

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2025**

MINUTE ORDER NO. 4

**SUBJECT: 2024 ESCHEATMENT OF UNCLAIMED MONEY IN COUNTY TRUST FUNDS
(DISTRICTS: ALL)**

OVERVIEW

This is a request to approve the escheatment of specified unclaimed funds pursuant to California Government Code sections 50050-50057 and Penal Code sections 1420-1422. Public notice has been given by the Treasurer-Tax Collector that 1) the amount of \$195,191.91 was deposited in Trust Funds in the Treasury of San Diego, 2) was not the property of the County of San Diego (the “County”), 3) has remained unclaimed for the requisite years, and 4) will become property of the local agency effective October 5, 2024, if no claim is received prior to that date. The final claim period ended on October 4, 2024.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

1. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer to transfer total of \$151,405.90 from County Trust Funds from identified County Departments and deposit it as revenue in the County’s General Fund.
2. Direct the Chief Administrative Officer through the Office of Revenue and Recovery to transfer a total of \$43,786.01 from its Trust Funds and deposit it as revenue in the Office of Revenue and Recovery’s Victim Services Fund.

EQUITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The Treasurer-Tax Collector recognizes the systemic impacts that inequitable policies may create for residents of the County of San Diego. Impacts have historically included outcomes related to racial justice and issues of belonging that are reflected in the programs, services and resources allocated to communities. County departments submit a list of unclaimed monies in their possession to the Treasurer-Tax Collector for inclusion in the Treasurer-Tax Collection escheatment noticing and advertising activity. The Treasurer-Tax Collector provides widespread public notice that these unclaimed monies are available to claim by displaying a full list of items on the Treasurer-Tax Collector website, and by placing display ads in local community news publications throughout the County and supplying local shelters with the display ad information to post in their establishment as means to notify the public of the upcoming deadline to claim the monies before they are escheated. The notices and display ads utilize “plain language” and graphics to convey the message and action that is needed to make a claim. Concurrent to these efforts staff perform extensive research and make attempts to contact the rightful owner of the money and encourage a claim be submitted. It is anticipated that these actions have a positive impact on groups to include Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC), women, people with disabilities, immigrants, youth, and the LGBTQ community.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT STATEMENT

The proposed actions to escheat unclaimed refunds and return the revenue to the County General Fund are appropriate as they support the County of San Diego’s Strategic Initiative of Sustainability and the Goal of Economy, to align the County’s available resources with services to maintain fiscal stability and ensure long-term solvency. The proposed actions to escheat revenue are also in alignment with the

County of San Diego's Sustainability Goal of providing just and equitable access as the process to claim refunds is widely accessible to all claimants.

FISCAL IMPACT

If approved, this request will result in \$151,405.90 of unanticipated revenue to be realized by the County's General Fund and \$43,786.01 by the Office of Revenue and Recovery Victim Services Fund. There will be no change in net General Fund cost and no additional staff years.

BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT

N/A

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Supervisor Montgomery Steppe, seconded by Supervisor Desmond, the Board of Supervisors took action as recommended, on Consent.

AYES: Anderson, Lawson-Remer, Montgomery Steppe, Desmond

ABSENT: (District 1 Seat Vacant)

State of California)
County of San Diego) §

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original entered in the Minutes of the Board of Supervisors.

ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors



Signed
by Andrew Potter