BUDGET SUMMARY

Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Recommended Budget	2025/2026 Variance
Expenditures					
Personnel Costs	193,158	282,603	238,979	231,106	(7,873)
Operations Costs	177,510	189,069	199,214	204,306	5,092
Debt & Depreciation	0	0	0	0	0
Interdepartmental Charges	0	0	0	0	0
Total Expenditures	**$370,668**	**$471,672**	**$438,193**	**$435,412**	**($2,781)**
Revenues					
Other Direct Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total Revenues	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**
Tax Levy	**$370,668**	**$471,672**	**$438,193**	**$435,412**	**($2,781)**
Personnel					
Full Time Pos (FTE)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00
Seasonal/Hourly/Pool	0	0	0	0	0

Department Mission:
The mission of the Office of Government Affairs is to represent Milwaukee County's interests before local, state, and federal governments. The Office works to build productive relationships with other governmental units, non-profit agencies, and private sector partners to identify and pursue opportunities to improve the quality of services and reduce costs to Milwaukee County taxpayers.

Department Vision:
The Office of Government Affairs includes two full-time positions who work to fulfill its mission of representing the County's interests while building partnerships across governmental jurisdictions.

The following contracts are included in the 2026 Budget in lieu of separate review and approval from the County Board during the fiscal year:

Vendor	Contract Description	Contract Amount
The Kammer Group	Professional Service Agreement for Legislative Consulting Services for the Office of Government Affairs (OGA) to provide legislative consulting services and assist with legislative advocacy efforts at the state level.	80,000.00

Strategic Program Area: Government Affairs

Service Provision: Discretionary

How We Do It: Program Budget Summary

Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2025/2026 Variance
Expenditures	370,668	471,672	438,193	435,412	(2,781)
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0
Tax Levy	370,668	471,672	438,193	435,412	(2,781)
Full Time Pos (FTE)	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	0.00

Strategic Overview:
The Office of Government Affairs seeks to represent Milwaukee County's interests by requesting increased state and federal funding for County services.

Strategic Implementation:
The funding provided supports two full-time positions to represent the County's interests before other units and levels of government. In the 2026 budget, funds are focused on supporting personnel costs and contractual services that support activities at the state and federal levels. The Office of Government Affairs, through its activities and in partnership with other county departments, has secured over $150M in funding for Milwaukee County over the last five years.

Specifically, the Milwaukee County Office of Government Affairs (OGA) has been the most successful local government in the state relative to the number of projects awarded funding through the Congressionally Directed Spending process. In collaboration with other departments, OGA secured the most significant funding increase for Milwaukee County in decades by implementing an additional local option sales tax and increased shared revenue payments, both of which will continue to grow with increased economic activity.

Additionally, OGA enabled Milwaukee County to retain a significant revenue-generating cultural asset while securing a higher percentage of local sales tax revenues and eliminating legacy pension costs from the levy, allowing for greater investment in capital projects. The Office of Government Affairs funding will be utilized to continue efforts to secure additional state and federal funding for Milwaukee County.