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# Ramsey County Federal and State Response



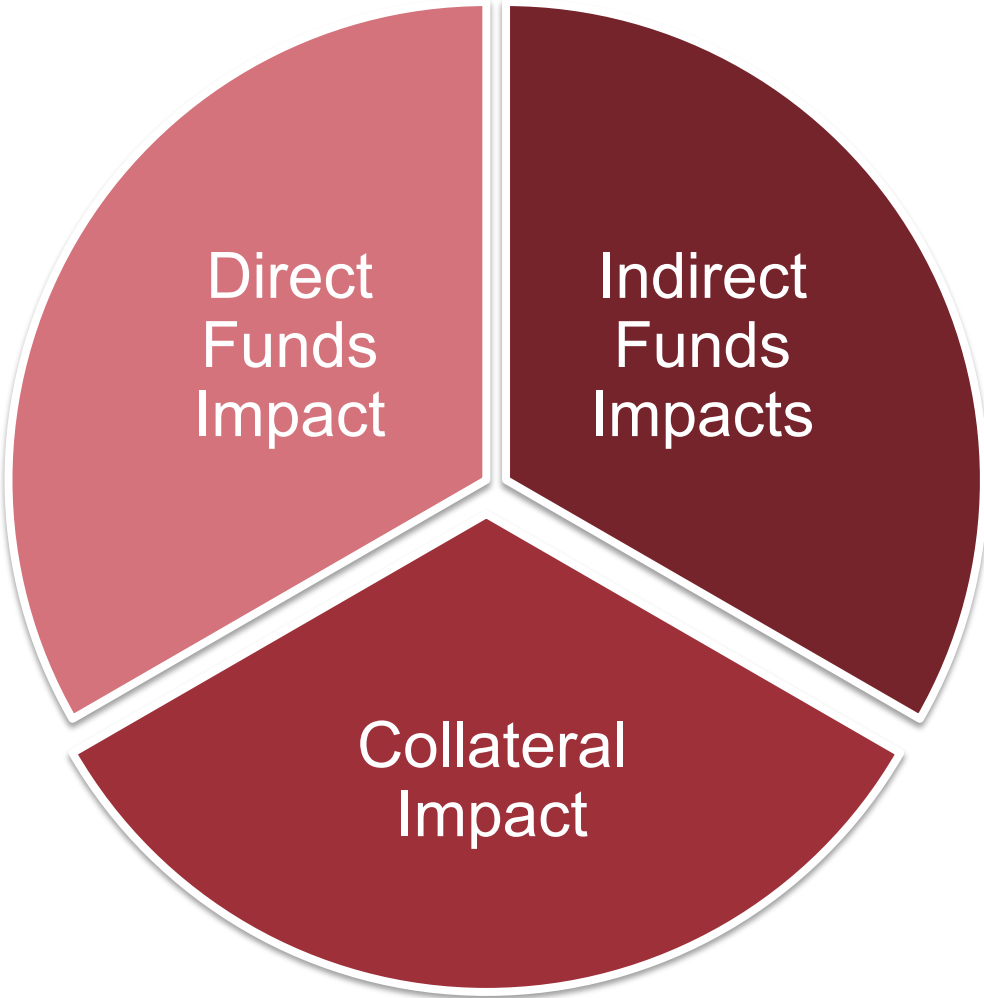
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# Background

- Time of unprecedented change.
- Nearly 30% of the counties budget relies on intergovernmental revenues, including critical federal and state grants.
- The rapid issuance of federal Executive Orders is directly impacting state and local government funding.
- Some of these orders are being challenged in court, while others are causing immediate work stoppages and disruptions to federal funding streams.

# Prism of Impacts



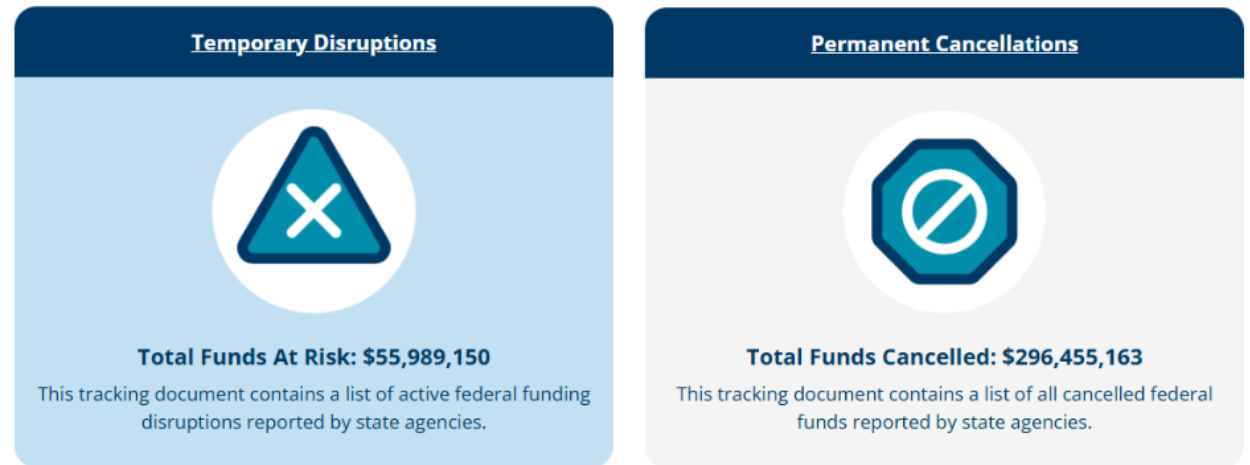
Type	What	Examples
Direct Funds	County investments	Public Health COVID Grant
Indirect Funds	Broader Ramsey County investments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transportation projects funding to state, cities, etc.</li><li>• Non-profits</li></ul>
Collateral	Effects to Ramsey County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reductions in federal staff impacting our services or services to residents</li><li>• Data elimination</li><li>• Demoralizing public service</li><li>• Trauma and harm to community</li></ul>

# Impacts to Minnesota

- Minnesota receives most of its revenue from general taxes, licenses, fees, and federal grants. Approximately 35% of the current state budget is comprised of federal grants totaling around \$42 billion, for the two-year budget.
- The current tracker has \$56.2 million of funds that the state is calling temporary disruptions, as reported by state agencies.
- For the cancelled list, Minnesota Management and Budget (MMB) is tracking \$299.5 million in cancelled federal funds by state agencies.

