

Description

The Risk Management Department provides central risk management services to City of San Diego residents, visitors, and employees to limit the risk exposure of the City's network of departments and infrastructure. The Department also provides data on workers' compensation and public liability claims to City departments. This data provides City departments the information needed to monitor liability exposures and implement business process improvements.

Central risk services provided by the Risk Management Department include workers' compensation claims management, flexible benefits, employee savings plan administration, public liability claims management, loss recovery, loss prevention, and oversight of the insurance program which are administered through the Workers' Compensation, Public Liability and Loss Recovery, Employee Benefits, Loss Control, Finance/Administration, and IT Support sections.

The vision is:

Proactively reduce risk exposure and champion a culture of health and safety for the well-being of employees and the public.

The mission is:

Provide optimum services to City employees and the public through the administration of claims, employee benefits, loss control, and partnering with City departments to mitigate and manage risks.

Goals and Objectives

- Goal 1: Create innovative workflows and processes.
 - Implementing new technology to streamline operations
 - Going paperless
- Goal 2: Provide high quality customer service and stewardship of City finances.
 - Training for staff
 - Succession planning
- Goal 3: Support data-informed decision making to reduce the City's risk exposure.
 - Safety trainings
 - Analyzing and sharing data to inform decisions and strategy
 - Ensuring data integrity

Budget Equity Impact Statement

Equity Highlights

Examples from the current fiscal year.

- The hiring of a new Insurance Analyst will maintain the smooth processing of over 2,400 annual special event permits, which directly support community activities. This role ensures compliance with insurance requirements, providing essential support to local organizations and preventing delays that could hinder neighborhood events. Fulfilling this role helps safeguard opportunities for cultural and recreational activities, while reducing legal and financial risks for the City.
- Analyzed adjusters' caseloads to assess whether appropriate caseloads are assigned to
 adjusters based on complexity of the claim, and how their caseloads compare to the industry
 standard by job classifications. The analysis concluded that additional staff will be needed to
 reduce staff caseloads to industry standard.
- Ongoing efforts continued to procure a new claim management system, to allow for better tracking of demographic data and better focus City resources to address disparities in service delivery. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is anticipated to be release by the end of Fiscal Year 2025.

Budget Equity Lens Summary

Ongoing Operations

Is there an opportunity to adjust the department's ongoing operations to mitigate the impacts of existing or potential disparities?

Yes

Goal 1, Objective 2 of the department Tactical Equity Plan identifies the following existing disparity: "Current admin staff must report to office to handle paper intensive processes". To mitigate the impacts of this disparity, develop a hybrid work model, that combines in-office and remote work for staff, enabling staff to handle administrative tasks from home while still attending the office when necessary. Goal 3, Objective 4 of the department Tactical Equity Plan identifies the following existing disparity: "Not all departments have equal access to claims data". To mitigate the impacts of this disparity, implement role-based access controls to ensure that access to sensitive claim data is based on roles and needs, while still promoting equitable access for all City departments.

Budget Adjustment(s)

Do the requests impact existing or potential disparities?

Yes

Budget Adjustments fall under Tactical Equity Plan Goal 2 (Provide high quality customer service and stewardship of City finances). The addition of positions addresses the caseload disparities that are impacting current claims adjusters, who are carrying caseloads that are substantially higher than industry standards. Having sufficient numbers of claims staff will ensure mandated deadlines by the California Government Code are met by reducing the number of public liability cases assigned to each claims adjuster and allows for improved customer service for claimants as adjusters will have the capacity to dedicate the necessary time and attention to handle each claim effectively.

Key Performance Indicators

Performance Indicator	Definition	Baseline	FY2025 Performance	Goal
Public Liability Staff Caseloads ¹	The typical caseload for Public Liability adjuster compared to the industry standard, with Goal serving as the benchmark.	264	369	123
Workers' Compensation Staff Caseloads ²	The typical caseload for Workers' Compensation		215	162

^{1.} The industry standard and average caseloads per adjuster are based on weighted averages across Claims Aide, Claims Representative 1 & 2, Senior Claims Representatives, and Supervising Claims Representatives.

