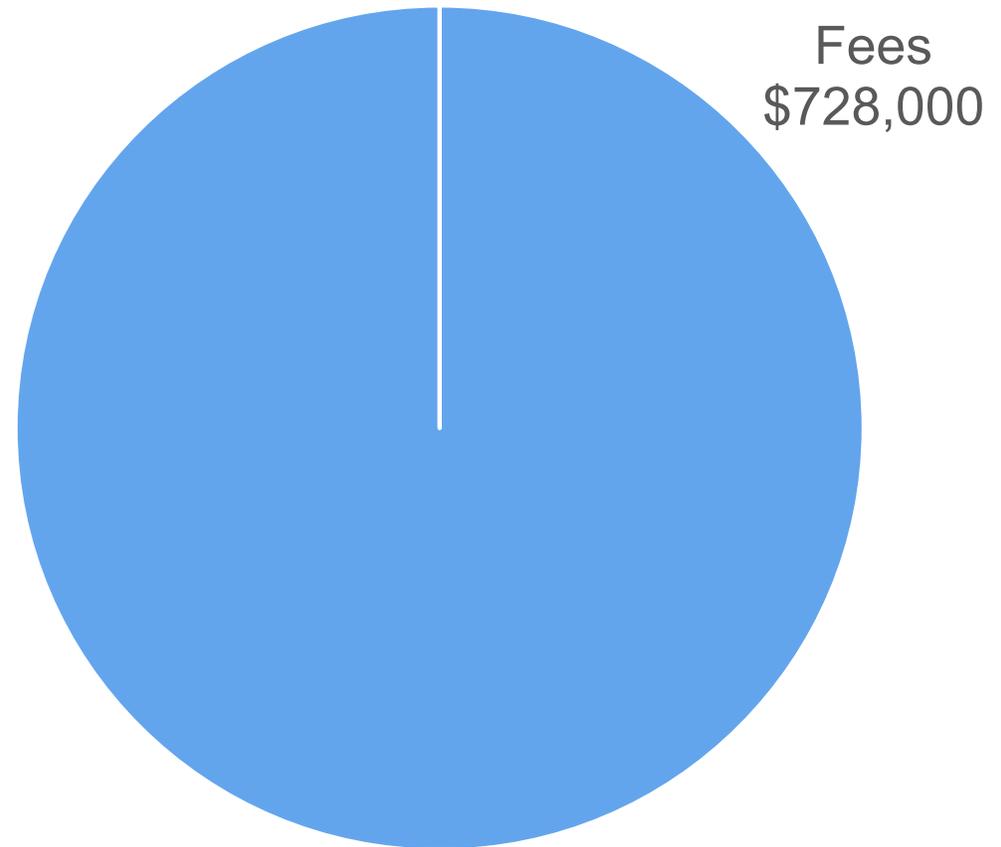


# Land Use Permitting Fees – LHJ Comparison

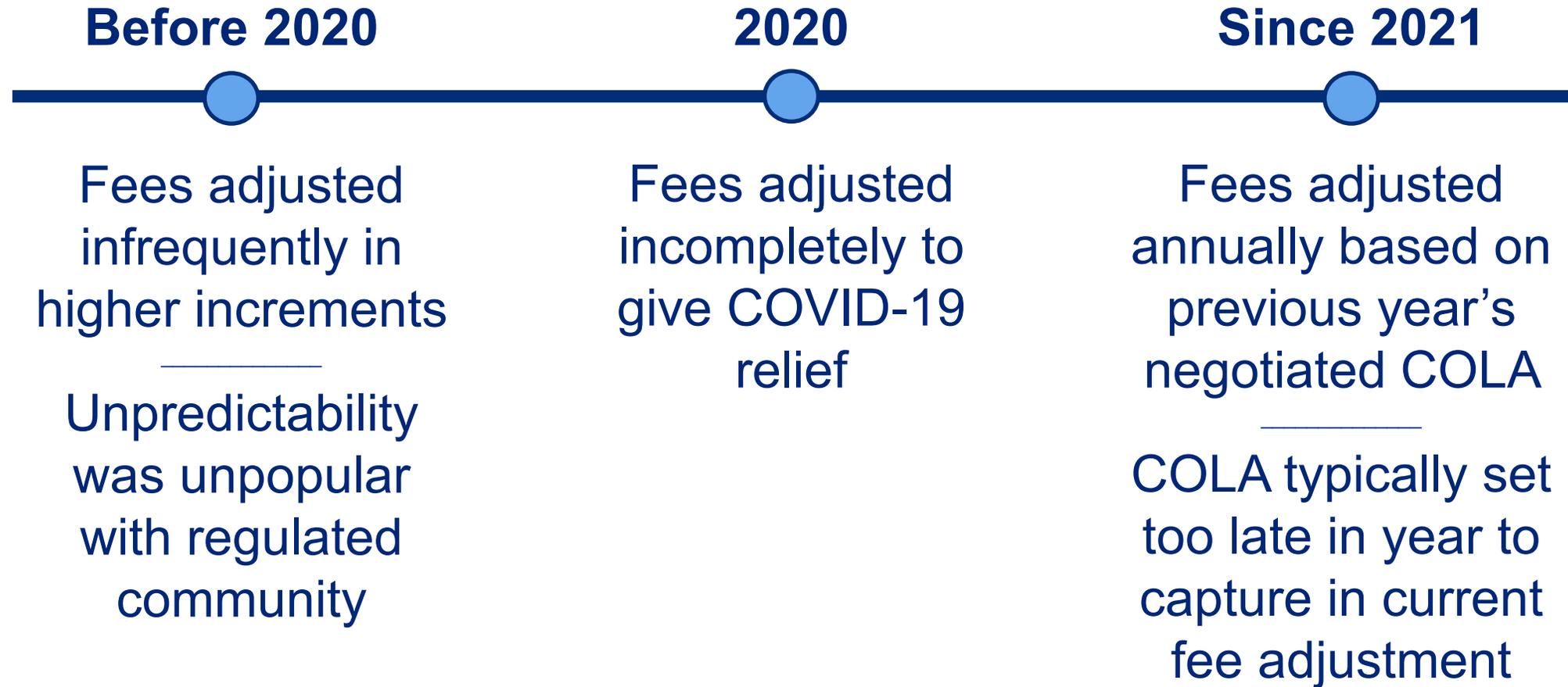
Fee	Snohomish	King	Pierce	Spokane	Clark	Skagit
Gravity system app review + install permit	<b>\$1,440</b>	\$1,728	\$1,496	\$1,890	\$1,204	\$1,080
OSS redesign	<b>\$375</b>	N/A	\$633	\$360	N/A	\$430
OSS repair app review + permit	<b>\$370</b>	\$1,242	\$978	\$360	\$766	\$550
Land use review	<b>\$225</b>	\$756	\$460	\$180	N/A	\$125

