

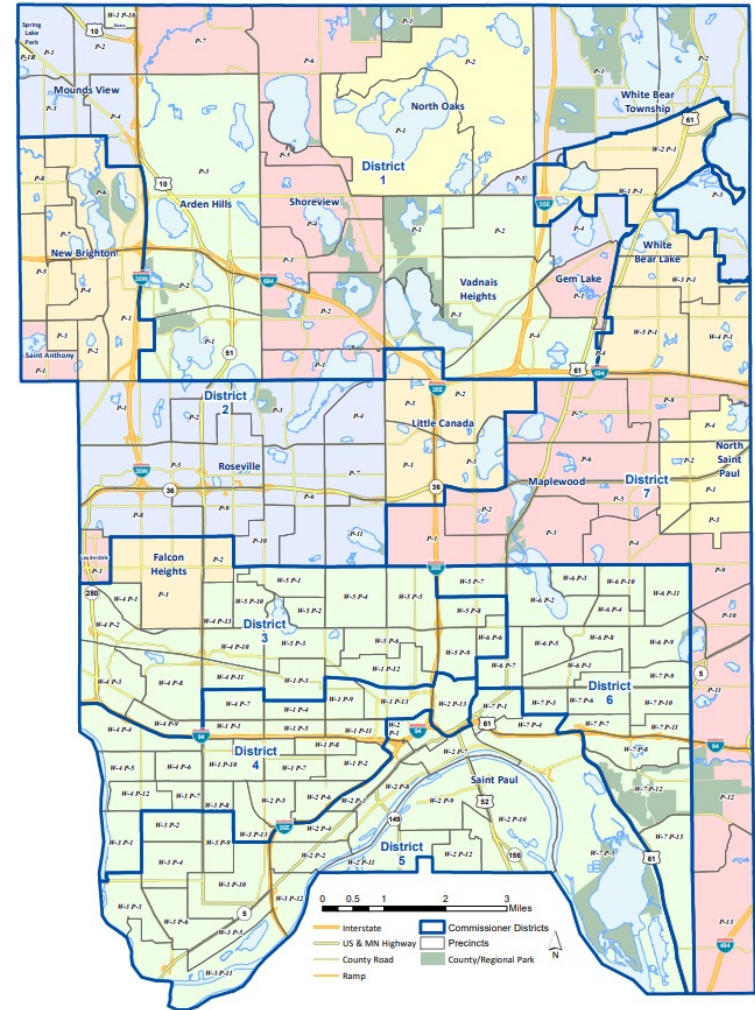
Little Canada City Council Presentation

Ramsey County Commissioner Mary Jo McGuire

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Ramsey County is...

- 2nd most populated county in the state with 552,352 residents as of 2020.
- Smallest county geographically covering only 170 square miles.
- Most ethnically diverse county in the state.
- Encompasses all or part of 20 cities.
- Median household income was \$71,494 in 2021. 13% of residents were living in poverty.



Ramsey Vision, Mission, Goals, Services

- **Vision:** A vibrant community where all are valued and thrive.
- **Mission:** A county of excellence working with you to enhance our quality of life.
- **Goals:**



WELL-BEING



PROSPERITY



OPPORTUNITY



ACCOUNTABILITY

- **Service Team Model:** Ramsey County Departments

CARES Update

- Ramsey County received \$96 million from CARES Act in 2020
- In 2020, \$72 million of these funds were rapidly invested in our community through the Ramsey County Investment and Support Efforts (RISE) program, which included three primary categories:
 - Home and help: housing, food and financial assistance for struggling individuals and families.
 - Employment support: resources for those who have lost their jobs or need help with employment.
 - Small business: support for small businesses to stay open and adapt.
- The remaining \$24 million was used to cover emergency expenses including public safety, direct care, public health and many other areas to meet the needs of the community.

ARPA Update

- Ramsey County will receive a total of \$108 million from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.
- Housing & Homelessness: \$42 million
- Justice System Reforms: \$16 million
- Public Health: \$12 million
- Workforce deployment and employment: \$9 million
- Other items including, racial equity and community engagement, county service enhancements, overhead and administration: \$21 million

Legislative Areas

- Increase to County Program Aid and Local Government Aid
 - County Program Aid & Local Government Aid
- Public Safety Resources
- Transportation Funds
- Housing Supports

Transportation Projects

2022 Completed Projects

- Resurfaced Rice Street between County Rd. B2 and South Owasso Blvd.