^{2.} The industry standard and average caseloads per adjuster are based on weighted averages across Workers Compensation Claims Aide, Workers Compensation Claims Representative 1 & 2, and Senior Workers Compensation Claims Representatives.

Department Summary

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2025-2026
	Actual	Budget	Draft	Change
FTE Positions (Budgeted)	94.00	94.23	106.23	12.00
Personnel Expenditures	\$ 12,972,446	\$ 14,390,612	\$ 16,591,724	\$ 2,201,112
Non-Personnel Expenditures	1,886,245	2,952,982	3,591,462	638,480
Total Department Expenditures	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 2,839,592
Total Department Revenue	\$ 14,915,482	\$ 17,098,385	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 3,084,801

Risk Management Administration Fund

Department Expenditures

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2025-2026
	Actual	Budget	Draft	Change
Risk Management	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 2,839,592
Total	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 2,839,592

Department Personnel

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2025-2026
	Budget	Budget	Draft	Change
Risk Management	94.00	94.23	106.23	12.00
Total	94.00	94.23	106.23	12.00

Significant Budget Adjustments

	FTE	Expenditures	Revenue
Salary and Benefit Adjustments Adjustments to reflect savings resulting from vacant positions for any period of the fiscal year, retirement contributions, retiree health contributions, and labor negotiations.	0.00 \$	1,750,218 \$	
Public Liability Support Addition of 14.00 FTE Positions and associated non- personnel expenditures to support the Public Liability & Loss Recovery Division as required due to the increase in the City's Self-Insured Retention (SIR).	14.00	920,309	-
Claims Management System Support Addition of non-personnel expenditures associated with the City's claims management system.	0.00	215,000	-
Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Services Support Addition of contractual expenditures associated with the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).	0.00	138,745	-
Support for Information Technology Adjustment to expenditure allocations according to an annual review of information technology funding requirements.	0.00	86,928	-
Laptops Replacement Addition of non-personnel expenditures for the replacements of laptops.	0.00	81,900	-

	FTE	Expenditures	Revenue
Non-Discretionary Adjustment Adjustment to expenditure allocations that are determined outside of the department's direct control. These allocations are generally based on prior year expenditure trends and examples of these include utilities, insurance, and rent.	0.00	60,707	-
Medicare Compliance Support Addition of non-personnel expenditures associated with the Medicare Compliance Contract.	0.00	30,000	-
Non-Standard Hour Personnel Funding Funding allocated according to a zero-based annual review of hourly funding requirements.	0.00	(373)	-
Reduction of Overtime Reduction of overtime expenditures.	0.00	(35,824)	-
Reduction of Program Coordinator Reduction of 1.00 Program Coordinator from the Loss Control Division.	(1.00)	(169,849)	-
Reduction of Deputy Director Reduction of 1.00 Deputy Director which supports management of the Department.	(1.00)	(238,169)	-
Revised Non-Discretionary Revenue Adjustment to reflect revised non-discretionary revenue projections.	0.00	-	3,073,817
Transient Occupancy Tax Transfer Adjustment to reflect revised revenue for safety and maintenance of tourism-related facilities from the Transient Occupancy Tax Fund.	0.00	-	10,689
Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device Fee Adjustment to reflect revised Electronic Personal Assistive Mobility Device (EPAMD) Fee revenue projections associated with an increase in the fee amount.	0.00	-	295
otal	12.00 \$	2,839,592 \$	3,084,801

Expenditures by Category

	FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Draft	FY2025-2026 Change
PERSONNEL		Ţ,		
Personnel Cost	\$ 8,167,771	\$ 9,332,806	\$ 10,531,922	\$ 1,199,116
Fringe Benefits	4,804,676	5,057,806	6,059,802	1,001,996
PERSONNEL SUBTOTAL	12,972,446	14,390,612	16,591,724	2,201,112
NON-PERSONNEL				
Supplies	\$ 95,107	\$ 83,649	\$ 93,818	\$ 10,169
Contracts & Services	728,855	2,039,128	2,265,411	226,283
External Contracts & Services	563,872	1,771,550	1,962,008	190,458
Internal Contracts & Services	164,983	267,578	303,403	35,825
Information Technology	1,054,703	811,364	1,213,392	402,028
Energy and Utilities	2,979	4,841	4,841	-
Other	4,601	14,000	14,000	-
NON-PERSONNEL SUBTOTAL	1,886,245	2,952,982	3,591,462	638,480
Total	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 2,839,592

Revenues by Category

	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2025-2026
	Actual	Budget	Draft	Change
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 693,000	\$ 703,689	\$ 10,689
Licenses and Permits	-	-	295	295
Other Revenue	14,890,984	16,405,385	19,479,202	3,073,817
Rev from Money and Prop	24,498	-	-	-
Total	\$ 14,915,482	\$ 17,098,385	\$ 20,183,186	\$ 3,084,801

Personnel Expenditures

Job							
Number	Job Title / Wages	FY2024 Budget	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Draft	Cala	ry Range	Total
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20000024	Administrative Aide 2	2.00	2.00	2.00	\$ 67,180 -	80,983	\$ 150,188
200000119	Associate Management	2.00	2.00	1.00	85,285 -	103,085	103,085
20000119	Analyst	2.00	2.00	1.00	03,203	105,005	103,003
20000277	Claims Aide	2.00	1.00	0.00	58,356 -	70,259	_
20000278	Claims Clerk	11.00	12.00	12.00	49,708 -	59,820	674,409
20000281	Claims Representative 1	1.00	0.00	0.00	69,036 -	83,538	-
	(Terminal)				,	,	
20000285	Claims Representative 2	10.00	0.00	0.00	83,538 -	101,010	-
	(Terminal)				•	,	
90000539	Clerical Assistant 2	0.00	0.23	0.23	47,174 -	56,871	10,850
20001168	Deputy Director	2.00	2.00	1.00	78,886 -	290,057	211,630
20000393	Employee Benefits	1.00	1.00	1.00	95,528 -	115,774	115,774
	Administrator						
20000383	Employee Benefits	8.00	8.00	8.00	77,357 -	93,475	743,679
	Specialist 2						
20000293	Information Systems	2.00	2.00	2.00	95,463 -	115,381	230,762
	Analyst 3						
21000904	Insurance Analyst 2	0.00	0.00	1.00	88,823 -	107,955	88,823
21000757	Liability Claims Aide	0.00	1.00	7.00	58,356 -	70,259	458,040
21000758	Liability Claims	0.00	1.00	4.00	69,036 -	83,538	310,033
	Representative 1						
21000759	Liability Claims	0.00	7.00	9.00	83,538 -	101,010	884,510
	Representative 2						
20000172	Payroll Specialist 1	1.00	1.00	0.00	54,818 -	65,979	-
20000680	Payroll Specialist 2	0.00	0.00	1.00	57,330 -	69,255	56,871
20001234	Program Coordinator	10.00	10.00	9.00	36,364 -	218,225	1,404,558
20001222	Program Manager	7.00	7.00	7.00	78,886 -	290,057	1,248,949
20001122	Risk Management Director	1.00	1.00	1.00	98,302 -	372,372	255,626
20001016	Senior Claims	2.00	2.00	4.00	91,903 -	111,122	422,553
	Representative						
20000927	Senior Clerk/Typist	1.00	1.00	1.00	55,801 -	67,289	55,801
20000015	Senior Management	2.00	1.00	1.00	93,628 -	113,219	113,219
	Analyst						
21000188	Senior Workers'	4.00	4.00	4.00	100,857 -	121,998	484,332
	Compensation Claims						
20000257	Representative	1.00	0.00	0.00	100.000	122.020	
20000357	Supervising Claims	1.00	0.00	0.00	100,988 -	122,020	-
20000250	Representative	2.00	0.00	0.00	100 000	122.020	
20000358	Supervising Claims	3.00	0.00	0.00	100,988 -	122,020	-
	Representative (Terminal)						

