

How AMC Works for Ramsey County



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AMC's Support for County Budgets

Over the last five years, AMC has worked at the state and federal level to maximize the financial resources available to counties. These resources range from very flexible base support like County Program Aid, to specific funding streams that support county services like community supervision funding, to one-time funds to support a specific need like the federal COVID Recovery funds. Your dues, proposed to be \$83,124 for 2025, make up the largest part of the AMC budget that pays the staff to do this work. Below you will find some information on how this work has benefitted Ramsey County. The funding amounts below reflect either new funding streams or increases to existing sources since 2019, totaling \$269,154,027 for your county.

Legislative Funding Successes

- County Program Aid increased by \$2,151,812 in 2020 and \$6,226,315 in 2023 for a total of \$8,378,127. These are ongoing increases.
- The legislature provided funds to counties for relief from potential liability in the tax forfeited property settlement, estimated to be \$10,913,635.
- Counties distributed state aid to businesses in response to the pandemic, \$11,017,324 in Ramsey County.
- Funding for community supervision will increase in all counties regardless of probation delivery system. For Ramsey County the increase will be \$3,079,679.
- Across all categories of transportation funding, the increase for Ramsey County will be \$17,212,423.
- Public health funding was increased by \$956,771 for your county in 2021 with additional statewide investments of \$19.2 million in 2023.
- The legislature created a new public safety aid fund and Ramsey County's allocation is \$6,029,011.
- In statewide housing aid, the allocation is \$802,161.
- SCORE grants for solid waste management increased by \$338,627.
- The allocation for Local Homelessness Prevention Aid is \$2,124,718.
- The new cannabis aid was recently certified for 2024 at \$2,114 for Ramsey County, but significant growth is expected as retail sales begin in 2025.
- One-time aid for Medical Assistance costs brought \$4,659,268 to Ramsey County.
- Funds were allocated to reimburse counties for the county share of DHS errors related to substance use disorder services within institutions of mental disease (IMDs). This relieves Ramsey County of the burden of repaying \$619,925.
- Between 2019 and 2023, the legislature allocated \$420 million to broadband infrastructure programs, primarily the Border-to-Border program, but also mapping projects, the low-density grant program, and others.
- The legislature has also created a \$5 million per year fund to help cover local costs of election administration.

Federal Funding Successes

- The CARES Act brought \$96,026,771 into Ramsey County.
- An additional \$106,893,403 came from American Rescue Plan (ARPA).
- The Local Aid and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) allocated \$100,000 to help cover costs related to federal lands in your county.