



2026

Agriculture & Environment Services

Council Budget Presentation

November 24, 2025



Operations Services Division



Agriculture & Environment Services



Engineering



Road Maintenance & Drainage



Public Works



Agriculture & Environment Services

Department Overview

Description

The Agriculture and Environment Services Department delivers programs to foster the well-being of the environment and agricultural industry in Parkland County through policy and practice that advocates for, enhances, and protects agricultural land and environmental function.

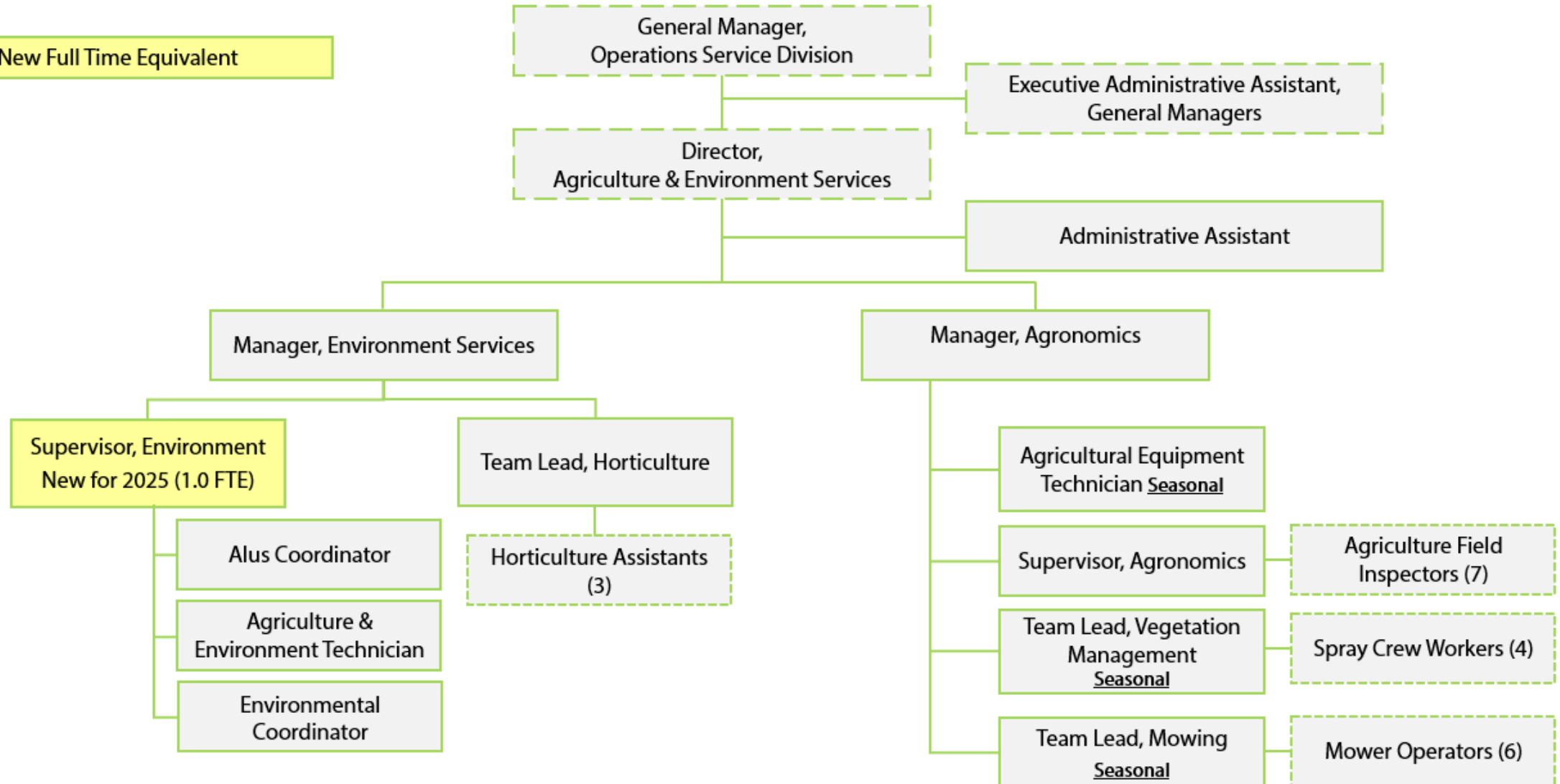
Services

- Environment Services
- Agricultural Operations
- Agronomics



Organizational Chart

New Full Time Equivalent





Future Planning



OPPORTUNITIES

- Opportunities to celebrate agriculture and recognize farm families
- Ongoing advocacy with the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) and utilizing other committees and partnerships to advance the department's work
- Ongoing participation in Alternative Land Use Services (ALUS) program
- New enabling standards for natural assets (including Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB) recognition)
- Wetland Replacement Memorandum of Understanding
- Implementation of the Nature Policy Framework
- Tri-municipal collaboration with the Town of Stony Plain, and City of Spruce Grove
- Changes to climate mitigation and adaptation programming
- Ongoing grant funding