# Vital Records 2025 Budget

- Revenue total: \$728,000
- 5% of 2025 EH budget
- Most VR fees set by state



# Historical Fee Adjustments



# Are We Covering Costs?

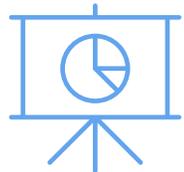


2022 fee study was inconclusive

- Consultant found that data quality makes cost analysis hard



Getting new software to more accurately track staff time/activities

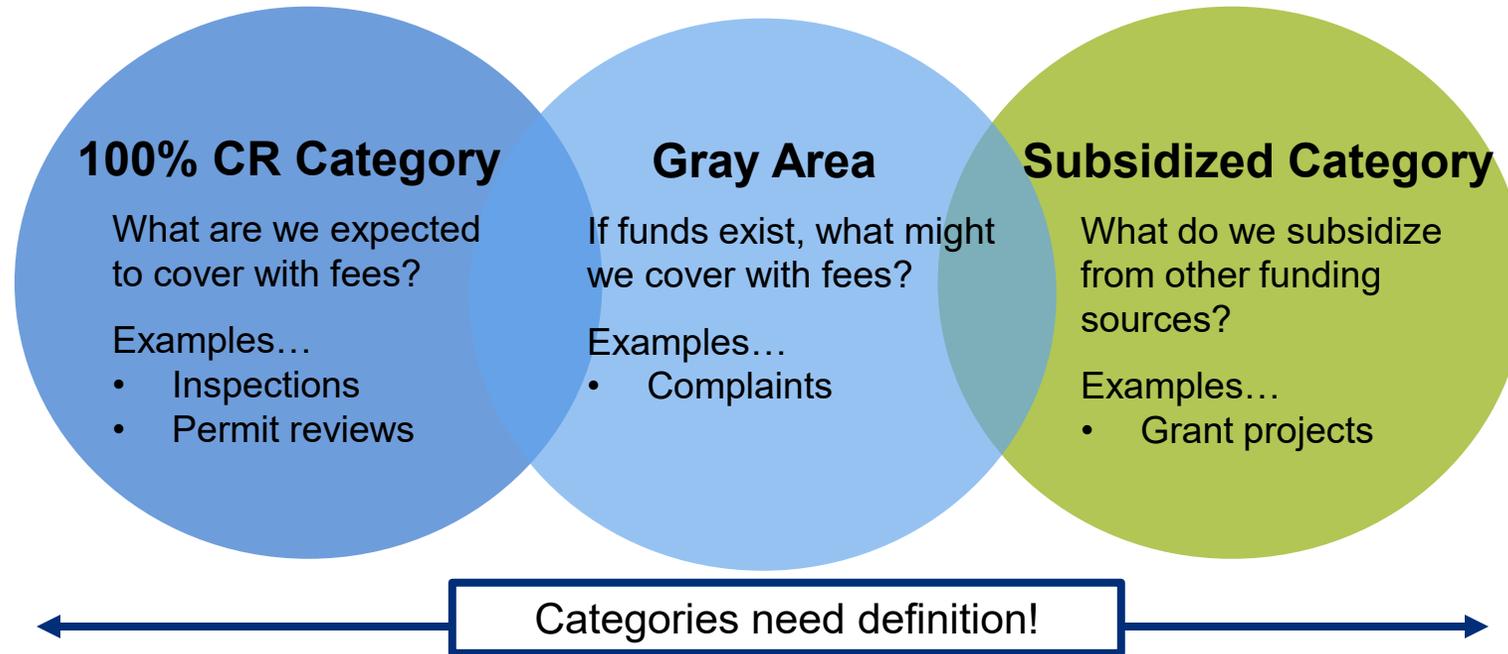


We know that fees don't fully cover total costs

- FPHS/flexible funds are needed to fill the gap

# What is Cost Recovery?

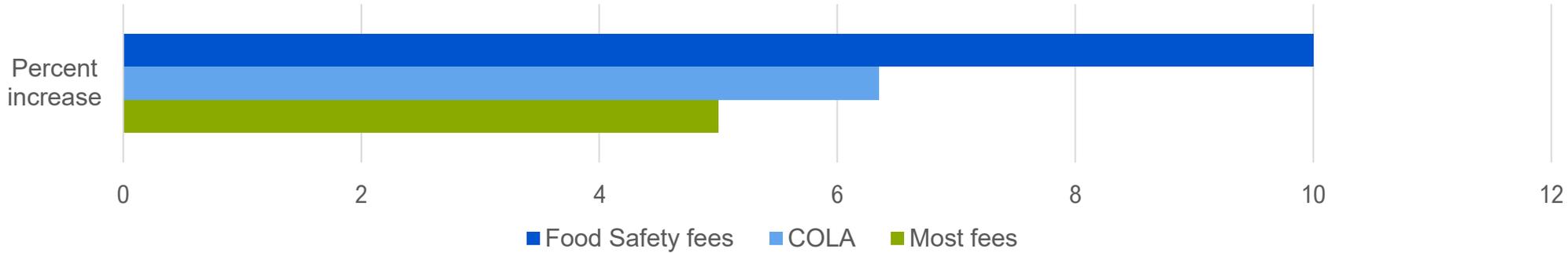
- SCHED goal: create a defined cost recovery strategy



- We can't raise fees enough to cover all costs without being out of sync with comparable LHJs

# Proposed 2025-2026 Fee Adjustment

- Most fees: **5% increase**
- Food Safety fees: **10% increase**
  - Supports plan review capacity building
- COLA factors: 3.63% for 2025 and 2.72% for 2026 = 6.35% total
  - 2026 COLA released in July, can proactively capture both years
  - Reassess gap between proposed increases and COLA next year



# Exemptions to Proposed 10% Increase

## Food Safety

General

- Aligned jumps between low, med, and high risk categories in annual permits + temporary permits

## Food Safety

Annual Permits

- Bakeries, B&Bs, campgrounds: set to low risk food establishments
- Caterers: set to 0-50 seat food establishments
- Vending machines: set to ½ low risk food establishments
- Mobile food units: set to 0-50 seat food establishments

# Exemptions to Proposed 10% Increase

## Food Safety

Temporary Event Permits

- Temp late fee unchanged
- Recurring events: additional location fee set to single temp event fee