2023 Projects in Little Canada:

- Potholes!
- Drainage along Edgerton Street at Centerville Rd.
- County Road B/35E drainage improvement (may delay)

Transportation Projects

- Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) Future Projects
 - Replacement of ramp signals at 35E/LC Road (2024)
 - 35E/Little Canada Road interchange (2025)
 - County Road D Reconstruction Project (2025)
 - 4-3 lane conversion on County Road C from Little Canada to Roseville (2026)
 - Roundabout at LC Road and County Road C (2026)
 - Planning/design for Rice Street Reconstruction (2026)
 - Rice Street Right-of-Way Acquisition (2027)
 - Rice Street Reconstruction from B2 to South Owasso (2028)
- Updating Comprehensive 2050 Transportation Plan

HRA Levy Background

- 2022 – First Year of the countywide levy.
- Investment in housing infrastructure is the priority
- Programming (existing and new) is more responsive and flexible to community needs & priorities
- Decisions no longer driven solely by federal funding rules and/or allocations
- Spending plan is a roadmap but an overlap of programming and final spending will be across all areas

HRA Levy Detail

- 50/50 spending parity between Saint Paul and suburbs
- Admin monitored and limited to 10%
- Align with the priorities of the Economic Competitiveness & Inclusion Plan.
- HRA Levy increases annual taxes on a median value residential property by only about \$45.

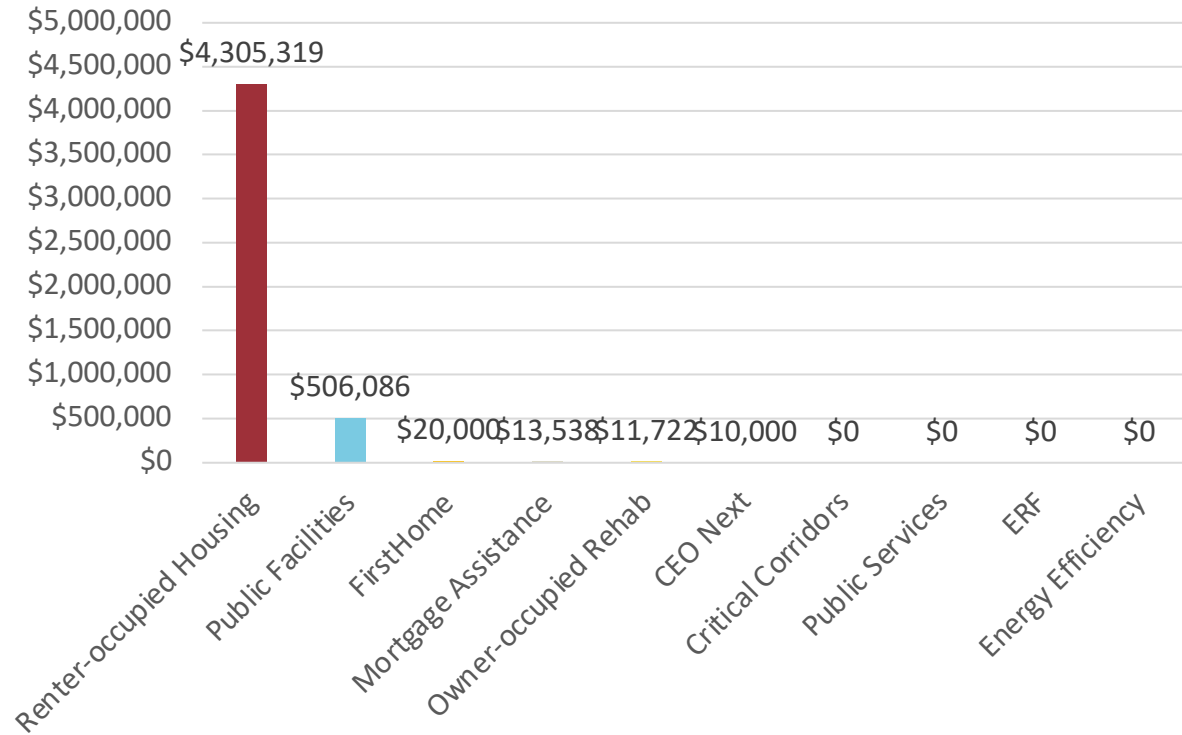
2022 – Little Canada HRA Levy Spending Highlights

