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HONORING OUR OLDEST LIVING RESIDENTS

For 18 years the Solano County Board of Supervisors has been honoring the County's oldest living residents, our Centenarians. In December, at their regular meeting, the Board celebrated the lives of 44 Centenarians and their families. The celebration included the adoption of a resolution proclaiming the week of December 1-7, 2024 as Centenarian Week in Solano County, a video montage showcasing the lives of these incredible individuals and the presentation of a commemorative yearbook. If you know a Centenarian living in our community, nominate them to be honored by the Board by emailing Centenarian@SolanoCounty.com. See the video and yearbook at www.ISSUU.com/SolanoCounty and [@CountyOfSolano](https://www.instagram.com/CountyOfSolano).



Vallejo Navigation Center groundbreaking, April 29, 2024

MAKING MEANINGFUL INVESTMENTS WITH ARPA FUNDS

Solano County's investment of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds continues to support and impact the community in meaningful ways, including investing ARPA dollars in career development training, park upgrades, digital literacy initiatives, and housing for behavioral health clients. In 2024, the County provided more than 30 loans to small businesses through the Biz-Grow revolving loan fund, distributed 58 grants of \$5,000 each to agricultural businesses, and launched the new OCHIN Epic Electronic Health Record System for Family Health Services. Since the program's implementation in 2022, more than 150,000 households have accessed emergency food resources, and over 1,000 local small businesses have received advisory services to help them grow. Additionally, the County successfully met the U.S. Treasury's deadline for fully obligating its \$86 million in ARPA funding, ensuring that all funds remain within Solano County to benefit the local community.

H&SS, PUBLIC HEALTH, VITAL STATISTICS PROGRAM

In 2024, the Vital Statistics program remained a cornerstone of community service, providing reliable and essential support throughout the year. The program issued 2,072 birth certificates, ensuring that new community members had their vital records securely documented. It also processed 19,868 death certificates, offering timely and compassionate assistance to grieving families. Additionally, the team facilitated 5,054 burial permits, demonstrating their efficiency and responsiveness in managing end-of-life arrangements with care and professionalism.

SOLANO PARKS WELCOMES 222,000+ VISITORS

In 2024, Solano County Parks expanded public access by increasing the number of County-operated parks from four to five, effectively doubling the miles of trails within the County system. The five parks now include Lake Solano Park and Campground, Sandy Beach Park and Campground, Belden's Landing Boat Launch, Lynch Canyon Open Space Park, and the newly opened Patwino Worrta Kodoi Dihi Open Space Park, which opened in August 2024. Together, these parks welcomed over 220,000 visitors from across Solano County, and as far away as Europe and Asia. Visitors engaged in a variety of activities, including camping, fishing, picnicking, hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, paddleboarding, personal watercraft, motorized boating, and wildlife observation. For more information about Solano County Parks and planning your visit, visit www.SolanoCounty.com/Parks.

Stewardship of Our Community

Making meaningful investments with ARPA funds

- Solano County used American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to support the community through career and job development, park upgrades, housing for behavioral health clients, homeless and affordable housing projects, small business loans, agricultural grants, healthcare improvements, emergency food access, and business advisory services, while meeting the U.S. Treasury's deadline for fully obligating its \$86 million allocation prior to years end.

Honoring our oldest living residents

- For the past 18 years the Board has been honoring the County's oldest living residents as part of the annual Centenarian celebration. In December, the Board recognized 44 centenarians, with a collective 4,500 years of life experience, adopting a resolution as part of centenarian week, featuring them in a video presentation and as part of a commemorative yearbook.

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Stewardship of Our Community (cont.)

Kindergarten Round-Up resource fairs

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Fiscal Responsibility



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Solano County strives to provide programs and services for our residents that use taxpayer dollars responsibly and sustainably

Solano County
Popular Annual Financial Report
Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2023

GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

AWARD WINNER:
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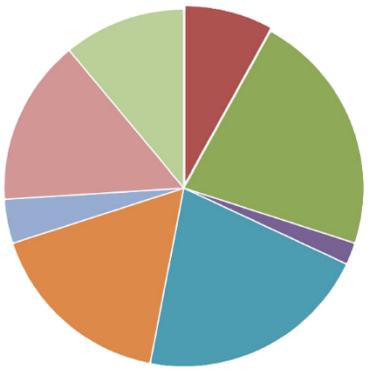
POPULAR ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
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GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AWARD
The Government Finance Officers Association awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the County of Solano and the Auditor-Controller's Office for the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This award is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting. The attainment of this award represents a significant accomplishment by the County, the Auditor-Controller's Office and all county management, and recognizes the County's ACFR for achieving transparency and full disclosure in financial reporting. This recognition is viewed as a positive factor by credit rating agencies and by others interested in the professionalism of a government's finance function.

