

COUNTY EXECUTIVE'S 2012 BUDGET

DEPT: MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM

UNIT NO. 9700

FUND: General - 0001

BUDGET SUMMARY			
	2010 Actual	2011 Budget	2012 Budget
Property Tax Levy Contribution to Milwaukee Public Museum	\$ 3,502,376	\$ 3,502,376	\$ 3,502,376

MISSION

The mission of MPM is to educate, explore, discover and preserve the world and its people. The Milwaukee Public Museum (MPM) is an educational and research institution that focuses on the natural sciences, anthropology and history. Beginning in 2007, MPM opened a planetarium and included astronomy in its program offering.

MPM preserves and cares for its collections in the public trust. Through its research and collections, the Museum seeks knowledge and understanding of global change and diversity from geological, biological, cultural and historical perspectives. MPM interprets these themes to diverse audiences through its exhibits, programs and publications.

MPM's mission is best accomplished through the coordinated use of its public exhibits, research capabilities, collections and educational programs.

OPERATING HISTORY

Milwaukee County acquired the MPM from the City of Milwaukee in 1976. In its 125 years as a public institution, the Museum has grown to be one of the leading natural history museums in the nation, providing a valuable educational opportunity to visitors. The private, not-for-profit organization MPM Inc. operates the museum and the County owns the buildings and artifacts. MPM is managed by an independent board of directors, which includes representatives appointed by the County Board and County Executive.

The MPM continues to host major international exhibitions annually. In the past several years the MPM has had the Mummies of the World, Titanic and Body Worlds exhibits. The MPM also operates an IMAX theater and Daniel M. Soref Planetarium to provide additional educational programming. Through its distance learning program, the museum provides remote educational programs to students throughout the region, the County and around the world.

On June 21, 2007, the County Board adopted Resolution (File No. 07-260), stating that Milwaukee County's contribution to MPM increases \$175,119, from \$3,327,257 in 2007 to \$3,502,376 in 2008, equivalent to the 2006 funding level per the approved Recovery Plan and Amendment 10 to the Lease and Management Agreement. For 2012, Milwaukee County's contribution to MPM remains at the \$3,502,376 funding level per the approved Recovery Plan and Amendment 10 to the Lease and Management Agreement. This amount is based on the funding agreement as stipulated in the amended Lease and Management Agreement, which states that annual funding is fixed for a 10-year period beginning January 1, 2008.

Budget Highlights

- The 2012 tax levy contribution remains at the 2011 level of \$3,502,376.