Future Planning

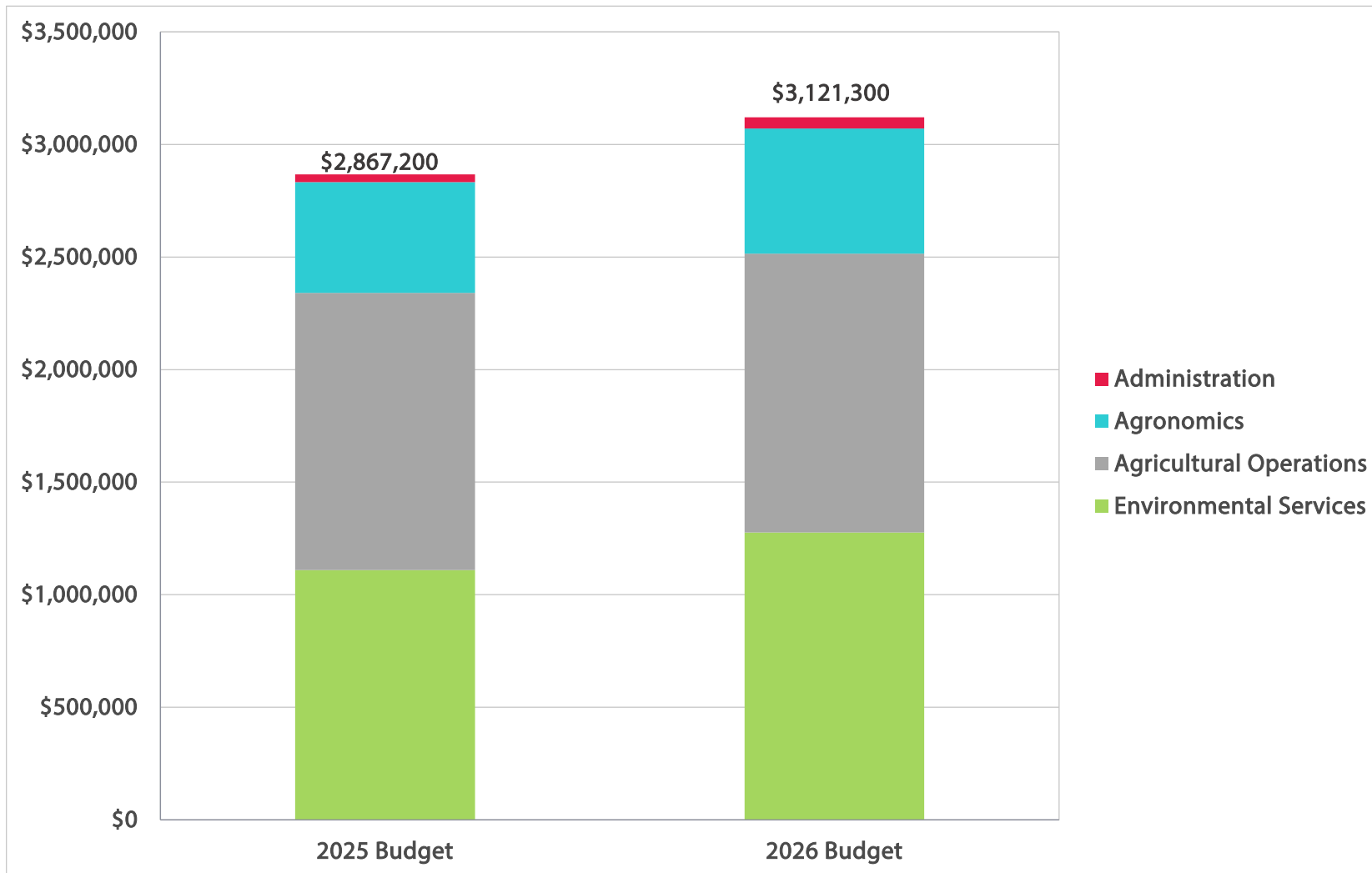


POTENTIAL RISKS

- Election impacts (federal, provincial, municipal and US)
- Resident buy-in to policy changes and initiatives
- Changes to legislation and regulations
- Reduced future grant funding opportunities
- Increased public expectations - higher service level expectations
- Development pressures, new infrastructure and smaller parcels challenging efforts to protect natural areas and prime agricultural land
- Investment in tourism - puts pressure on natural systems
- Impacts of climate change on service levels and quality of life
- Public awareness of agriculture

