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PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AGENDA

**ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND
BUDGET COMMITTEE**
TUESDAY, JULY 28, 2026

Chair: Debbie Goettel, District 5
Vice-Chair: Kevin Anderson, District 7
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Heather Edelson, District 6

1. 2026 Budget Update

Attachments: [July 28.2026 budget update presentation](#)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. June 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [HE-COMMITTEEMINUTES-23-Jun-2026](#)

3. New Business

Routine Items

3.A. [26-0244](#)

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, 04/01/26-06/30/26

Attachments: [Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator Second Quarter 2026](#)

3.B. [26-0245](#)

Neg two lease amendments for rental space utilized by the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center at 515 15th Ave S, Mpls, 01/15/27-01/14/32

Attachments: [515 15th Ave S](#)

3.C. [26-0246](#)

Neg Amd 3 to Lease Agmt A142072 with 800 West Broadway LLC, for rental space utilized by NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center at 800 West Broadway, Minneapolis, 01/01/27-02/28/32 (\$61,762 first year gross rent)

Attachments: [800 W Broadway](#)

3.D. [26-0247](#)

Agmt PR00008490 with the City of Maple Grove for landscaping services at Maple Grove Library, 04/01/26-03/31/29, NTE \$71,090

3.E. [26-0248](#)

Establish 2027 premium rates for the self-insured dental care plan applicable to employees, eligible dependents and retirees

Attachments: [2027 Dental Rates](#)

Items for Discussion and Action

3.F. [26-0249](#)

Hennepin County Youth Activities Grants (HCYAG) Program - Spring 2026 Play Area Grants, Equipment Grants, Lifeguard Services Grants, and Arts & Music Grants totaling \$1,286,919

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Board Action Request

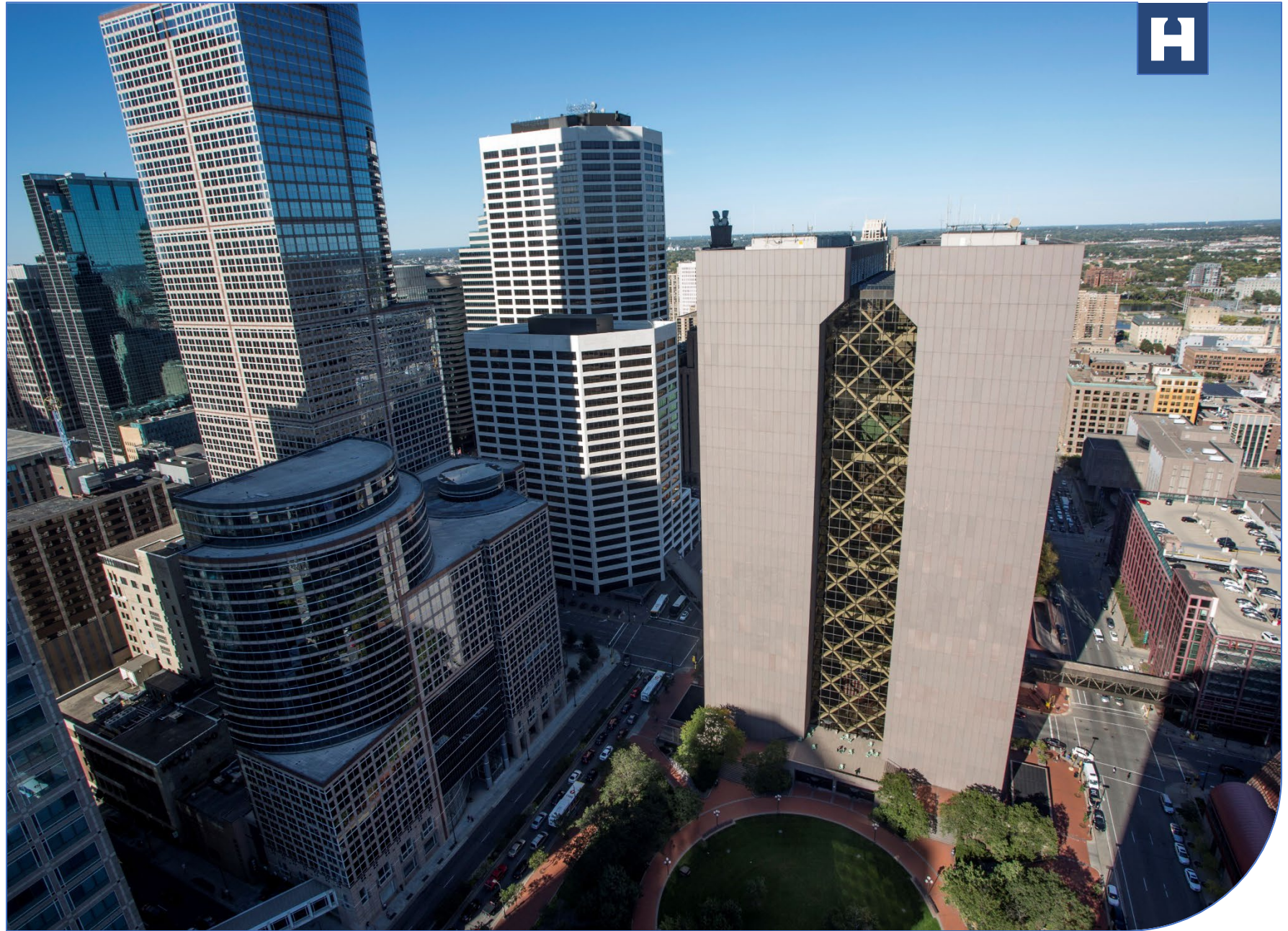
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2026 budget update

