

City and County of Denver 2024 Budget

Mayor Mike Johnston

September 14, 2023

\$1.74 Billion General Fund Budget



A 3.7% increase over 2023's \$1.68 billion budget

2024 Budget Priorities

**Affordable
Denver**

Safe Denver

Vibrant Denver

Greener Denver

Housing for All

Affordable Denver

Our 2024 budget will invest **\$242 million** through the Department of Housing Stability for resolving and preventing homelessness and investing in affordable home rental and homeownership opportunities for residents across Denver.

Building, Acquiring, and Preserving Affordable Units

Up to \$100 million

With state and federal funding, develop and preserve 3,000 affordable homes in 2024, with a goal of adding 25,000 units of permanently affordable housing over the next eight years

Reforming Denver's Permitting Process

\$365,000 for 3 FTEs

Adding dedicated inspectors to our Affordable Housing Review Team to reduce the time from design to doors-open for these critical projects

\$200,000

Launching a first-ever process reform study of building/zoning codes and procedures

Safe Denver

Rebuilding Denver's Police Force

\$8.2 million

Starting 167 new police recruits in 2024 to fill the gap to authorized strength

Expanding Non-Criminal Co-Responder Programs

\$7.2 million

Funds co-responder programs and expands STAR to up to 16 teams and eight vans

\$1.8 million

Adds a second Wellness Winnie team

Commitment to Treatment Alternatives

\$3 million

Staffing and facility improvements to make 90 more beds available in community corrections as treatment alternatives to prison

\$4.2 million

Increase of \$400,000 for our Behavioral Health Solutions Center

Vibrant Denver

Downtown Revitalization

\$21.6 million	Complete the 16 th Street Mall with an expanded tree canopy and new pedestrian spaces
\$1 million	Help stabilize businesses impacted by construction on the mall
\$16.6 million	Ensure the success of our downtown Convention Center in both operations and maintenance
\$4.5 million	Increase of \$2 million for downtown activation, including to attract new businesses and visitors along and near our rejuvenated 16th Street and increase our investments into a clean and safe downtown
Underway	Pilot program for commercial-to-residential conversions downtown

Vibrant Neighborhoods

\$14.7 million	Leverage \$136 million in Federal Transit Authority funding for a fast, reliable, and safe bus rapid transit (BRT) option along Colfax
Underway	Legacy Business program to protect and strengthen longstanding local businesses citywide

Greener Denver

Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

\$2 million	EV replacements of city vehicles that are at the end of their useful life
\$1.5 million	Public and city fleet EV charging infrastructure

Expanding Mobility Options

\$15 million	Multi-modal infrastructure investments, including bike lanes, Safe Routes to School, pedestrian crossings, neighborhood traffic calming, and implementation of Denver Moves plans
\$2.8 million	Continuing Denver's popular e-bike voucher program
\$1.3 million	Additional community rebates, incentives, and electrified micro-transit to encourage a transition to EVs

RTD EcoPass: We're keeping EcoPasses free for city employees and encouraging downtown employers to do the same.

Housing for All

Sustained Services

\$39.2 million

Funding for hotels, micro-communities, and rapid rehousing to bring 1,000 more people out of unsheltered homelessness in 2024