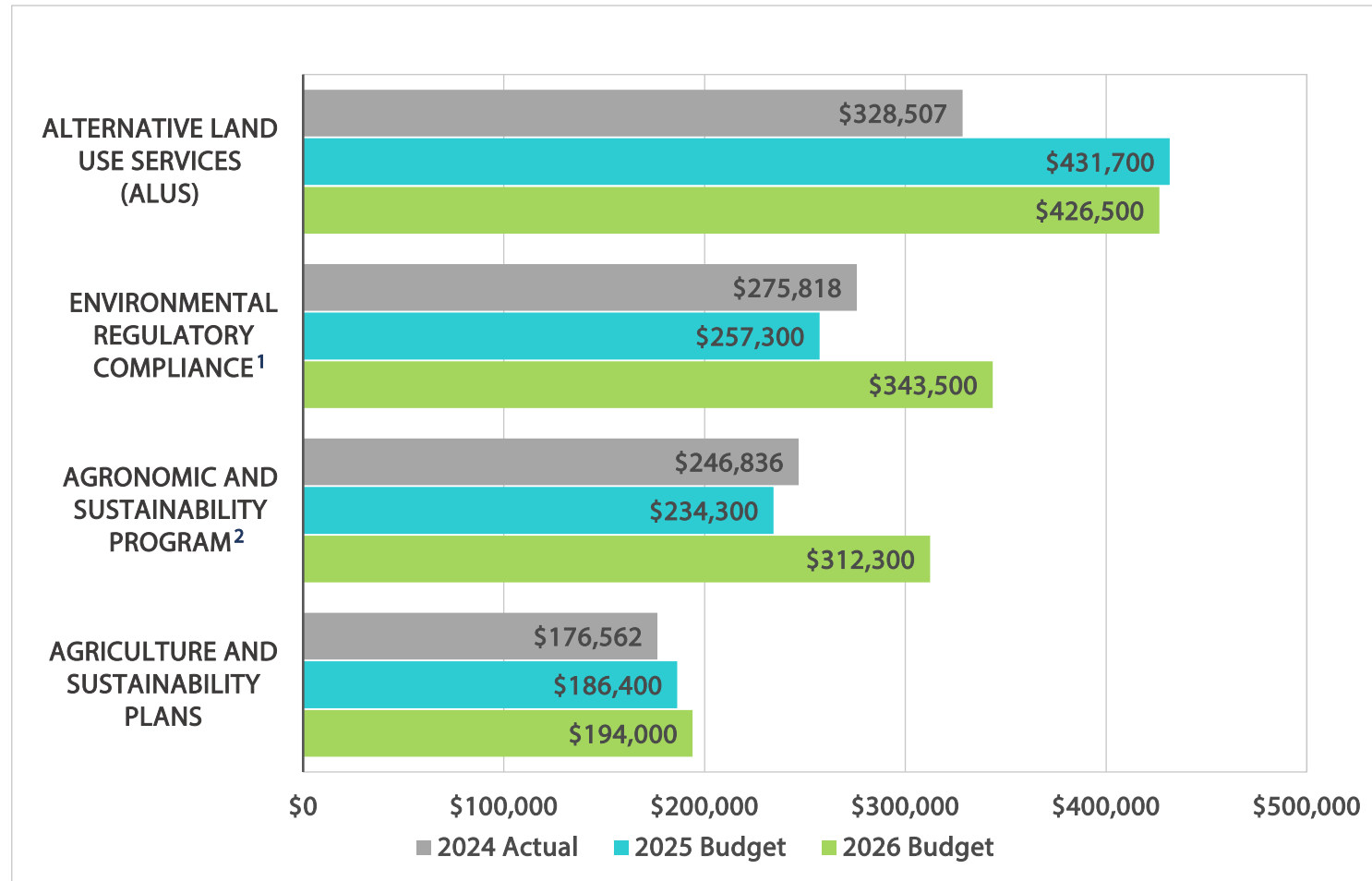


Budgeted Services Expenditures





2026 Environmental Services Budget Expenditure

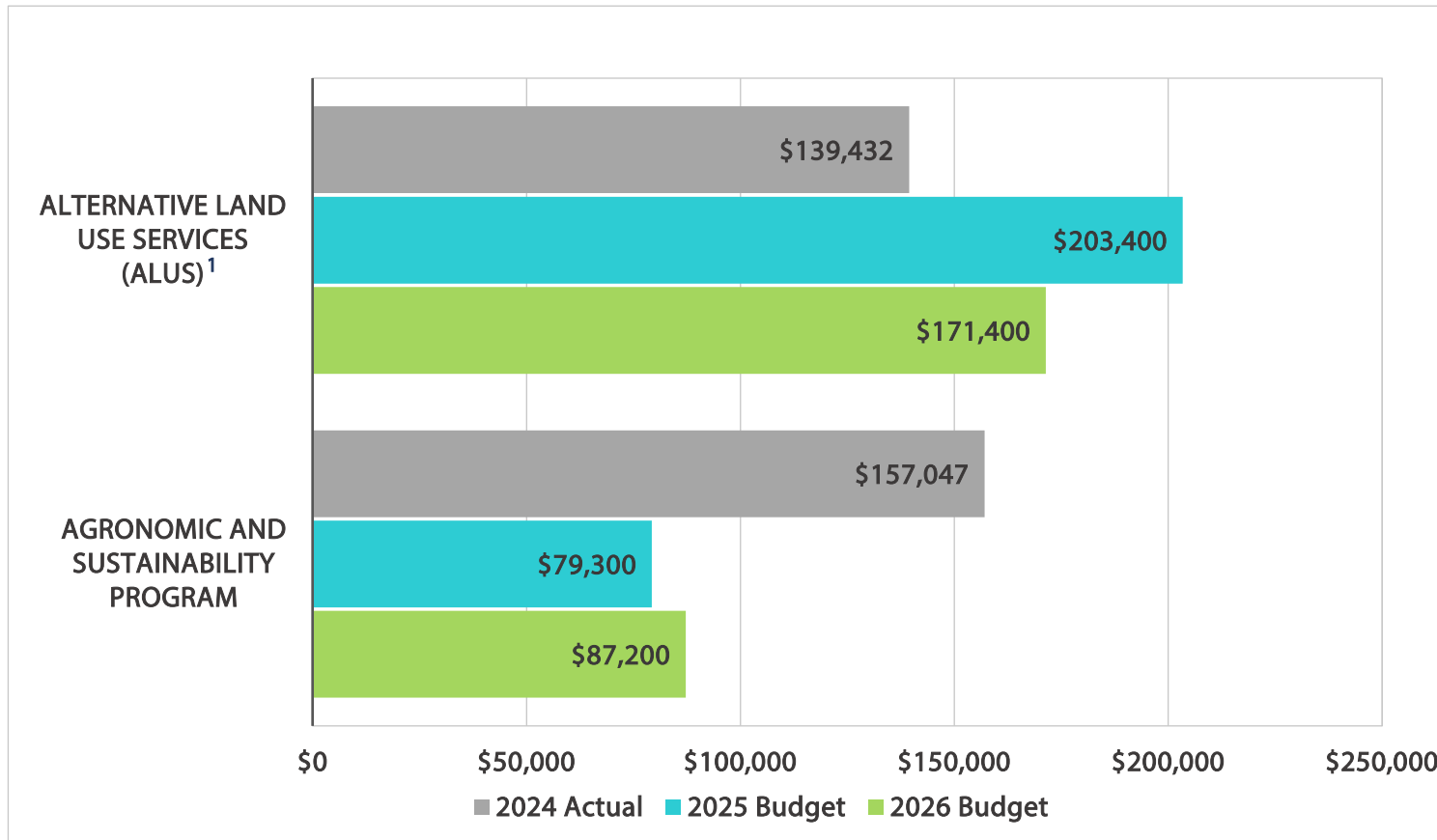


OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to the addition of the Supervisor, Environment position and payroll adjustments
2. Increase due to payroll adjustments, increase to casual hours offset by Agriculture Service Board grant revenue



2026 Environmental Services Budget Revenue



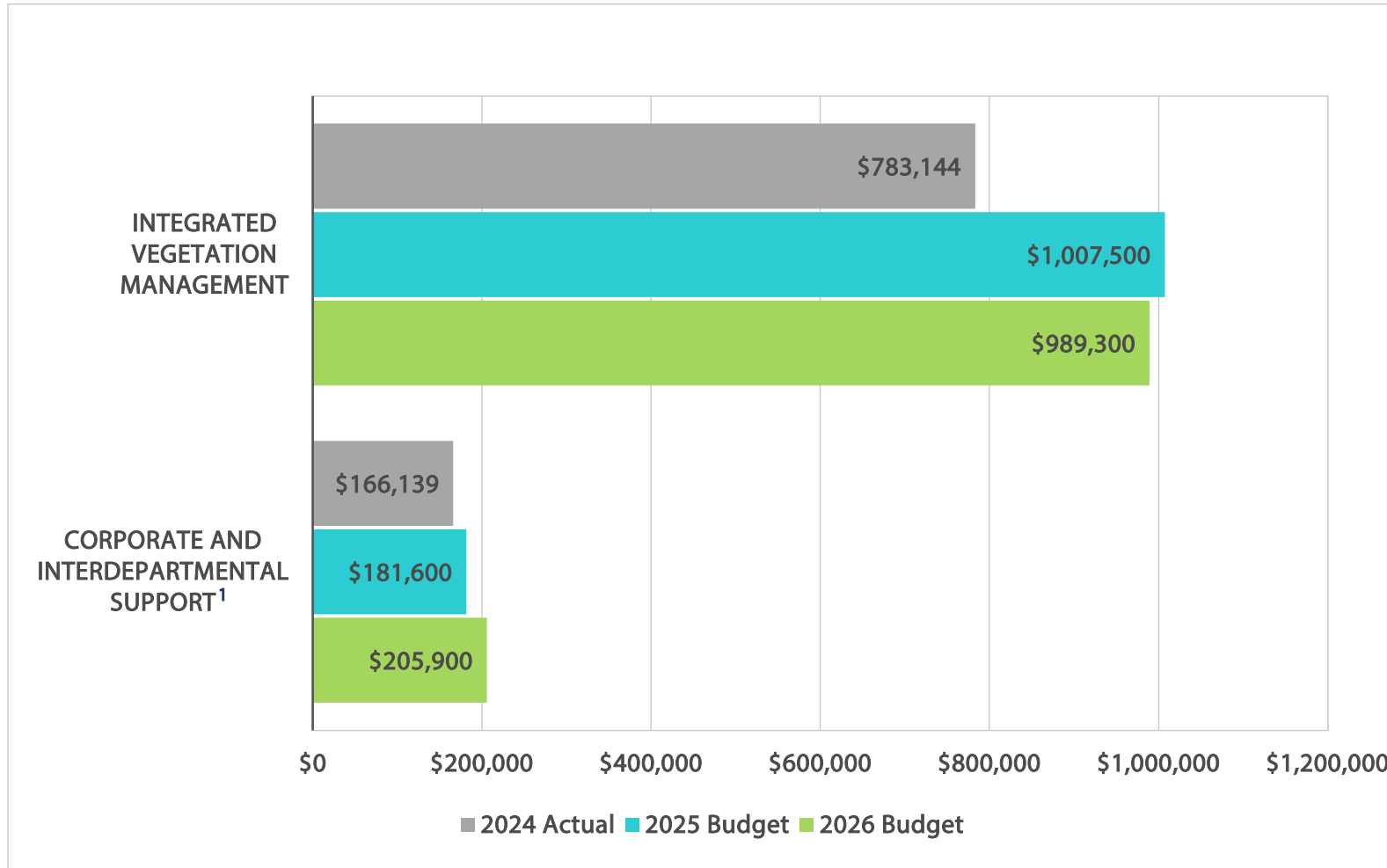
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OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Decrease is mainly due to decrease in ALUS funding