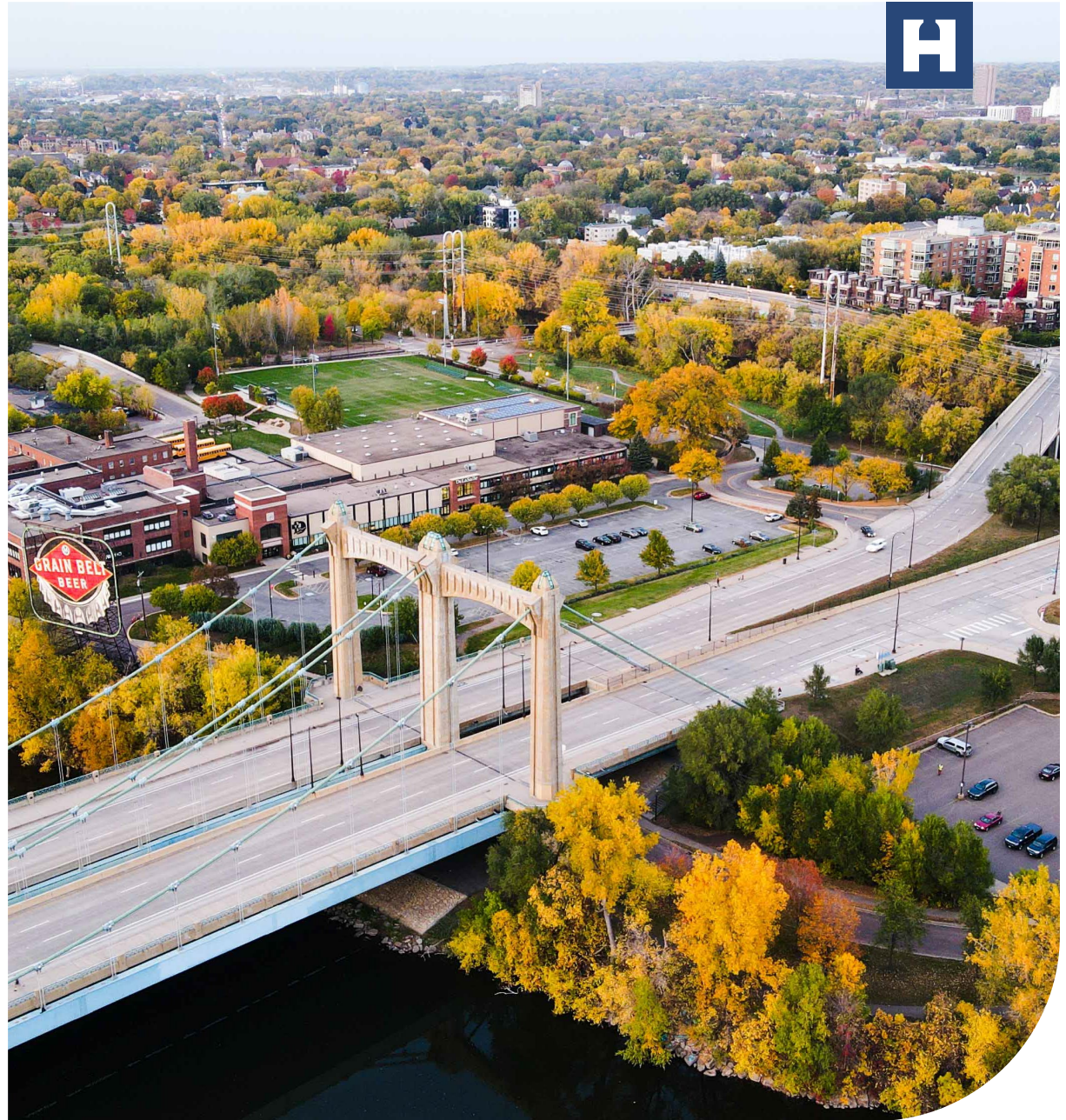
Administration, Operation, and
Budget Committee

July 28, 2026



Background

Provide transparency and information to commissioners and residents regarding the tracking and monitoring of the county's financial health.





