

HENNEPIN COUNTY

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FINAL COMMITTEE AGENDA

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 2026
1:30 PM

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

1. 2026 Budget Update

1.A. January Presentation

Attachments: [2026 budget updates presentation](#)

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting

2.A. December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [AdminOpsBudget-COMMITTEEMINUTES-02-Dec-2025](#)

3. Open Appointment Interviews

3.A. [26-0007](#)

2026 Watershed Board Applicants and Appointments - Minnehaha Creek
Watershed District Board

3.B. [26-0008](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Capital
Budgeting Task Force (CBTF)

3.C. [26-0009](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - County
Extension Committee (University of Minnesota Extension)

3.D. [26-0010](#)

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human
Resources Board

- 3.E. [26-0011](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)
- 3.F. [26-0012](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board
- 3.G. [26-0013](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)
- 3.H. [26-0014](#)
2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)
- 3.I. [26-0015](#)
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4. New Business

Routine Items

- 4.A. [26-0016](#)
Neg various agmts for IGNITE contracts for periods between 01/01/26-12/31/26 and total NTE \$51,600
- 4.B. [26-0017](#)
Agmt PR00007919 with Three Rivers Park District to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 01/28/26-06/30/26, NTE \$9,990

Items for Discussion and Action

- 4.C. [26-0018](#)
Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

Addendum

- 4.D. [26-0033](#)
Neg Agmt A2513315 with HUD to accept Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funding, 02/01/26-12/31/31, \$7,750,000 (recv)

4.E. [26-0034](#)

Denouncing the violent and unlawful actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hennepin County - Offered by Commissioners Conley, Fernando, and Edelson

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Board Action Request

TMP-26-0066

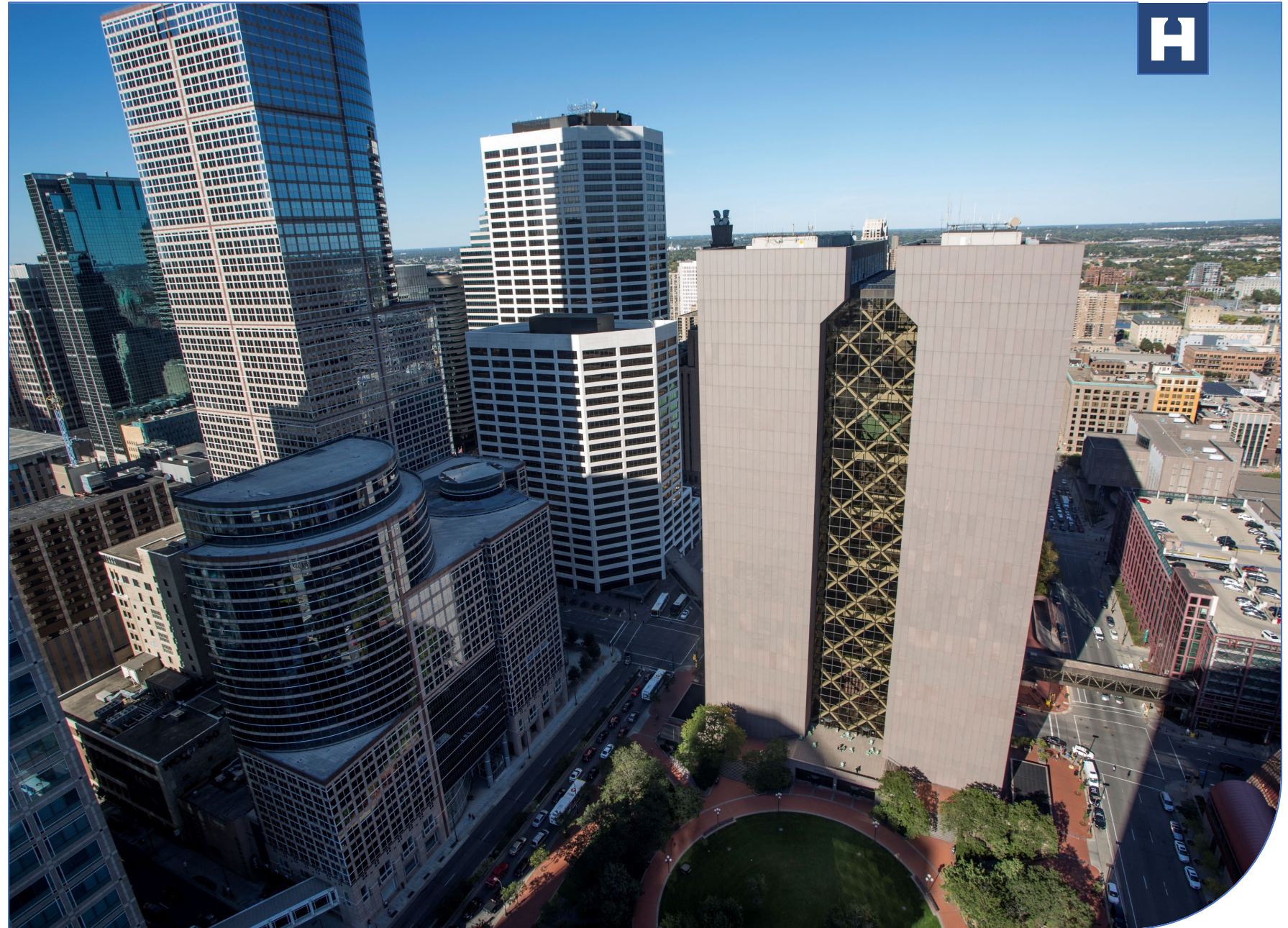
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January Presentation

Hennepin County

2026 budget update

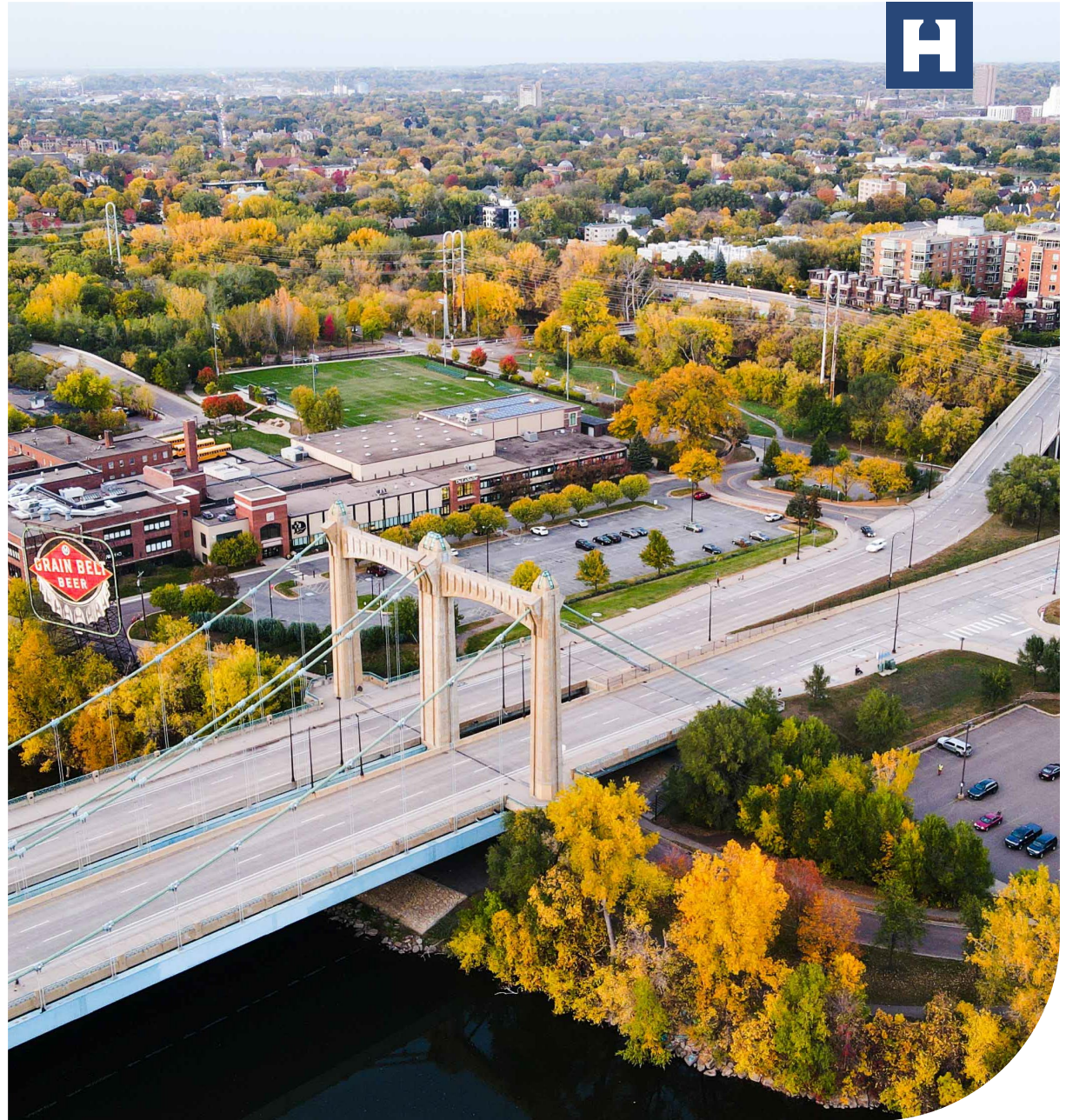
Administration, Operation, and
Budget Committee

