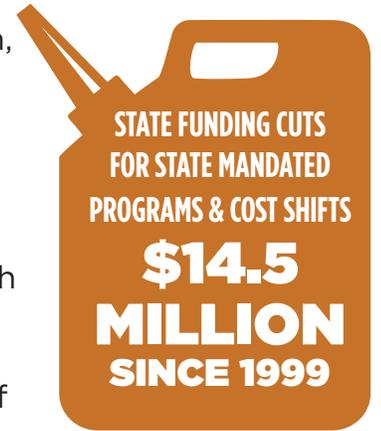


Why Can't We Get Money Elsewhere?

Funding from the County's General Fund is the only source that could be legally tapped for road maintenance. The General Fund supports most of the County's basic, state-mandated services. For example, most of the criminal justice services are covered by the General Fund, including Sheriff patrol, courts, County Attorney, Public Defender, Adult Probation, and Juvenile Justice.

The reality is that 90% of the General Fund revenues are capped by state or voter initiatives. The remaining 10% represents revenue from fees imposed by the County for some services it offers, such as building permits. However, fees can only be levied for certain services, and the level of each fee cannot exceed the cost of providing the service.

Using the General Fund to make up the lost gas tax and to address dilapidated roads means eliminating about \$12 million in law enforcement, Courts and other state-mandated services. The General Fund is also under pressure because the State has shifted about \$14.5 million in state-mandated program costs to the County over the past 13 years.



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