Agenda

Current year-to-date budget

Federal impacts

Budget management strategies

Preparation for 2027 budget

Current FTEs under budget

Line of Business	Budgeted FTE	Hired FTE as of 7/2/2026	Variance	Actual FTE as of 6/19/2026
Public Works	512.3	459.1	53.2	472.4
Law, Safety, Justice	2,501.2	2,427.5	73.7	2,419.7
<i>Sheriff's Office</i>	883.0	879.1	3.9	933.7
<i>Attorney's Office</i>	521.6	506.3	15.3	502.1
Health	484.5	429.8	54.7	418.5
Human Services	3,718.4	3,799.0	(80.6)*	3,601.2
Operations	1,328.1	1,222.3	105.9	1,134.2
Resident Services	1,093.9	948.1	145.8	946.5
Disparity Elimination	124.5	114.5	10.0	110.5
Countywide	9,762.9	9,400.1	362.8	9,103.0
2025	9,995.6	9,711.6 as of 7/1/2025	284.0	9,675.1 as of 6/20/2025

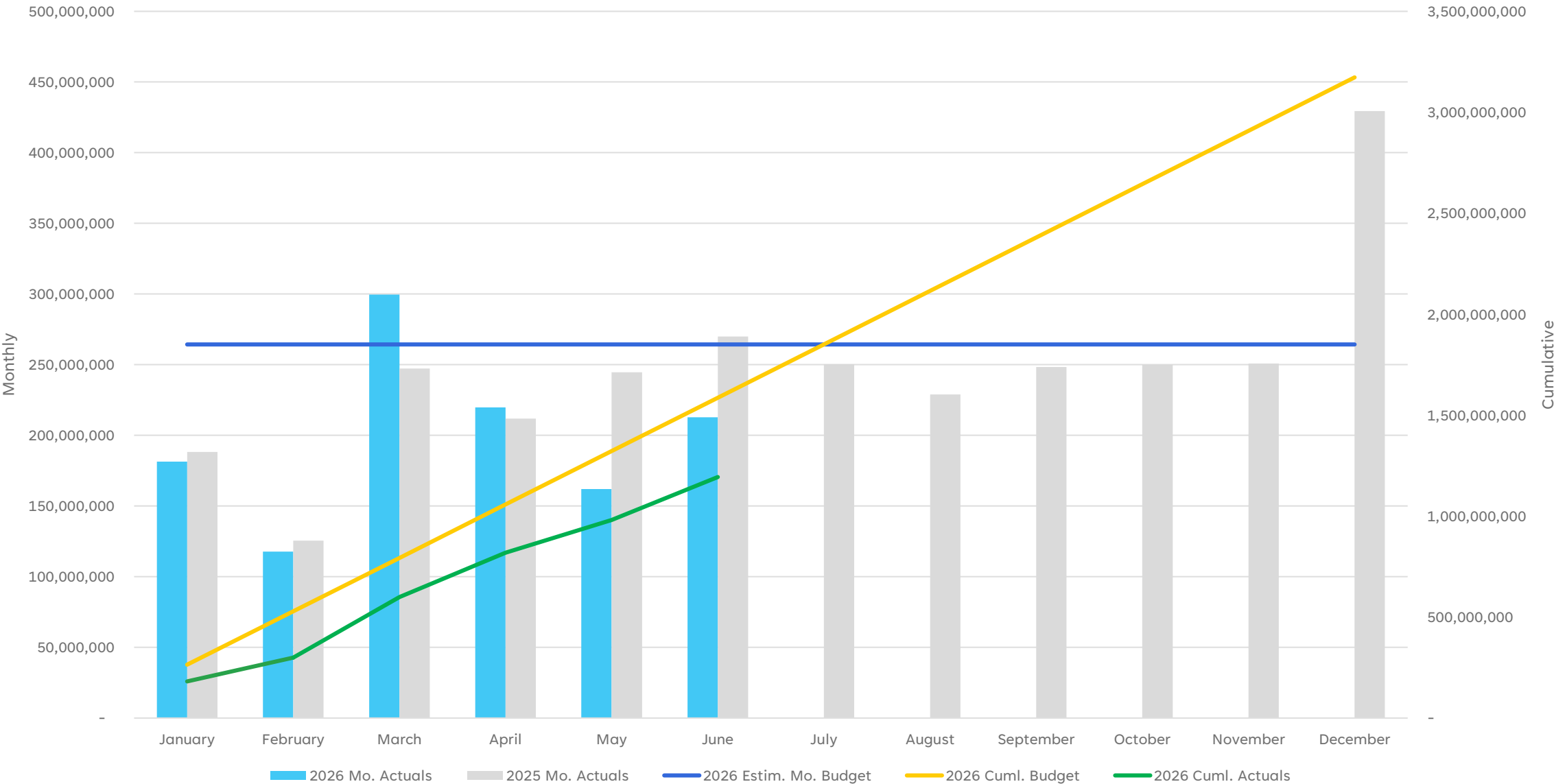
Budgeted FTE: 2026 Adopted Budget

Hired FTE: the number of hours an employee was hired and anticipated to work

Actual FTE: the number of actual hours worked by existing staff, including leave time and overtime

**The 2026 budget for Human Services includes a reduction of 237 FTEs, to be achieved through attrition and prioritized hiring of critical resident facing positions.*