Preventing Homelessness Through Rental Support

\$12.6 million

Rental and utility assistance programs

\$2 million

Free legal services for households facing eviction

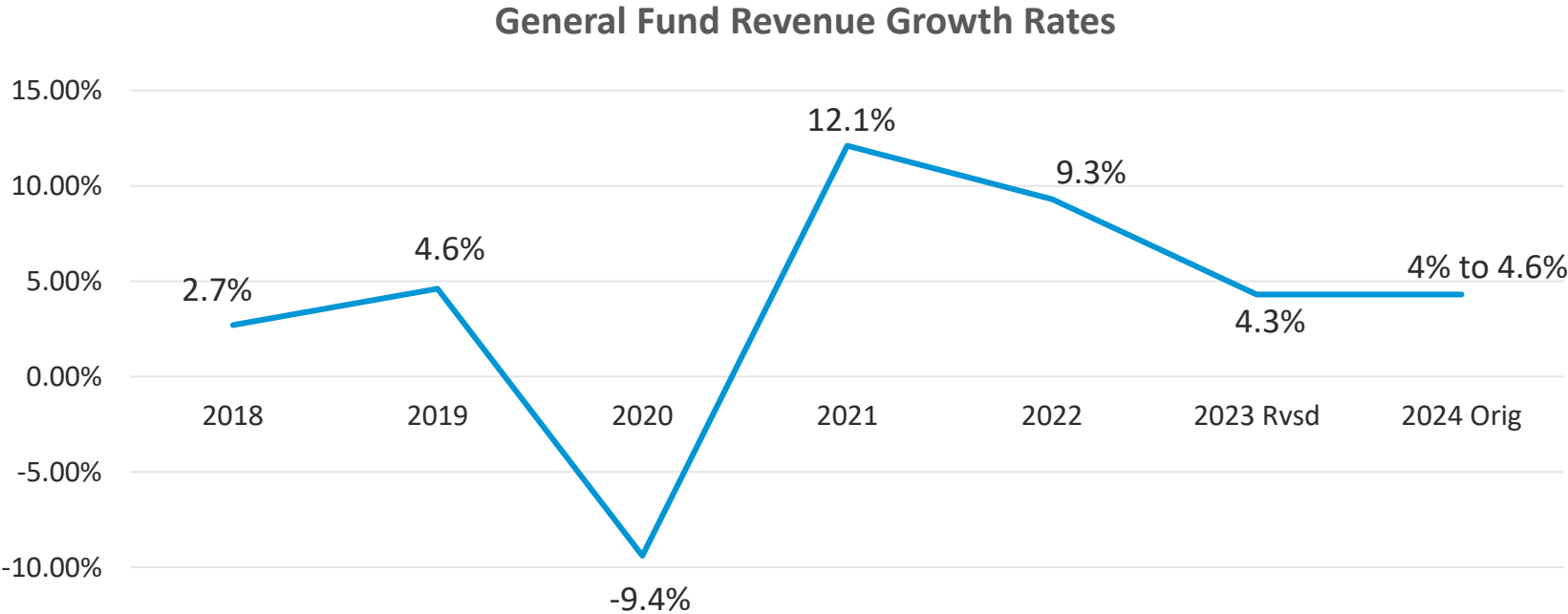


2024 Budget Outlook

Margaret Danuser, Chief Financial Officer

2024 General Fund Revenue Growth of 4%

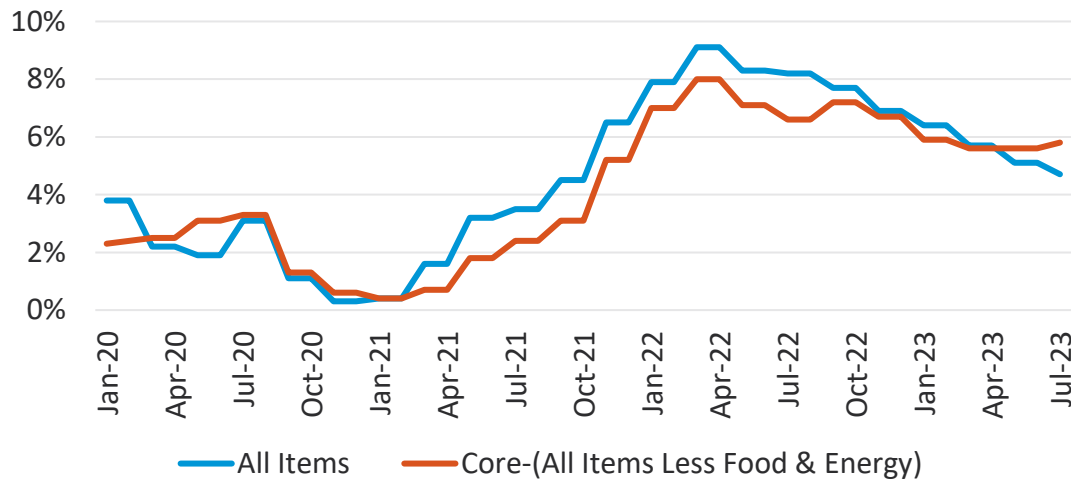
While 2024 revenue is projected to continue to grow, the rate of growth has begun moderating as we have normalized from the disruptions of the pandemic.



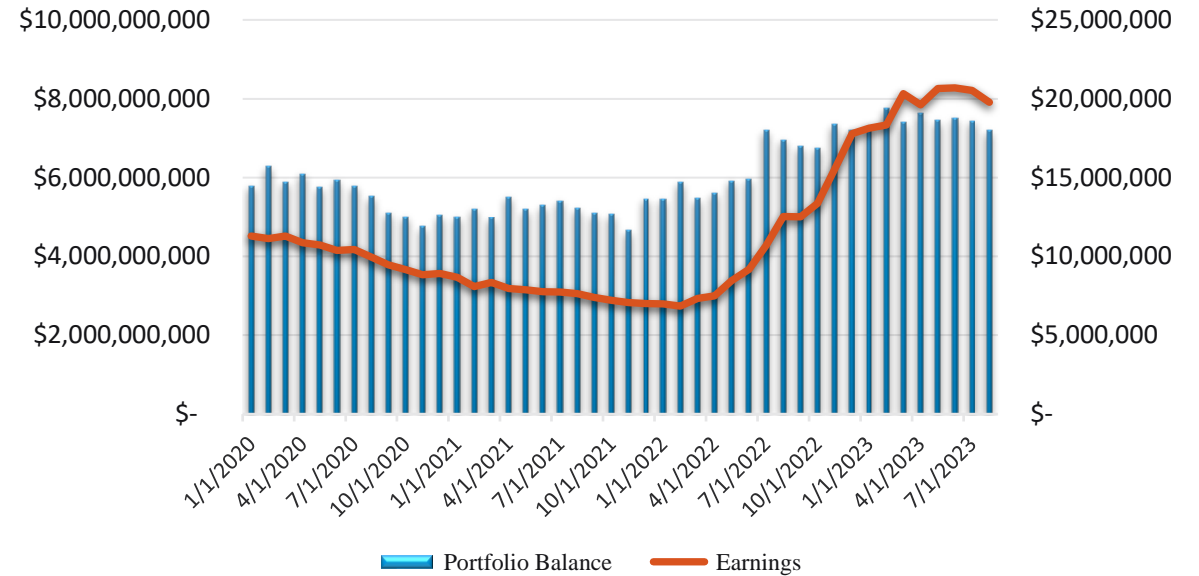
2024 General Fund Revenue Drivers

Growth in 2024 is primarily driven by projected increases in tax revenues, mainly from sales, use, and property taxes. Continued high inflation and interest rates are likely to place limits on growth.

Inflation – Denver-Lakewood-Aurora MSA
CPI-U Year Over Year Comparison, Not Seasonally Adjusted

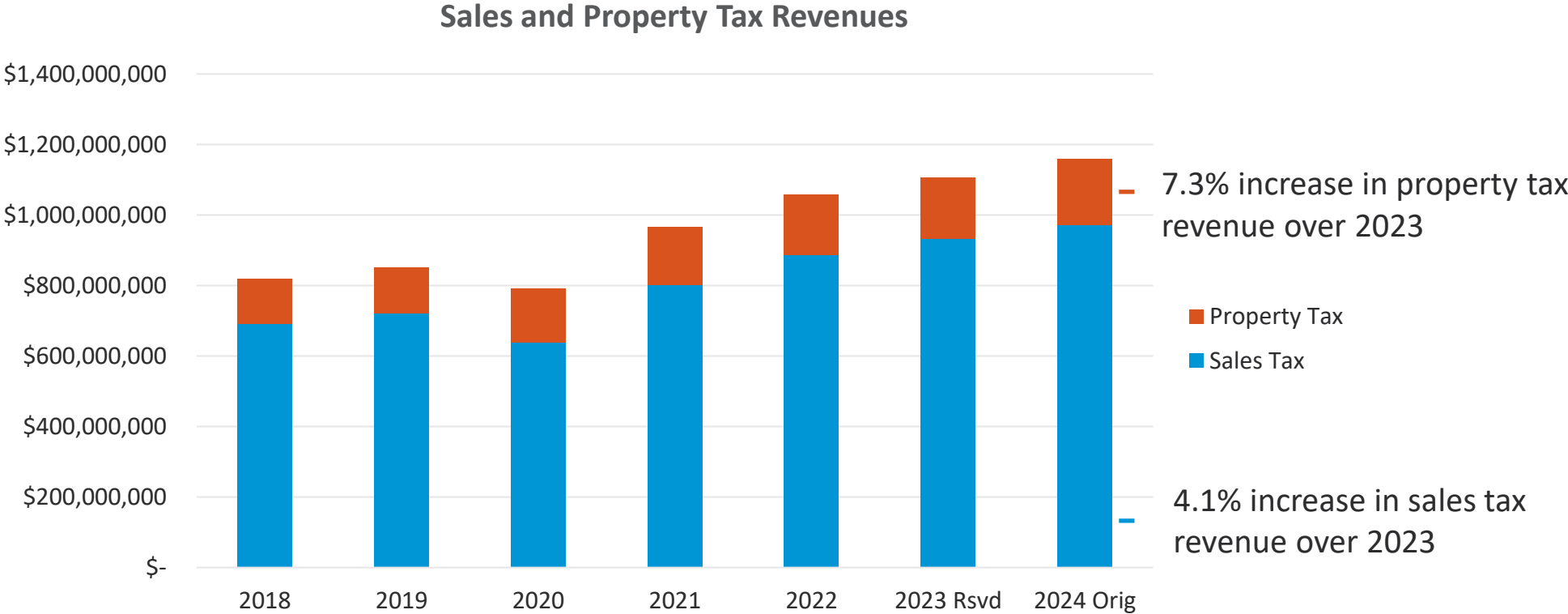


Denver Investment Portfolio



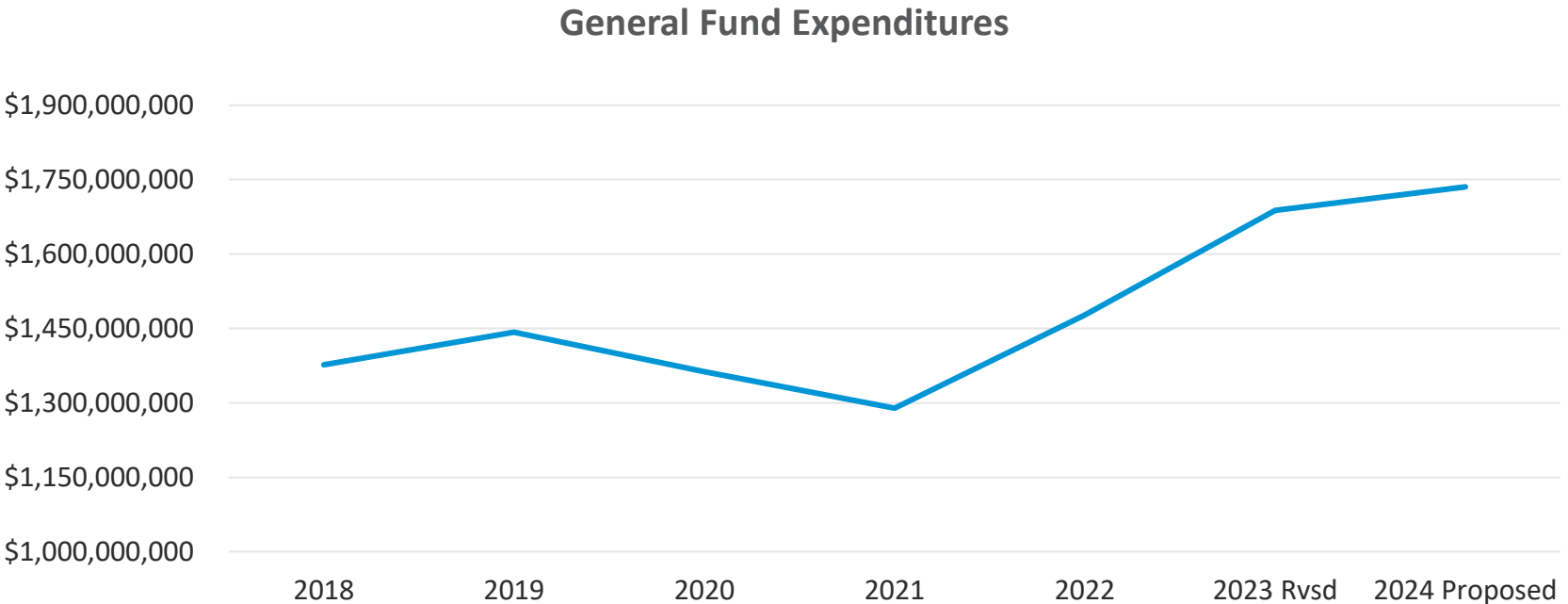
Sales and Property Tax Revenue

Sales and use tax is ~57% of the city's operating revenue. Property tax is ~11%.



2024 General Fund Budget of \$1.74 Billion

2024 General Fund budget is \$1.74 billion, an increase of 3.7% from 2023's revised budget of \$1.68 billion.



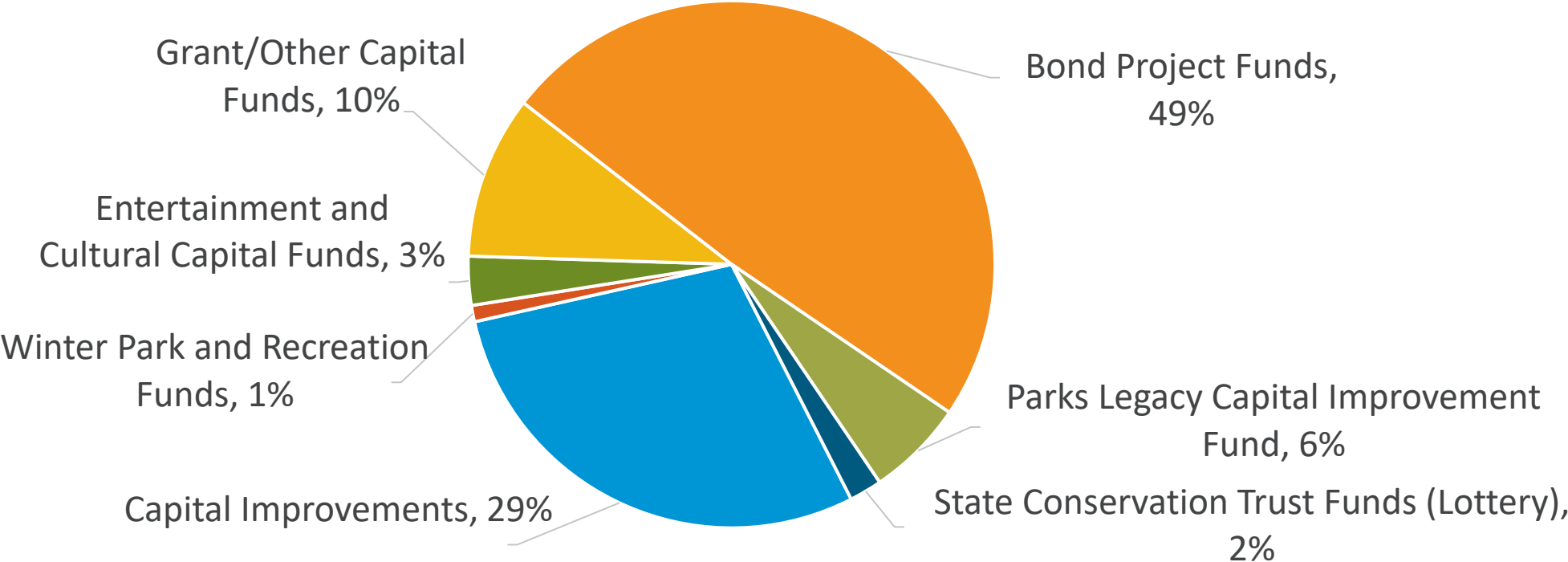
Voter-Approved and Special Revenue Funds

Fund	2023 Revised Revenue	2024 Original Revenue
Denver Preschool Program	\$30.3 million	\$31.4 million
Prosperity Denver	\$15.5 million	\$16.1 million
Healthy Foods Fund	\$16.5 million	\$17.2 million
Caring for Denver	\$48.6 million	\$50.5 million
Parks, Trails, Open Space Fund	\$50.0 million	\$51.9 million
Climate Protection Fund	\$49.8 million	\$51.8 million
Homelessness Resolution Fund	\$50.2 million	\$52.1 million
Affordable Housing Fund	\$29.3 million	\$33.7 million
Denver Public Library Fund	\$32.2 million	\$37.6 million
Total	\$322.4 million	\$342.3 million

Projected revenue growth of approximately 6.2% across these funds in 2024

2024 Projected Capital Improvement Funding

Expenditures by Funding Source



American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

Funding Category	Budgeted Amount	Remaining Balance
Housing Stability and Homelessness Resolution	\$136.4 million	\$19.3 million
Business, Community, and Safety	\$66.9 million	\$32.4 million
Physical and Behavioral Health	\$14.7 million	\$9.4 million
Restoration Programming, Supplemental Services, Premium Pay, Administration, Technical Support and Evaluation	\$90 million	\$15.3 million
Total Allocation	\$308 million	\$76.3 million

Note: Numbers may not add due to rounding.

2024 Reserve Projections

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$262.6 million or 15.1% of projected expenditures
General Fund Contingency	\$34.2 million
Capital Improvement Program contingency	\$6.4 million



Questions