January 13, 2026



Background

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





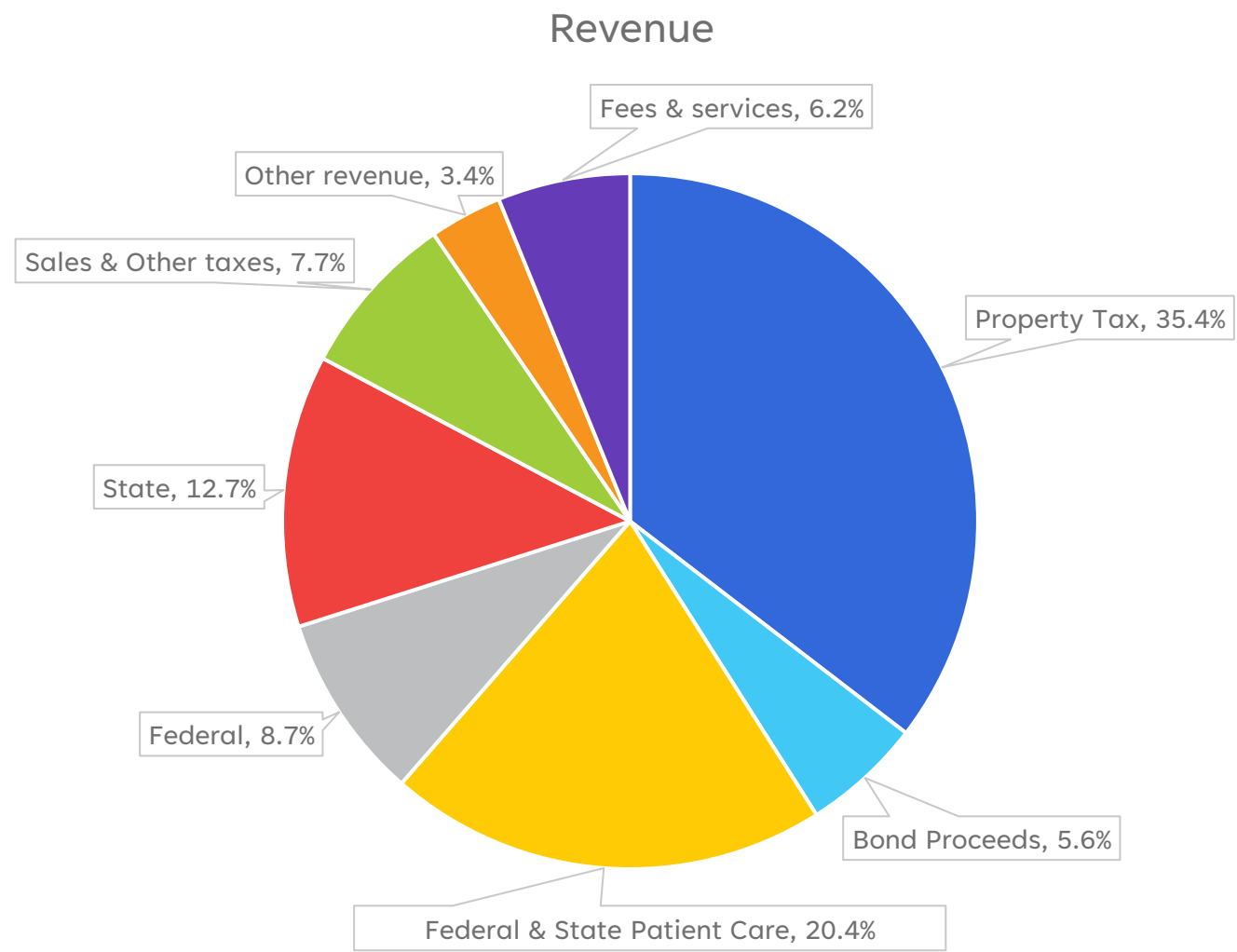
Agenda

Adopted budget

Federal impacts

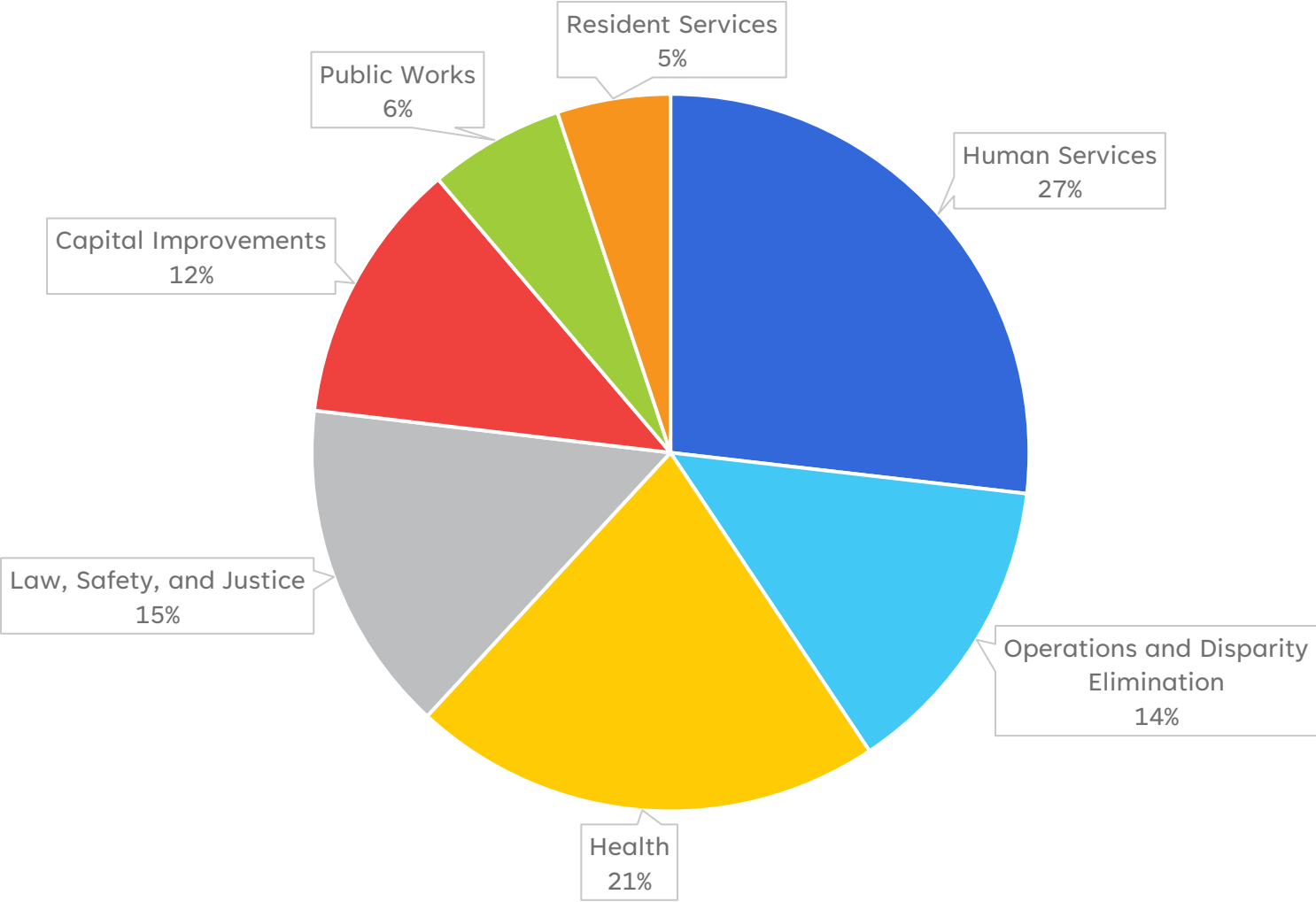
Budget management strategies

2026 adopted budget – \$3.15 billion



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Expenditures by line of business



Current budget drivers



Healthcare



State and Federal cost shifts



County service delivery

Ongoing federal budget impacts



Current federal impacts

Program area	Amount Annually
SNAP (Food security)	\$8 million
Total	\$8 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
Total	\$8.6 million	\$2.76 million

Anticipated cuts

Program area	Date	Amount Annually
SNAP (Food security) Error Rate	2027	\$20 million
HUD (Housing security)	2027	\$12 million
Medicaid	2027	TBD
Total		\$32+ million

Budget management strategies



Staffing

Reduced 249 FTEs from 2025 budget to 2026 budget

–9,763 FTEs budgeted for 2026, 261 FTEs currently open

–9,502 FTEs as of 1/1/2026

All open positions are being evaluated

Additional strategies



Unpaid leave

In 2025, the county saved almost \$2 million through staff unpaid leave

Continue to leverage in 2026



Reduction targets for 2026 and 2027

Work with departments to find opportunities to realign staffing and services across the organization



Opportunities for new revenue

Next update:
March

Next steps:

- Executive team and directors continue to evaluate 2026 budget drivers
- Monitor additional State and Federal budget impacts
- Report back in March with current YTD budget and actuals



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TMP-26-0060

Item Description:

December 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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COMMITTEE MINUTES

ADMINISTRATION, OPERATIONS AND BUDGET COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2025
1:30 PM

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Members: Jeff Lunde, District 1
Irene Fernando, District 2
Marion Greene, District 3
Angela Conley, District 4
Kevin Anderson, District 7

Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Chair, called the meeting of the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 to order at 2:00 p.m.

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

1. Minutes from Previous Meeting

1.A. November 10 Budget Hearing Minutes - Administrator Amendments

APPROVE

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

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

1.B. November 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

APPROVE

Commissioner Jeff Lunde moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to approve the Minutes.

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

2. New Business

Routine Items

2.A. [25-0484](#)

Ratification of permits, leases, lease amendments, and related property agreements approved by the County Administrator, period 07/01/25-09/30/25

CONSENT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.B. [25-0485](#)

Negotiate Amd to Agmt PR00002683 with USA Swimming Foundation, ext term to 12/31/27, incr NTE by \$150,000 for a new total NTE of \$400,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.C. [25-0486](#)

Negotiate Amd to Agmt PR00006948 with V3 Sports, ext term to 12/31/26, incr NTE by \$125,000 for a new total NTE of \$250,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Kevin Anderson moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

Items for Discussion and Action

2.D. [25-0487](#)

Hennepin County Youth Activities Grants (HCYAG) Program - Fall 2025 Play Area Grants, Equipment Grants, Lifeguard Services Grants, and Arts & Music Grants totaling \$1,301,924

REVISE

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to revise the Resolution.

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

[25-0487 R1](#)

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CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

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

Addendum

2.E. [25-0510](#)

Establish Hennepin County's Reparative Justice Research Task Force - offered by Commissioner Conley and Commissioner Greene

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Marion Greene, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.F. [25-0511](#)

Neg Lease Agmt LS00000045 with Simpson Properties, LLC for family safe space at 128 W 33rd St, Mpls, 01/01/26-12/31/30, \$200,000 first year base rent, plus ordinary operating costs

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.G. [25-0514](#)

Joint Powers Agreement PR00007940 with the City of Golden Valley Golden Valley Civic Campus Master Planning, 01/01/26-12/31/26, NTE \$175,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.H. [25-0512](#)

Agmt PR00007704 with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc, for actuarial, advisory and compliance services in support of the design, administration and communication of employee benefit plans sponsored by Hennepin County, 01/01/26-12/31/28, NTE \$975,000

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.I. [25-0506](#)

Amd 1 to Agmt PR00006401 with NeighborWorks Home Partners for homebuyer assistance program, extend term to 04/01/26, no change to NTE

CONSENT

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.J. [25-0509](#)

Exploring Ordinance 18 amendments as a funding source to further accelerate zero-waste implementation - offered by Commissioner Conley

CONSENT

Commissioner Angela Conley moved, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.K. [25-0507](#)

Approval of the 2025 Community Health Needs Assessment and Health Services Plan and adoption of the 2026-2028 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan as submitted by Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc.

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Kevin Anderson, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.L. [25-0508](#)

Approval of the 2026 Hennepin Healthcare System, Inc. Financial Plan

CONSENT

Commissioner Debbie Goettel moved, seconded by Commissioner Jeff Lunde, to approve the Resolution.

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

2.M. [25-0513](#)

Direct comprehensive study of Hennepin Healthcare Systems, Inc. governance - offered by Commissioner Fernando

PROGRESS

Commissioner Irene Fernando moved, seconded by Commissioner Debbie Goettel, to progress the Resolution to the December 11 Board meeting.

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

3. Old Business

3.A. [25-0364](#)

2026 Proposed Operating and Capital Budgets

PROGRESS

Commissioner Marion Greene moved to Progress, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley and approved. Commissioner Marion Greene moved a motion to reconsider, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley and approved. With the Progress motion back on the table, Commissioner Angela Conley moved the additional administrative amendment, seconded by Commissioner Irene Fernando and approved. Commissioner Marion Greene moved, seconded by Commissioner Angela Conley, to progress the Resolution to the December 11 Board meeting.

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

There being no further business, the Administration, Operations and Budget Committee for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 was declared adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Maria Rose
Clerk to the County Board

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Board Action Request

26-0007

Item Description:

2026 Watershed Board Applicants and Appointments - Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy and with Minnesota Statute section 103D.311, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy and with Minnesota Statutes section 103D.311, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the watershed board. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available watershed board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open watershed board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0008

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Capital Budgeting Task Force (CBTF)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Capital Budgeting Task Force (CBTF):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0009

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - County Extension Committee (University of Minnesota Extension)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the County Extension Committee (University of Minnesota Extension):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0010

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Human Resources Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Human Resources Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0011

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council (LAC):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0012

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Library Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Library Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0013

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Race Equity Advisory Council (REAC):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0014

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Board (WIOA):

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

This request communicates the names of applicants for the open community advisory board positions and helps build the agenda for the interviews and appointments.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

26-0015

Item Description:

2026 Community Advisory Board Applicants and Appointments - Birth Justice Community Advisory Board

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the Hennepin County Open Appointments Policy, the following individual(s) be appointed to the Birth Justice Community Advisory Board:

Background:

Consistent with County Board policy, Hennepin County has conducted an open appointment application process to fill positions on the various community advisory boards. The Hennepin County Board will hear interviews for these positions on January 13, 2026 and possibly February 5, 2026. Qualified applicants have been notified and invited to pre-record comment. At a board meeting following interviews, the County Board will take action to select from the pool of applicants to fill the available advisory board positions.