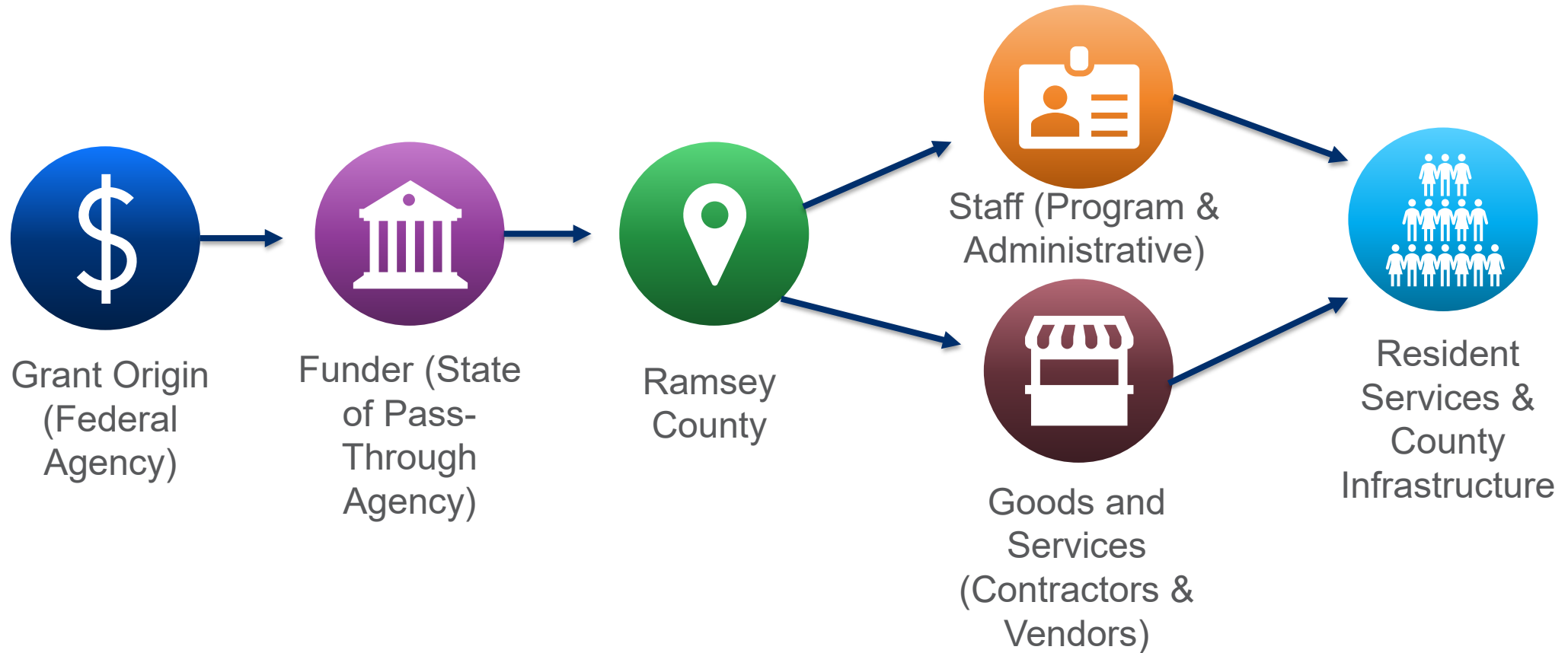
## Federal Funding Cuts

This week, Governor Walz announced [a new dashboard Minnesotans can use to track disruptions and cancellations of federal funding](#) and their impact on services available to Minnesotans. Federal disruptions and cuts so far include grants to track measles and avian influenza, provide heating assistance, and mitigate flooding.



Despite court orders prohibiting the federal government from freezing many funding streams, [disruptions to federal funds](#) have continued. Some disruptions are short-lived. Other grants and awards are abruptly canceled altogether, resulting in layoffs and fewer services for Minnesotans.

# Federal Grant Lifecycle





# Federal Response Action Team



- **Proactive Monitoring** – Strengthening the counties ability to track and anticipate federal developments.
- **Cross-Department Coordination** – Structured approach for key departments to assess federal actions collectively and ensure countywide alignment.
- **Timely Decision-Making** – Establishing clear processes for analyzing impacts, making informed decisions, and implementing necessary changes efficiently.

# Ramsey County – Federal Awards

The data in this presentation represents a point in time, current grants to include FY25. Data was pulled from Aspen on 2/10/2025. Some awards are one-year term, some are multi-year grants.

