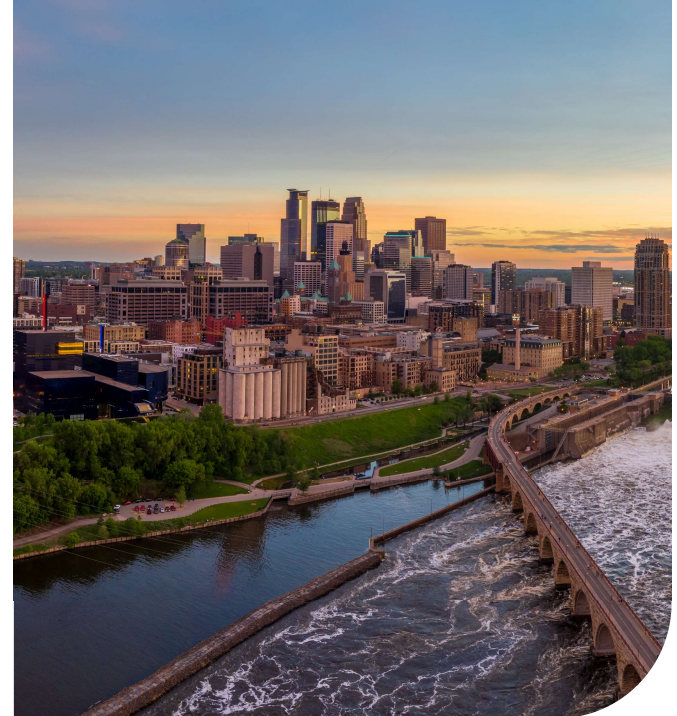


Hennepin County

2027 Proposed Hennepin County Budget

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Mission

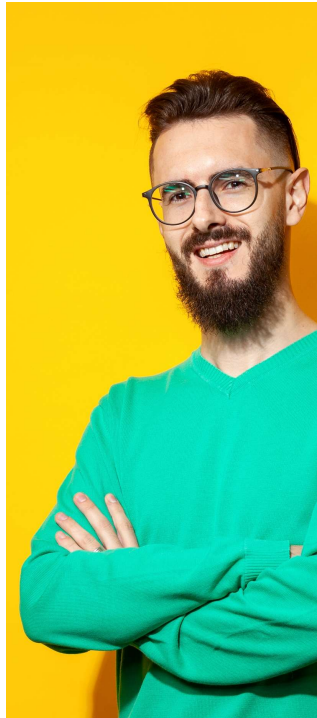
To serve residents through transformative services that eliminate disparities, eliminate inequities, and create opportunity for all.

