

2023 JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT

Presented by Budget Chair Manny Abarca

2023 CHALLENGES AHEAD

- Human Rights Violation, leading us to a new detention center
- Significant structure challenges with the County Courthouses
- Addressing the needs to keep both stadium assets within Jackson County
- World Cup in 2026 preparation estimated \$50 Million
- The NFL DRAFT in less 100 days
- The expansive needs surround the unhoused population
- The ongoing FENTANYL crisis across the county
- Continual Substance Abuse and Behavioral health needs
- And clear request for \$15.5 million promised, in Small Business stabilization efforts
- Basic city service stabilization for Blue Summit including sewer, roads, ditches, illegal dumping, fire safety, and other neighborhood safety

2023 CHALLENGES AHEAD

- New detention Center
- Structural improvements to County Courthouses
- Resources and support services for:
 - Unhoused residents
 - FENTANYL crisis
 - Substance abuse
 - Behavioral Health
 - Small Businesses
- Stadium Assets
- 2026 World Cup
- NFL DRAFT

BASIC NEEDS!

OPPORTUNITIES

- Justice Center collaboration
- Infrastructure needs across all county owned structures
- Stabilizing the needs of the unhoused community
- Increasing and implementing affordable and available housing options
- Refocusing on behavioral health, physical health, substance abuse and addiction across the county
- Small business support
- Services to unincorporated areas
- World Cup, NFL Draft, and beyond

OPPORTUNITIES

- Potential cost saving collaborations of a new \$250+ Million Justice Center
- Addressing the estimated multi-hundred-million-dollar infrastructure needs across the County's properties
- Once in a generation opportunity for job creations through construction efforts and improvements to County owned stadiums
- Capitalizing on major league opportunities through the world cup, nfl draft, and next three superbowls..
- Stabilizing the needs of the unhoused community
- