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1. How much money has Oregon spent on federal legal work since January 2025?
 - a. DOJ has spent \$3.1 million dollars since DOJ began doing this work in January 2025. We've spent \$3.1 million dollars and [saved the state about \\$4.5 billion in federal funds](#) that would otherwise not have arrived in Oregon.
2. From the money that comes into DOJ through agency billable hours, what percentage of those dollars are general fund?
 - a. For the 23-25 biennium, about 47% of the money agencies spent on legal services specifically under the Attorney General line item in their budget comes from General Fund. Biennially the amount may vary slightly on the split of General Fund used to pay for legal services, but the cost averages around 45-50% for General Fund. The chart below shows DOJ's total budget and the estimated revenue sources that fund the Legal Fund based on prior biennia actual costs (e.g. 23-25 actuals). It's important to understand the DOJ doesn't control which funding sources agencies use to pay for legal services. Agencies may draw from Federal Funds, General Funds, Lottery Funds, or Other Funds, depending on their own budget structure. Ultimately, the cost of legal services is driven by agency need and usage. Whether an agency uses DOJ's lower rate or hires outside legal counsel at a higher cost, those legal needs must be met and, in some cases, statutorily mandated.

