



Olmsted County 2024 **BUDGET IN BRIEF**



A message from the county administrator

Olmsted County's work touches residents' lives in many ways. We are dedicated to building a sustainable foundation for a safe, healthy, and welcoming community. For 2024, we will use our budget to further that mission and fulfill our many requirements as a county. This includes functions such as property tax assessment, tax administration, elections, record keeping, roads and bridges, planning and zoning, solid waste management, parks and water management, law enforcement, providing space for court operations, and health and human services.

Read the county administrator's budget message for more information about Olmsted County's 2024 budget and strategic priorities at www.olmstedcounty.gov/2024BudgetMessage.

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Each year, through this Budget in Brief, Olmsted County shares specific examples that help better explain who we are, the services we provide, what we have achieved, and where we are heading. The Budget in Brief is not meant to comprehensively illustrate each thing we do, nor does it break down how each dollar is spent. Instead, it is intended to provide a snapshot of the direction Olmsted County is going based on the needs of our community. Included in the 2024 Budget in Brief are revenues and expenditures, information about departmental budgets, and examples of how funding is being used to benefit Olmsted County residents.

Olmsted County goals

Mission: Building a sustainable foundation for a safe, healthy, and welcoming community through public service excellence.

Vision: A vibrant community where everyone thrives.

Our Values: Thoughtful Principled Inclusive Service Focused Collaborative

Community Trust and Engagement

Olmsted County earns community trust through engagement, collaboration, and reliable public service.

Community Safety and Well-being

Olmsted County strives to keep our community safe and ensures equitable access to programs and services that improve quality of life.

Environmental Sustainability

Olmsted County leads in sustainable practices.

Responsible Growth and Development

Olmsted County anticipates and adapts to the needs of a growing community.

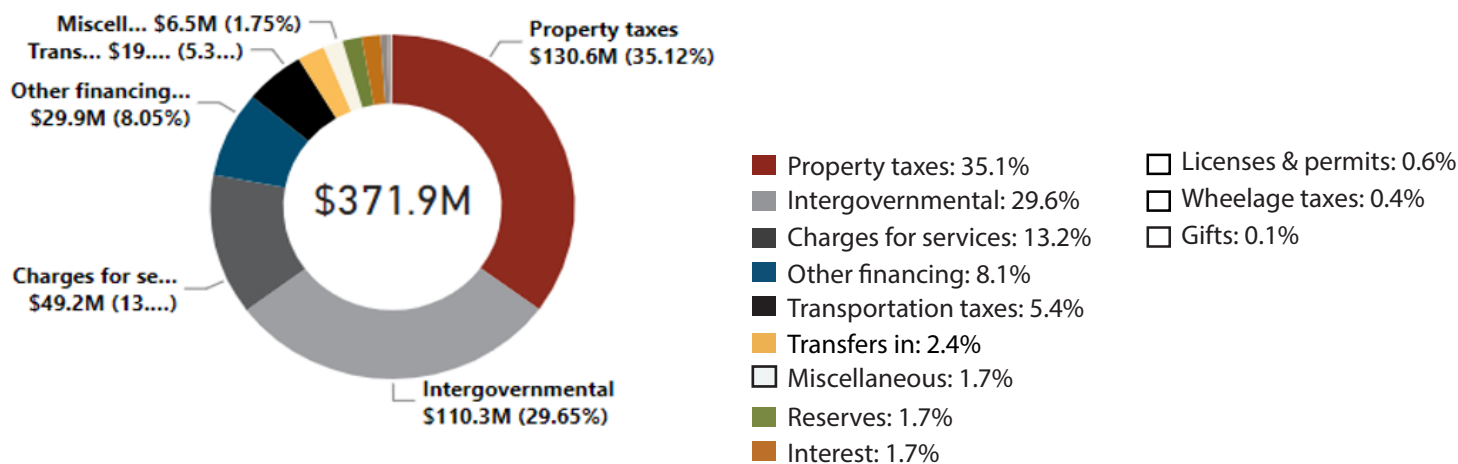
Effective and Engaged Workforce

Olmsted County has an engaged and high-performing workforce that reflects the diversity of our community.

Where the money comes from

Olmsted County plays a key role in delivering public services. In order to deliver these services effectively, the county receives funding from several sources. The chart below shows the amount of revenue received by each source. Property taxes are the largest source of revenue, but still comprise less than 50% of all revenue.