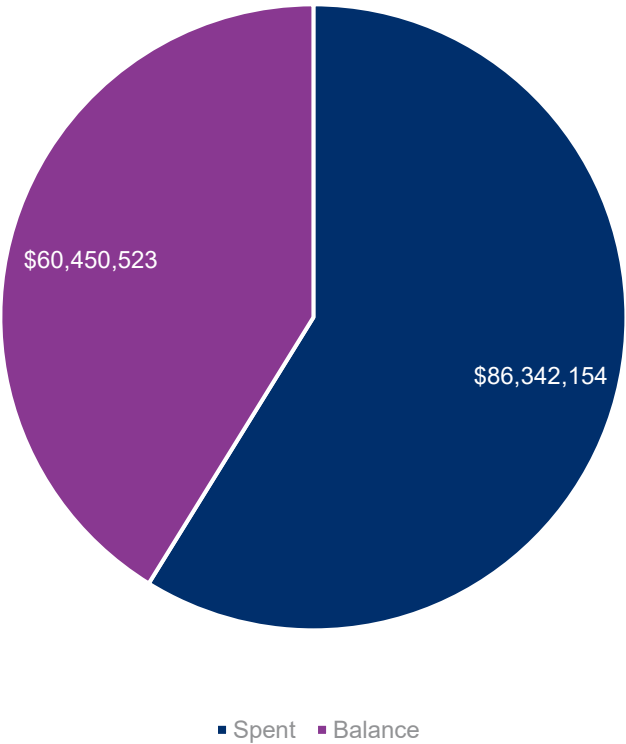
96 Active Grants

\$146,792,677



# Current Status of Awards

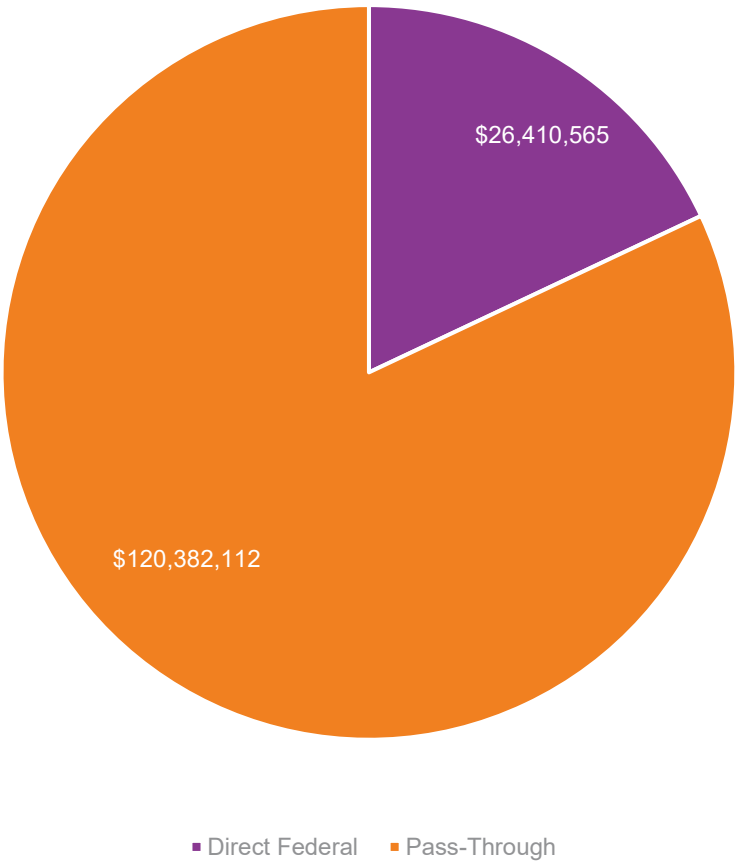
Federal Funds FY25: \$146,792,677



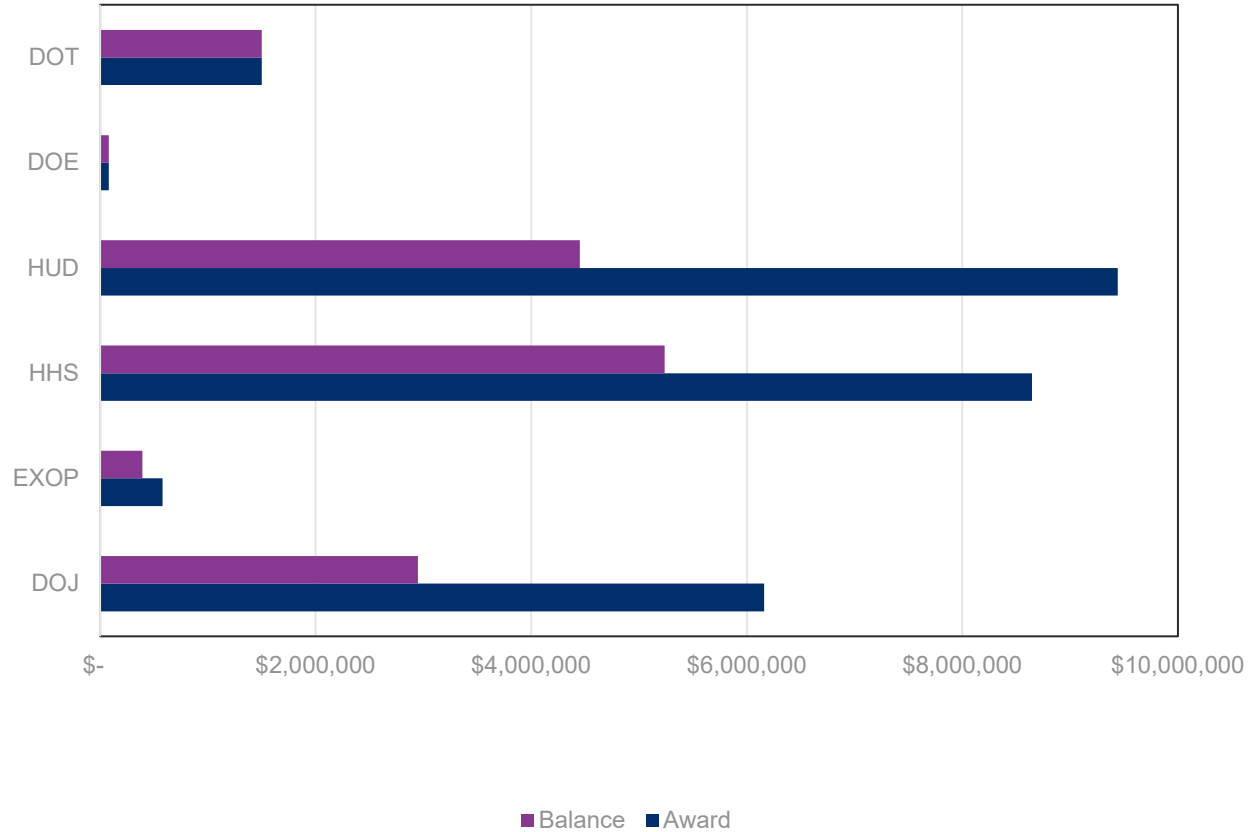
Looking at total award, what the county has spent, and what remains in current awards

