

# UNIVERSITY BUDGET CONVERSATION:

## *OSU BUDGET BASICS*

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**Oregon State**  
University

# Agenda

- Where does money come from? Where does it go?
- What is the Shared Responsibility Budget Model (SRBM)?
- Current year budget (FY 2026)

# Overall Revenue

## \$1.85 billion

### Education & General (E&G)

Student tuition and fees

State funding

Research overhead revenue (F&A recovery)

### Self-Support Operations

Auxiliary operating revenue

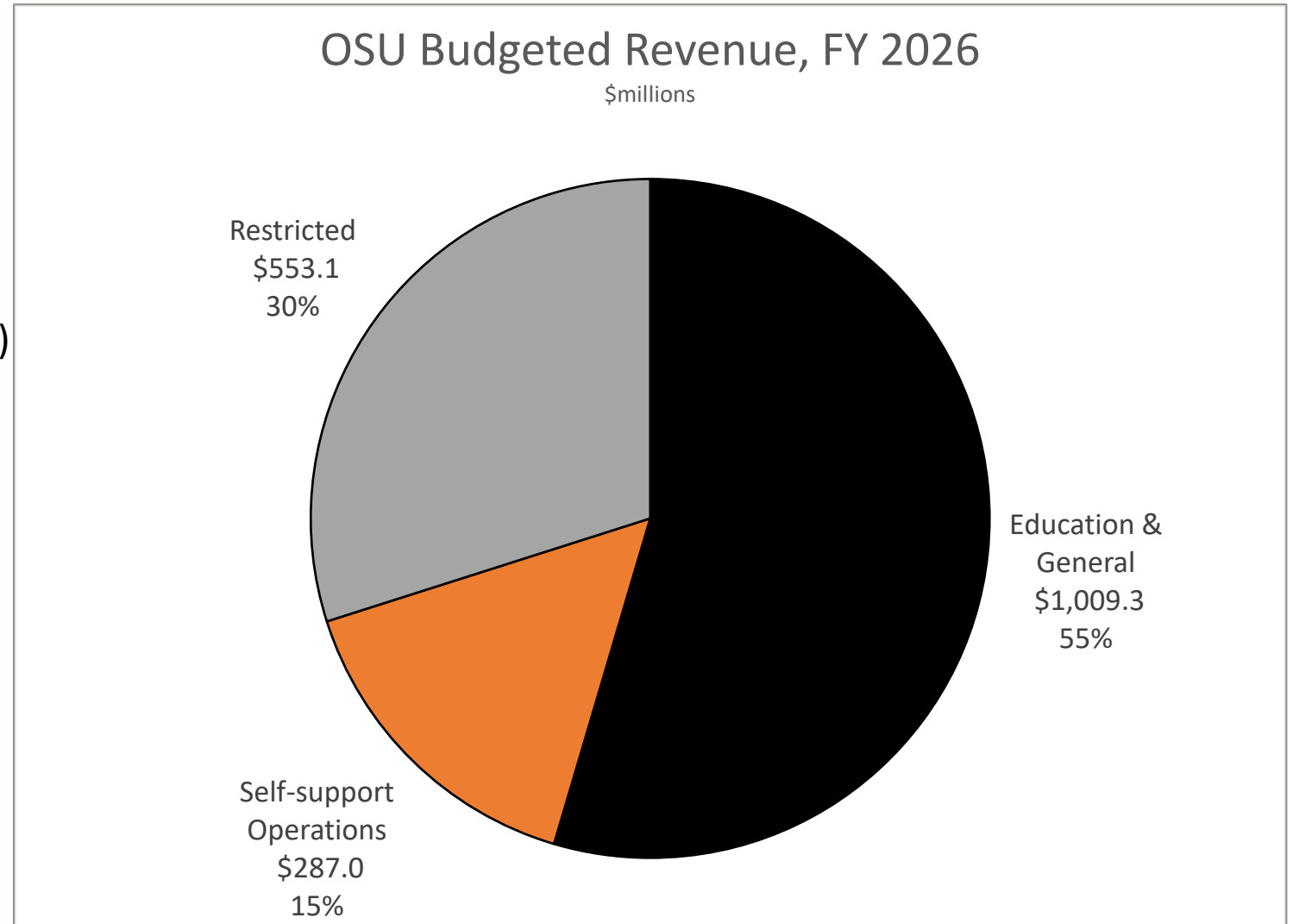
Sales and services

### Restricted

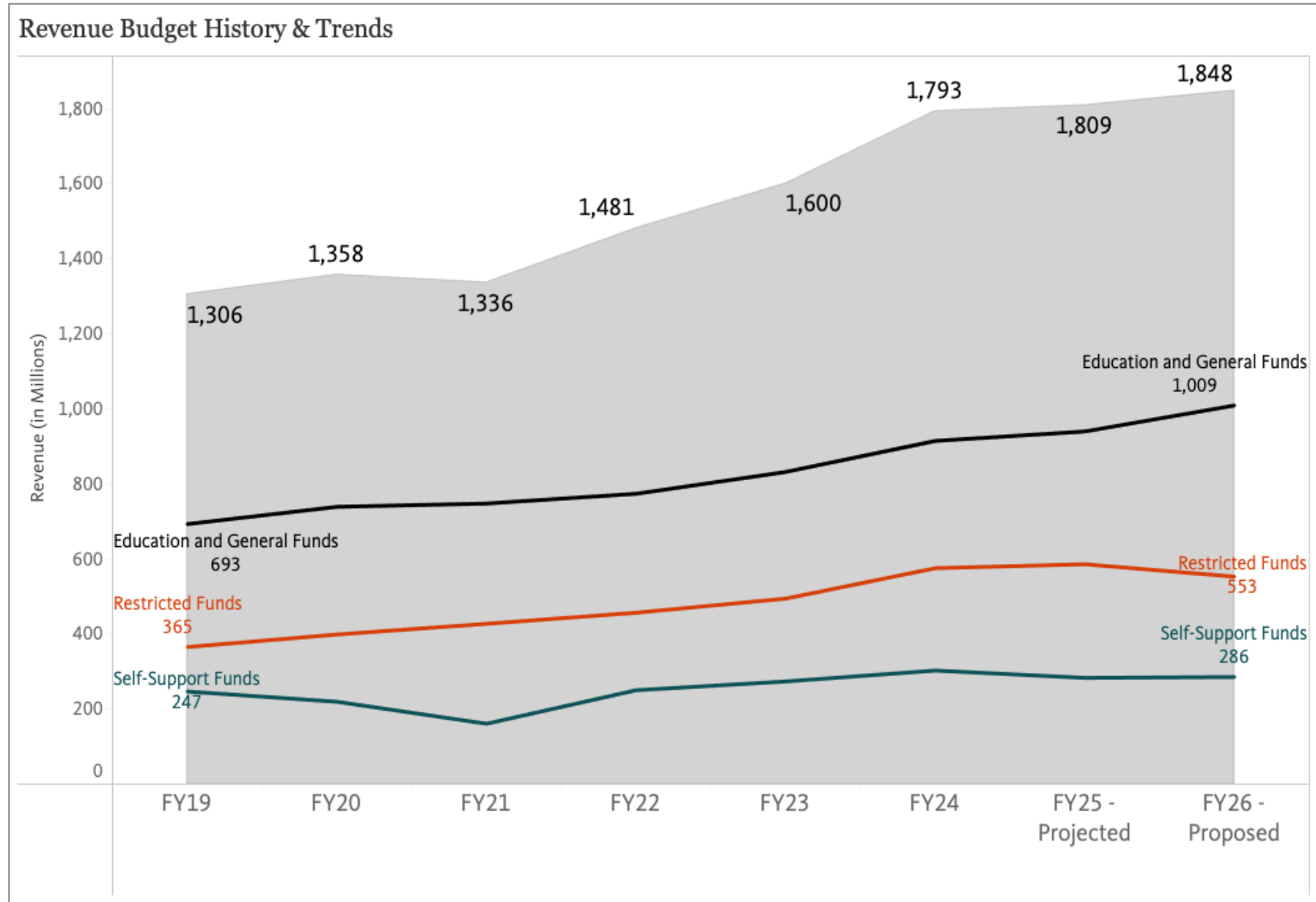
Federal, state grants

Federal and state financial aid