Revenues and other funding sources



Feature story: Family housing needs

Rental assistance and housing rehabilitation programs are providing a continuum of housing services for families in Olmsted County. Olmsted County's Housing Rehabilitation program is designed to offer vital support to eligible homeowners facing emergency situations and undertaking home remodeling projects. Its focus on enhancing safety, livability, and energy efficiency contributes to improved living conditions for families. Families struggling to pay rent may use rental assistance to stabilize housing; providing them a safe place to call home. In addition to these housing initiatives, the presence of two dedicated social workers in our local schools is proving invaluable in extending assistance to students and families experiencing housing challenges. By providing essential support, guidance, and resources, an environment is created that ensures students' well-being and enables them to focus on their education.



Property taxes

Property taxes (also known as levy) provide 35% of county revenue. Below is the total combined property taxes based on Olmsted County’s total population.

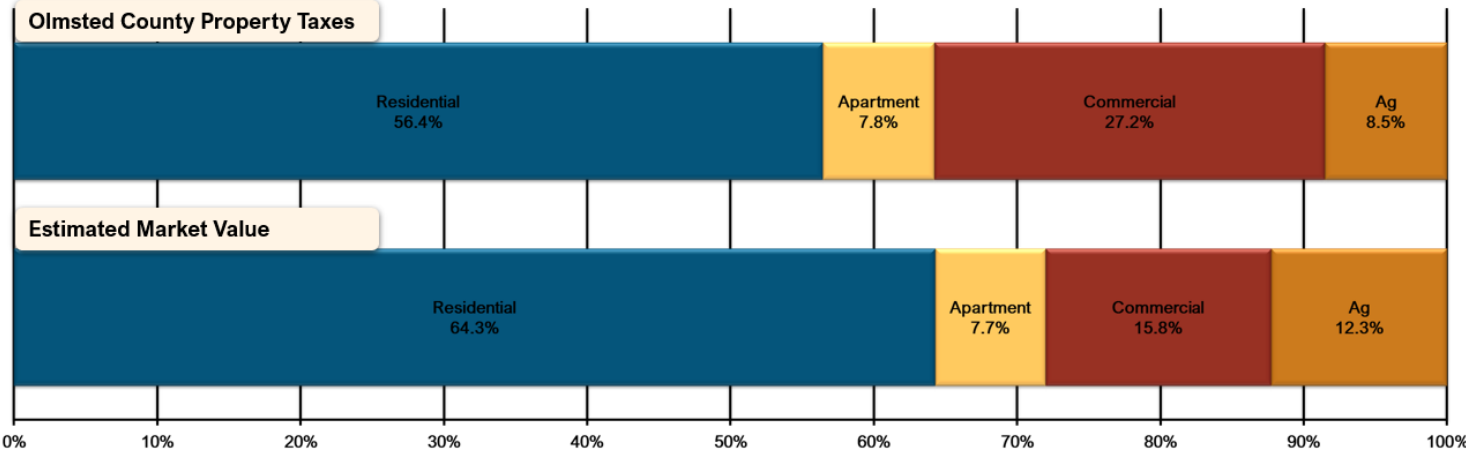
County + Housing and Redevelopment Authority combined property taxes

	2023 combined property taxes	+	2024 increases	=	2024 combined property tax	2024 per person*
County -	\$119,479,427	+	\$6,212,929	=	\$125,692,356	\$748
HRA -	\$4,567,153	+	\$342,531	=	\$4,909,684	\$29
Total -	\$124,046,580	+	\$6,555,461	=	\$130,602,040	\$777

*Based on 2022 population of 168,055
Source: MN State Demographic Center

Allocation of county property tax dollars

The amount of property tax assessed is based on the estimated market value of residential, commercial, and agricultural parcels per rates established by the Minnesota legislature. In Olmsted County, the total allocation of property taxes paid by residential properties is less than the allocated estimated market value while the opposite is true for commercial properties.

