2027 Proposed Budget: Mayor's Office

SAINT PAUL
MINNESOTA

Department Mission: To direct the operation of the city and assure that city government helps create a Saint Paul that works for all of us.

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Department Facts

- **Total General Fund Budget:** $2,585,166
- **Total FTEs:** 14.00
- Minnesota's Capital City is home to a diverse group of more than 300,000 residents who speak over 125 languages and dialects.
- Saint Paul features more than 170 parks and open spaces, and more city shoreline on the Mississippi River than any other city.
- The City has 52,000+ theater seats, three world class museums, and vibrant grass roots arts.

Department Goals

- Building a Saint Paul where our residents, businesses, and visitors can all thrive.
- Embedding the values of accountability, responsiveness, and integrity into all city operations and policies.
- Setting the City of Saint Paul on a course of heightened fiscal sustainability by crafting a balanced budget that invests in long-term solutions to big problems while preserving services our residents, businesses, and visitors rely on.

Recent Accomplishments

- Brought over $88 million in state capital investment dollars in the 2026 Legislative Session to the City of Saint Paul across a variety of projects from the Grand Casino Arena to the Como Zoo Big Cats Exhibit to the West Seventh Sewer Re-Design and more.
- Expanded public safety strategies including the creation of a non-fatal shooting unit, contributing to significant reductions in gun violence.
- Added 731 new affordable homes, including 255 deeply affordable units at 30% AMI, as part of the city's housing framework.
- Coordinated the announcement of over $1 billion in investment in Downtown Saint Paul across city, county, Port Authority, institutional employers, small businesses all with the intent of increasing commercial values Downtown to ease the burden of property tax increases on residents. All while working in partnership across stakeholders to see building purchases and investments across Downtown.
- Assisted residents through the impacts of Operation Metro Surge by redirecting $1.4 million to the Emergency Rental Assistance program in partnership with the City Council, temporarily paused abandoned vehicle towing, banned federal law enforcement staging in Parks and Library facilities, delayed liquor license renewal fees, and pulled together business and civic leaders to assess the damage to our business environment
- Leveraging $1.4 million through our Commercial Corridors Fund to support business growth downtown and across our neighborhoods.
- Leveraging $1.6 million through the Inheritance Fund to help low-income descendants of Old Rondo buy a home or fix the one they already own.
- Through the Common Cent sales tax:
    - Leveraging $11.5 million for 70 Parks and Recreation improvements, with another incoming $11.8 million to complete the resurfacing of courts and fields, new playgrounds, fresh concrete, and activated spaces across the city.
    - Leveraging nearly $24 million to improve 50 miles of roads, making streets and sidewalks safer to walk, bike, and drive.
- Established a Constituent Services Team in the Mayor's Office, reducing average response time (with robust answers) to 9 hours since January.

Mayor’s Office Organizational Chart

Mayor
Kaohly Her
1.00 FTE

Assistant Mayors
Erica Schumacher
Cedrick Baker
Nick Stumo-Langer
Hnu Vang
4.00 FTE

City Department and Office Directors

Mayor's Office Staff
9.00 FTE

Total FTE 14.00

Fiscal Summary: Mayor's Office

2027 Proposed Budget

Spending	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year	2026 Adopted FTE	2027 Proposed FTE
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	2,448,209	2,452,376	2,425,294	2,585,166	159,872	13.00	14.00
200: CITY GRANTS	171,711	15,000	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**2,619,920**	**2,467,376**	**2,425,294**	**2,585,166**	**159,872**	**13.00**	**14.00**

Financing	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
100: CITY GENERAL FUND	276,413	291,413	70,991	70,991	-
200: CITY GRANTS	51,268	15,000	-	-	-
Total	**327,681**	**306,413**	**70,991**	**70,991**	**-**

Budget Changes Summary

The Mayor's Office leads the City's efforts to promote long-term fiscal sustainability, strengthen community safety, support a thriving business environment, and ensure City government is organized to respond effectively to the needs of residents.

The 2027 budget advances these priorities by adding one Assistant to the Mayor I position to expand the office's capacity. To support the City's long-term fiscal sustainability, the budget also implements several administrative cost-saving measures, including a 10 percent reduction in the Mayor's salary, foregoing 2027 cost of living adjustments for three leadership positions, and reducing funding for lobbying contracts.