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Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

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Board Action Request

26-0016

Item Description:

Neg various agmts for IGNITE contracts for periods between 01/01/26-12/31/26 and total NTE \$51,600

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate the following agreements during the period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, with a total amount not to exceed \$51,600:

- PR00007593 with CAPI for the installation of a Building Automation System as part of a major facility renovation, not to exceed \$30,000;
- PR00007591 with SPARK-Y for the installation of a wind turbine and leading a hands-on youth workforce training program for Edison High School students, not to exceed \$21,600; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that following review and approval by the County Attorney's Office, the County Administrator be authorized to sign the agreements on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as directed.

Background:

The IGNITE program provides funding to organizations to support tangible projects that directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions within their communities, contributing to countywide climate targets.

Eligible organizations include:

- registered nonprofit organizations;
- non-for-profit organizations;
- municipalities; and
- public schools.

The county released a request for proposals in May 2025. A total of 22 applications were received. A total of 6 awards were recommended, for a total amount of \$130,000.

Both agreements require board approval because these vendors have existing contracts with the county that exceed \$100,000.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0017

Item Description:

Agmt PR00007919 with Three Rivers Park District to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, 01/28/26-06/30/26, NTE \$9,990

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, Agreement PR00007919 with Three Rivers Park District to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment during the period January 28, 2026, through June 30, 2026, in the not to exceed amount of \$9,990, be approved; that the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the Agreement on behalf of the County; and the Controller be authorized to disburse funds as direct.

Background:

Hennepin County has a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, Urban Area Security Initiative (Grants Management Contract CON 000000001122, ALN 97.067). Grant funding supports costs for law enforcement agencies with security measure responsibilities for high profile events, critical infrastructure sites, and soft target/crowded places during Department of Homeland Security declared alerts or when credible threat intelligence or advisories are received from State and Federal partners such as the Department of Homeland Security, the Minnesota Fusion Center, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The funding sustains Hennepin County's capability of providing resources to law enforcement agencies in support of critical counter terrorism activities and protection of critical infrastructure across Hennepin County.

The Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention group, a group of law enforcement officers representing the Hennepin Area Planning Groups, is charged with approving Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention spending from the Urban Area Security Initiative grant-funded equipment purchases. This agreement is with Three Rivers to purchase law enforcement and terrorism prevention equipment, specifically a Polaris Ranger UTV for the search and rescue team, was approved at the October 22, 2025, meeting of the Law Enforcement and Terrorism Prevention group.

This agreement is before the Board as the County has existing agreements with Three Rivers Park District, which combined exceeds \$100,000.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0018

Item Description:

Designating Gun Violence as a Public Health Priority in Hennepin County - offered by Commissioner Edelson

WHEREAS, gun violence is a complex and urgent public-health and safety issue that affects individuals, families, and communities across Hennepin County, contributing to trauma, destabilizing neighborhoods, and exacerbating disparities in health, education, housing, employment, and justice; and

WHEREAS, data from the Hennepin County Community Health Assessment (CHA) 2024-2028 and Minnesota vital statistics demonstrate that firearm-related deaths in Hennepin County increased by approximately 68%, from 79 deaths in 2014 to 133 deaths in 2023, with suicide comprising the majority of firearm deaths, followed by homicide, and with disproportionate impacts on youth, veterans, and communities of color; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Community Health Assessment (2024-2028) identifies violence including firearm violence - as a key driver of premature death, trauma, adverse childhood experiences, and long-term mental and physical health outcomes, particularly in communities already experiencing structural inequities; and

WHEREAS, gun violence constitutes a public health priority because it is predictable, preventable, and socially transmissible in its effects - spreading trauma, grief, and fear across generations; increasing adverse childhood experiences; and producing ripple effects on mental health, education, economic stability, and community cohesion; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County's public-health framework recognizes that firearm violence can be prevented through coordinated, cross-sector efforts led by Public Health, Safe Communities, Behavioral Health, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office (HCSO), the Hennepin County Attorney's Office (HCAO), the Department of Community Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCCR), and Hennepin Healthcare Systems Inc. (HHS); and