2026 Agricultural Operations Budget Expenditure



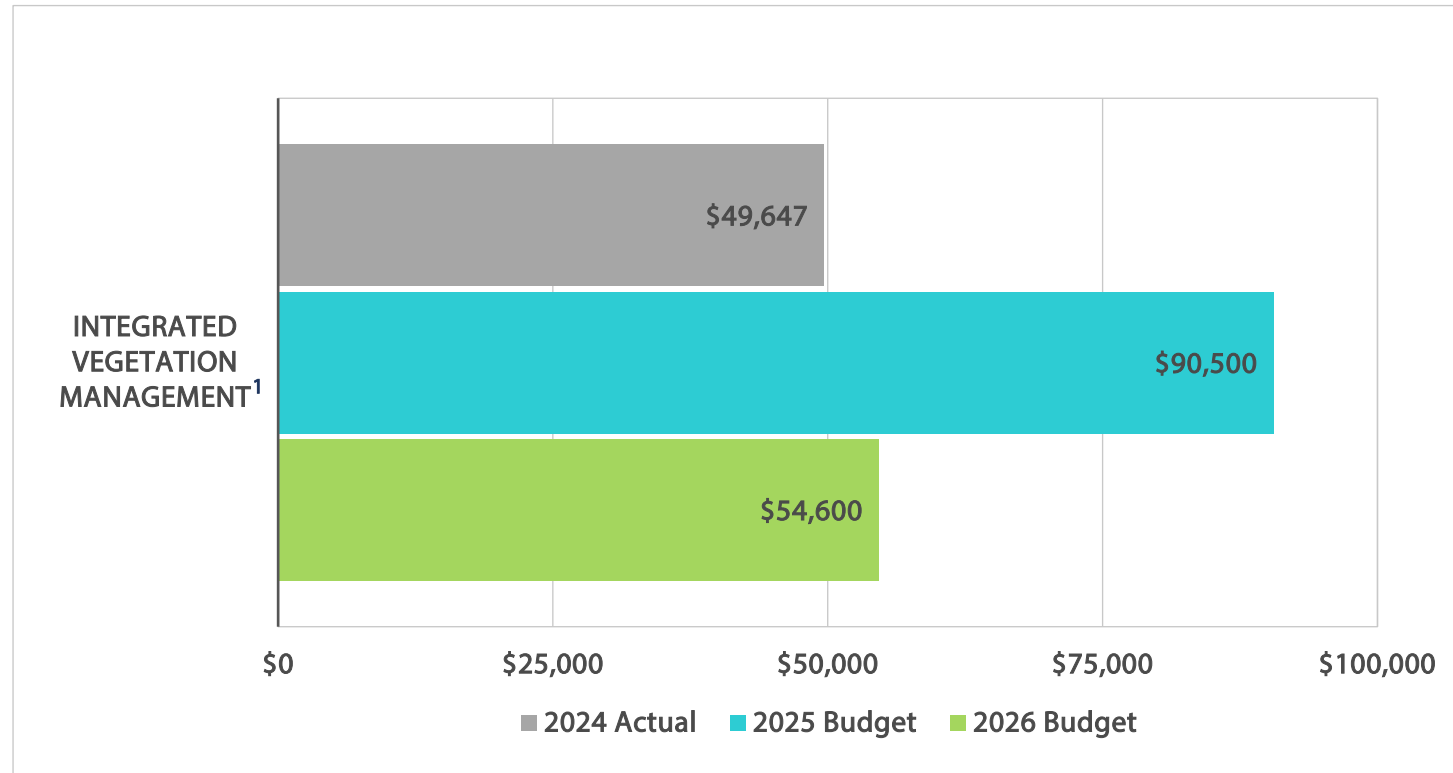
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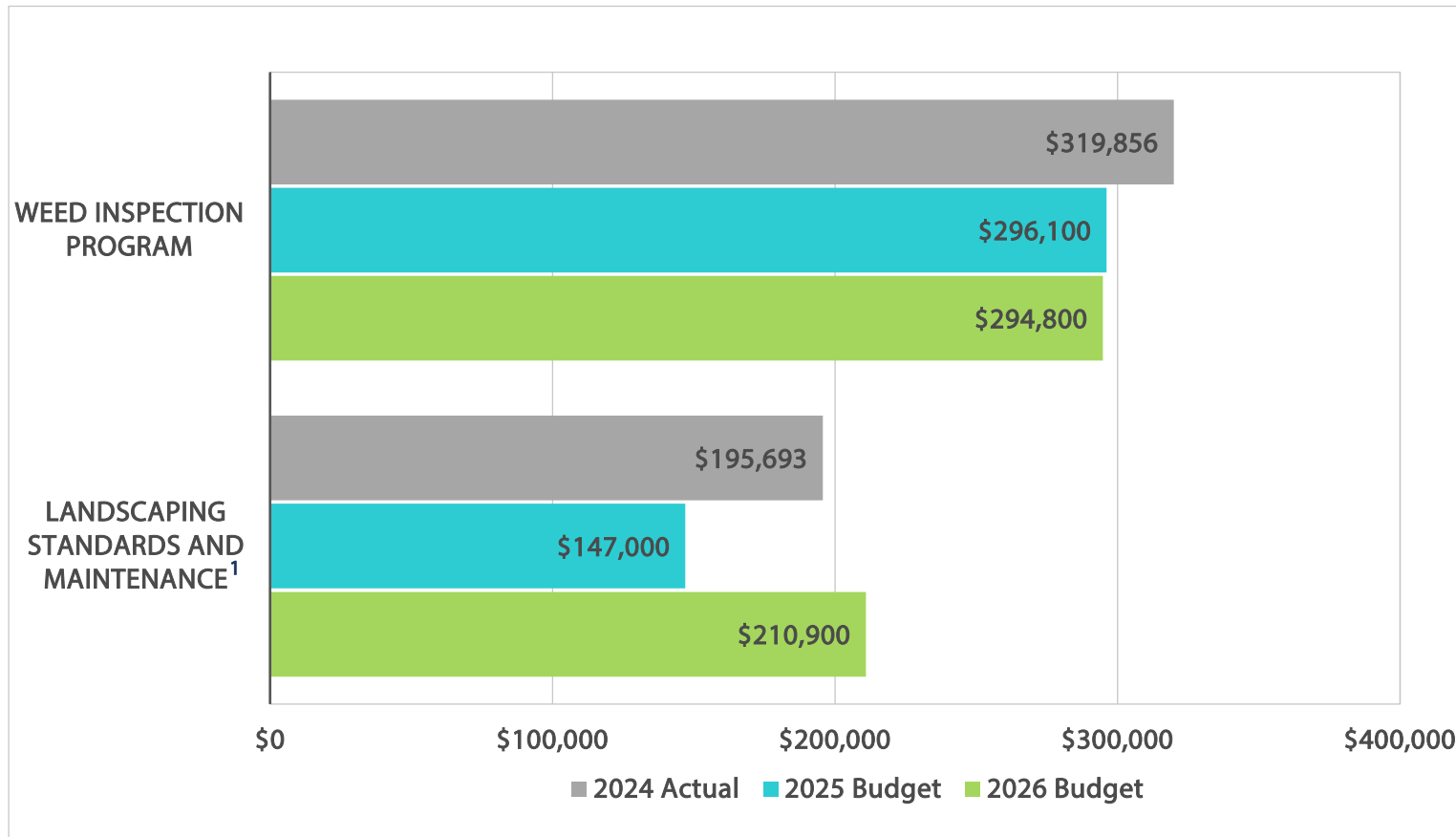
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OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Decrease due to Agricultural Service Board funding program reallocation



