



Olmsted County 2025 **BUDGET IN BRIEF**



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Each year, Olmsted County shares its Budget in Brief to help explain what we do, the services we provide, and what we're striving to achieve. It also gives a look at where we're headed. The Budget in Brief isn't meant to cover everything we do or show exactly how every dollar is spent. Instead, it's a quick guide to show how we're working to meet the needs of our community.

In the 2025 Budget in Brief, you'll find information about the county's revenues and expenses, department budgets, and real examples of how your tax dollars are being used.

Feature story: New mobile crisis response process in 2025

Mobile crisis response is about offering face-to-face services for adults and children who may be experiencing a mental health crisis or emergency. Prior to 2025, Olmsted County was included in a partnership to provide a regional response for mental health crisis services. Moving forward, Olmsted County will have its own mobile crisis response process provided by the county's Crisis Response team.

People experiencing a crisis can call both 988 and 911. After calls are triaged, local mental health crises will be sent to the Olmsted County Crisis Response team. When a call is routed to Olmsted County, a Crisis Response worker may be sent out to meet with the client. This may involve being accompanied by a member of local law enforcement depending on the nature of the crisis and other safety variables.

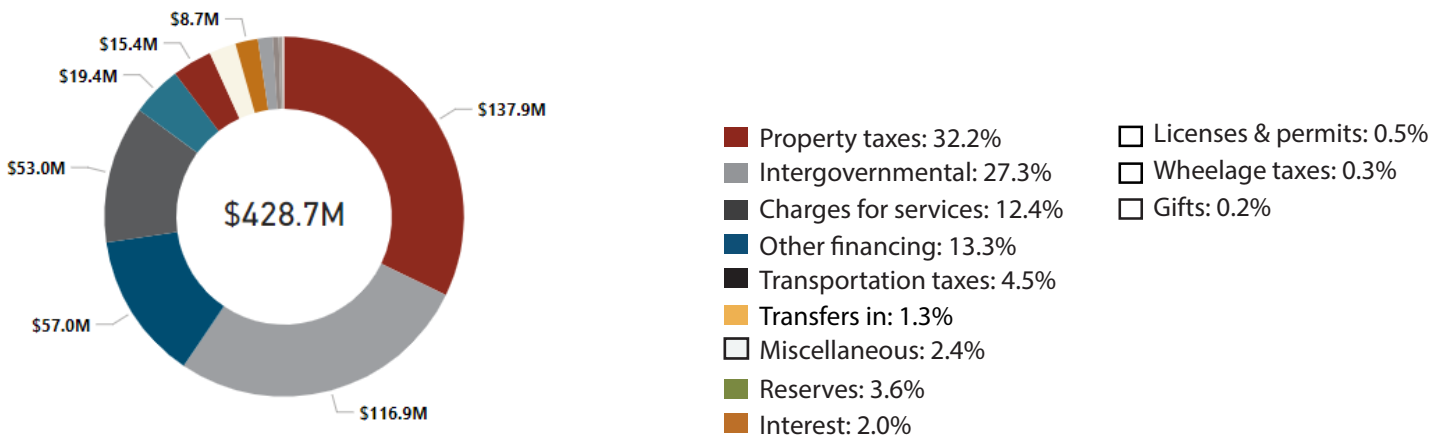
The transition to an Olmsted County-specific mobile crisis response team allows for a more tailored approach to meeting the needs of our local community. By focusing resources within Olmsted County, we can ensure faster response times, improved service integration, and better alignment with our community's specific needs.



Where the money comes from (county + HRA)

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: Supporting our local heroes

Olmsted County Veteran Services is dedicated to helping residents who have served our country navigate the complex landscape of federal and state benefits. Recognizing that each veteran's situation is unique, the county's team of dedicated veteran services officers is ready to assist in investigating, preparing, and processing the necessary forms to secure essential benefits.

In addition to providing guidance, Olmsted County Veteran Services actively advocates for veterans' rights and entitlements, ensuring they receive the support they have earned through their service.

Veteran Services will continue to enhance services for local veterans and their families in 2025. Contact Olmsted County Veteran Services at 507-328-6355 to set up an appointment!



Property taxes

Property taxes (also known as levy) provide 32.2% of county revenue. Below is the total combined property taxes based on Olmsted County’s total population.

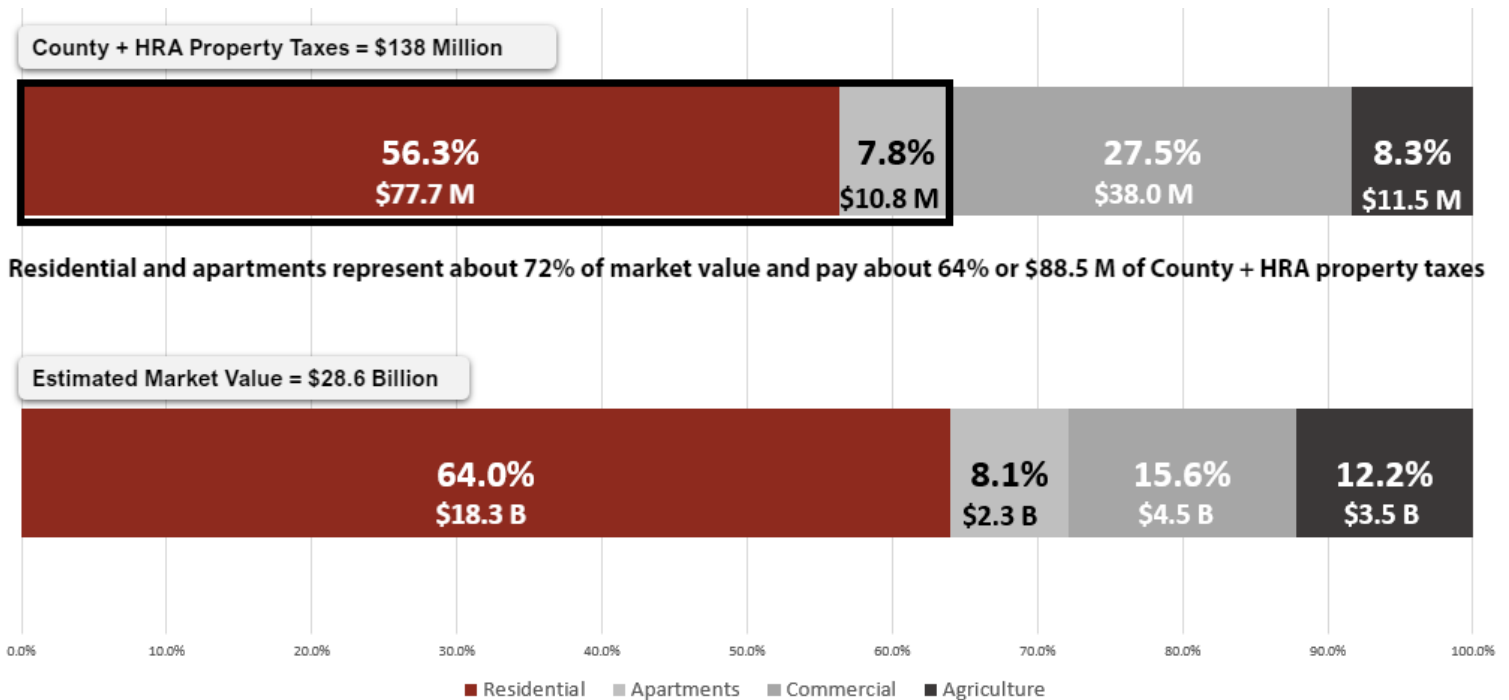
County + Housing and Redevelopment Authority combined property taxes

	2024 combined property taxes	+	2025 increases	=	2025 combined property tax	2025 per person*
County -	\$125,692,357	+	\$6,998,316	=	\$132,690,673	\$771
HRA -	\$4,909,684	+	\$262,384	=	\$5,172,068	\$31
Total -	\$130,602,041	+	\$7,260,700	=	\$137,862,741	\$802

*Based on a population estimate of 172,000

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.

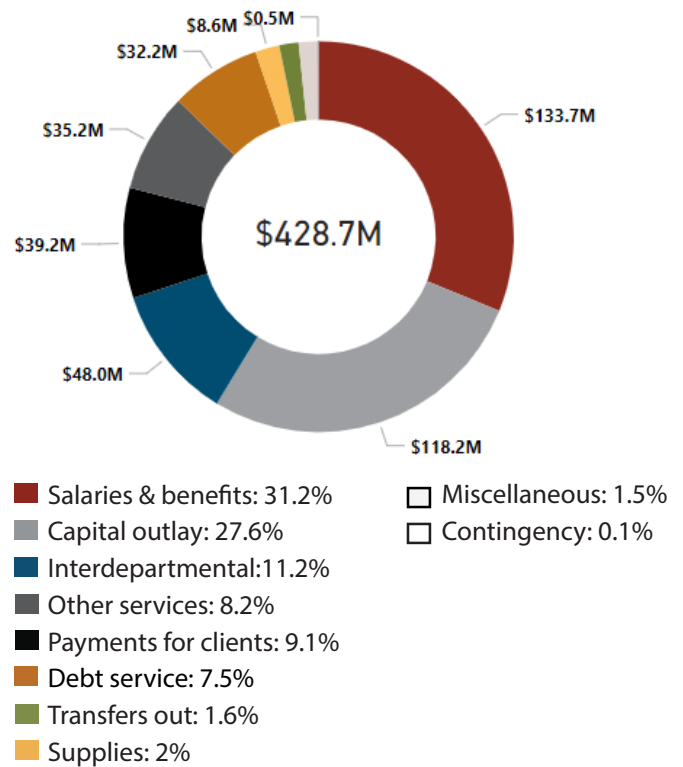


Where the money goes (county + HRA)

Overall, the adopted 2025 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.

Expenses and other funding uses



Feature story: Any Path Home – Addressing homelessness in Olmsted County

In Olmsted County, hundreds of adults are experiencing homelessness, each with unique needs. Multiple organizations are currently providing essential support, including shelter, health care, and community.

To build on these efforts, the Any Path Home initiative aims to ensure everyone has access to housing and services, regardless of their situation. By uniting resources, it will simplify access to support for those in need. The coalition includes Catholic Charities, Change Services, The Dorothy Day Hospitality House, The Landing MN, River Valleys Continuum of Care, The Salvation Army, Three Rivers Community Action, Zumbro Valley Health Center, the City of Rochester, and Olmsted County.

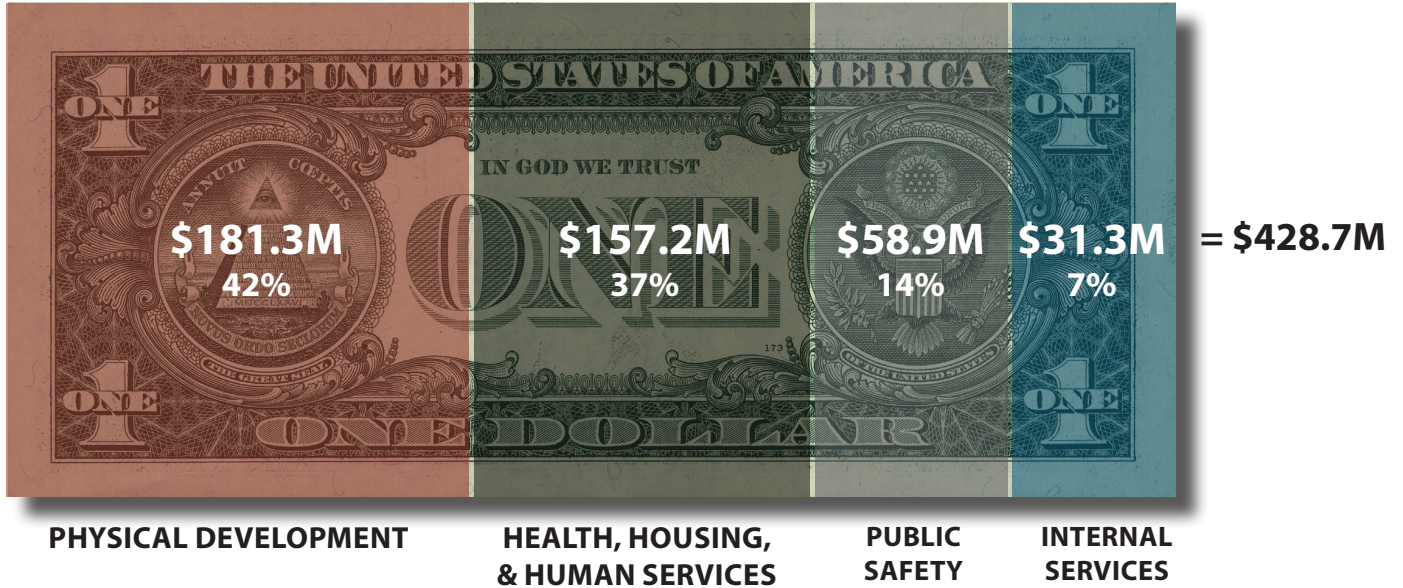
While Any Path Home is in its early stages, existing support for emergency shelter, health care, and social services will continue. Community input and lived experiences will help refine the approach, with next steps focused on outreach, data collection, partnership strengthening, and addressing service gaps.



Collaborative brainstorming session with the Any Path Home coalition.

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



As part of our ongoing efforts to invest in renewable energy and lead in sustainable practices, Olmsted County is installing solar panels on the Kalmar Landfill maintenance building in Spring 2025. The panels are expected to generate approximately 52,000 kilowatt hours of electricity each year. This will provide more than enough power for the building, allowing it to run entirely on solar energy.

By using clean energy at the landfill, Olmsted County will help reduce pollution and lower the emissions that contribute to climate change. The county also expects to see reduced utility costs. The installation of solar panels at Kalmar Landfill is a major accomplishment for Olmsted County and marks a step forward in our clean energy journey. This project is a positive sign for future renewable energy projects and demonstrates the county's dedication to protecting the environment and using our budget wisely.

New camera systems for the Sheriff's Office

The Olmsted County Sheriff's Office is upgrading its body worn and fleet/squad camera system through a contract with AXON. These systems come with new 5G internet/ Wi-Fi routers and technologies that will assist deputies in performing their duties efficiently, effectively, and safely.

Another significant component is the taser upgrade. The AXON package includes an upgrade to the Taser 10 that increases effectiveness when it is deployed. The AXON package also includes many technology-based programs that integrate the camera and taser data into a web-based program that can help with data analysis.

Overall, the package will increase officer safety and better technology to increase efficiency. This will help the Sheriff's Office maintain the highest level of service to Olmsted County residents.





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