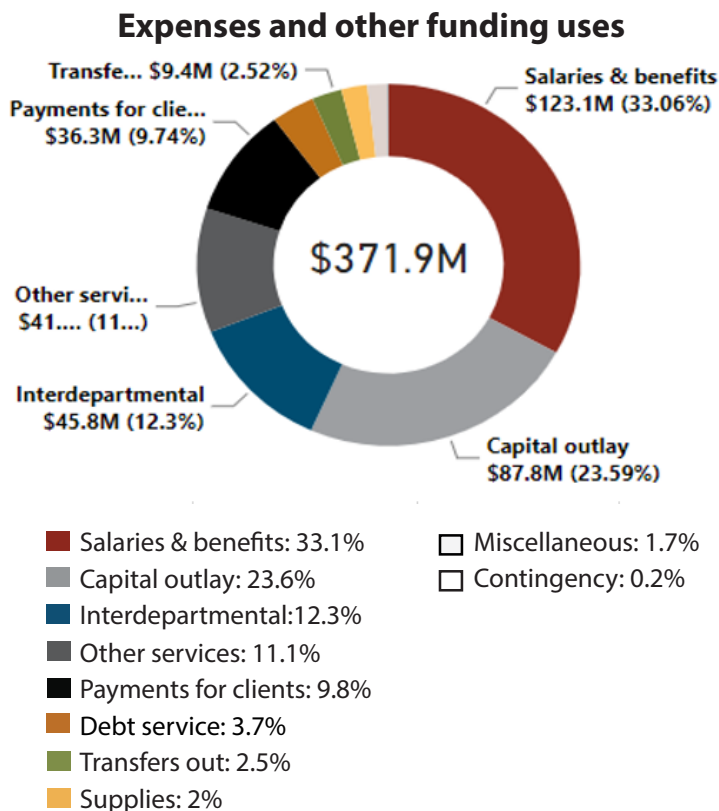


2023 Market Value vs Taxes by Property Type					
Property Type	Market Value		Tax Levy with HRA		
Residential	\$ 17,644,660,900	64.3%	\$ 73,690,554	56.4%	
Apartments	\$ 2,110,632,400	7.7%	\$ 10,208,867	7.8%	
Commercial	\$ 4,325,762,500	15.8%	\$ 35,541,299	27.2%	
Agriculture	\$ 3,369,116,300	12.3%	\$ 11,161,320	8.5%	
Total	\$ 27,450,172,100	100.0%	\$ 130,602,040	100.0%	

Where the money goes

Overall, the adopted 2024 budget includes expenditures in 10 major categories for all funds, the largest being salaries and benefits for the county's full- and part-time employees. This allows Olmsted County to deliver high quality services to the community.

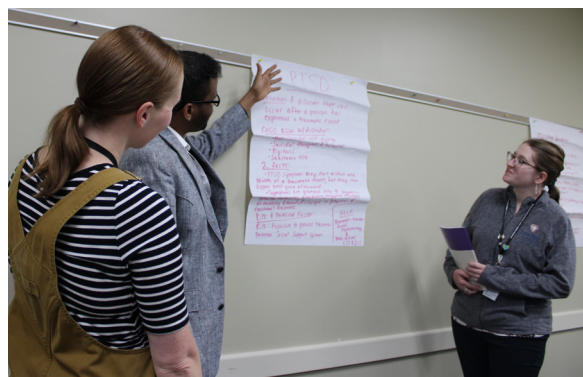
Capital spending and debt service together make up another large share of the budget. Capital purchases are primarily for infrastructure, construction, and equipment. Debt service is primarily payment on bonds issued for the Olmsted County Waste to Energy Facility, infrastructure, buildings, and equipment.



Feature story: Mental Health First Aid training

Mental health remains a top community priority, prompting Olmsted County to fund Mental Health First Aid training for employees and community partners. On the 2022 Olmsted County Community Health Needs Assessment, 34% of adults reported having some form of mental health issue. In the same year, Olmsted County resident survey respondents rated depression, anxiety, and other mental health challenges as their highest health concern.