100: General Fund

Mayor's Office

Current Service Level Adjustments

Current service level adjustments include inflationary increases due to salary and benefit costs and adjustments to department contributions to citywide services.

	Change from 2026 Adopted		
	Spending	Financing	FTE
Current service level adjustments	144,285	-	-
Subtotal:	144,285	-	-

Mayor's Proposed Changes

Department Budget Reductions

The 2027 budget includes several cost-saving measures within the Mayor's Office: the Mayor will reduce her salary by 10 percent, three leadership positions will forego 2027 cost-of-living adjustments, and the budget for lobbying services will be reduced.

	Change from 2026 Adopted		
	Spending	Financing	FTE
Mayor salary reduction (includes associated fringe benefits)	(19,204)	-	-
Leadership salary reductions (includes associated fringe benefits)	(21,807)	-	-
Lobbying services	(55,989)	-	-
Subtotal:	(97,000)	-	-

Expanded Staff Capacity

The 2027 budget adds one Assistant to the Mayor I position to increase the capacity of the Mayor's Office to support citywide initiatives.

	Spending	Financing	FTE
Assistant to the Mayor I	112,587	-	1.00
Subtotal:	112,587	-	1.00

	Spending	Financing	FTE
Fund 100 Budget Changes Total	**159,872**	**-**	**1.00**

200: City Grants

Mayor's Office

The Mayor's Office City Grants fund includes grants for energy and education initiatives led by Mayor's Office Staff.

	Change from 2026 Adopted		
	Spending	Financing	FTE
No changes from 2026 Adopted Budget	-	-	-
Subtotal:	-	-	-

	Spending	Financing	FTE
Fund 200 Budget Changes Total	**-**	**-**	**-**

Mayor’s Office Spending Reports

Spending Plan by Department: Mayor's Office

Budget Year: 2027

Fund: 100 - CITY GENERAL FUND

Spending by Major Account	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
Employee Expense	1,977,733	2,062,508	2,090,862	2,315,197	224,335
Services	463,876	378,677	323,241	258,778	(64,463)
Materials And Supplies	6,600	11,191	11,191	11,191	-
Total Spending by Major Account	**2,448,209**	**2,452,376**	**2,425,294**	**2,585,166**	**159,872**

Spending by Accounting Unit	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
10011100 - MAYORS OFFICE	2,448,209	2,452,376	2,425,294	2,585,166	159,872
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	**2,448,209**	**2,452,376**	**2,425,294**	**2,585,166**	**159,872**

Fund: 200 - CITY GRANTS

Spending by Major Account	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
Employee Expense	153,072	-	-	-	-
Services	18,639	15,000	-	-	-
Total Spending by Major Account	**171,711**	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Spending by Accounting Unit	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
20011800 - EDUCATION INITIATIVE	40,584	-	-	-	-
20011810 - ENERGY INITIATIVES	131,127	-	-	-	-
20011811 - MAYOR'S INITIATIVES	-	15,000	-	-	-
Total Spending by Accounting Unit	**171,711**	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Mayor’s Office Financing Reports

Financing Plan by Department: Mayor's Office

Fund: 100 - CITY GENERAL FUND

Budget Year: 2027

Financing by Major Account	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
Other Financing Sources	276,413	291,413	70,991	70,991	-
Total Financing by Major Account	**276,413**	**291,413**	**70,991**	**70,991**	**-**

Financing by Accounting Unit	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
10011100 - MAYORS OFFICE	276,413	291,413	70,991	70,991	-
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	**276,413**	**291,413**	**70,991**	**70,991**	**-**

Fund: 200 - CITY GRANTS

Financing by Major Account	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
Intergovernmental Revenue	51,268	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	15,000	-	-	-
Total Financing by Major Account	**51,268**	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Financing by Accounting Unit	2024 Actuals	2025 Adopted	2026 Adopted	2027 Proposed	Change From Prior Year
20011800 - EDUCATION INITIATIVE	51,268	-	-	-	-
20011811 - MAYOR'S INITIATIVES	-	15,000	-	-	-
Total Financing by Accounting Unit	**51,268**	**15,000**	**-**	**-**	**-**