## Direct and Pass-through Funds

Federal Funds FY25



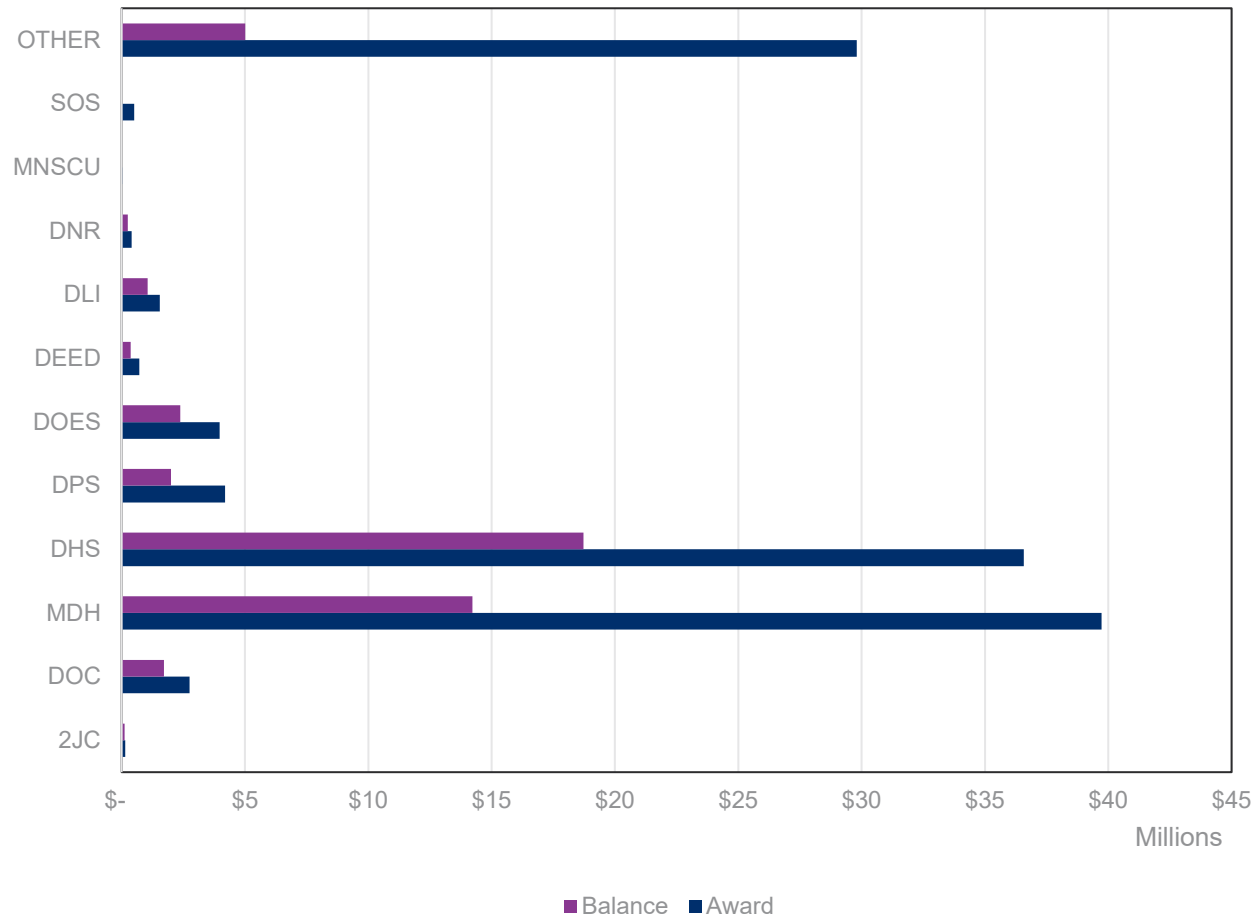
Direct Federal Awards by Agency FY25



## Sources of Direct Awards

- DOT – U.S Treasury Department
- DOE – U.S Department of Energy
- HUD – Housing & Urban Development
- HHS – Health & Human Services
- EXOP – Executive Office of the President
- DOJ – U.S. Department of Justice

