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Fire Services

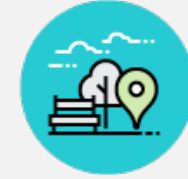
Council Budget

Presentation

November 25, 2025



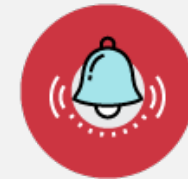
Community & Development Services Division



Community Services



Enforcement Services



Fire Services



Planning & Development Services



Fire Services

Department Overview

Description

The Fire Services department is dedicated to ensuring the safety of residents, businesses and visitors throughout the region. Serving a population of nearly 34,000 people across 2,300 square kilometers including smaller municipalities, the Fire Services department enhances public safety by providing comprehensive emergency services, conducts fire code inspections, fire permitting, disaster preparedness and response training, fire origin and cause investigation, and public education programs for residents of all demographics.

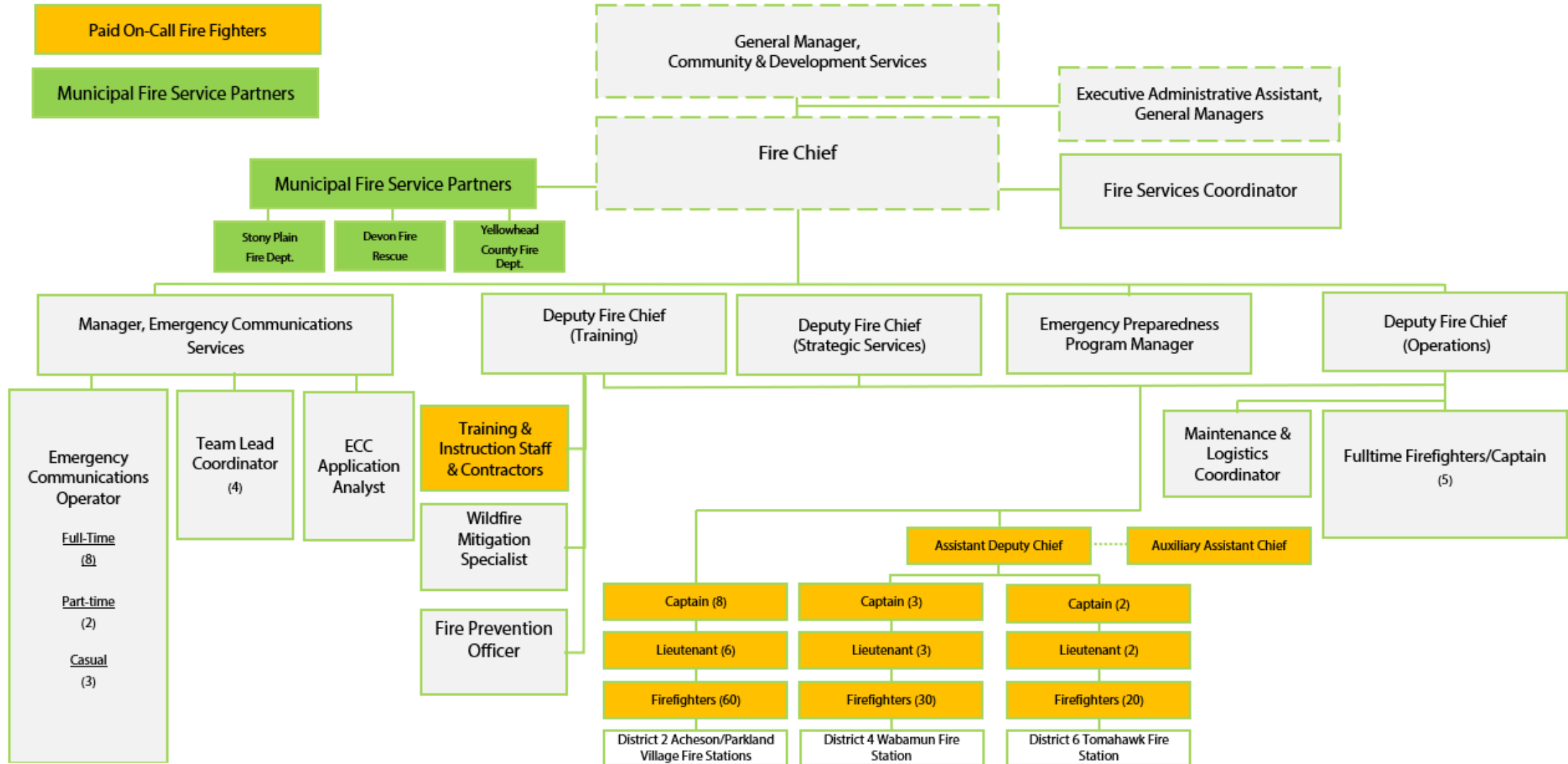
Fire Services also includes the Emergency Communications Center. The accredited center contracts its services of 911 call answer, fire dispatching and enforcement services dispatching to neighboring municipalities

Services

- Emergency Communication Center
- Fire Operations
- Fire Training
- Life Safety
- Emergency Management