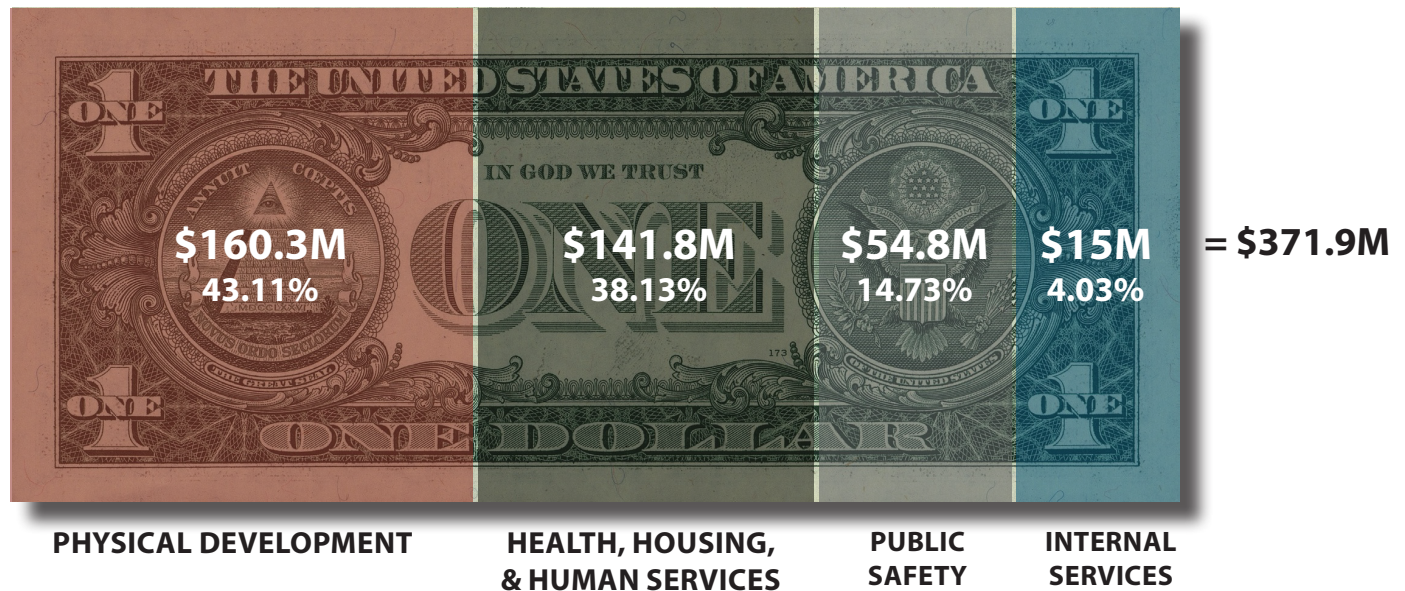
Mental Health First Aid prepares county employees to recognize and address signs of mental illness and substance use. The county's initiative seeks to make it easier to talk about mental health by creating a more supportive environment in the workplace and the community. As of October 2023, more than 100 Olmsted County employees have been trained in Mental Health First Aid. Forty-three community members have also received training, providing a framework for them to share learnings with their organizations.



Olmsted County will continue offering Mental Health First Aid training in 2024. In the upcoming year, Olmsted County will have four employees trained to provide expanded training opportunities to both staff and the community.

Expenses by division

Olmsted County, like many other counties, budgets expenses by function.



HEALTH, HOUSING, & HUMAN SERVICES

We promote healthy families and strong communities through programs to support health and well-being, protect children and vulnerable adults, provide stable housing, along with other social services.



PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

We help build and maintain parks, roads, and bridges, and protect environmental resources through waste management, and air, water, and soil health. We also manage property records, elections, and licensing services for the public.



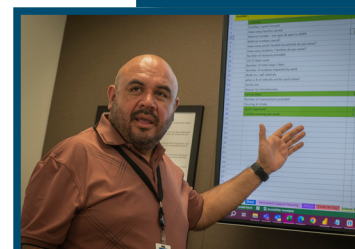
PUBLIC SAFETY

We ensure public safety through law enforcement, legal action within the judicial system, victim services, and community programs to rehabilitate individuals.



INTERNAL SERVICES

We manage communications, governmental affairs, technology solutions, finance and accounting, and human resources to provide operational excellence.



Other featured projects



Graham Park exhibition center

Exciting developments are underway at Graham Park with the forthcoming construction of an exhibition center. With the generous support of an \$8 million appropriation from the Minnesota legislature in May 2023, this state-of-the-art center is set to redefine the event landscape in our community. The exhibition center will replace the existing animal agriculture buildings, emerging as the premier flat-floor event venue within Graham Park. The center's design will meet diverse community needs by accommodating an array of events that reflect our vibrant and multicultural community. As requests for event space continue to grow, the center's versatility ensures it will remain a cornerstone of our community's social and cultural life.

Groundwater protection and soil health initiative

The Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation District will continue its groundwater protection and soil health initiative into 2024. The program started with a pilot run in 2022, where 52 producers signed up to enroll 6,598 acres of cover crops. Farmers can use the cost-share program to implement new management practices that assist in protecting Olmsted County's water. These practices may involve changing to alternative crops, small grain, and cover crops. By switching from conventional crops, farmers reduce nitrate leaching, increase nitrogen retention, and limit soil erosion.

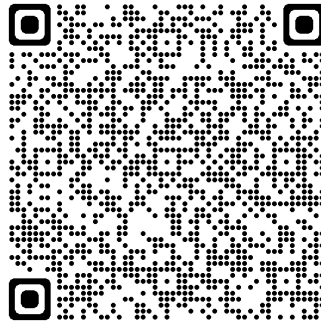
In 2023, 64 producers enrolled in the groundwater protection and soil health program. Within the program, producers certified 5,019.86 acres of cover crops, 454.5 acres of small grains, and 130 acres of hay.

The county board allotted \$5 million of federal funding from the American Rescue Plan Act to incentivize the adoption of soil health practices through the groundwater protection and soil health initiative. With continued investment in this program, Olmsted County fosters the growth of local agriculture while also preserving and enriching the environment.



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