\$20,000 in one - FirstHome Loan

\$1,500,000 in Renter-occupied Housing

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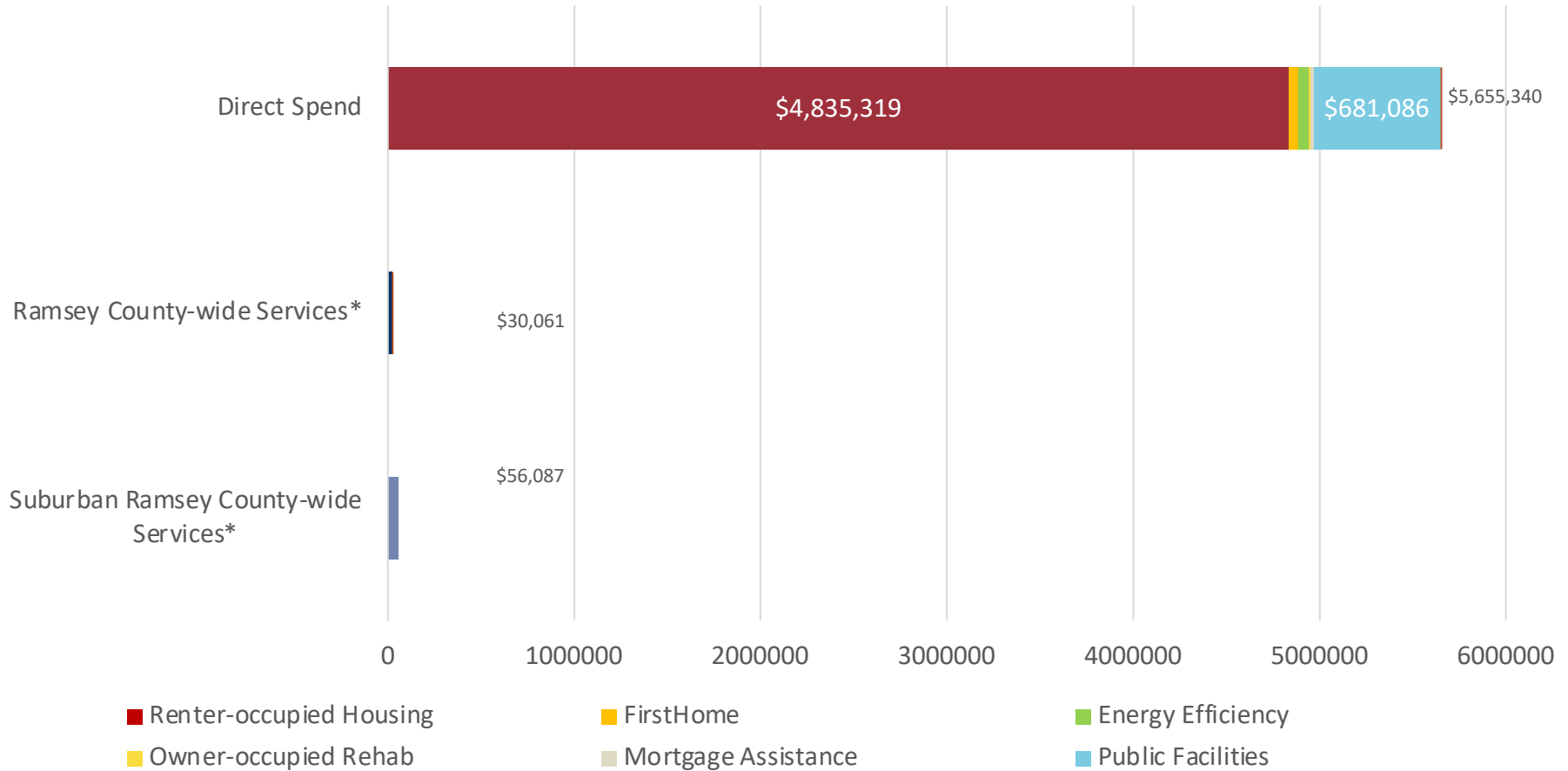
2022 Little Canada Spend Profile - All Funding Sources





Past Five Years of Ramsey County Economic Growth & Community Investments to Little Canada

2017-2022 Little Canada Spend Profile – All Funding Sources



* Examples of Suburban/Ramsey County-wide services include HousingLink, HOMELine, Open to Business, CEO Next etc.

Environmental Activities

- New Ramsey County Environmental Services Center, 1700 Kent St. In progress
- Food Scraps Collection Network expansion
- County Climate Action Policy in alignment with State of MN

County – City Partnerships

- Elections
- Workforce
 - Recruitment Resources Fair
 - Trade Up Event – Finishing Trades Institute, LC
- Regional Parks – Lake Gervais
- Community and Economic Development
- Public Works (for road, transit, and ped plans)
- Social Services (alternative responses & social workers)
- Processing lake name change petition

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Questions or Comments?

Thank You!