WHEREAS, the HHS Level I Trauma Center provides lifesaving medical care and hospital-based violence intervention (Next Step) and their medical teams play a critical role in treating survivors, connecting them to trauma-recovery support, and reducing retaliatory or repeat incidents of violence; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Attorney's Office advances early-intervention prevention through the Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) law, empowering courts to temporarily restrict firearm access for individuals at risk of harm, while training law enforcement and community partners in its use; and

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the importance of public education as a prevention strategy, including expanding awareness of safe-storage laws, ERPO processes, suicide-prevention resources, and school-based programs that foster connectedness and nonviolent conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office plays a critical role in preventing firearm violence through lawful enforcement, emergency response, investigations, ERPO implementation, data sharing, and collaboration with public health, behavioral health, and community partners to enhance safety, accountability, and reduce harm; and

WHEREAS, Hennepin County invests in evidence-based prevention and recovery strategies - youth mentorship, violence-interruption networks, restorative justice, and trauma-informed behavioral-health services - and collaborates with cities, schools, law enforcement, and hospitals to reduce firearm-related harm; and

WHEREAS, designating gun violence as a public health priority affirms the County's commitment to addressing it through the same sustained, data-driven approaches applied to other leading causes of injury and death.

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners designates gun violence as a Public Health Priority requiring a coordinated, sustained, and equitable response across county departments and community partners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to establish a Gun Violence Prevention and Response Coordination Team with representation from the county departments of Public Health, Safe Communities, Behavioral Health, DOCCR, and HHS to align prevention, medical response, and recovery strategies and provide annual progress updates to the Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to seek representatives to sit on the Gun Violence Prevention and Response Coordination Team from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office and the Hennepin County Sheriff's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners commits to:

- Advocate for expansion of State funded youth and school-based mental-health and trauma-recovery services.
- Supporting community-based violence-interrupters, mentorship, and restorative-justice programs.
- Elevating education on ERPO laws, safe firearm storage, and suicide prevention through public campaigns and libraries.
- Advocating for policy and funding support for data-driven violence-prevention and recovery initiatives; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners further commits to centering equity, healing, and community voice in all prevention strategies, prioritizing investments in neighborhoods most affected by firearm violence and trauma.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation

Board Action Request

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Item Description:

Neg Agmt A2513315 with HUD to accept Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funding, 02/01/26-12/31/31, \$7,750,000 (recv)

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Administrator be authorized to negotiate Agreement A2513315 with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development accepting Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Funds (CFDA 14.900) during the period February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031 in the receivable amount of \$7,750,000; that following review by the County Attorney's Office, the Chair of the Board be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the county; and that the Controller be authorized to accept and disburse funds as directed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that sponsorship and acceptance of grant funding for the program by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners does not imply a continued commitment by Hennepin County for these programs when grant funds are no longer available.

Background:

Since 2003, Hennepin County Housing & Economic Development has been awarded 13 competitive lead-based paint grants totaling \$46 million from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). These grants have provided funds to make more than 5,548 homes lead-safe, directly benefiting the more than 5,800 children under the age of six years who called those units home as well as all the new children who may move into those now safe units. Additionally, over 2,000 property owners, maintenance workers, and contractors have been trained in lead-safe work practices.

Most recently, highlights of the ongoing 2022 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Award include the following:

- Targeting grant resources to high-risk census tracts, which are those with highest rates of poverty, elevated blood levels, and young children, as analyzed by the Minnesota Department of Health.
- Outreach and education, including 400 in-home lead education visits by trained community-based non-profits.
- Estimated replacement of 3,000 windows with Energy Star rated windows.
- Expanded Healthy Homes initiative budget line item (\$750,000) for non-lead based paint hazards such as radon mitigation, mold remediation and other health related home repairs.
- Economic opportunities for small neighborhood contractors through abatement training scholarships and bidding opportunities on grant funded lead hazard reduction projects.

Continuing this success, the county was awarded a 2025 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant, its largest lead hazard reduction grant award from HUD to date, totaling \$7,750,000. The grant will facilitate the testing of an estimated 350 housing units and creation of over 300 lead-safe housing units.

Current Request: This request is for authorization to negotiate Agreement A2513315 with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to accept Lead Hazard Reduction Grant funds in the total amount of

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\$7,750,000, for the period February 1, 2026 through December 31, 2031.

Impact/Outcomes: Approval of this request will create at least 300 lead-safe homes in Hennepin County, provide lead safe work practices training to 140 individuals and protect at least 400 children from lead exposure.