Spending under budget through June 2026



Ongoing federal budget impacts



Current federal impacts

Known funding reductions

Program area	Amount annually
SNAP (Food security)	\$8 million
Total	\$8 million

Funding under protective orders – at risk

\$107.7 million

Grants terminated

Program area	Total grant award	Amount cancelled
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)- Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): Shelter & Services Program (SSP), 3 grants	\$8,500,000	\$2,700,000
DHS – FEMA: Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention Program	\$106,284	\$67,200
HHS/Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Federal Infrastructure Grant	\$1,786,794	\$0 (fully expended prior to cancellation)
Health and Human Services (HHS) OPA OASH Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Program (TPP)	\$5,916,000	\$536,722
Total	\$16.3 million	\$3.3 million

Anticipated cuts

County program area	Date	Amount annually
SNAP (Food security) Error Rate	2027	\$20 million
HUD (Housing security)	2027	\$12 million
Medicaid (Hennepin County clinics)	2027	\$27 million
Total		\$59 million

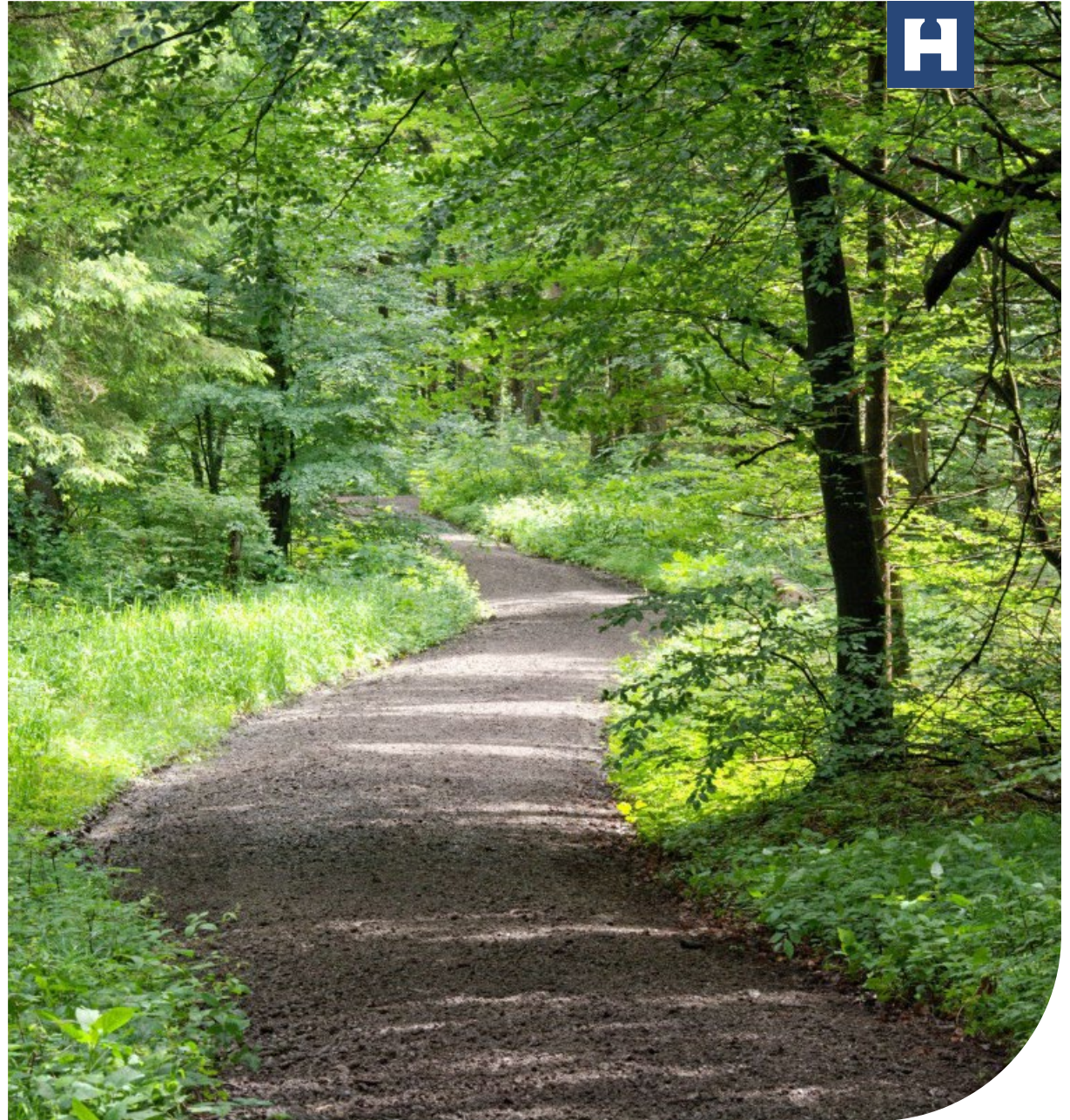
Hennepin Healthcare System Cumulative financial impact (2027-2038)

Total estimated impact: \$1.7B reduction

- \$1.1B from declining directed payments
- \$0.6B from Medicaid disenrollment

Budget management strategies

- Hiring management
- Reviewing contracts and RFPs
- Capital project reviews
- Future planning with the hospital