Organizational Chart





Future Planning



OPPORTUNITIES

- Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation creating new opportunity for expanded customer base
- Opportunity to define service levels across the County
- Enhance and strengthen regional service agreements for fire services
- Expand coverage times
- Continue regional collaboration for shared services



Future Planning

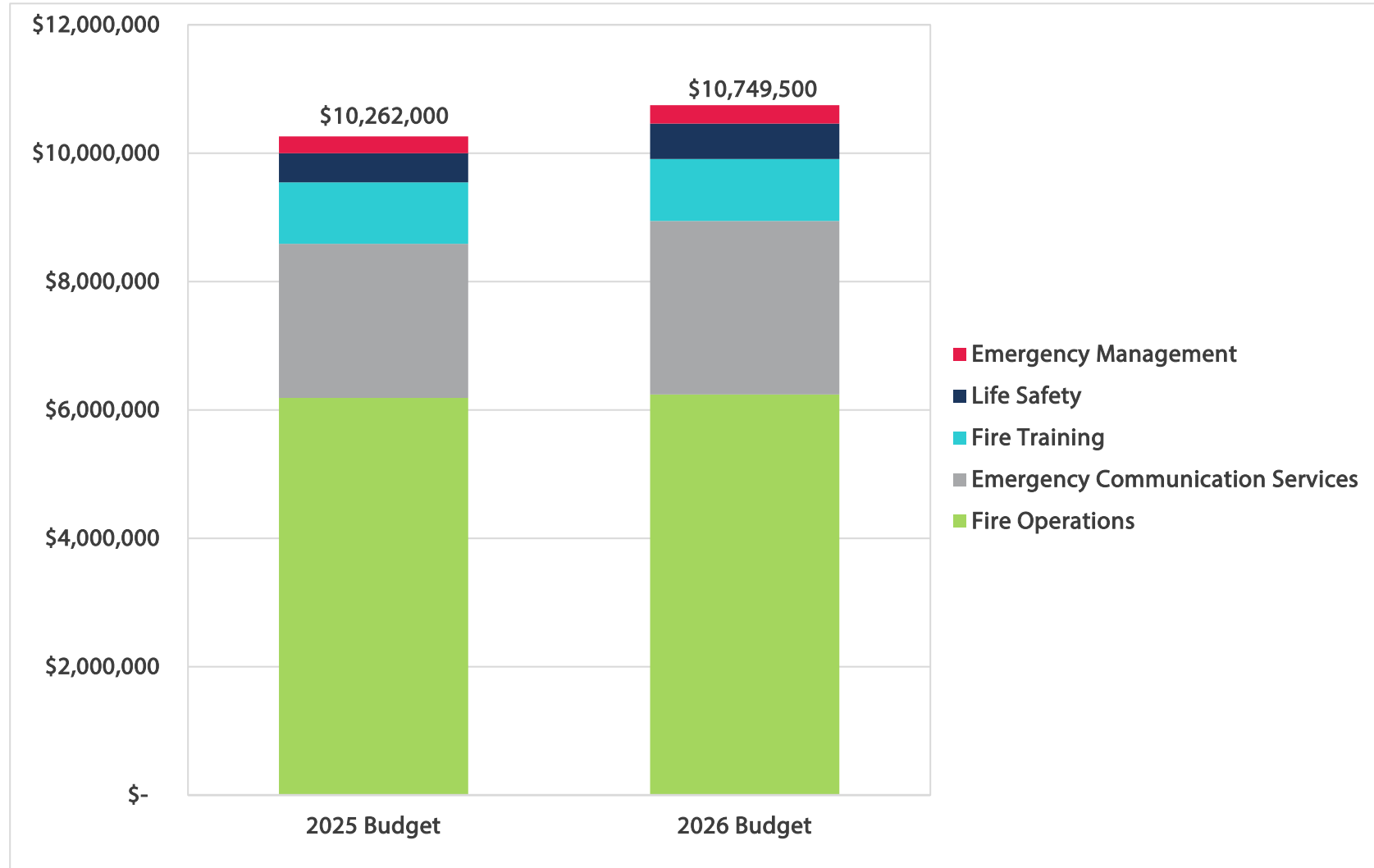


POTENTIAL RISKS

- Increased response times
- Increased call volumes (population growth, fire security systems)
- Increasing equipment costs
- Technology challenges in maintaining cybersecurity for 9-1-1
- Environmental factors and changing weather patterns