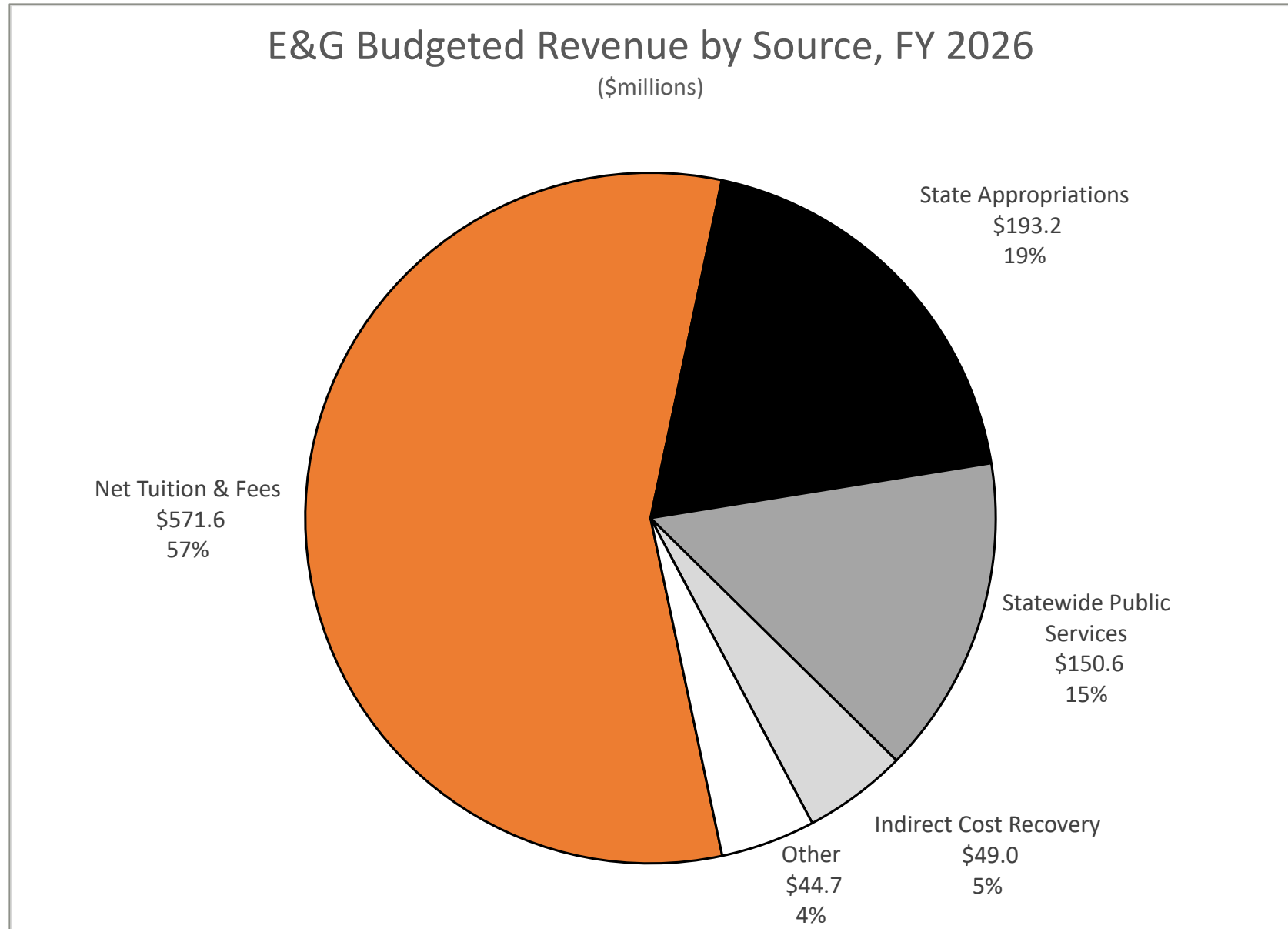
Gifts and donations



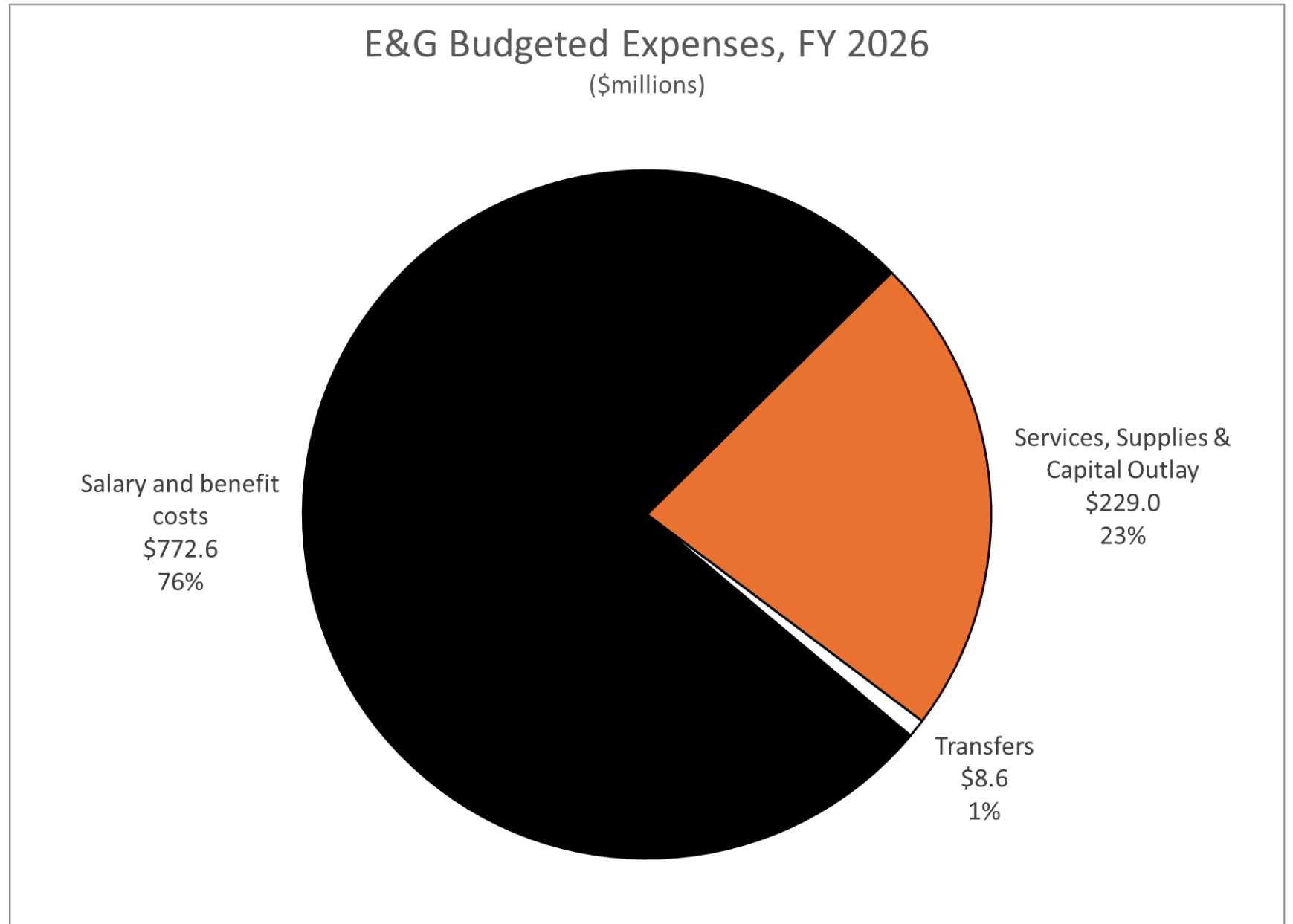
# Revenue budget history & trends



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# What is the SRBM?

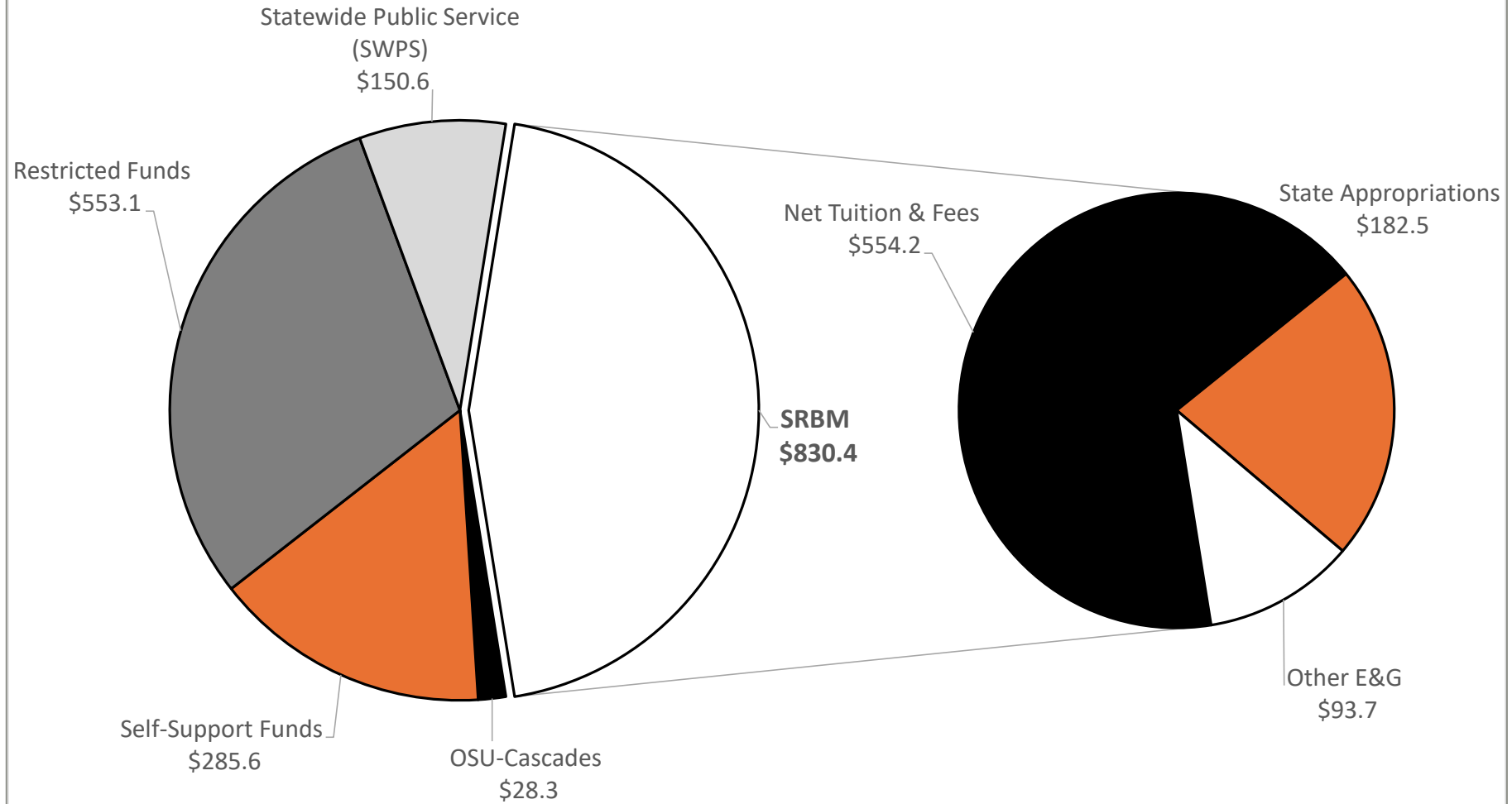
- **Shared Responsibility Budget Model (SRBM)** is OSU's budgeting framework that allocates revenue to colleges and support units on the Corvallis campus (including Ecampus)
- Implemented for FY 2018 as a shift away from incremental budgeting
- Changed method of allocations but also shifted authority and discretion around budgeting decisions
- Allocates **\$831 million** of Education & General (E&G) funds for the current fiscal year (FY 2026)

# What is the SRBM?

- The “*shared responsibility*” aspect is key:
  - Funding allocations leave discretion and authority with deans and other unit leaders
  - The SRBM doesn’t specifically fund or limit activities within colleges or divisions
- Many OSU resources are outside of the SRBM due to various limitations:
  - Self-support funds—housing, dining, parking, Athletics (\$287M)
  - Restricted funding—grants, gifts (\$553M)
  - Statewide Public Service (\$150M)
  - OSU-Cascades (\$28M)

# OSU FY 2026 Budgeted Revenue

(\$millions)



# SRBM: how does it work?

- Colleges:
  - Distributes general/flexible state funding and most of the university's tuition by a formula largely based on credit hours taught and degrees completed
  - Other "Dedicated Purpose Funds" (differential tuition, indirect cost recovery, targeted state funding) credited directly to colleges
  - Various assessments ("tax rates") applied to collegiate revenue sources to pull back funds for central administration, university-wide expenses, and redistribution to other colleges
- Out-of-model adjustments: strategic investments and budget realignment have modified formula outputs to result in final budget allocations

# SRBM: how does it work?

- Service & Support units:
  - Largely an incremental model (base +/-)
  - Prior year budget allocation as starting point
  - Adjustment for “current service level” (inflation-like consideration) intended to help resource cost escalation, principally from compensation
  - Unit-generated revenues estimated and credited to units directly, assessed similar to collegiate revenues
  - Strategic investments and budget realignment further modify calculated amounts for allocations

# FY 2026 Budget

- Budget realignment: FY26 budget process necessitated reductions and reallocations
- Uncertainties at the time of spring budget adoption
  - State budget
  - Federal budget and policy
  - Enrollment
- Some clarification of uncertainties, continued downside risk

Questions?