Planning for 2027

- 2026 budget management strategies are working
- Ongoing headwinds
- These successes and headwinds will be taken into consideration for the 2027 proposed budget
- August: preliminary discussion on tax base for 2027 and potential levy

2027 budget preparation

Next update:

- August 20 – Board briefing on budget and property tax impacts
- Aug 25 – Final 2026 budget update

Next steps:

- County Administration and the Office of Budget & Finance continue to analyze budget requests through August.
- Sept 22 – Proposed budget from administrator
- Sept 29 – Max levy adopted



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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0543

Item Description:

June 23, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

HEALTH COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JUNE 23, 2026
1:30 PM

Chair: Angela Conley, District 4
ViceChair: Heather Edelson, District 6
Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Debbie Goettel, District 5
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Commissioner Angela Conley, Chair, called the meeting of the Health Committee for Tuesday, June 23, 2026 to order at 2:58 p.m.

Present: Commissioner Angela Conley, Commissioner Heather Edelson, Commissioner Jeff Lunde, Commissioner Irene Fernando, Commissioner Marion Greene and Commissioner Kevin Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Debbie Goettel

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. June 2, 2026 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Heather Edelson, to approve the Minutes.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Goettel

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [26-0223](#)

Agmt A2513067 through HRSA for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part A Emergency Relief Project grant, 03/01/26-02/28/27, incr recv by \$4,329,742 for a new total recv of \$6,010,733

CONSENT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion

Greene, to approve the Resolution.

Aye: Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Greene and Commissioner Anderson

Absent: Commissioner Goettel

There being no further business, the Health Committee for Tuesday June 23, 2026 was declared adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

26-0244

Item Description:

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, 04/01/26-06/30/26

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the agreements listed on the report entitled "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Second Quarter 2026: 04/01/26-06/30/26, dated June 30, 2026" be ratified.

Background:

Resolution 97-04-238, dated April 29, 1997, authorized the County Administrator to sign temporary permits, licenses, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements, provided that the resulting expenditure does not exceed \$15,000 per year. Resolution 11-0339, dated August 16, 2011, delegated to the County Administrator the responsibility for the management and administration of all leases within the building located at 701 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. Resolution 24-0433, dated November 19, 2024, delegated the County Administrator authority to acquire tax-forfeited land being sold through public auction by the Hennepin County Auditor. All agreements executed by the County Administrator pursuant to these resolutions are presented to the County Board for ratification on a quarterly basis.

Current Request: Ratification is requested of those agreements signed by the County Administrator for the period April 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, as identified on the report entitled, "Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator, Second Quarter 2026: 4/1/26 - 6/30/26, dated June 30, 2026".

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

**Quarterly Summary of Real Estate Documents Executed by Administrator,
Second Quarter 2026: 4/1/26-6/30/26
Dated 6/30/26**

Contracting Party	Subject Matter and Property	Date Approved	Authorizing Resolution
Sabathani Community Center	Amendment 2 to License Agreement A2211222 with Sabathani Community Center, Inc for nonexclusive use of Room 138 located on the first floor of Sabathani Community Center at 310 East 38th Street, Minneapolis, extending the period from May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028. No rent.	4/2/26	97-4-238
Special School District No. 1, MPS	Permit For Use Agreement A2613460 with Minneapolis School District, Special School District No. 1 for use of the parking lots at Jenny Lind Elementary School and Anne Sullivan School on the dates of July 9, 2026 – July 11, 2026 and August 6, 2026 – August 8, 2026 respectively, for the purpose of Hennepin County's Environment and Energy's Household Hazardous Waste drop-off events. No rent.	6/3/26	97-4-238
State of Minnesota	Facilities Use Agreement LS00000045 with the State of Minnesota, by and through the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, for the use of 1,674 sq ft by the Hennepin County Human Services at Minneapolis Community and Technical College located at 1501 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Rent for the one (1) year term to be \$9,324.	6/9/26	97-4-238
Interstate Parking Company of Minnesota, LLC	Amd 3 to Parking Lease Agreement A2513045 with Interstate Parking Company of Minnesota for the rental of approximately 106 parking stalls at 900 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, extending the lease agreement through December 31, 2027. No change to rent.	6/22/26	97-4-238

Board Action Request

26-0245

Item Description:

Neg two lease amendments for rental space utilized by the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center at 515 15th Ave S, Mpls, 01/15/27-01/14/32

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Lease Agreement A165402 with Five15 Limited Partnership for approximately 4,996 square feet of rental space located at 515 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis for the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center, extending the contract period through January 14, 2032, in the estimated amount of \$150,529 first year rent and operating costs; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 1 to Sublease Agreement A165404 with Emerge Community Development for space within the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center located at 515 15th Avenue South in Minneapolis, extending the contract period through January 14, 2032, in the estimated receivable amount of \$105,370 first year rent and operating costs; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to receive and disburse funds as directed.