Vision

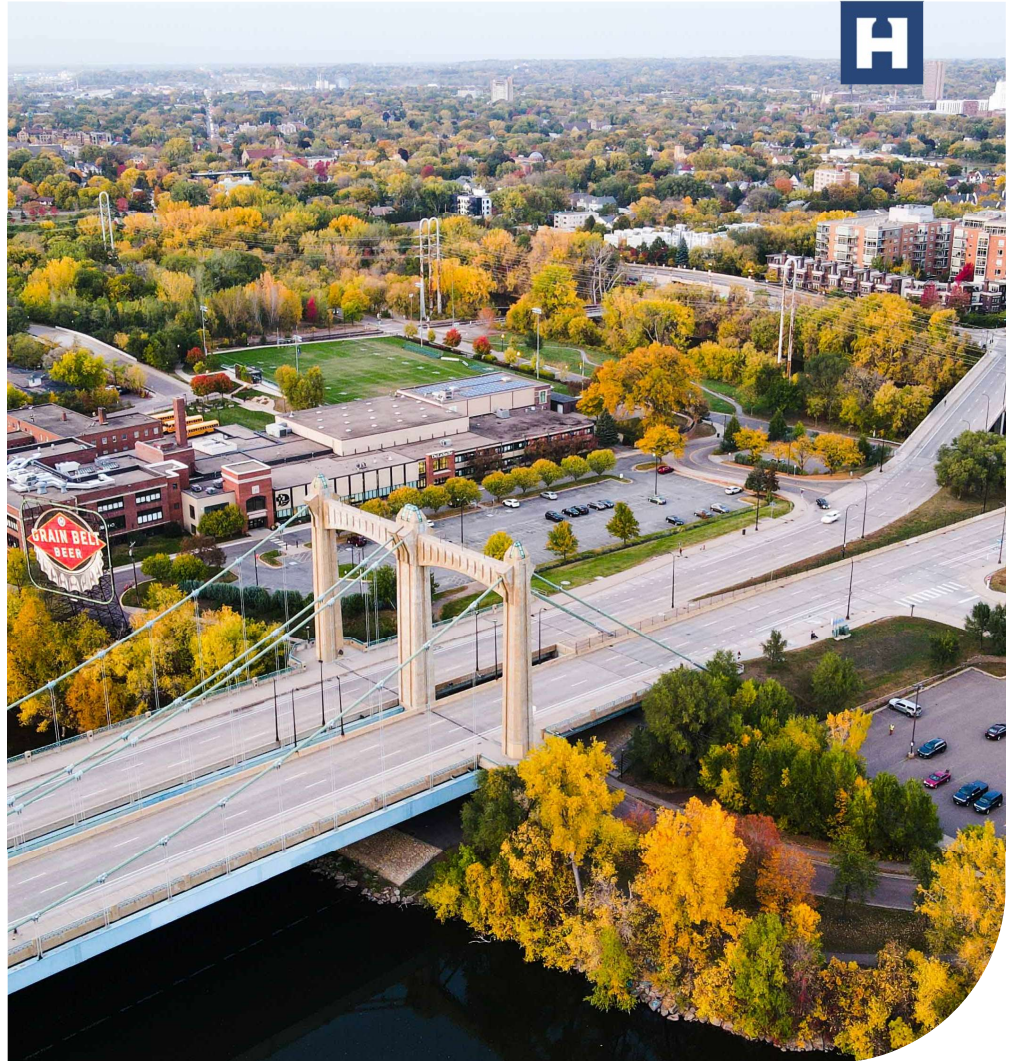
A community where all people are healthy, all people are valued, and all people thrive.

Values

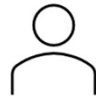
People First
Stewardship
Integrity
Equity
Innovation



Proposed budget



Major components shaping the 2027 budget



Supporting staffing



**Preserving funding for key
priorities**



**Responding to cost
increases and shifts**

2027 proposed budget

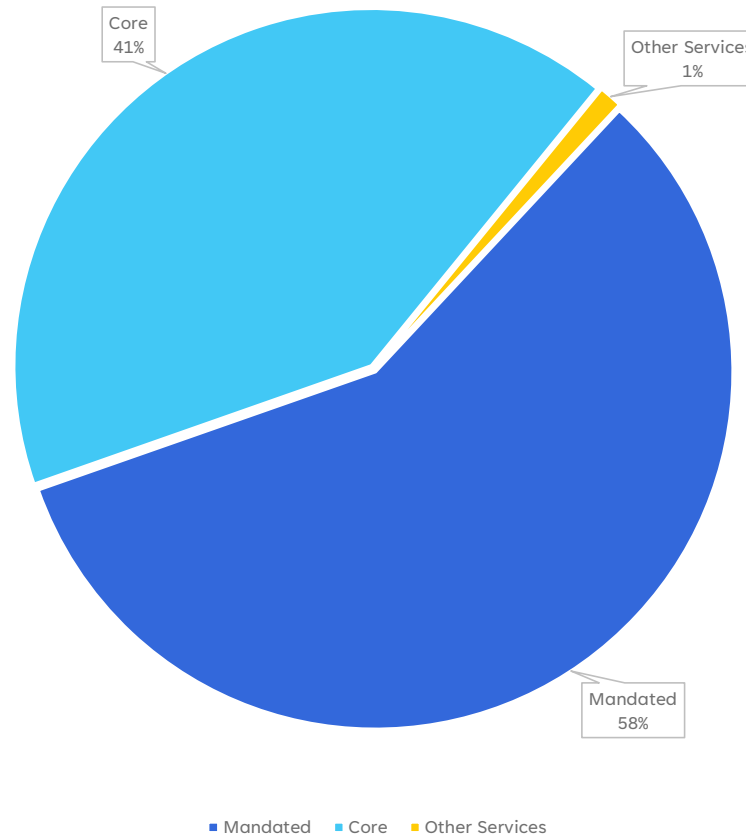
- \$2.993 billion – Hennepin County budget
 - \$2.72 billion – Operating budget – 2.4% decrease from 2026
 - \$273.4 million – Capital budget – 27% decrease from 2026
- \$1.219 billion – net property tax levy of 8.15%
- 9,605.1 – Full-time equivalents (FTEs)