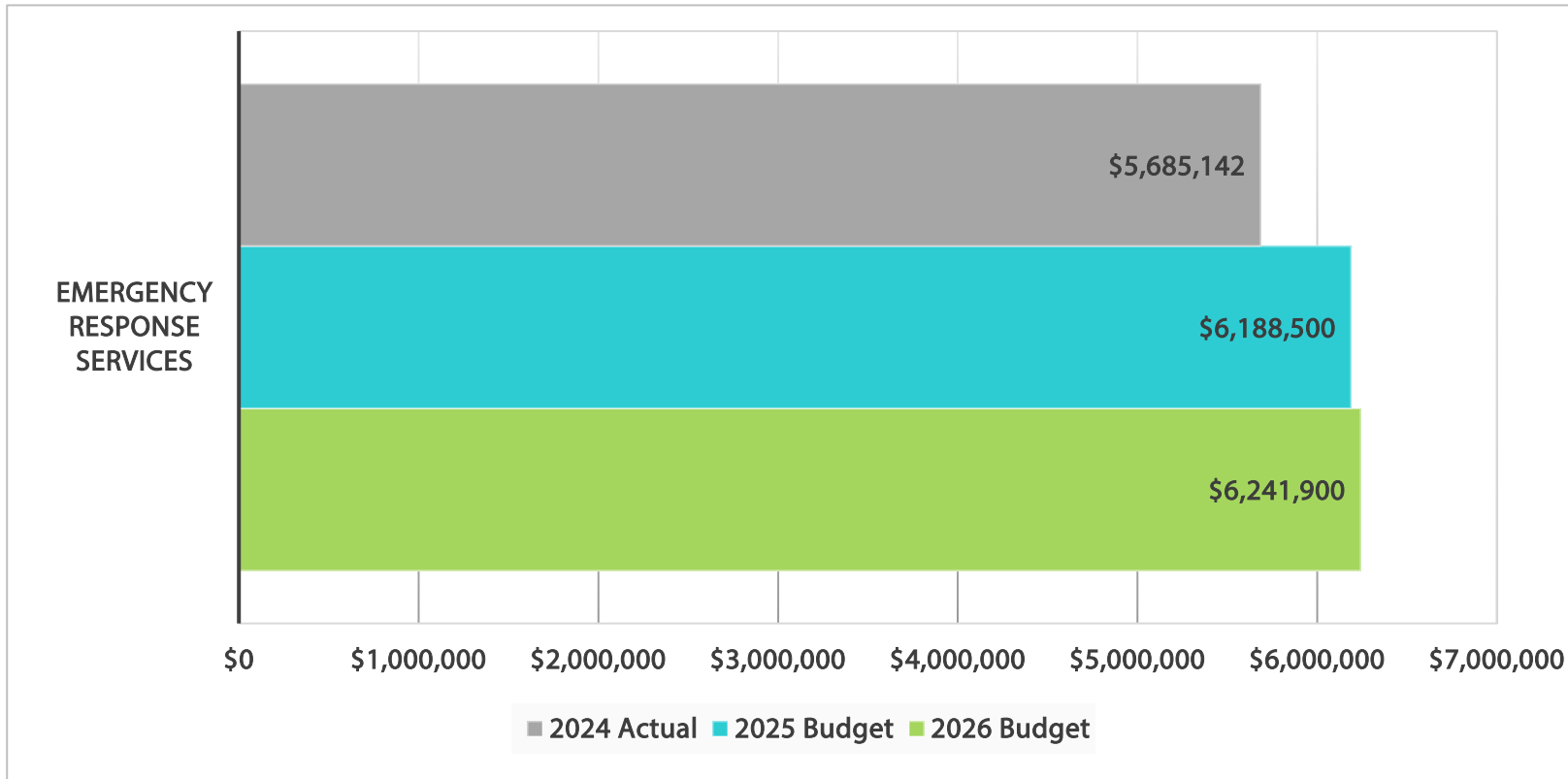


Budgeted Services Expenditures





2026 Fire Operations Budget Expenditure

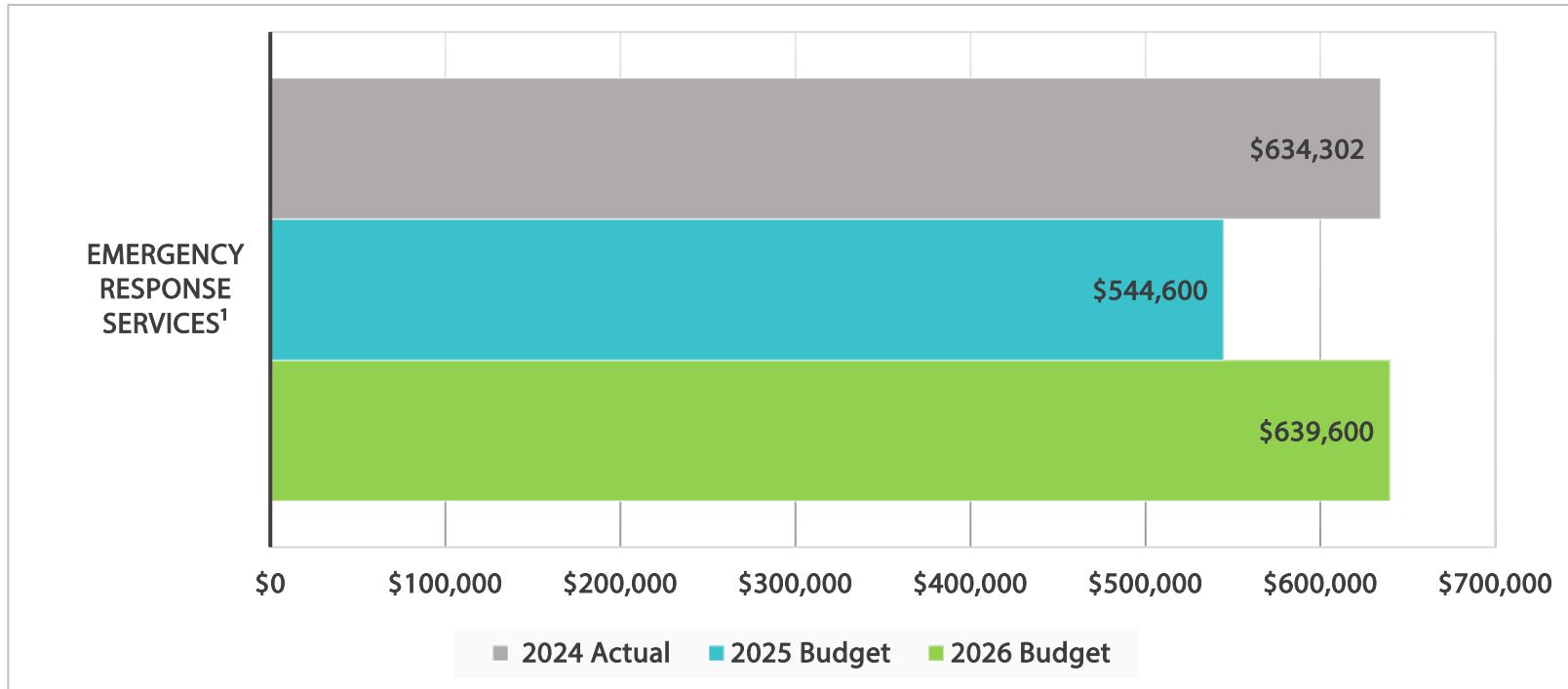


OVERALL COMMENTS

- No significant variances



2026 Fire Operations Budget Revenue