Background:

Hennepin County leases approximately 4,996 square feet of office space at 515 15th Avenue South, Minneapolis for the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center ("CROC") since 2016. CROC is a one-stop shop for education, workforce, and career pathway services operated by Hennepin County and Emerge Community Development. CROC serves approximately 1,500 residents from the Cedar-Riverside community annually. Residents receive a variety of services including employment services, job training/career pathways, support for public benefits applications, and library services.

Hennepin County leases the space from property owner Five15 Limited Partnership through Lease Agreement A165402. Sublease Agreement A165404 with Emerge Community Development ("Emerge") provides for sublease of the space by Emerge, which is responsible for daily operations, scheduling, and management of the Opportunity Center.

Amendment 1 to Lease Agreement A165402 with Five15 Limited Partnership will extend the lease for an additional five-year term, from January 15, 2027, through January 14, 2032. Base rent will be approximately \$7,494 monthly during the extension term. Operating costs are estimated at \$5,050 per month for the first year of the extension and are subject to annual adjustments.

Amendment 1 to Sublease Agreement A165404 with Emerge will likewise extend the term of the sublease by five years to match the extended term of the primary lease. Rent for the sublease will remain at the current rate of 70% of the primary lease base rent and operating cost amounts.

Current Request: Authorization to negotiate Amendment 1 to Lease Agreement A165402 with Five15 Limited Partnership and Amendment 1 to Sublease Agreement A165404 with Emerge Community Development for rental space at the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center, extending the terms of both agreements by five years through January 14, 2032.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of these lease amendments will allow Hennepin County and Emerge Community Development to continue to provide education, workforce, and career pathway services to area residents at the Cedar Riverside Opportunity Center.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

515 15th Ave. S, Minneapolis 55454



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6/16/2026



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Board Action Request

26-0246

Item Description:

Neg Amd 3 to Lease Agmt A142072 with 800 West Broadway LLC, for rental space utilized by NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center at 800 West Broadway, Minneapolis, 01/01/27-02/28/32 (\$61,762 first year gross rent)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Amendment 3 to Lease Agreement A142072 with 800 West Broadway LLC for 2,748 square feet of rental space located at 800 West Broadway, Minneapolis, extending the contract period through February 28, 2032, in the estimated amount of \$61,762 first year rent and operating costs; that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the amendment on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center, located at 2220 Plymouth Ave. N. in North Minneapolis, is a federally qualified health center. The health center operates as a partnership between NorthPoint's Community Board and Hennepin County Board of Commissioners. NorthPoint, as a public entity community health center, is recognized as an innovative model of shared ownership operating within an integrated health and human services system of care.

NorthPoint's neighborhood sites are strategically located in areas to serve populations with multiple barriers and health disparities that prevent or limit their ability to obtain services at the main campus.

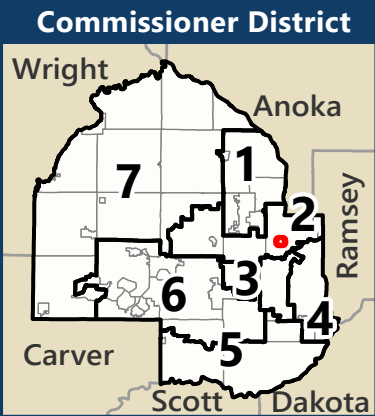
NorthPoint has leased approximately 2,748 square feet of clinic space at 800 West Broadway, Minneapolis since December 2016. This NorthPoint clinic serves the medical and dental care needs of area residents.

Amendment 3 to Lease Agreement A142072 with 800 West Broadway LLC will extend the lease sixty-two (62) months from January 1, 2027, through February 28, 2032. The first two (2) months of the extension will have free gross rent. Thereafter, beginning March 1, 2027, base rent will be \$3,206 per month with 3% annual increases. Estimated operating expenses for the first year of the extension are \$2,970 per month and are subject to annual adjustments. The County will have the right to terminate the lease effective January 1, 2029, by providing notice 180 days in advance.

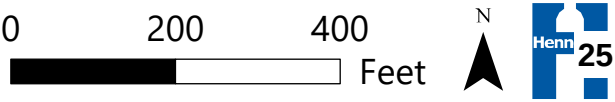
Current Request: This board request provides for authorization to negotiate Amendment 3 to Lease Agreement A142072 with 800 West Broadway LLC for rental of space for NorthPoint Health & Wellness Center during the period January 1, 2027, through February 28, 2032, with the not to exceed amount of \$61,762 first year gross rent.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

800 W Broadway, Minneapolis 55411



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Board Action Request

26-0247

Item Description:

Agmt PR00008490 with the City of Maple Grove for landscaping services at Maple Grove Library, 04/01/26-03/31/29, NTE \$71,090

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that Agreement PR00008490 with the City of Maple Grove to provide landscaping services for the Maple Grove Library during the period of April 1, 2026 through March 31, 2029, in an amount not to exceed \$71,090 be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the County; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Purchasing Director shall have the authority to:

- Extend the Agreement up to an additional two-year period (two - one (1) year extension options if mutually agreed upon);
- and allow for a month-to-month holdover, if necessary, when rebidding the Agreement;
- and increase the Agreement amount, as necessary;
- and increase / decrease the scope of services, if deemed necessary.