Estimated cost shifts for 2027 budget

		2027 impact	2028 impact <i>*without inflation</i>
Key state and federal impacts	Effective date	Property tax	Property tax
Federal			
SNAP Admin Cost and Benefit Share	October 1, 2026	\$11,000,000	\$27,500,000
Medicaid administrative costs and revenue loss	January 1, 2027	\$9,800,000	\$9,800,000
State			
Long-Term Supports and Services shift	July 1, 2027	\$4,600,000	\$9,200,000
Reduced County Payments for MnChoices	July 1, 2027	\$2,300,000	\$4,500,000
TOTAL		\$27,700,000	\$51,000,000

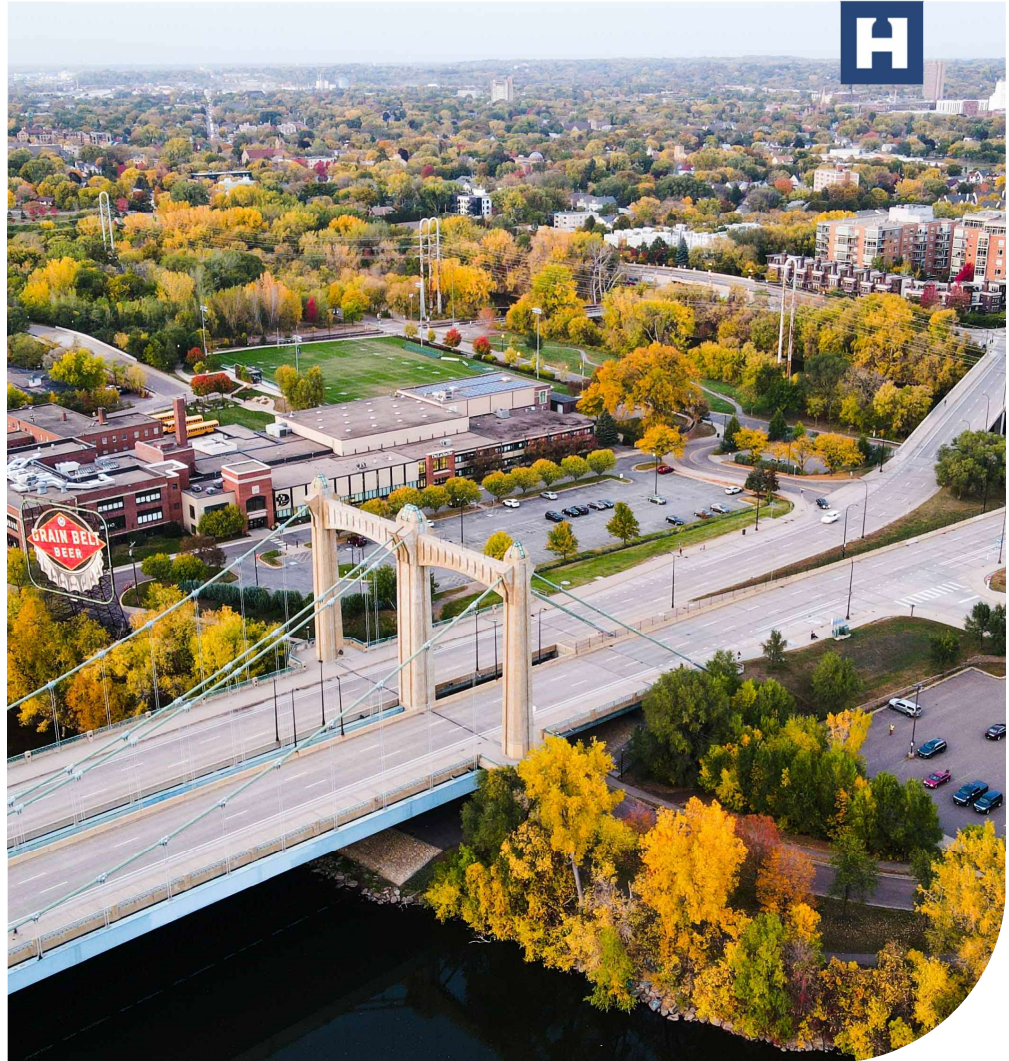
County services and functions

Mandated, Core, and Other Services
% of 2027 Proposed Budget, Countywide

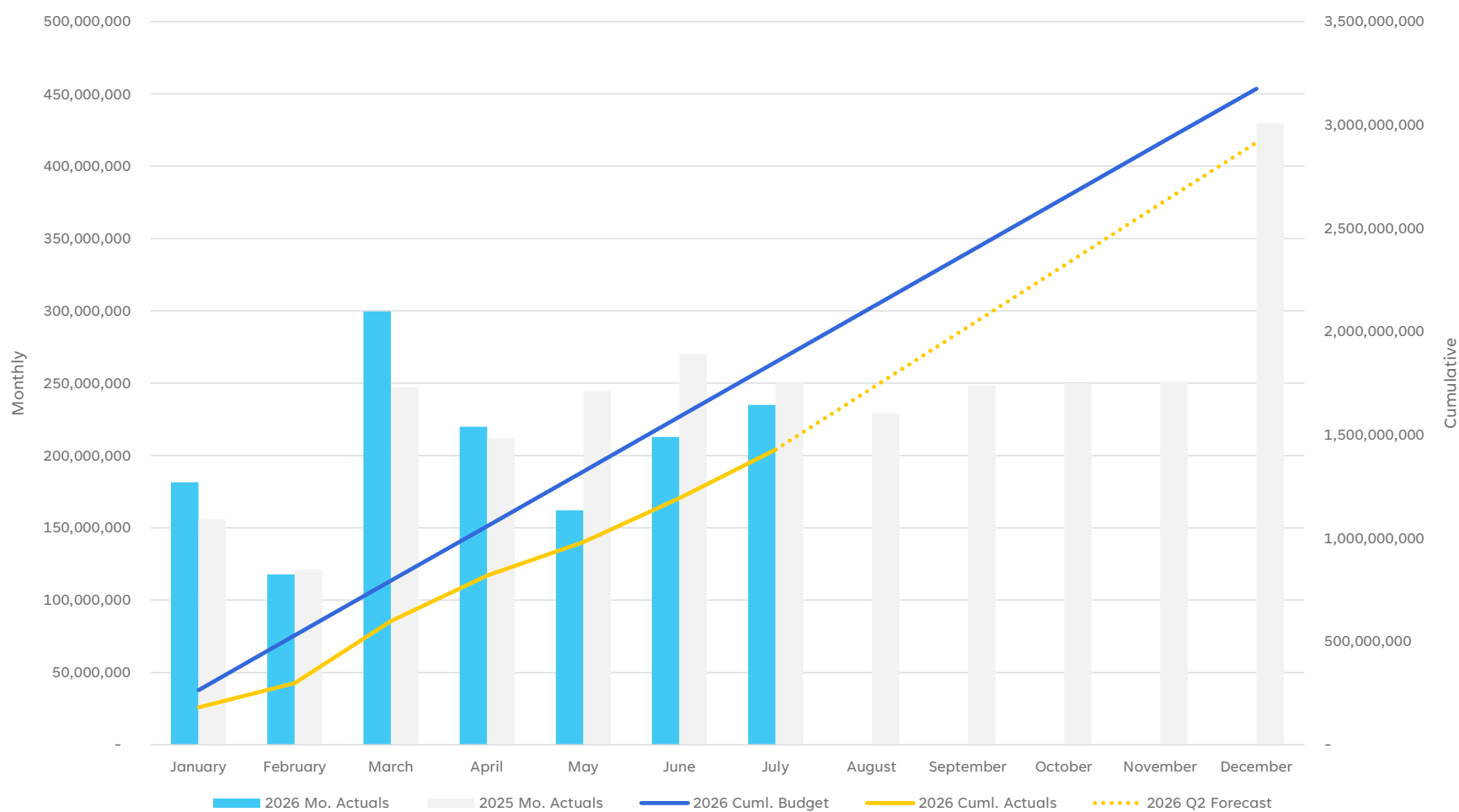


Financial management and strategic planning

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



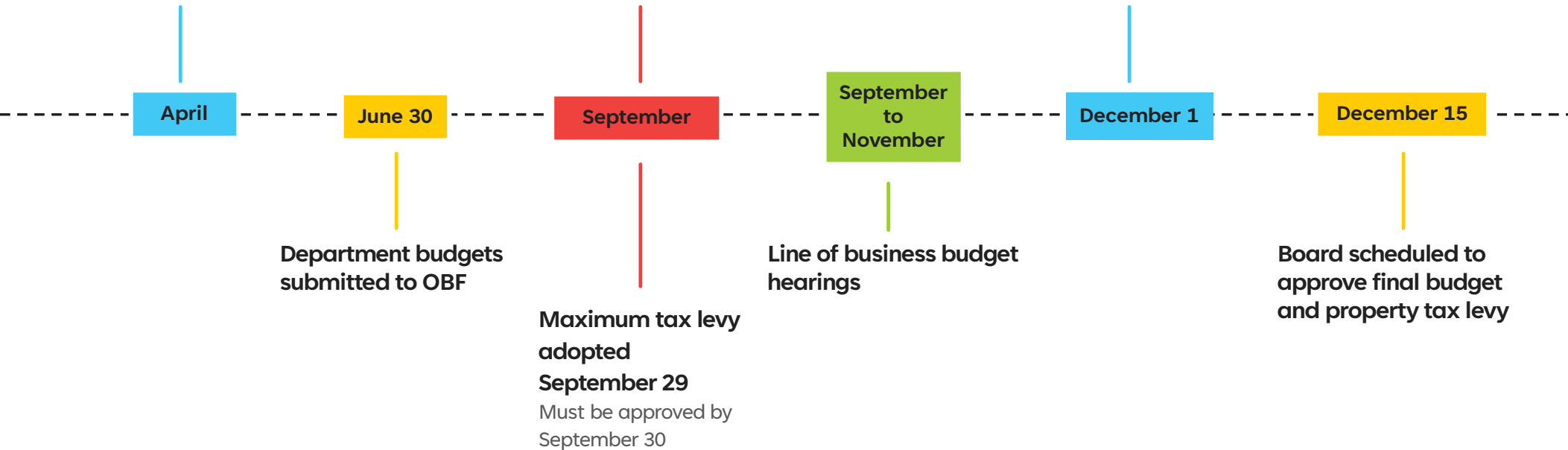
Spending under budget through July 2026



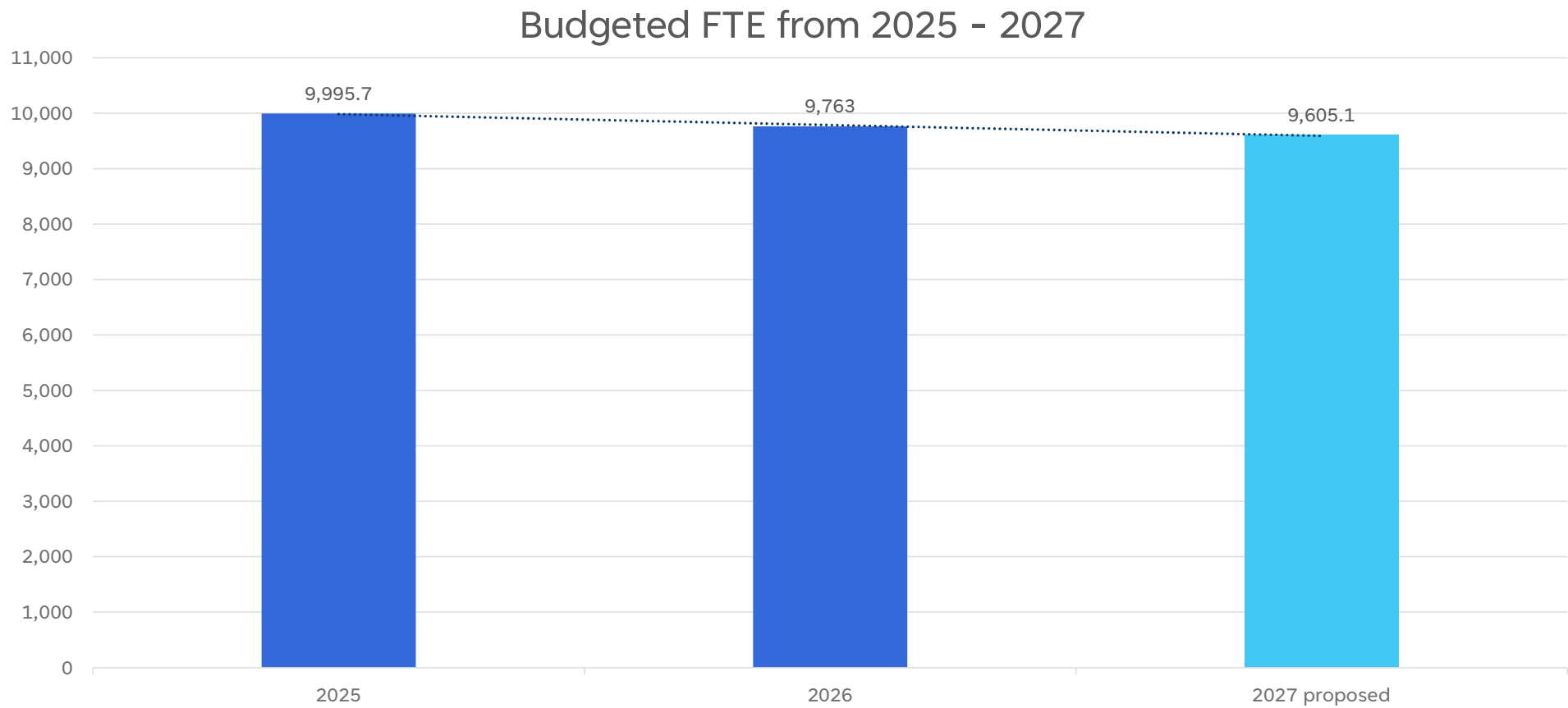
2027 budget process

OBF distributes budget instructions

For 2027, guidelines directed departments to submit a request that required no more than 102% of each department's 2026 adjusted budget



Intentional staffing decisions





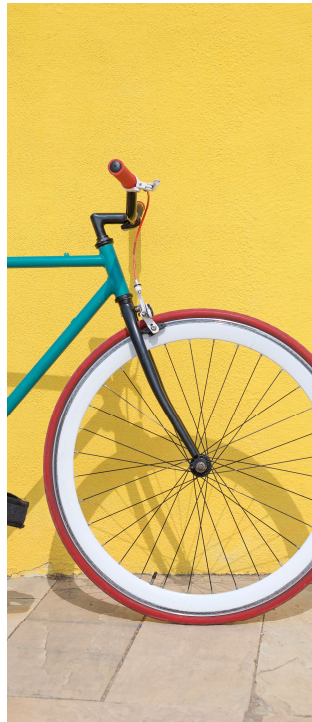
Our commitment to disparity elimination

Through policies, services and programs we will drive disparity elimination and work to benefit people's lives in the areas of connectivity, education, employment, health, housing, income, and justice.

Thank you

Next steps:

- September 29 – Max levies adopted
- October – November – Public budget hearings
- December 1 – Truth-in-Taxation public hearing
- December 15 – Board adopts 2027 budgets





Upcoming budget hearings

- **Thursday, October 1:** Disparity Elimination
- **Wednesday, October 7:** Public Works and Law, Safety, Justice
- **Thursday, October 8:** County Attorney's Office and Sheriff's Office
- **Monday, October 19:** Resident Services and Operations
- **Wednesday, October 21:** Capital budget and Fees
- **Monday, October 26:** Human Services and Health

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