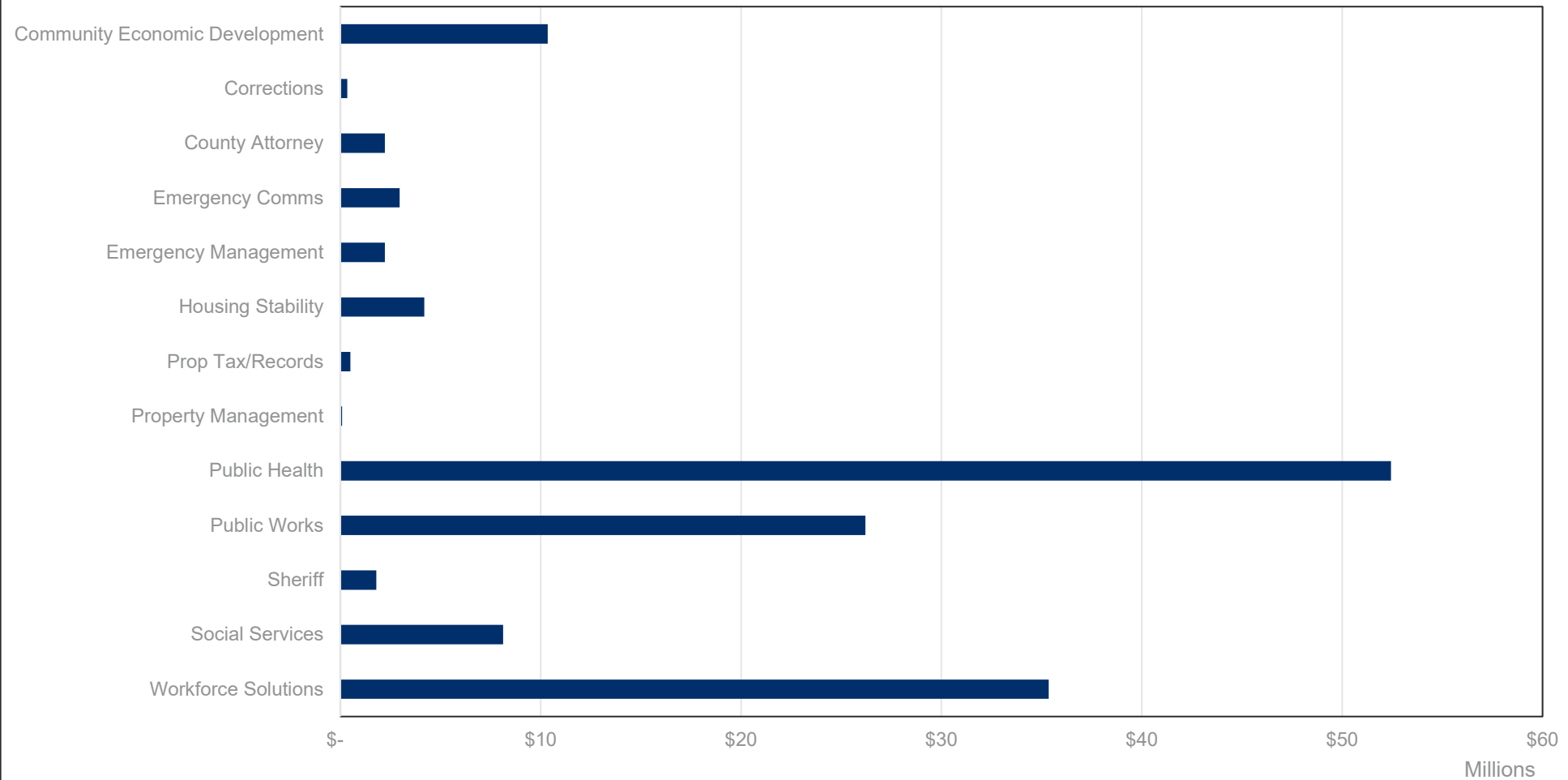
Pass-Through Awards FY25



## Pass-Through Agencies

- Other
- SOS – Secretary of State
- MNSCU – MN State Colleges and Universities
- DNR – MN Department of Natural Resources
- DLI – MN Department of Labor & Industry
- DEED – MN Department of Employment & Economic Development
- DOES – MN Department of Economic Security
- DPS – MN Department of Public Safety
- DHS – MN Department of Human Services
- MDH – MN Department of Health
- DOC – MN Department of Corrections
- 2JC – 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Court