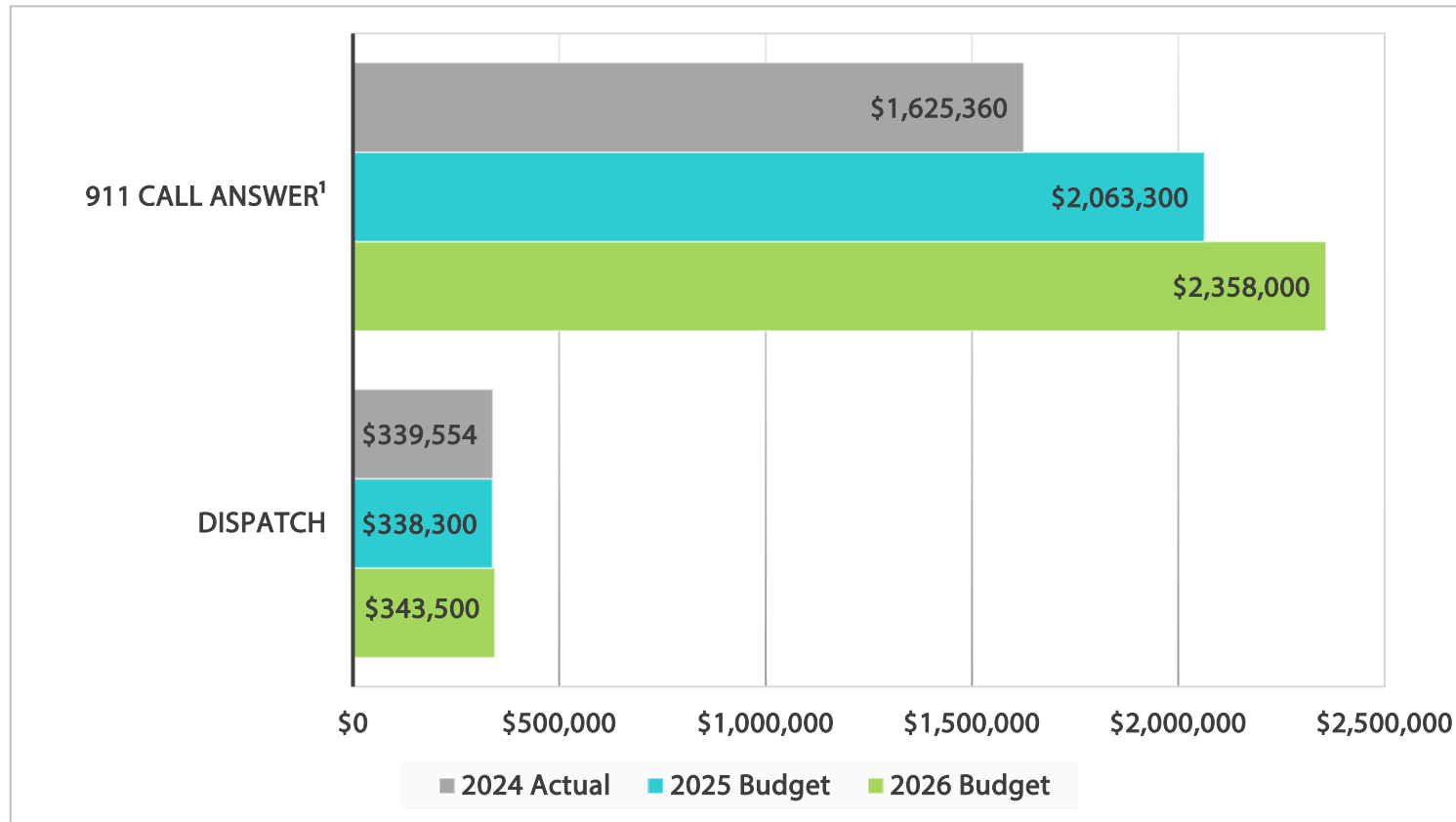


OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to Fire Response Cost Recovery Policy, and increased revenue from attending incidents on highways to reflect historical trend



