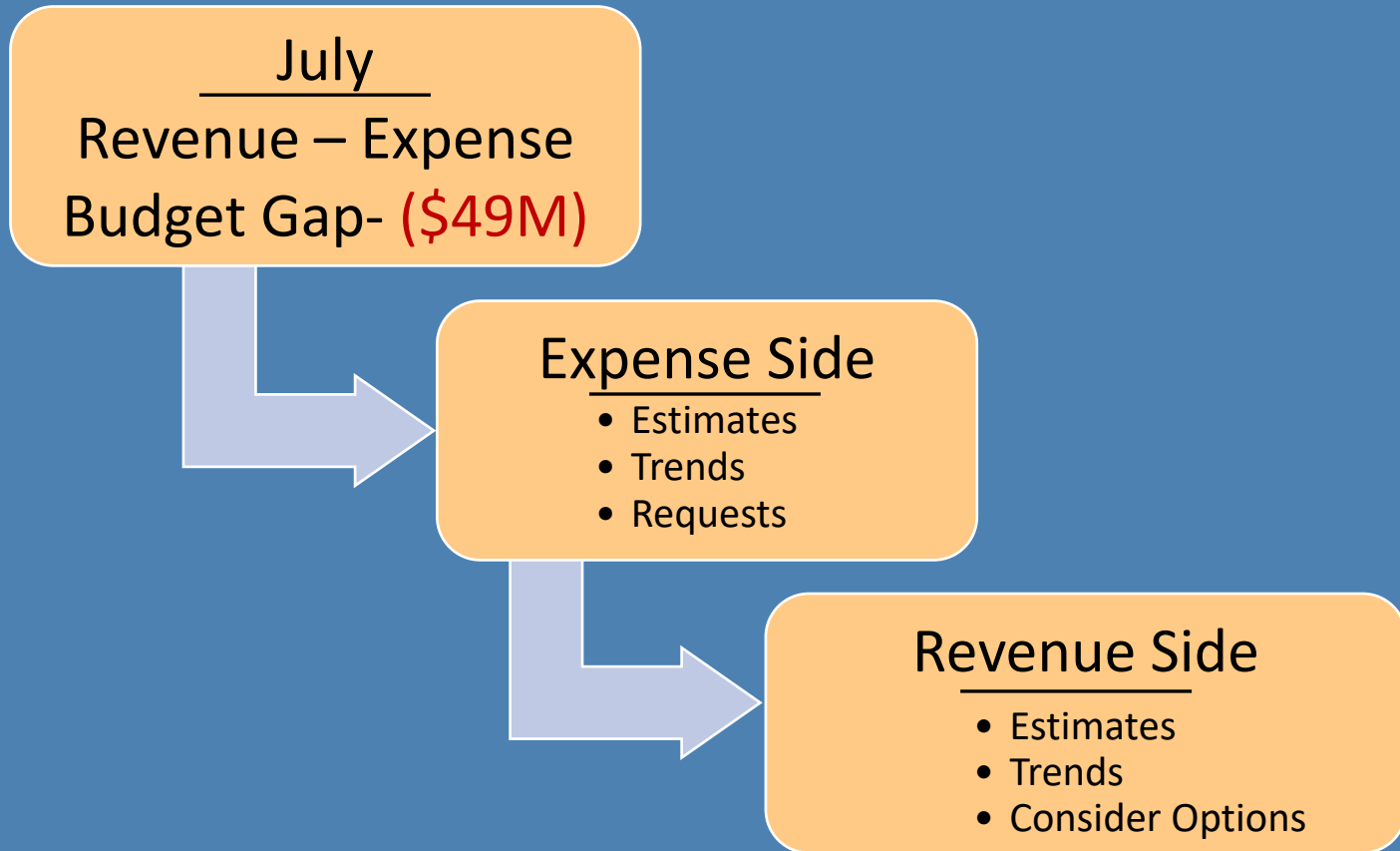


2024 | DUTCHESS COUNTY EXECUTIVE BUDGET



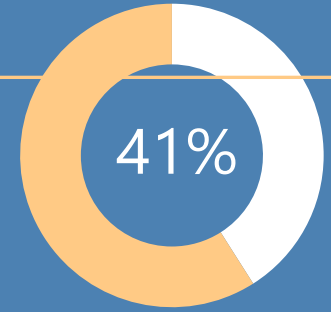
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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Budget Process



Expense Drivers

Personnel Costs- Increasing \$12M



- Requests +25.5 FTE positions- Reduced to 10
 - 8 Homeless Case Management
 - 2 Sheriff Deputies Community Policing
- Fully Offset- Deleting 20.5 FTE- Net DECREASE of 10.2 positions
- Began Holding Positions after 1st quarter- Holding 24 FTE at \$1
- Union Contracts:
 - CSEA 3.75%, DCSEA 3.8%, DSA 2.5%, M/C- 3.75%
 - PBA expires 2023
 - Includes steps, longevities, & merit
- Benefits- \$3M Health insurance, \$4M Retirement

Expense Drivers

Mandates- Increasing \$16M

- Medicaid up \$6.2M
- Foster Care and Child Institution Costs up \$4.6M
- Early Intervention / Pre-School Special Education up \$1M
- Juvenile Detention- \$1.2M
- Assigned Counsel- \$1.6M

Other costs

- Actual Spending trends- reduce where possible
- Evaluate needs and find alternatives

Revenue Projections

- Sales tax
 - YTD- Flat
 - Flat growth through the end of the year
 - 1% growth in 2024
- Hotel Tax
 - YTD- Down 2%- 2024 Retraction of 2%
 - Increase in the rate from 4 to 5%
- Parks rental fees and program fees increasing slightly

Revenue Projections

- State and Federal Revenue up \$9 million
 - State Aid up \$7M- Mandates
 - Federal aid up \$2M- ARP Timing
- Fund Balance
 - D&E fund- \$1.8 million
 - \$3 million debt service reserve
 - \$200K Municipal Innovation Grant Reserve
 - \$100K Active Shooter Training
 - \$100K Composting equipment grant

How to Close the Gap

Revenue – Expenses- \$24 million Gap

- Fund Balance- one-time revenue source
 - 2022: \$77.4 million
 - Policy- \$46.2-92.4 million
 - General Fund Unassigned- \$15 million- \$62.4

How to Close the Gap

\$9 million GAP Remaining

Options Considered:

- Program and Service reductions
 - Contract agencies- 4% overall contract COLA- \$1.2M
 - 80 Layoffs in non-mandated areas
 - Law Enforcement, Mental Health Services, 911-Dispatch, DPW road and bridge crews, Parks

How to Close the Gap

Other Options Revenue- \$9 million

- Property Tax
 - Housing Costs- Fixed income
 - Limit Property Tax
- Eliminate the Sales Tax Exemption on Clothing and Footwear under \$110 per item

Closing the Gap

Sales Tax

- Increase Sales Tax Rate from 3.75% to 4% June 1st
 - One of only 6 counties at 3.75% most are at 4% or higher
 - County recurring revenue source
 - Cities, Towns and Villages- benefit
 - Visitors account for 18% of Sales Tax

Closing the Gap

Property Tax

Median House Assessed at \$373,000

Saving \$97

Sales Tax

\$10,000 in spending on taxable items

Cost \$25

Non-Taxable Items:

- Groceries / Food
- Medical items
- Clothing

Questions