## Funds by Department



## Economic Growth and Community Investment Service Team: \$76,183,524

Department	Award	Funding Sources
Community Economic Development	\$10,355,117	Entitlement grants (HUD) , formula grants, Entitlement (HOME consortium) – Dakota is lead
Housing Stability	\$4,187,692	HUD, DOJ, City of St. Paul
Parks & Rec		mostly MN DNR
Property Management	\$80,780	Dept. of Energy
Public Works	\$26,206,106	Capital Improvement Projects, Other Funding Sources
Workforce Solutions	\$35,353,829	MN DHS, MN Dept of Economic Security, MN Dept of Labor & Industry, MN DEED

## Health & Wellness Service Team: \$60,895,902

Department	Award	Funding Sources
Community Corrections	\$348,289	City of St. Paul, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Judicial Courts
Public Health	\$52,431,181	HUD, HHS, MDH, MN Dept of Corrections, MNSCU
Social Services	\$8,116,432	HHS, MN-DHS



# State Budget County Impacts – HHS Focus

- The Governor's budget, and to some extent the House and Senate Budget Bills, have significant cost shifts and county share increases.

Let's talk property tax impacts:



## Dakota

- \$11.5m in total shifts—\$10.5m disability waiver
- More than Library Collections, Park Services, Public Disease Control, Snow/Ice control budgets combined
- ▶ **7% levy increase**



## Anoka

- \$8m increase in property tax shifts
- \$2.1m MSOP shift, \$5m in disability waiver shift
- **5% increase to levy on these HHS shifts alone**



## Beltrami

- \$2.5m increase in HHS shifts
- **9% increase in levy**
- County has highest tax rate in MN