Personnel Expenditures

Job		FY2024	FY2025	FY2026		
Number	Job Title / Wages	Budget	Budget	Draft	Salary Range	Total
21000780	Supervising Liability Claims Representative	0.00	3.00	5.00	100,988 - 122,020	587,868
21000189	Supervising Workers' Compensation Claims Representative	1.00	2.00	2.00	110,838 - 133,857	267,714
21000190	Workers' Compensation Claims Aide	5.00	5.00	5.00	58,356 - 70,259	345,107
21000186	Workers' Compensation Claims Representative 2	15.00	18.00	18.00	91,619 - 110,860	1,934,863
	Bilingual - Regular					14,560
	Budgeted Personnel Expenditure Savings					(837,221)
	Sick Leave - Hourly					752
	Termination Pay Annual Leave					44,563
	Vacation Pay In Lieu					150,024
FTE, Salarie	es, and Wages Subtotal	94.00	94.23	106.23	\$	10,531,922

		FY2024 Actual	FY2025 Budget	FY2026 Draft		FY2025-2026 Change
Fringe Benefits						.
Employee Offset Savings	\$	53,927	\$ 57,951	\$ 56,981	\$	(970)
Flexible Benefits		1,118,322	1,200,919	1,485,584		284,665
Insurance		1,497	-	-		-
Long-Term Disability		33,171	33,097	56,042		22,945
Medicare		120,736	132,856	160,489		27,633
Other Post-Employment Benefits		366,556	355,868	426,712		70,844
Retiree Medical Trust		14,143	16,345	21,376		5,031
Retirement 401 Plan		54,698	63,282	83,791		20,509
Retirement ADC		2,688,209	2,786,293	3,288,012		501,719
Retirement DROP		6,224	6,697	7,102		405
Risk Management Administration		106,643	119,196	172,432		53,236
Supplemental Pension Savings Plan		158,139	172,395	161,835		(10,560)
Unemployment Insurance		9,072	9,425	10,507		1,082
Workers' Compensation		73,339	103,482	128,939		25,457
Fringe Benefits Subtotal	\$	4,804,676	\$ 5,057,806	\$ 6,059,802	\$	1,001,996
Total Personnel Expenditures	•			\$ 16,591,724	•	

Revenue and Expense Statement (Non-General Fund)

Risk Management Administration Fund	FY2024 Actual	FY2025* Budget	FY2026** Draft
BEGINNING BALANCE AND RESERVES		J	
Balance from Prior Year	\$ 447,863	\$ 504,654	\$ 265,686
TOTAL BALANCE AND RESERVES	\$ 447,863	\$ 504,654	\$ 265,686
REVENUE			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 693,000	\$ 703,689
Licenses and Permits	-	-	295
Other Revenue	14,890,984	16,405,385	19,479,202
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	24,498	-	<u>-</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 14,915,482	\$ 17,098,385	\$ 20,183,186
TOTAL BALANCE, RESERVES, AND REVENUE	\$ 15,363,345	\$ 17,603,039	\$ 20,448,872
OPERATING EXPENSE			
Personnel Expenses	\$ 8,167,771	\$ 9,332,806	\$ 10,531,922
Fringe Benefits	4,804,676	5,057,806	6,059,802
Supplies	95,107	83,649	93,818
Contracts & Services	728,855	2,039,128	2,265,411
Information Technology	1,054,703	811,364	1,213,392
Energy and Utilities	2,979	4,841	4,841
Other Expenses	4,601	14,000	14,000
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 14,858,691	\$ 17,343,594	\$ 20,183,186
BALANCE	\$ 504,654	\$ 259,445	\$ 265,686
TOTAL BALANCE, RESERVES, AND EXPENSE	\$ 15,363,345	\$ 17,603,039	\$ 20,448,872

^{*} At the time of publication, audited financial statements for Fiscal Year 2025 were not available. Therefore, the Fiscal Year 2025 column reflects final budgeted revenue and expense amounts from the Fiscal Year 2025 Adopted Budget, while the beginning Fiscal Year 2025 balance amount reflects the audited Fiscal Year 2024 ending balance.

^{**} Fiscal Year 2026 Beginning Fund Balance reflects the projected Fiscal Year 2025 Ending Fund Balance based on updated Revenue and Expenditures projections for Fiscal Year 2025.