2026 Emergency Communications Services Budget Expenditure

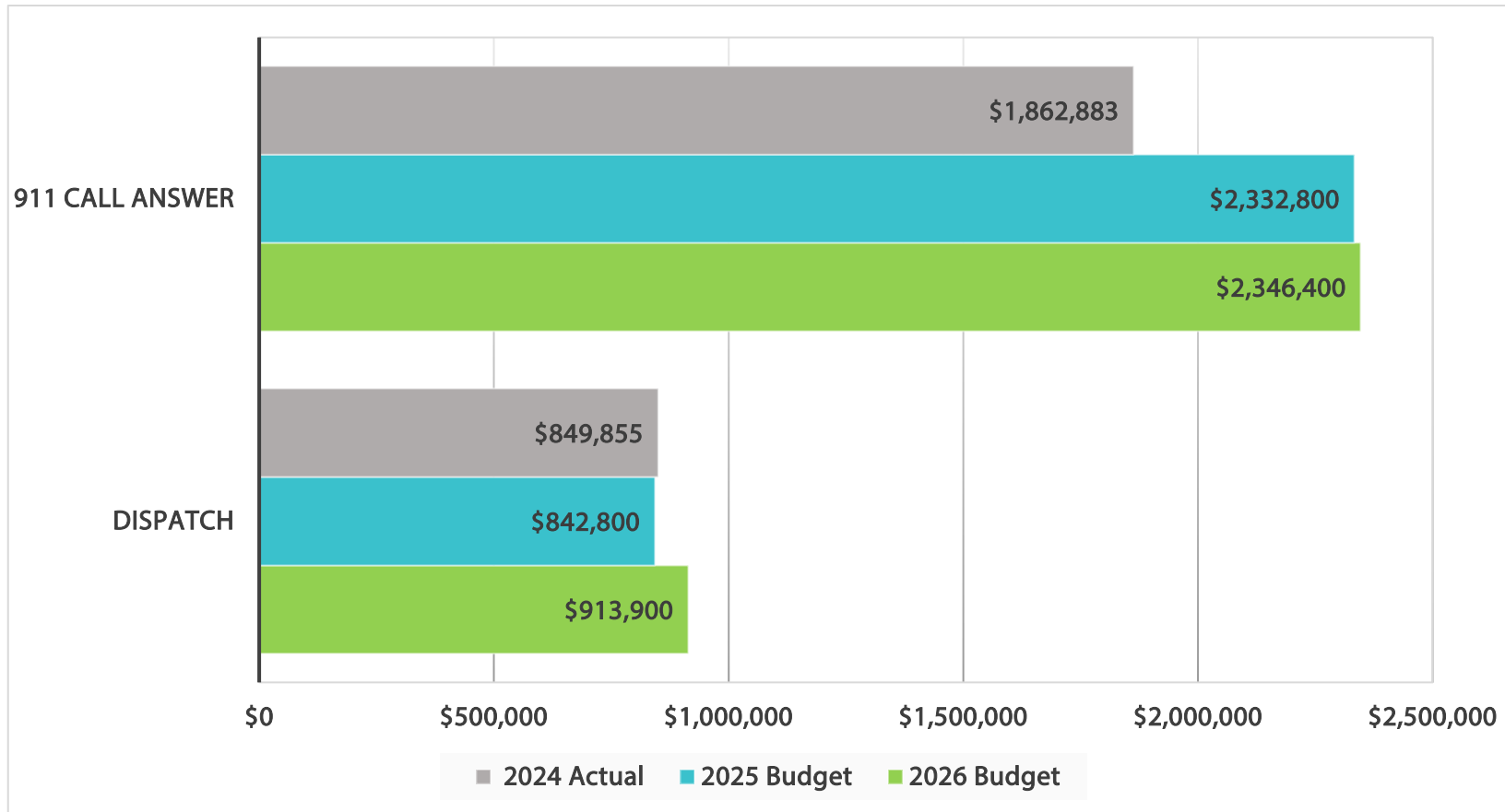


OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to additional CAD Software maintenance and payroll adjustments



