

2026 ADOPTED BUDGET RECAP

The 2026 Adopted Budget:

- Closes a **\$46 million** shortfall, protects essential services, and strengthens the County's long-term financial stability, with departments identifying almost **\$20 million** in savings.
- Includes funding for Right to Counsel, Market Match, and the Birth to 3 Program which provides critical health services for young children.
- Directs remaining ARPA transit dollars and adds **\$4.8 million** to support the Milwaukee County Transit System (MCTS).
- Invests **\$108 million** in capital projects, including **\$15.8 million** for the Investing in Justice: Courthouse Complex project, along with improvements at the Zoo, Mitchell Park Domes, the jail, parks, and transportation infrastructure.



\$100K
for Right to
Counsel program



\$500K
for flexible
housing resources



\$5.2M
for Birth to 3
program



\$4.8M
for Transit
sustainability plan



\$300K
for MCTS transit
security program



\$150K
for Market Match
program



4.3%
increase in sales
tax revenue



\$20.9M
for Parks and
Culture projects



\$13.6M
for new Zoo Front
Entrance



\$1.5M
for corrective
actions relating to
the Jail Audit
including +10 FTE
Correctional
Officer positions



+\$1.1M
for MCO
overtime



\$15.8M
for Courthouse
Complex project

Tax Levy: +\$10.4M (3.5% Increase)