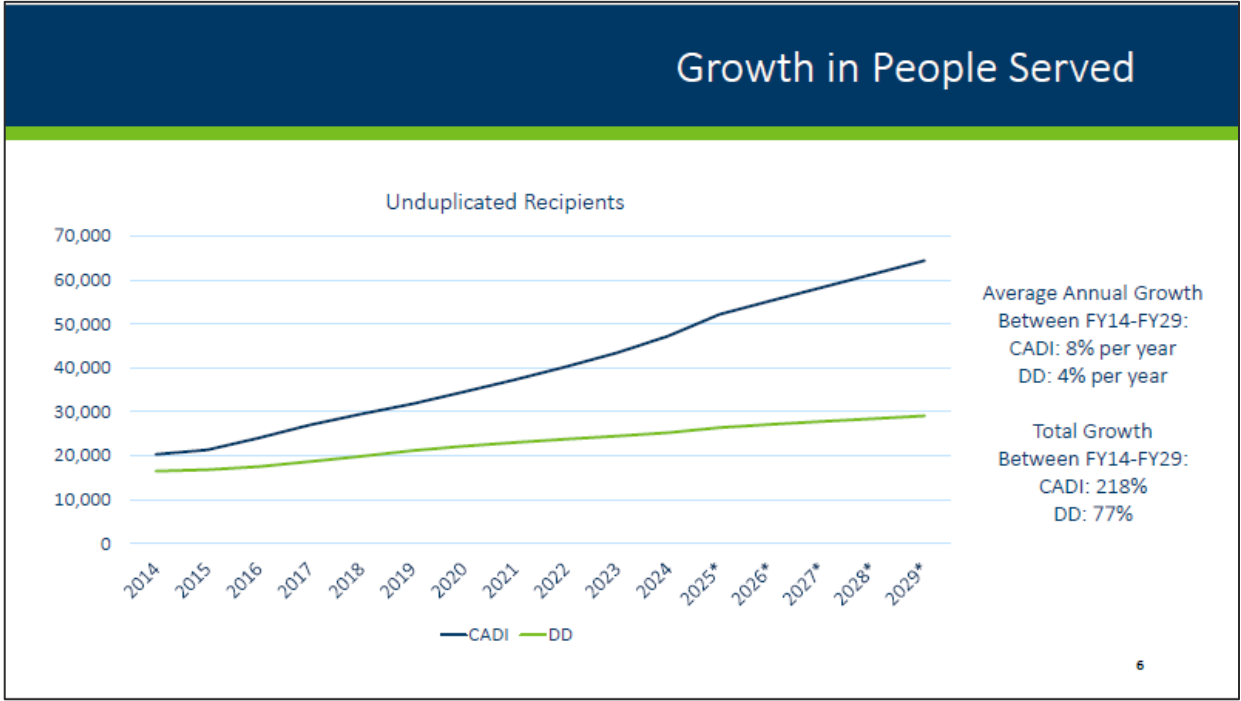
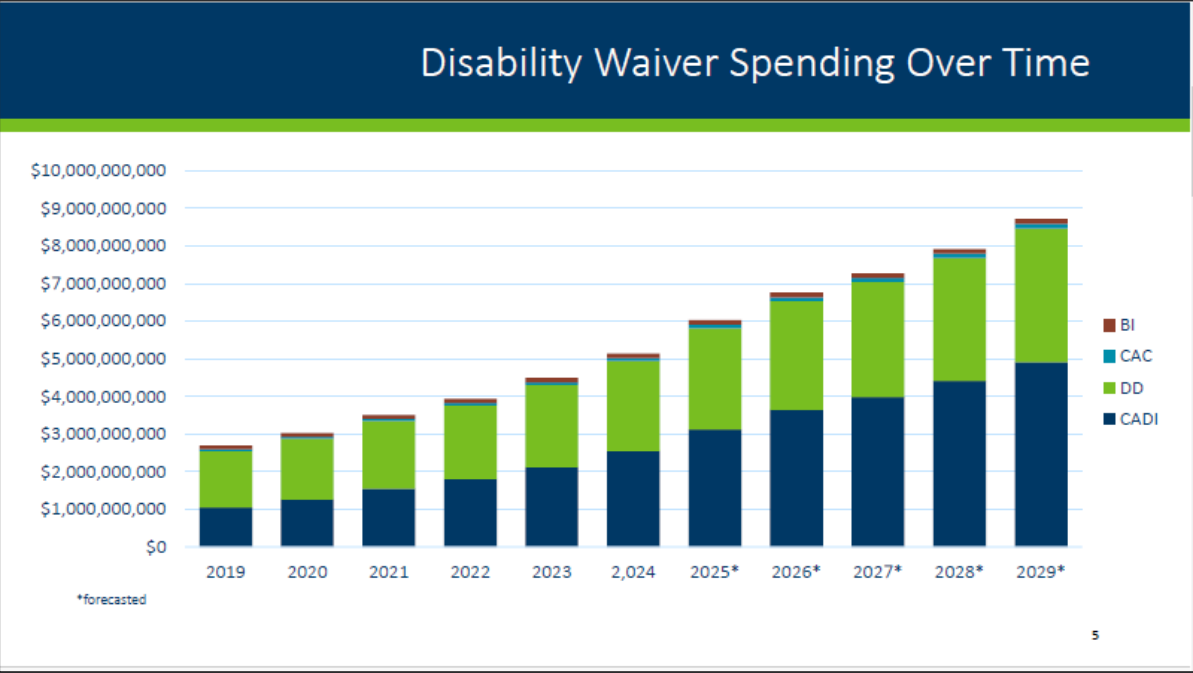


## Ramsey

- \$13m impact in disability waivers in '27
- \$1.7m/year MSOP shift
- \$1.1m shift from Behavioral Health Fund
- \$1.4m/year increase in competency restoration
- TOTAL \$17.8m, 4.7% levy increase**



# Biggest Impact to Counties - Disability Waiver Services



- Increased costs and people served
- Removed waiver caps in 2015
- Waiver Reimagine is yet to be implemented

# State Budget - Working Together for Better Outcomes

- Workgroup with AMC, MACSSA, County staff and County elected officials from across the state, DHS staff.
- Focused on the Disability Waiver Programs.
- Regular meetings to share ideas with a focus on solutions.
  - How do we bend the curve as a state without shifting the burden to property taxes?
  - Focus on the residents we serve.
- Continue the work together beyond session.

# Supporting the Organization

- Model calm, steady leadership.
- Acknowledge the reality of working in ambiguity and normalize discomfort.
- Recognize the stress and uncertainty.
- Stay focused on the core values, mission, and shared goals.
- Centering core purpose - the work of the county work matters.



# Looking ahead

- Continue to monitor and ensure organizational readiness.
- Simultaneously acknowledge state budget tightening.
- Deepen commitments to county responsible services and build budget resiliency efforts.
- Leverage partnerships while supporting our partners.
- Share the Ramsey County story.
- Leadership connections with Governor's Office, Legislature, National Association of Counties, Association of Counties.