2026 Emergency Communications Services Budget Revenue

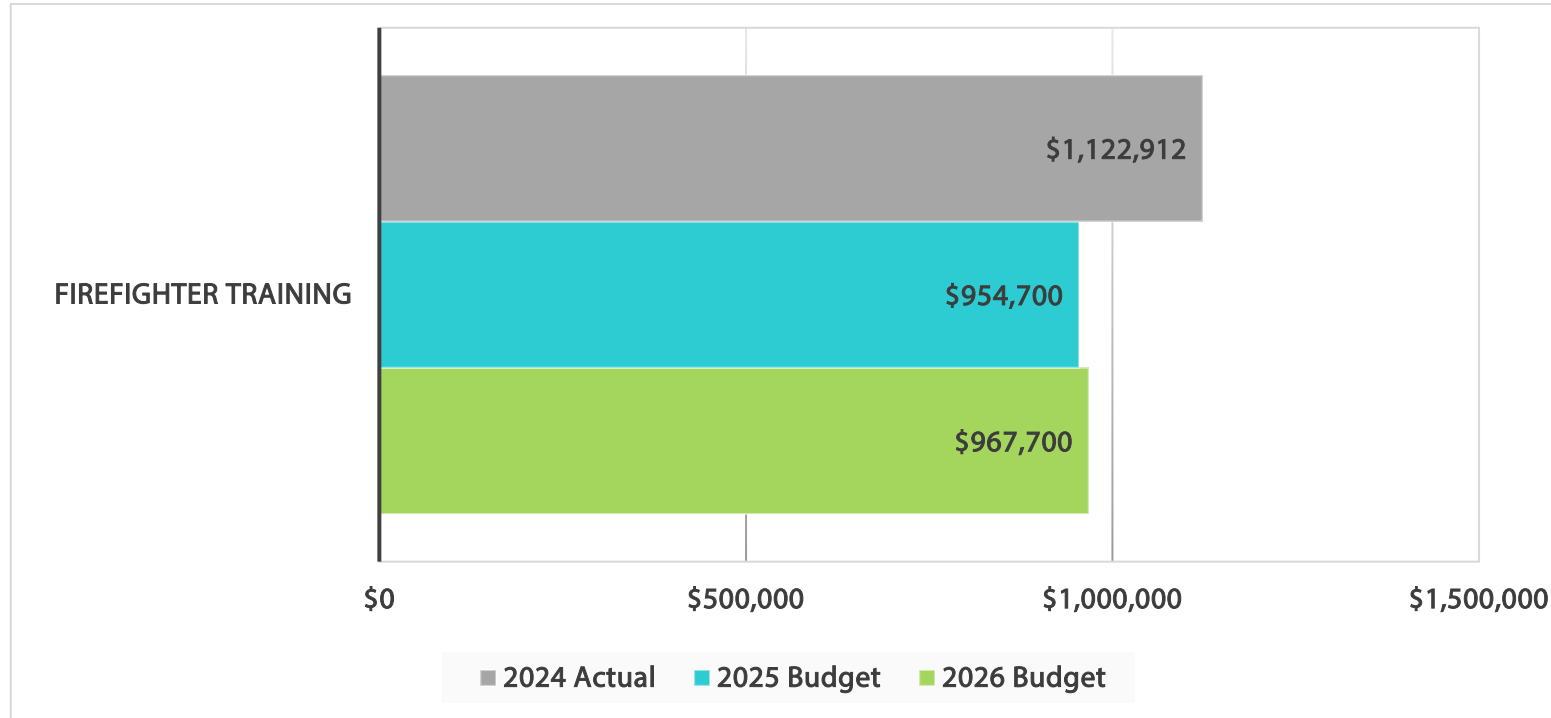


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2026 Fire Training Budget Expenditure