Background:

The Hennepin County Maple Grove Library is located within the City of Maple Grove municipal campus. Collaborating with the City of Maple Grove allows the county to implement an integrated landscape maintenance plan that supports consistent service levels while achieving labor and cost efficiencies.

Agreement PR00008490 with the City of Maple Grove Parks and Recreation Department provides for seasonal landscape services, including general clean up and ongoing landscape maintenance at the Maple Grove Library. County Board approval is required because the cumulative value of county contracts with the City of Maple Grove has exceeded \$100,000 within the past year.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0248

Item Description:

Establish 2027 premium rates for the self-insured dental care plan applicable to employees, eligible dependents and retirees

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the 2027 dental care plan and premiums.

Background:

Hennepin offers a voluntary dental plan to employees and dependents as part of our Total Rewards strategy. Premiums are actuarially determined by using historical and current claims information, population risk factors and expected dental care cost inflation. In 2027, premiums will increase by 4.5%. Retirees do not receive a county contribution.

Dental benefit plan enrollment:

2026: an average of 7,769 subscribers.

Dental premium rates and plan design:

See attachment.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

2027 Hennepin County Employee Dental Plan Premiums

2027 Plan								
Plan / Tier	Monthly Premium	Monthly Employer Contribution	Employer Cost Share	Monthly Employee Cost Contribution	Employee Cost Share	Biweekly Employee Contribution	Biweekly Employee \$ Change	Biweekly Employer \$ Change
EE Only	\$45.08	\$18.03	40%	\$27.05	60%	\$12.48	\$0.53	\$0.35
EE + Family	\$100.89	\$40.35	40%	\$60.54	60%	\$27.94	\$1.20	\$.80

**Cost share rates may vary based on employee groups and eligibility*

2027 Hennepin County Employee Dental Plan

2027 Plan			
Dental Plan Highlights Partial listing of covered services	Dental Distinctions Network		
	Benefit Level 1	Benefit Level 2	Out-of-Network
Annual Maximum and Deductible			
Annual Maximum	\$1,500 per calendar year	\$1,200 per calendar year	\$1,000 per calendar year
Annual Deductible	None	\$25 per person; \$75 per family per calendar year	\$50 per person; \$150 per family per calendar year
Preventive and Diagnostic Care			
Little Partners for children 12 and younger	100% coverage	100% coverage	100% coverage
Teeth cleaning, exams, dental x-rays & fluoride treatments	100% coverage	100% coverage	100% coverage
Sealants			
Basic Care			
Fillings (Amalgam and anterior composite)	80% coverage	70% coverage after deductible	70% coverage after deductible
Posterior composite (white) fillings	60% coverage	50% coverage after deductible	50% coverage after deductible
Simple extractions	60% coverage	60% coverage after deductible	60% coverage after deductible
Non-surgical periodontics		50% coverage after deductible	50% coverage after deductible
Endodontics (root canal therapy)			
Surgical periodontics			
Complex oral surgery			
Special Care			
Restorative crowns & onlays	50% coverage	50% coverage after deductible	50% coverage after deductible
Prosthetics			
Bridges, dentures & partial dentures	50% coverage	50% coverage after deductible	50% coverage after deductible
Dental implants	50% coverage	50% coverage after deductible	50% coverage after deductible
Orthodontia			
Orthodontics dependents up to age 19	50% coverage up to \$2,000 lifetime max	50% coverage up to \$2,000 lifetime max	50% coverage up to \$2,000 lifetime max

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Board Action Request

26-0249

Item Description:

Hennepin County Youth Activities Grants (HCYAG) Program - Spring 2026 Play Area Grants, Equipment Grants, Lifeguard Services Grants, and Arts & Music Grants totaling \$1,286,919

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, after consideration of recommendations, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners selects 3 play area grants totaling \$900,000, 11 equipment grants totaling \$101,901, 3 lifeguard services grants totaling \$139,000, and 9 arts & music grants totaling \$146,018 to receive grant funding from the HCYAG program as follows:

Play Area Grants:

- PRXXXXXXX with Brooklyn Center Community Schools ISD 286, not to exceed \$300,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Maple Grove, not to exceed \$300,000
- PRXXXXXXX with Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1, not to exceed \$300,000

Equipment Grants:

- PRXXXXXXX with City of Bloomington, not to exceed \$10,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Bloomington, not to exceed \$10,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Eden Prairie, not to exceed \$9,616
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Minnetonka, not to exceed \$9,770
- PRXXXXXXX with Hopkins Public Schools ISD 270, not to exceed \$5,655
- PRXXXXXXX with Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board, not to exceed \$9,775
- PRXXXXXXX with Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1, not to exceed \$9,800
- PRXXXXXXX with Minnetonka Public Schools ISD 276, not to exceed \$9,985
- PRXXXXXXX with Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281, not to exceed \$10,000
- PRXXXXXXX with St. Anthony-New Brighton ISD 282, not to exceed \$7,300
- PRXXXXXXX with St. Louis Park Public Schools ISD 283, not to exceed \$10,000