2026 Agronomics Budget Expenditure



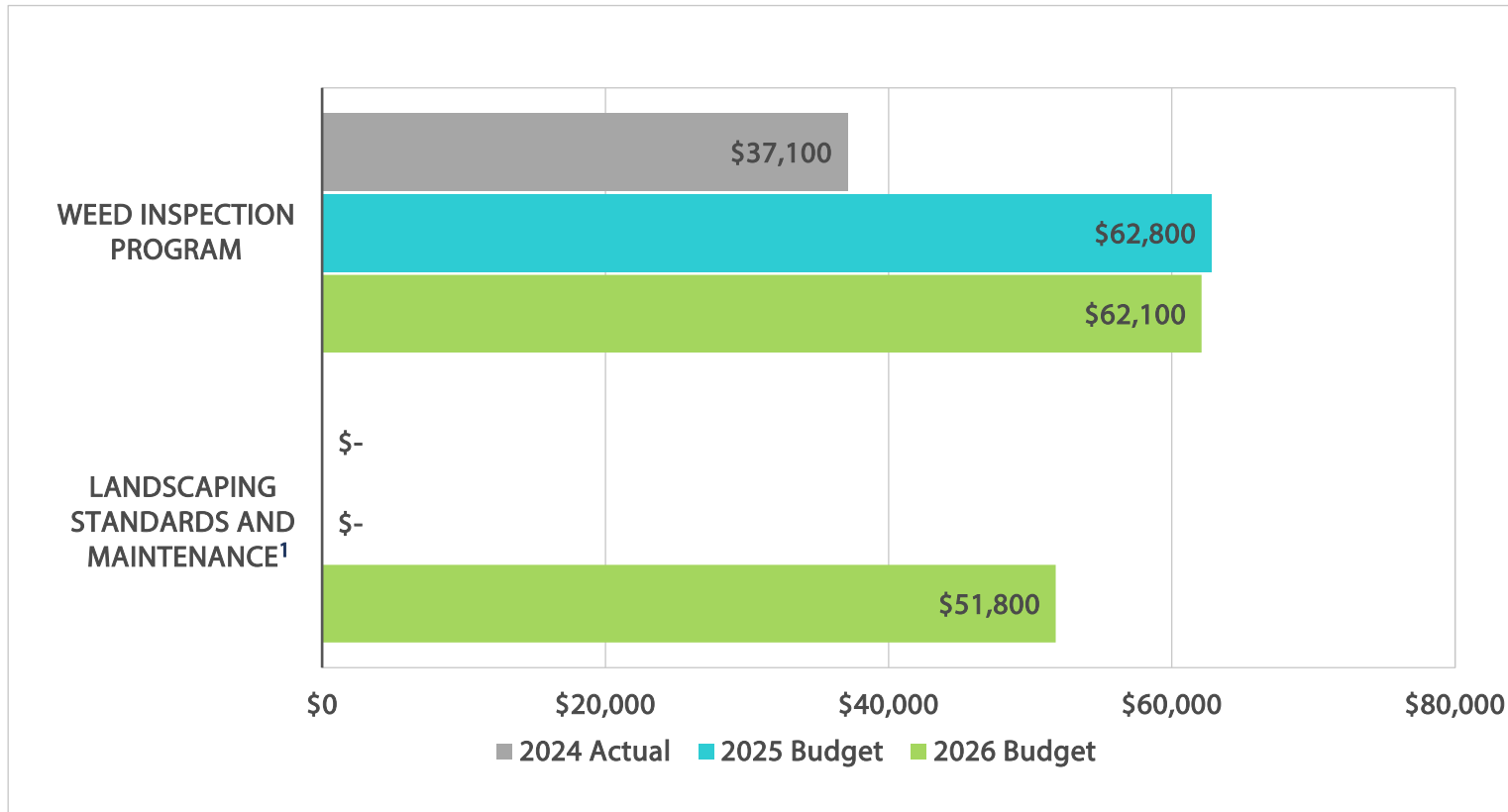
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OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to the payroll adjustments



2026 Agronomics Budget Revenue



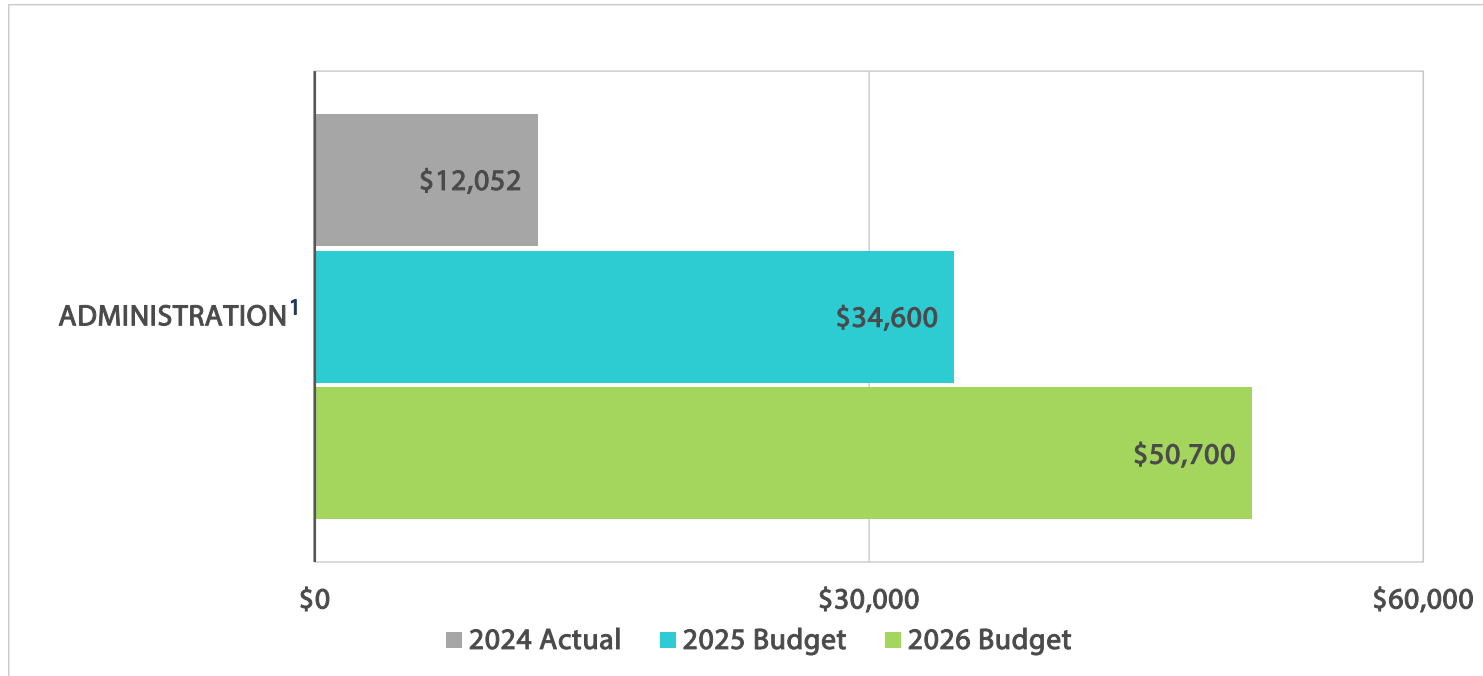
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2026 Administration Budget