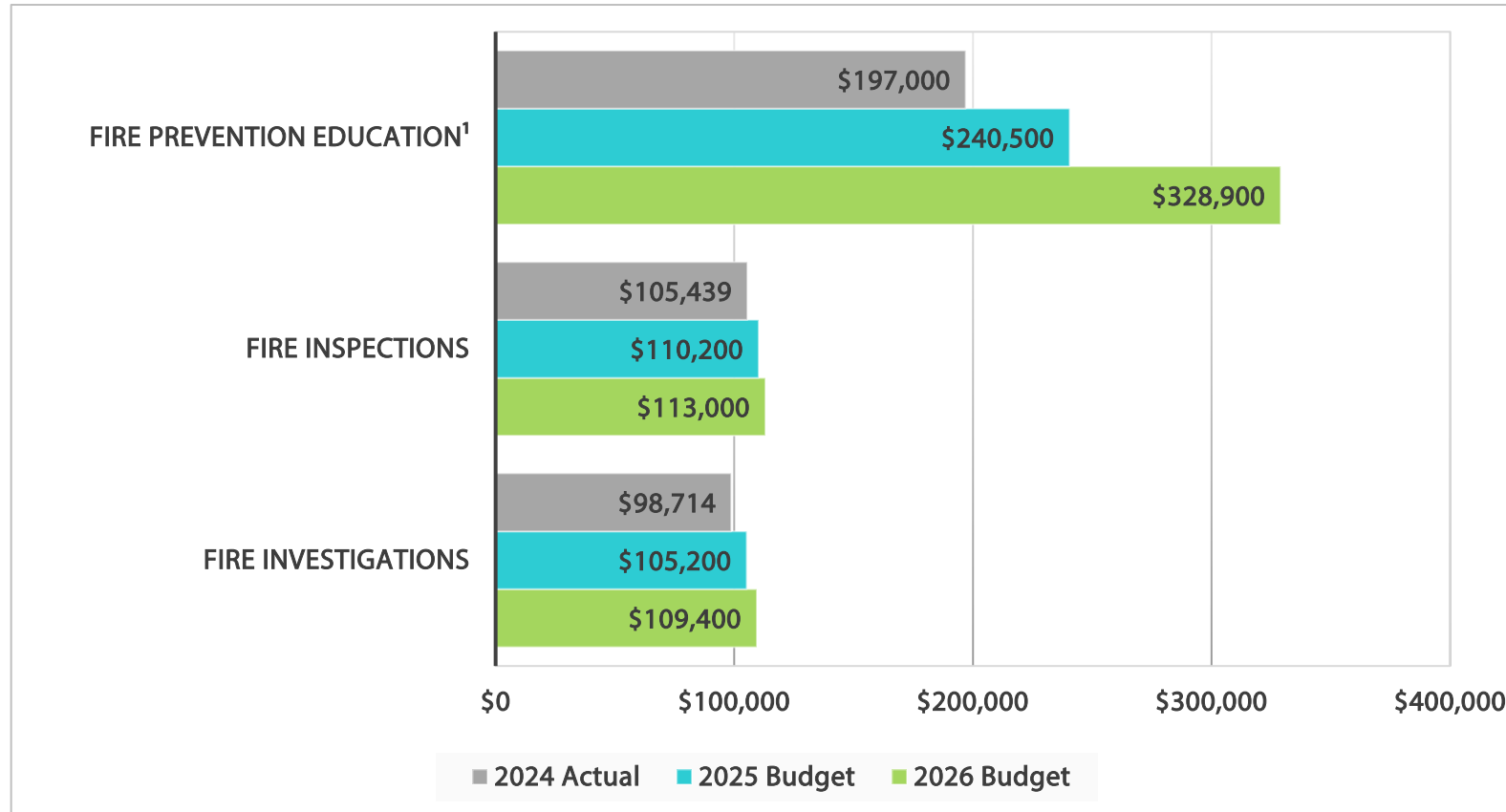


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2026 Life Safety Budget Expenditure

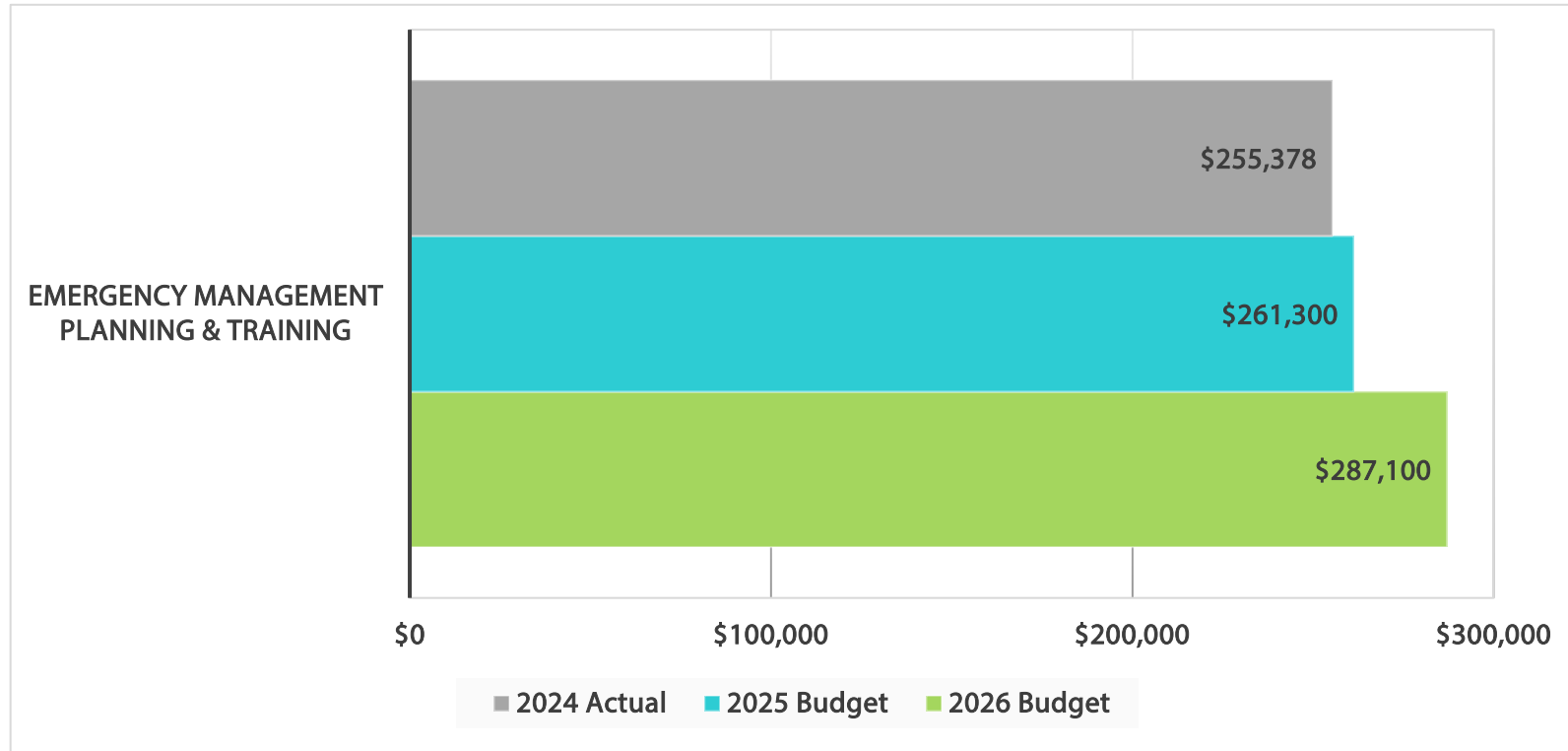


OVERALL COMMENTS

1. Increase due to Wildfire Mitigation Specialist position transition from project to program budget (Position approved 2025 budget), payroll adjustments and fleet adjustments