Recommendation from County Administrator: Recommend Approval

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Board Action Request

26-0034

Item Description:

Denouncing the violent and unlawful actions by Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) in Hennepin County - Offered by Commissioners Conley, Fernando, and Edelson

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2025, the Federal Government deployed a large-scale operation under Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) known as "Operation Metro Surge"; and

WHEREAS, during December 1, 2025 to January 13, 2026, the presence of ICE across Minnesota dramatically expanded to over 2,000 agents, which is larger in number than the area's top law agencies combined; and

WHEREAS, based on media reports, resident videos, and first-hand resident statements, Operation Metro Surge has targeted the apprehension and harassment of Somali, Latino and non-white residents in the Twin Cities; and

WHEREAS, during this time, there have been numerous reports by the media, and in first-hand videos and statements from residents that residents of Hennepin County and across the state have been racially profiled, intimidated, physically assaulted, unlawfully removed from homes and private property, unlawfully apprehended, unlawfully detained by ICE agents, and retaliated against by ICE agents for observing and recording ICE activities; and

WHEREAS, ICE's mission is conducting criminal investigation and enforcing immigration law; and

WHEREAS, ICE agents who have been deployed to Minnesota have broken state laws; and

WHEREAS, the tactics being used, high-visibility armed operations, arrests of individuals with no criminal history, arrests of individuals without warrants, and enforcement activity occurring in and around schools, community spaces, places of worship, courtrooms and civic institutions, are undermining public safety rather than enhancing it; and

WHEREAS, the current federal immigration enforcement operations underway in Minnesota this month are causing widespread fear, trauma, and disruption in our communities; and

WHEREAS, residents are reporting heightened anxiety, children are frightened at schools and libraries, workers are afraid to report to jobs, residents are afraid to attend religious gatherings, and community trust, carefully built over decades, is being rapidly eroded; and

WHEREAS, the presence of ICE in Hennepin County has deeply impacted the ability of many residents to experience public life without fear, including going to work, school, even leaving their homes; and

WHEREAS, the activities of ICE in Hennepin County have inhibited the ability of public-facing county workers to freely deliver county services without fear and with full, uncompromised access to residents; and

WHEREAS, on the morning of Wednesday, January 7, an ICE agent killed Hennepin County resident Renee Nicole Good, shooting her multiple times as she was exercising her constitutional freedom to observe immigration enforcement activities in South Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, Renee Nicole Good was a valued member of Hennepin County, an award winning poet, and is survived by her three children, wife, family, friends, and Minneapolis community; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Homeland Security has stated that 1,000 more ICE and other federal law enforcement agents will descend on Minnesota in the second week of January (CNN).

Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners denounces the violent and constitutionally questionable actions by ICE in Minnesota, the terror their presence has amassed, the trauma ICE agents have inflicted on residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners condemns the preventable and brutal killing of Renee Nicole Good, and calls for an independent or parallel investigation to be conducted by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) as the expert agency through the specialized Force Investigations Unit (FIU); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners calls on the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to immediately suspend "Operate Metro Surge," end the influx of more than 2,000 federal immigration enforcement personnel and assets, remove them from Minnesota communities, and suspend enforcement tactics that inflict broad community harm and undermine trust; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners reaffirms support for staff and community who are witnessing and experiencing the onslaught of federal agents in the County, and is committed to providing services, connection, and care for every resident, regardless of background, language, or circumstance with a person-centered and trauma-informed methodology; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners reaffirms the County's policy that "Third parties that desire to use county property for something other than county purposes must make a request for such use, get that use approved by Facility Services, and execute a use agreement. Hennepin County parking lots, parking ramps, vacant lots, or garages are not authorized for use as staging areas, processing locations, or operations bases for civil immigration enforcement" (Use of Space by the Public in County Facilities); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to establish a structured response, encompassing both operational and legislative recommendations, to pursue the following outcomes with weekly email updates to Commissioners:

1. Develop a cohesive communications strategy for the County workforce, subsidiaries, and partners for the purpose of aligned and accurate messaging and to mitigate inaccurate information.
2. Establish a reporting mechanism for workers to report concerns regarding unconstitutional or unlawful activity that impact the safety, well-being, and rights of County clients, workers, partners, and residents.
3. Further review policies and procedures to identify adjustments needed to protect the safety, well-being, and rights of clients, workers, partners, and residents.
4. Aggregate federal orders or letters that the County and its subsidiaries have received, in order to brief Commissioners and develop strategies that balance organizational compliance with worker and resident safety.
5. Provide high level periodic updates on county impacts of Operation Metro Surge to members of the Hennepin County Congressional delegation.

6. Engage with State government partners to pursue After-Action reviews or other evaluative measures to gain multifaceted credible insights regarding the implementation and impacts from Operation Metro Surge, as well as to consider mechanisms to prevent or respond to a future influx of federal agents in our communities.
7. Engage directly with local government partners to (a) ensure open and regular lines of communication, (b) increase quantifiable understanding of workforce impacts and service disruptions, and (c) explore potential alignment for joint or coordinated work.

Recommendation from County Administrator: No Recommendation