



2026 RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Fishers City Council
Presentation & Public Hearing
September 15, 2025





2026 BUDGET TIMELINE

*Public Meeting &
Information*

8/14

**Budget Notice Postcard sent to every
Fishers Household**

8/20

**Finance Committee Meeting – Fiscal
Plan Review, Budget Overview**

8/27

**Finance Committee Meeting –
Departmental Budget Review**

9/5

Last Day to Post Notice

9/10

Finance Committee Meeting

9/15

**Introduction and 1st Reading of
Budget at City Council
+ Public Hearing**

10/6

**Final Reading of Budget at City
Council
+ Final Adoption of Budget**

Neighborhood & Community Vibrancy:

- \$400,000 awarded to neighborhoods for capital improvements with Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants
- Support of Hamilton Southeastern Schools with \$50,000 in Teacher Innovation Grants
- Growth & support of the experiential learning program with Hamilton Southeastern Schools at the Fishers AgriPark & Maker Playground

Quality of Life

- Fishers Community Center opening November 2025
- Full year of operations at the Fishers Event Center, including holding graduations for both high schools
- Construction underway on Nickel Plate Trail bridge over 96th Street for connection to Indianapolis

OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE

- Three new school resource officers and one community services officer added to the Police Department
- Completion of barn facility and modern restrooms at the Fishers AgriPark
- Enhanced citywide landscaping contract

2025 RECAP



Fishers Community Center, Strengthened by IU Health



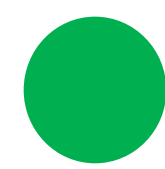
Bridger Pines Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant Recipients



FISCAL STRENGTH

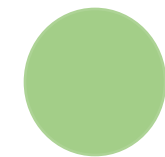
2025 Awards & Audit Results

The City maintained its financial durability throughout 2025, maintaining a AA+ general obligation bond rating, while having the lowest municipal tax rate among the largest municipalities in Hamilton County.

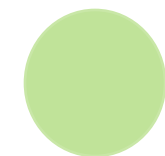


Lowest municipal tax rate in Hamilton County*

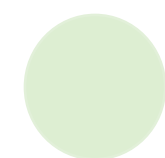
* Among 4 Largest Municipalities in Hamilton County



AA+ Bond Rating (Investment Grade Security, very strong capacity to meet financial commitments)



Strong General Fund Cash Reserve (\$35,872,762)



Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA)

36th Straight Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Report for year ending 12/31/24

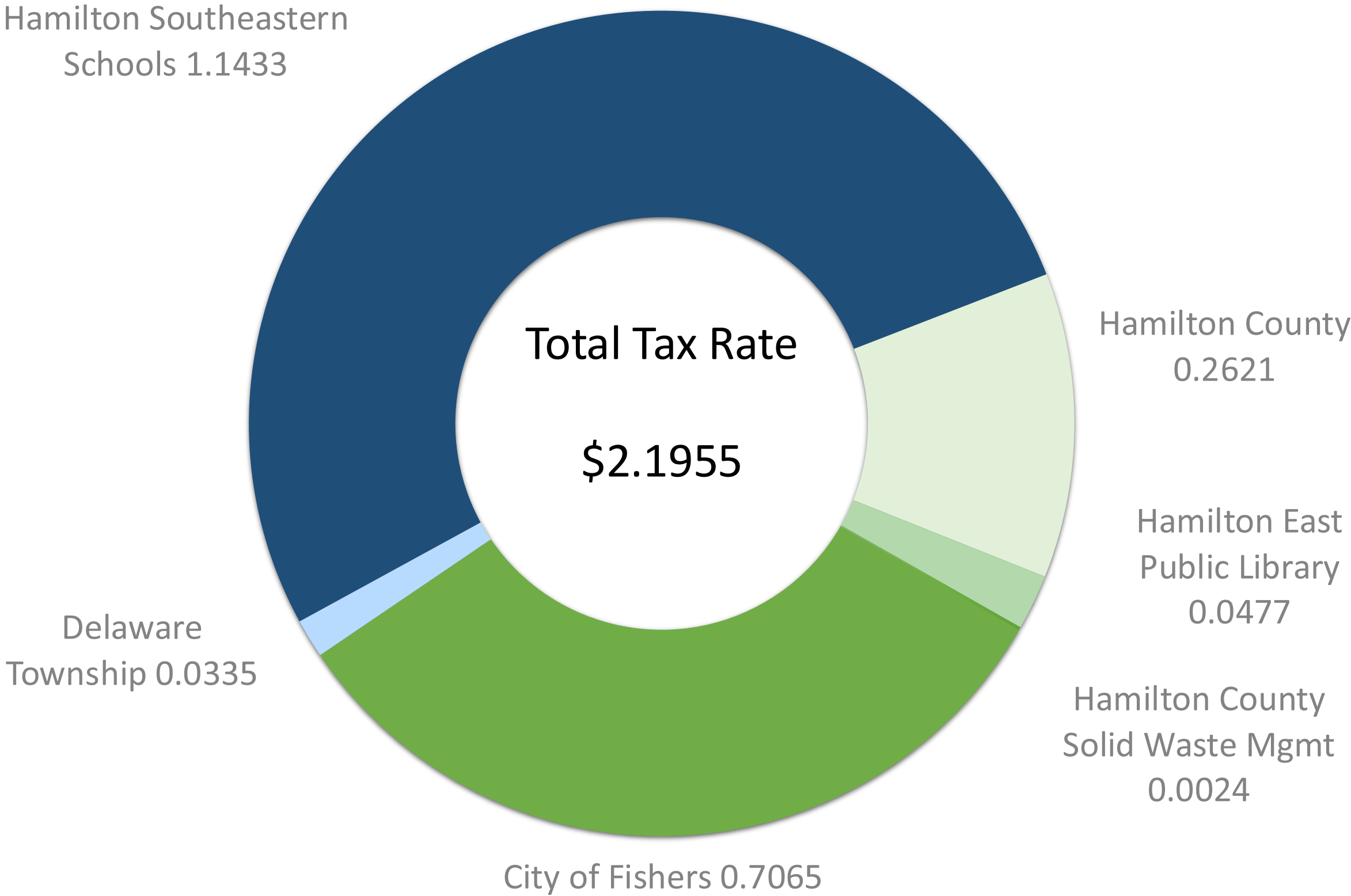
18th Straight Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for fiscal year 2025 Budget

2025 TOTAL TAX RATE

A taxing district typically includes a combination of county, township, city/town, school district, and library. The jurisdiction for the City of Fishers includes two townships, Delaware and Fall Creek.

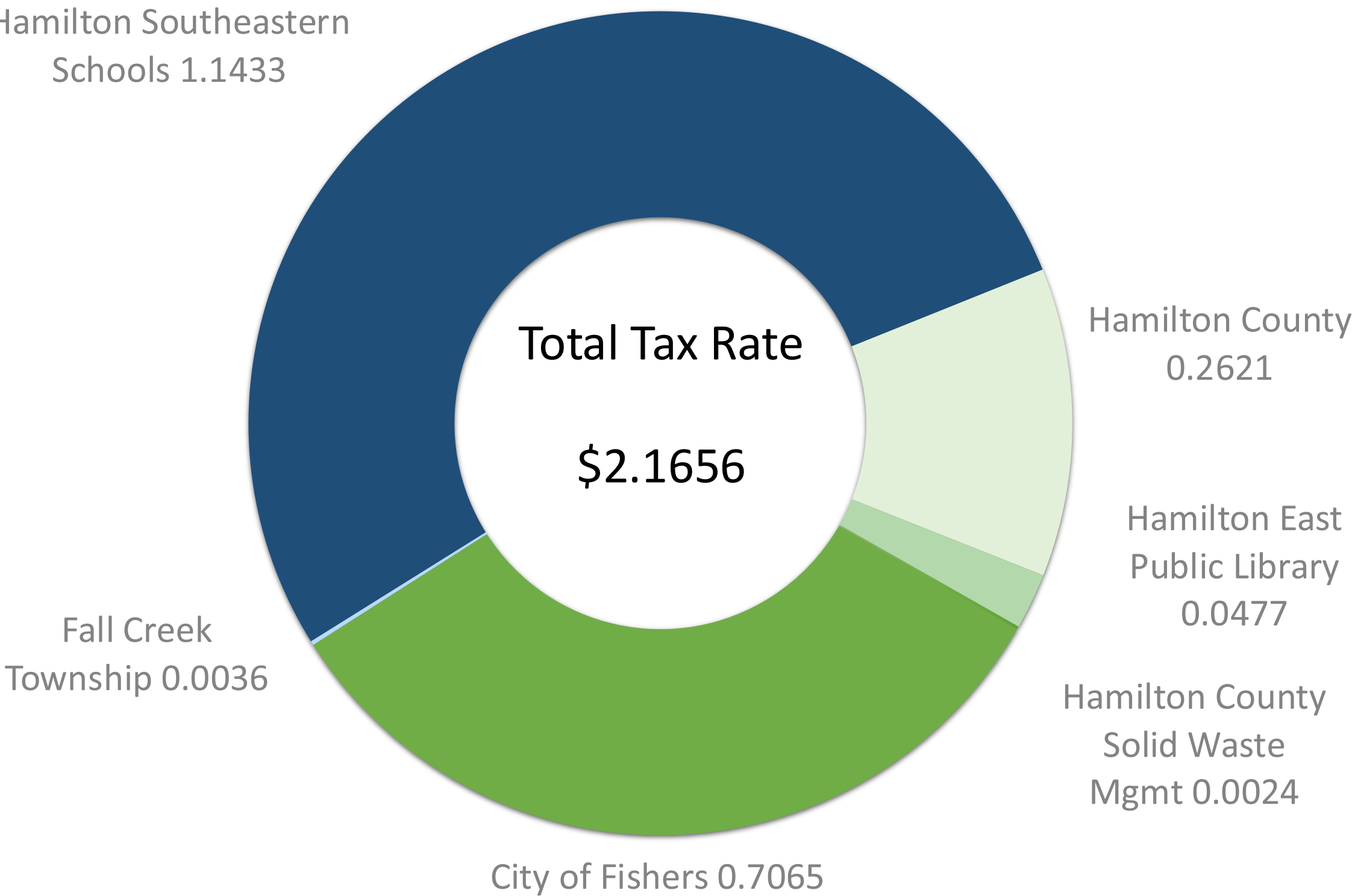
Delaware Township

Hamilton Southeastern
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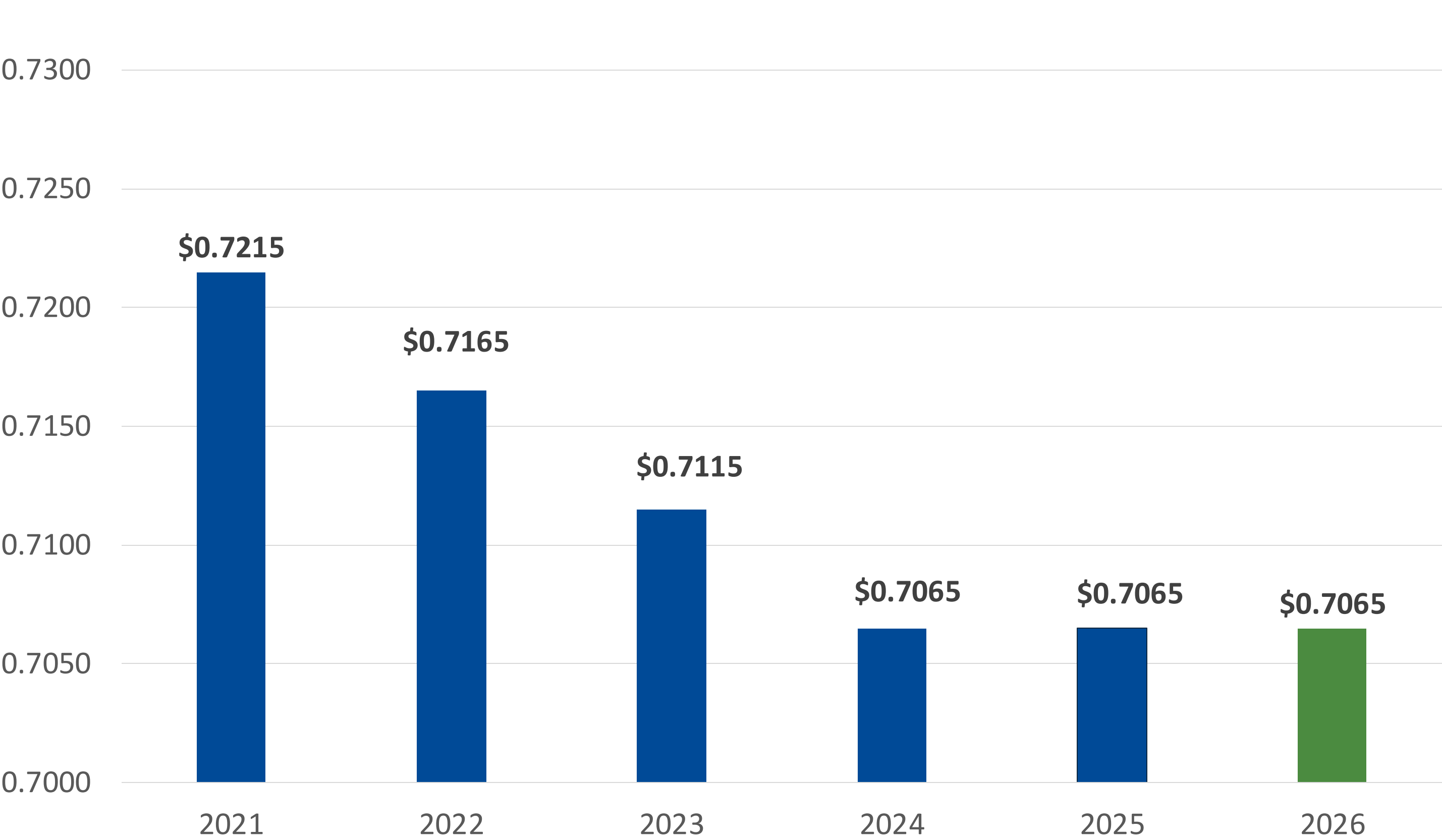


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2026 PROPERTY TAX RATE



The City of Fishers will maintain a pre-2020 property tax rate for the 6th year in a row.



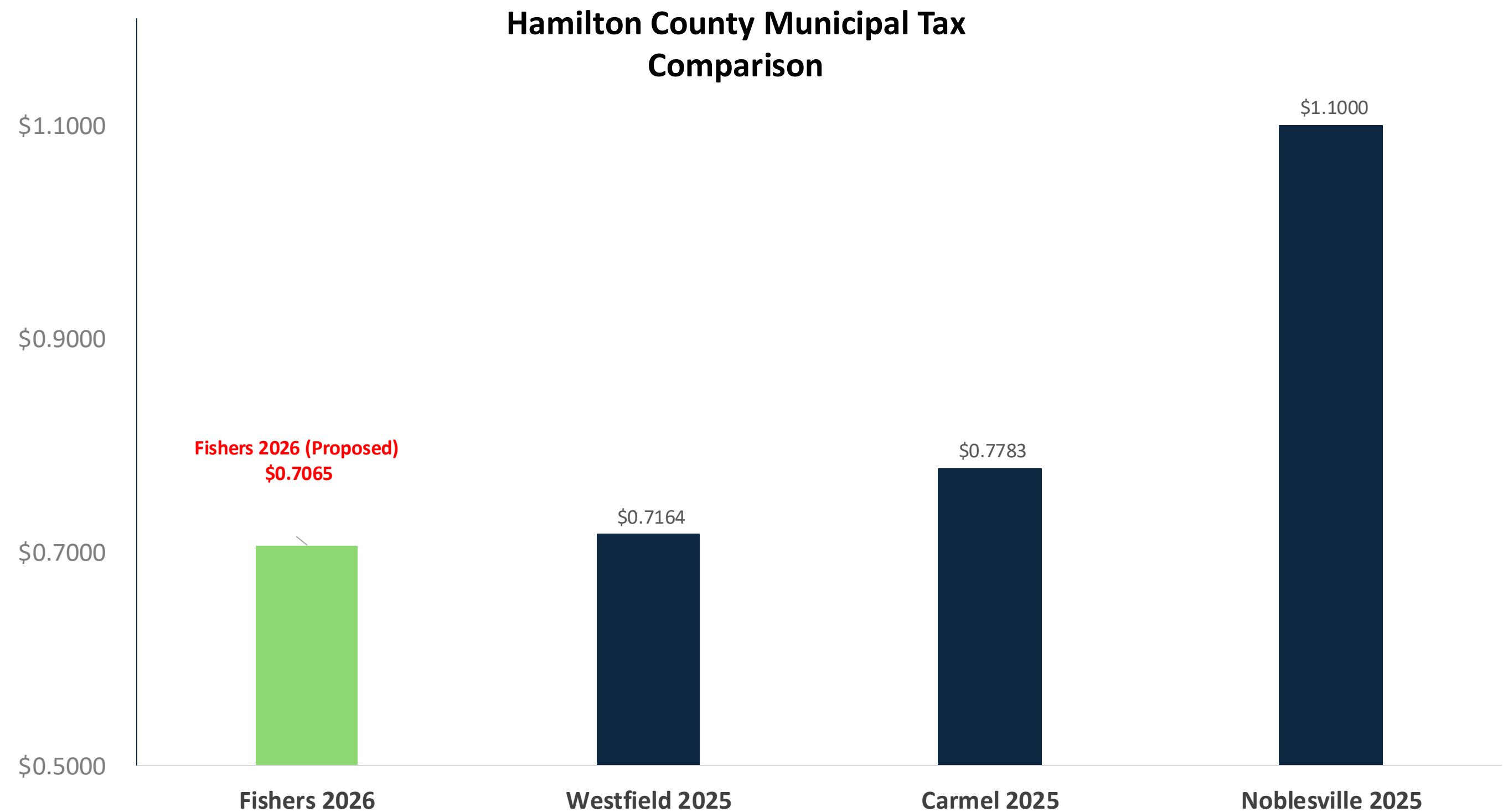
The Nickel Plate Trail

The City of Fishers has maintained the lowest tax rate, when compared to the largest Hamilton County municipalities.

CITY OF FISHERS BUDGET PRESENTATION 2026

TAX RATE

Comparison to Largest Hamilton County Municipalities



2026 Budget Highlights



CONSISTENT, LOW PROPERTY TAX RATE



PUBLIC SAFETY INVESTMENTS WITH ADDITIONAL
FIRE FIGHTERS AND SCHOOL SAFETY OFFICERS



CONTINUED INVESTMENTS IN NEIGHBORHOOD
VIBRANCY & TEACHER INNOVATION



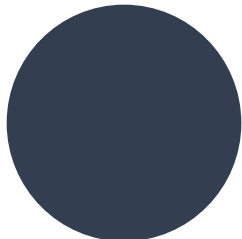
SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN YOUTH ATHLETICS
INFRASTRUCTURE AND AMENITIES



CONTINUED INVESTMENT IN OUR ROAD AND
SIDEWALK INFRASTRUCTURE

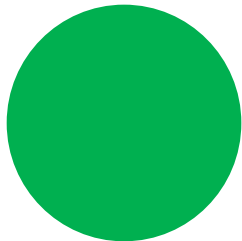
2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

ALL FUNDS



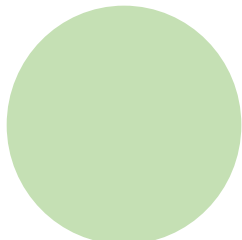
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2026 Debt Service

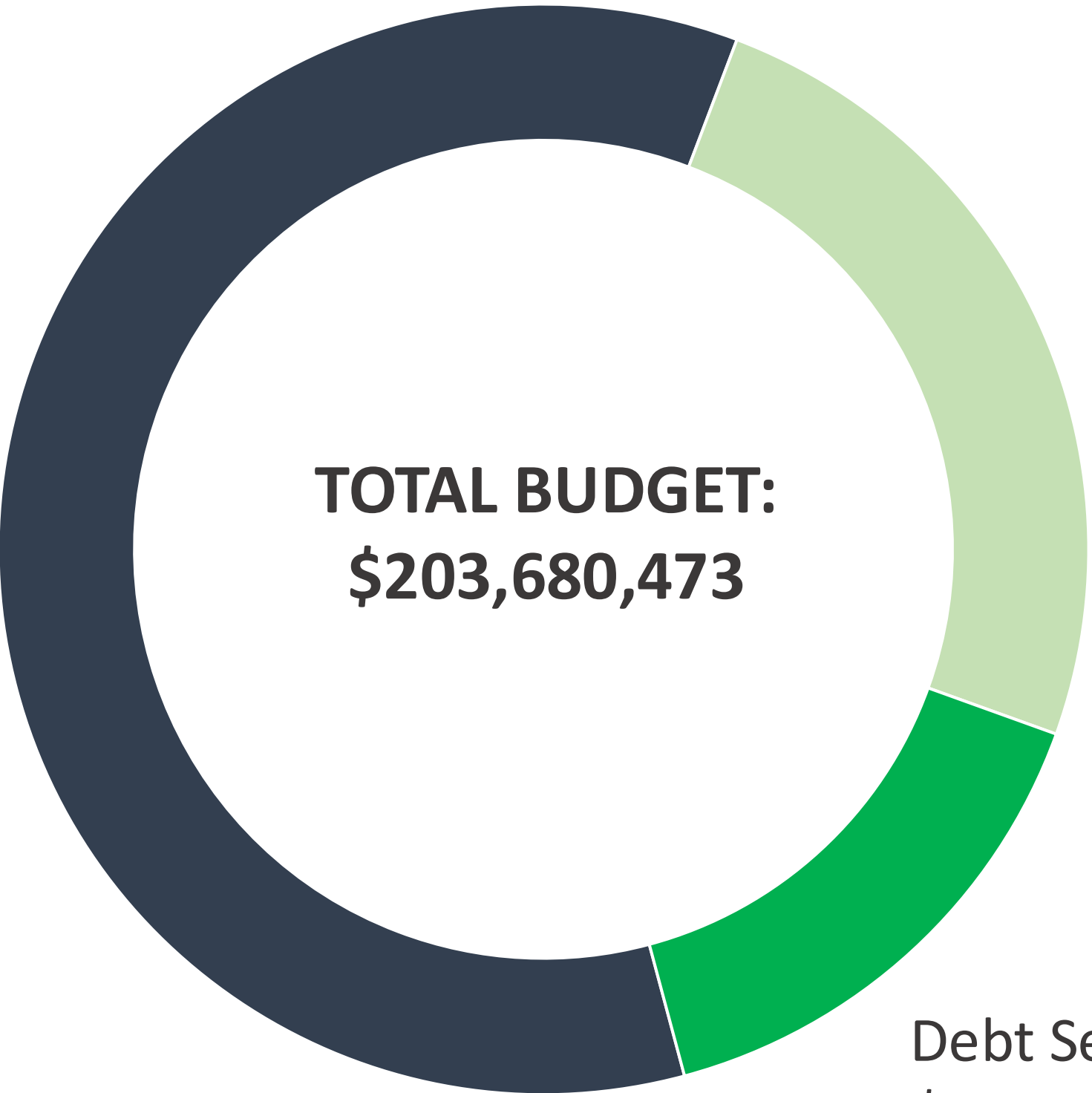
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2026 Cash Reserves (All Funds)

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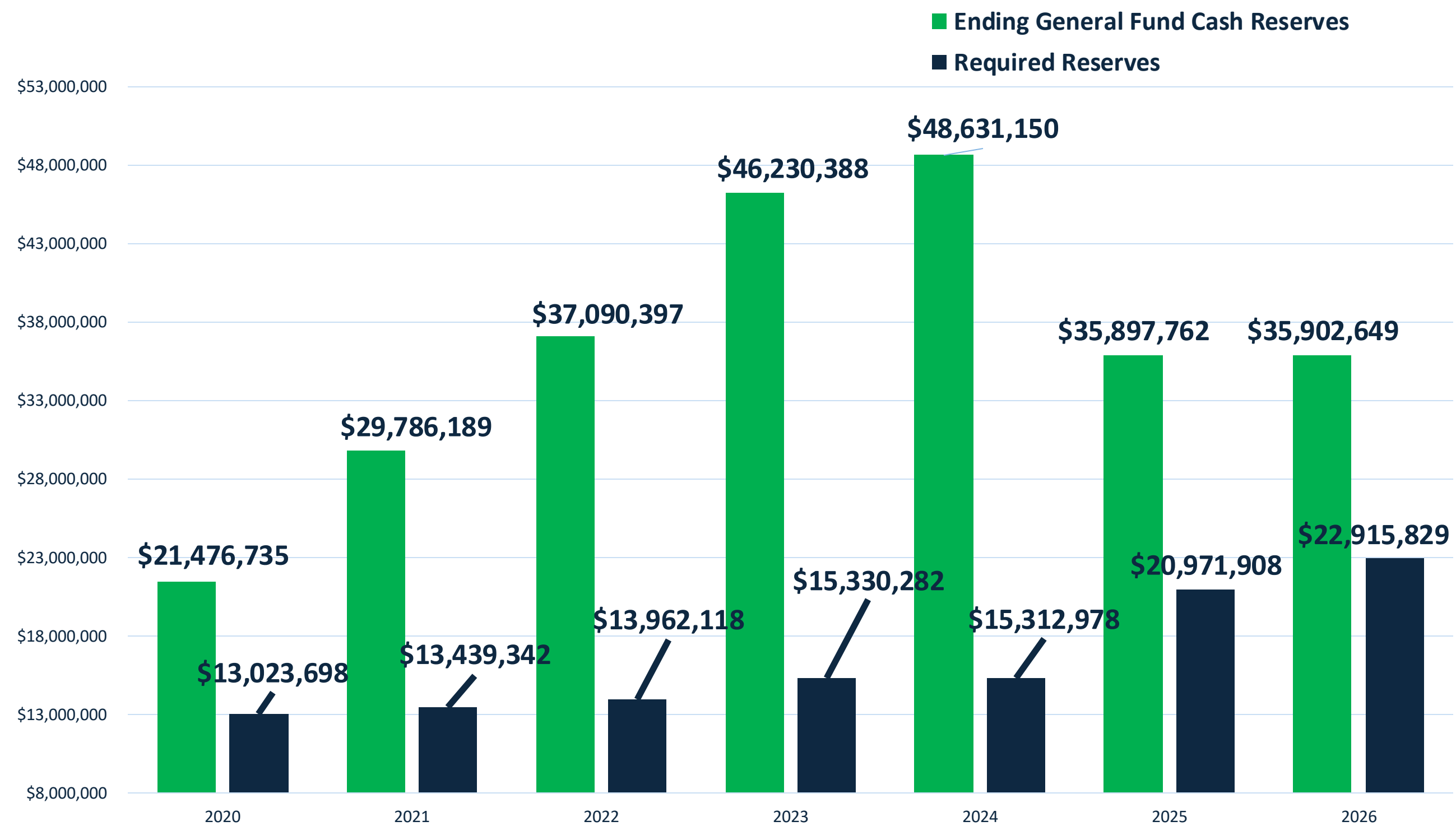


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CASH RESERVES

2026 General Fund



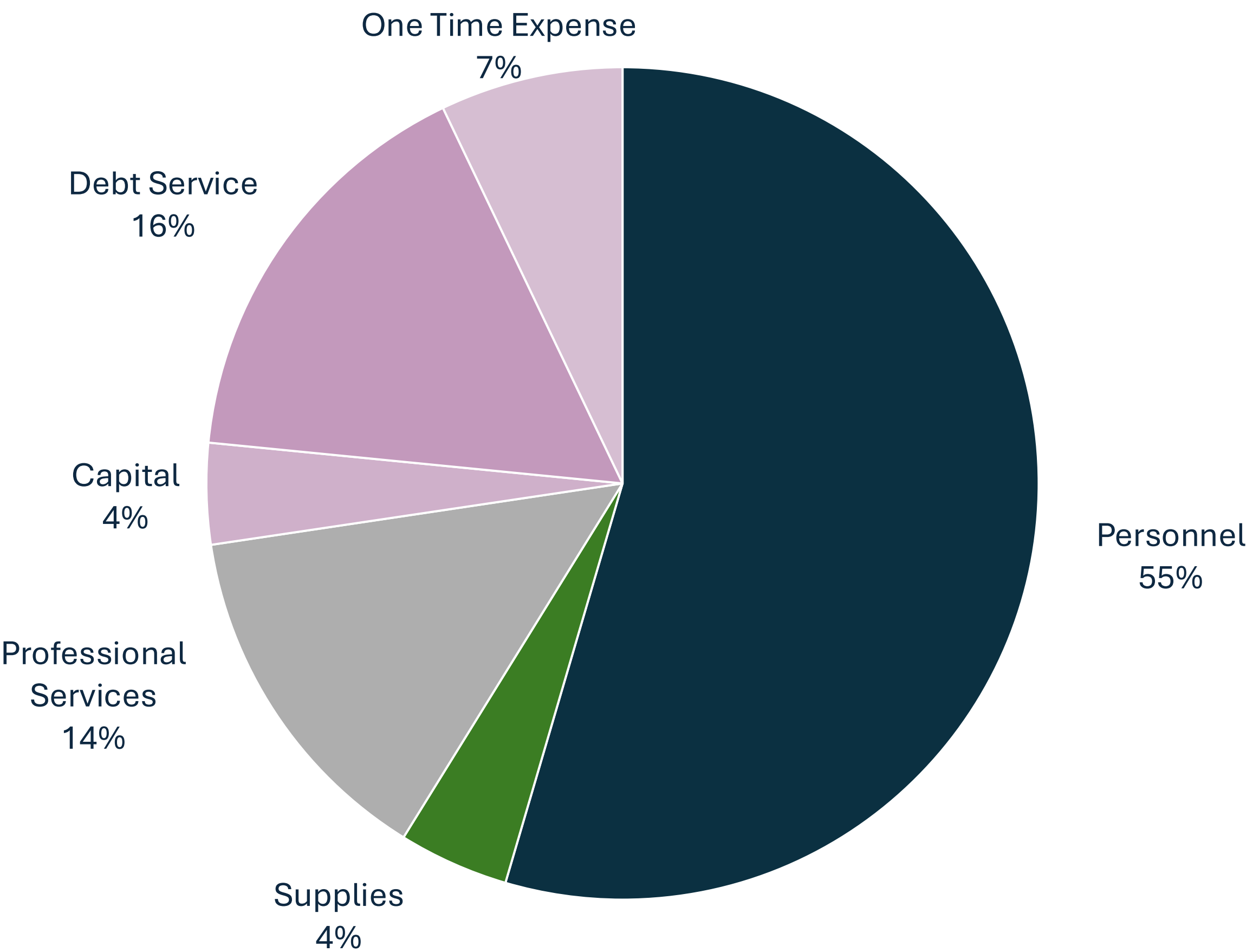
Note: 2025 and 2026 cash reserve ending balance requirements have been adjusted to reduce property tax revenue for the portion related to debt service.



126th and Southeastern RAB

2026 BUDGET OVERVIEW

General Fund - Proposed



Revenue	127,437,458
Personnel	69,503,055
Supplies	5,454,630
Professional Services & Other Charges	17,611,543
Capital	5,000,000
Debt Service	20,813,685
One-Time Expenditures	9,049,746
Total Expense	127,432,659
Net Excess	4,889

One time expenditure amount includes 27th pay, funding of health department due to state budget reductions in funding, and major non-recurring capital projects

OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY

City	Total Employees	Population	Employees as % of Population	Police (Sworn)	Fire (Sworn)
Fishers	547	107,000	.51%	135	154
Bloomington	787	79,986	.98%	86	104
Carmel	665	103,606	.64%	150	171
Ft. Wayne	1,996	273,203	.73%	487	354
Hammond	813	76,030	1.07%	190	155
Mishawaka	505	51,020	.99%	98	120
Noblesville	506	75,239	.68%	113	173
Terre Haute	550	58,531	.94%	135	146
Westfield	341	62,994	.54%	68	113

2026 BUDGET: PUBLIC SAFETY

- 3 New Firefighters
- 2 Additional School Safety Officers
- Continued investment in equipment and resources
 - Over \$1.8 million of the total \$3.3 million for fleet capital going towards assets for the Fire and Police Departments
- Reinvestment in Firefighting and Safety Training
- Strive for Excellence in Policing
 - All Fishers Police Department resources to bare:
People + Technology = Excellence



2026 BUDGET: Quality of Life

- Significant investment in youth athletics infrastructure and amenities
- Opening of AgriPark County Store deepening visitor experience
- Completion of the Nickel Plate Trail Bridge over 96th Street
- First full year of Community Center operations
- First full year of White River Park being open for public use



Nickel Plate Trail Bridge at 96th Street

2026 BUDGET: Community Enhancement & Investment

Not For Profit - \$275,000

- 🌐 Fishers Youth Initiative - \$165,000
- 🌐 Conner Prairie - \$75,000
- 🌐 Cherish Center - \$35,000

Neighborhood Vibrancy - \$400,000

- 🌐 Matching grant eligible to Homeowner's Associations and Neighborhood Groups within Fishers City Limits
- 🌐 Grant provides funds to cover up to 80% of the project cost and applicants must provide the remaining 20% cost
- 🌐 Maximum grant amount is \$25,000

Educator Innovation Grants - \$50,000

- 🌐 To empower educators with the resources to bring innovation to the classroom and inspire students to rethink learning
- 🌐 Available to active educators within the Hamilton Southeastern School System

ADA Grants - \$10,000

- 🌐 New in 2026
- 🌐 Intended to facilitate accessibility and access improvements and enhancements within Fishers city limits



2026 BUDGET: Infrastructure Investments

NEW PROJECTS

- 131st & Brooks School Rd RAB → Construction Start Summer 2026
- Olio & Southeastern RAB → Construction Start Summer 2026
- 96th & Cyntheanne RAB → Construction Start Summer 2026
- 136th Street from Southeastern to Prairie Baptist Road Widening → Construction Start Quarter 2 2026
- USA Parkway Widening → Construction Start TBD
- 116th & Allisonville Intersection Improvement → Construction Start Quarter 2 2026
- 2 Resurfacing Packages (Spring 2026 and Summer 2026)

Trails & Greenways

- Trail and Greenway Opportunity Study for Cross-Community Trails

2025 Projects Completing in 2026

- SR 37 & 141st Interchange
- Nickel Plate Trail Bridge over 96th Street



141st Street & State Road 37 – Anticipated Completion Spring 2026

2026 Budget Themes

STRONG FISCAL
POSITION

NEW INVESTMENTS
IN PUBLIC SAFETY

INVESTMENTS IN
QUALITY OF LIFE