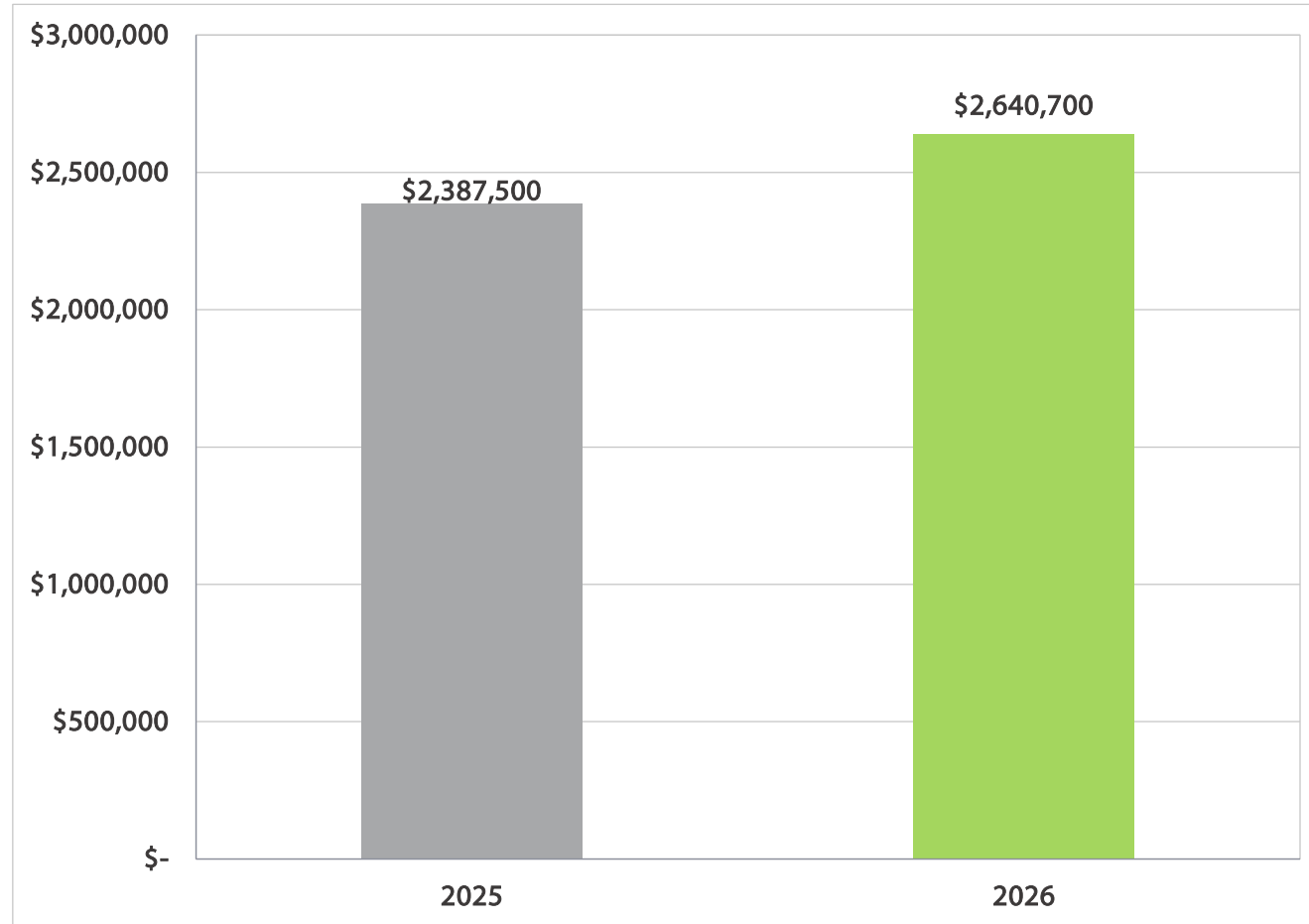


OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to the learning and development budget reallocation



Operating Program Change



Net Base Change = \$253,200



Operating Projects 2026 - \$632,500



Complete Communities

- No projects



Strategic Economic Diversification

- No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

- Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan RFD 25-116
- Facilities Energy Management Plan RFD 24-177
- Natural Asset Management RFD 24-177
- Nature Policy Framework Implementation
- Climate Adaptation Plan RFD 24-177



Responsible Leadership

- Asset Retirement Obligation (ARO) Environmental Assessments
- County Services Building (CSB) Salt Interceptor Trench Groundwater Well Network Upgrades
- Environmental Audit Implementation



Capital Projects 2026 - \$45,000



Complete Communities

- Chemical Storage Building



Strategic Economic Diversification

- No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

- No projects



Responsible Leadership

- Gooseneck Trailer Purchase

Questions?