Lifeguard Services Grants:

- PRXXXXXXX with City of Bloomington, not to exceed \$50,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Crystal, not to exceed \$40,000
- PRXXXXXXX with Three Rivers Park District, not to exceed \$49,000

Arts & Music Grants:

- PRXXXXXXX with Bloomington Public Schools ISD 271, not to exceed \$25,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Edina, not to exceed \$7,750
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Maple Grove, not to exceed \$5,000
- PRXXXXXXX with City of Robbinsdale, not to exceed \$4,500
- PRXXXXXXX with Edina Public Schools ISD 273, not to exceed \$10,000
- PRXXXXXXX with Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1, not to exceed \$25,000
- PRXXXXXXX with Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1, not to exceed \$18,768
- PRXXXXXXX with Perpich Center for Arts Education, not to exceed \$25,000
- PRXXXXXXX with Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281, not to exceed \$25,000

Background:

The Hennepin County Board adopted Resolution 09-0320R3 establishing the Hennepin County Youth Sports Program (renamed Hennepin County Youth Activities Grants Program with Resolution 23-0153) with ballpark sales tax collections pursuant to Minn. Stat. 473.757, subd. 2. The Hennepin County Board subsequently expanded the program with Resolution 11-0318R1 allowing grants for equipment and small capital assets; Resolution 15-0332R1 allowing grants for playgrounds and swimming lessons; and Resolution 21-0337 allowing grants for arts and music, and lifeguard services. Resolution 23-0087 delegated authority to the Purchasing Director to update grant evaluation criteria, and Resolution 24-0532 delegated authority to the Grants Management & Administration Director to sign HCYAG grant agreements.

The HCYAG program regularly offers play area, equipment, lifeguard services, and arts & music grants to Local Government Units (LGUs), as well as swim lesson grants to qualified local providers. The Spring 2026 Request for Applications (RFA) opened March 30, 2026, and closed May 7, 2026. The HCYAG program received a total of 82 applications during this RFA: 24 applications for play areas totaling \$ \$5,034,053, 32 applications for equipment totaling \$ \$297,263, 7 applications for lifeguard services totaling \$339,000, and 19 applications for arts & music totaling \$382,225.

Applications are evaluated by independent review panels made up of County staff from multiple lines of business and community reviewers from the Community Engagement Roster using the following evaluation criteria: degree to which the project ensures accessibility for all populations, number of youths served by the project, degree to which the project demonstrates feasibility, demonstration of community need for the project, degree to which the program is sustainable over time, consideration of geographic distribution of projects, demonstration of financial need for the project, degree to which additional funding or donations have been secured, and partnerships between LGUs and local organizations. To ensure geographic distribution, applications are grouped by Commissioner district and evaluated against other similarly grouped applications.

The review panel recommends the following play area grant applications for award:

- Brooklyn Center Community Schools ISD 286 (\$300,000) - accessible playground
- City of Maple Grove (\$300,000) - aquatic play structure
- Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1 (\$300,000) - digital scoreboards for 7 high schools

The review panel recommends the following equipment grant applications for award:

- City of Bloomington (\$10,000) - soccer equipment
- City of Bloomington (\$10,000) - safety pole pads
- City of Eden Prairie (\$9,616) - 2 all-terrain wheelchairs
- City of Minnetonka (\$9,770) - inflatable waterpark elements
- Hopkins Public Schools ISD 270 (\$5,655) - early childhood recreation equipment
- Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (\$9,775) - adaptive water recreation equipment
- Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1 (\$9,800) - volleyball nets
- Minnetonka Public Schools ISD 276 (\$9,985) - archery equipment
- Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281 (\$10,000) - various sporting equipment
- St. Anthony-New Brighton ISD 282 (\$7,300) - pole vaulting equipment
- St. Louis Park Public Schools ISD 283 (\$10,000) - soccer equipment

The review panel recommends the following lifeguard services grant applications for award:

- City of Bloomington (\$50,000) - lifeguard training
- City of Crystal (\$40,000) - lifeguard training & certification
- Three Rivers Park District (\$49,000) - lifeguard training, certification & retention efforts

The review panel recommends the following arts & music grant applications for award:

- Bloomington Public Schools ISD 271 (\$25,000) - equipment to enable gymnasium's use as performance

space

- City of Edina (\$7,750) - reduced-fee First Saturday Art Lab
- City of Maple Grove (\$5,000) - weekly Teen Art Club
- City of Robbinsdale (\$4,500) - Robbinsdale Rhythm concert series
- Edina Public Schools ISD 273 (\$10,000) - instrument purchase and maintenance
- Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1 (\$25,000) - literacy-focused theater residency
- Minneapolis Public Schools SSD 1 (\$18,768) - expand existing arts residency program
- Perpich Center for Arts Education (\$25,000) - reduced-barriers to Summer Arts Program
- Robbinsdale Area Schools ISD 281 (\$25,000) - after-school theater workshops

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval