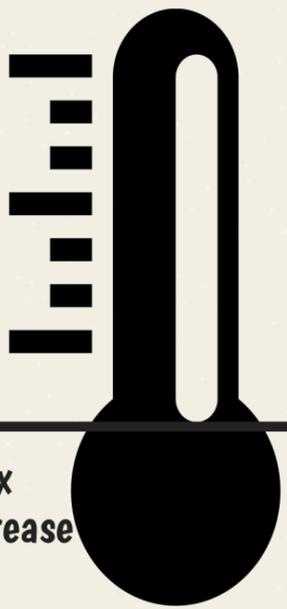


St. Louis County's 2016

BUDGET PLAN

When "zero" doesn't mean it's freezing.



St. Louis County has proposed a budget that reflects its focus on balancing the needs of county residents with the resources available. Given the county's financial strength, economic conditions for residents affected by the mining industry, and the impact of the Transportation Sales Tax, St. Louis County's Commissioners and staff worked to achieve a 0% increase in property tax levy for 2016.

0% 2016 Tax Levy Increase

Now Vs. Then

Tax levy trending down over last 10 years...



Levy History

Strategies used to get to 0%



INVESTMENTS

Commitment to infrastructure & technology to streamline operations.



CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

Ongoing efforts to improve service quality and reduce costs.



RESPONSIBLE BUDGETING

Thorough review & sound budget management practices.



HIGH PERFORMANCE

Recruit and retain talented staff & management team.



LEADERSHIP

Strong County Board vision & action.

Challenges



OVERCROWDED JAIL

Number of pretrial inmates remains high, requiring complex multi-jurisdictional solutions.



FOSTER FAMILY DEMAND

Out-of-home placement demand (and cost) is high, and need for foster families remains.



RISING HEALTHCARE COSTS

Managing a self-insured county is a significant responsibility.



INFRASTRUCTURE

"Pay as we go" investments in capital equipment, buildings & technology; levy support for debt service.



ECONOMY

Fluctuating state & other funding sources; managing cyclical nature of mining industry.

We value you:

St. Louis County's goal is to provide the best quality of life for county residents through our services. Tell us how we are doing, or what you would like to know about the county's efforts. E-mail administration@stlouiscountymn.gov. We value your feedback and appreciate your support.

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