CALIFORNIA STATE CONTROLLER'S AWARD
The Auditor-Controller's Office received the State Controller's Award for Achieving Excellence in Financial Reporting for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. This award recognizes the County for submitting an accurate and timely financial report in accordance with criteria established by the State Controller. Counties must follow the eligibility criteria specified by the State Controller such as timely submission of the report and county budget, proper classification of revenue and expenditure data, and complete and proper reporting of outstanding debt.

BOARD ADOPTS A BALANCED BUDGET
On June 20, 2024, the Board of Supervisors adopted a comprehensive and balanced budget of more than **\$1.62 billion** that includes a combination of funding from State and federal revenue sources and includes awarded grants, and local revenues from fees for services, interest income, various tax revenues; including property tax, business license fees, and a small amount of sales tax collected in the unincorporated areas of the County, making us financially positioned to provide the programs and services necessary to help Solano County residents thrive.

ADOPTED SPENDING PLAN BY FUNCTION, FY2024-25



- General Government, \$137,649,182, 8%
- Public Protection, \$363,608,900, 22%
- Public Ways and Facilities, \$37,567,141, 2%
- Health and Sanitation \$351,937,671, 21%
- Public Assistance, \$280,326,020, 17%
- All Others, \$60,439,230, 4%
- General Fund Transfers, \$248,318,490, 15%
- Contingencies and Reserves, \$172,093,293, 11%

Board adopts a balanced budget

- On June 30, 2024, the Board adopted the annual budget for FY2024/25 of **\$1.62 billion dollars**, a combination of federal, state and local revenues to fund the programs and services necessary to help Solano County residents thrive.

Adopted Spending Plan by function

- The County's \$1.62 billion-dollar annual budget is broken down by function, investing tax dollars into different categories, including public protection, health and sanitation, public assistance, public ways, facility fees and general government. Other areas include our general fund transfers, contingencies and reserves.

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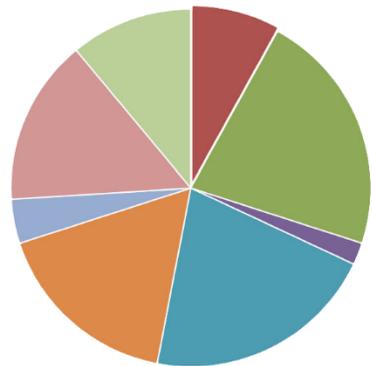
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PROBATION INVESTS IN FUTURE LEADERS

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REPRESENTATIVE GARAMENDI PRESENTS CHECK

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SUSTAINING SOLANO PROJECT

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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT INTERCEPTS PESTS

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Probation invests in future leaders

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National Crime Victims' rights week

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Committed to serving our veterans

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Improve Health and Wellbeing (cont.)

Representative Garamendi presents check

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Sustaining Solano project

- The Library's Sustaining Solano Project, funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services, offered outdoor field trips and events focused on nature and sustainability, including cooking classes, gardening fairs, and visits to bird rescue centers, while also launching seed libraries to promote environmental stewardship and community engagement.

Child Support Services wins program award

- In April, Solano County's Department of Child Support Services won the Innovation in the Child Support Program Award for its successful Flexible Case Management Program, which has become a model for other counties seeking guidance, leading to training sessions and a formal request from the California Department of Child Support Services to share its processes with more counties.



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IMPLEMENTING BEST PRACTICES FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY

The Department of Resource Management, with coordination from the Board of Supervisors, in response to the growing demand for renewable energy, is taking a leadership role in regulating battery energy storage systems (BESS). The Board of Supervisors enacted Ordinance No. 2024-1852-U, which temporarily halts new commercial BESS projects to allow for a comprehensive study of best practices and safe implementation. A draft ordinance, currently under review, aims to establish rigorous guidelines for the siting and operation of BESS facilities. The next steps include technical working group sessions and a public workshop in early 2025, providing an opportunity for the community to offer input on this evolving and challenging land use issue.

PRESERVING OUR AGRICULTURAL HERITAGE

In 2024, Solano County, with coordination by the Department of Resource Management, took a significant step in preserving its agricultural heritage with the adoption of the Agricultural Mitigation Ordinance. This innovative policy establishes clear and consistent regulations to mitigate the loss of farmland amid development, ensuring that agricultural land remains protected. By directing growth toward already developed areas, the ordinance safeguards the long-term viability and productivity of the county's agricultural industry, balancing household and economic growth with the preservation of valuable farmland.



PARKROSE PERMANENT SUPPORTING HOUSING FACILITY

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Improve Health and Wellbeing (cont.)

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Parkrose permanent supportive housing facility

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Promoting oral health education

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Smarter planning with GIS technology

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