- Food demonstrator: added additional location option with same price break as above

## Food Safety

Plan Review

- Multiple permit facility: same as hourly rate
- HACCP review: \$2,100 → \$900
- Left consultation at one hour to encourage use

# Exemptions to Proposed 5% Increase

## Solid Waste

- No exemptions

## Safe Environments

(Pools, schools, group camps, illegal drugs)

- School site review: no fee → hourly rate
- WRF plan review: rolled pre-occupancy inspection fee into all plan review fees
- WRF office conference: set to as Food Safety's office conference fee

# Exemptions to Proposed 5% Increase

## Land Use M&M

- M&M inspection report submittal: \$40 → \$42
- Pumper report submittal: \$12 → \$13

## Land Use Permitting

- Community system permit language change: “per service connection”
- Renewals language change: require that renewals meet current code
- Land use reviews: increased from one hour (\$225) to two hours (\$470)
- Subdivision reviews: made all the same (\$150)

# Exemptions to Proposed 5% Increase

## Vital Records

- No fee changes
  - Most VR fees set at by state
- New no-cost birth certificate for school enrollment
  - Eligibility requirements set by SB 5030

## Miscellaneous Fees

- Hourly rate adjustment: \$225 → \$235
- Late fee and HOO fee unchanged

# Fee Adjustment Outreach



Currently consulting affected parties

- Regulated community members
- Master Builders Association of King/Snohomish Counties
- WA Hospitality Association



Feedback period ongoing through end of September

# Next Steps



- Looking ahead to 2026-2027 fee schedule...
  - Ordinance briefing/action in early 2026
  - Effective date November 1, 2026

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**Q&A and Discussion**