2026 Emergency Management Budget Expenditure

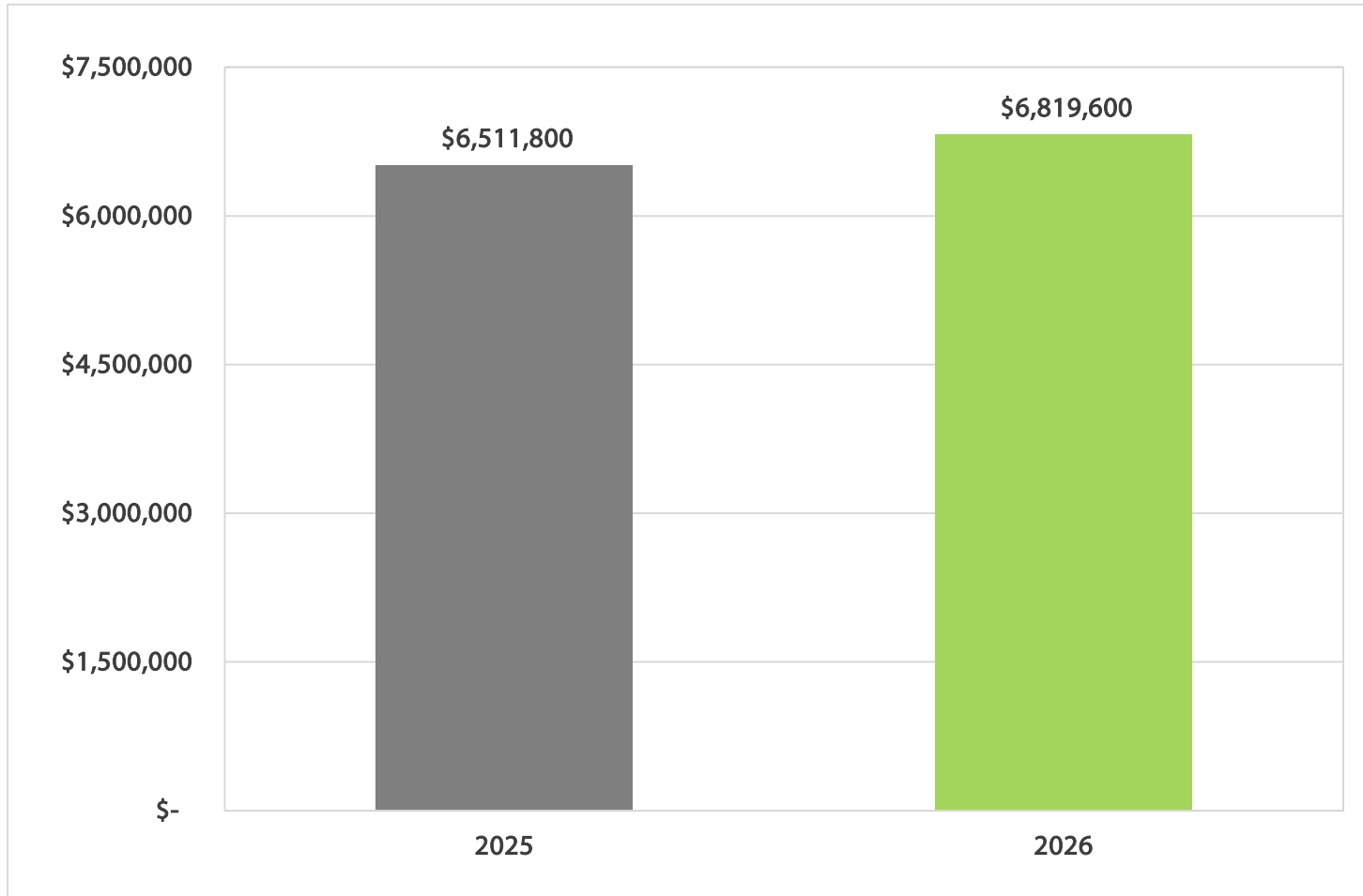


OVERALL COMMENTS

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Operating Program Change



Net Base Change = \$307,800



Operating Projects 2026 - \$23,600



Complete Communities

- No projects



Strategic Economic Diversification

- No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

- No projects



Responsible Leadership

- Fire Lifecycle Plan



Capital Projects 2026 - \$140,300



Complete Communities

- No projects



Strategic Economic Diversification

- No projects



Respected Environment & Agriculture

- No projects



Responsible Leadership

- Fire & Emergency Communications Services Lifecycle Plan

Questions?

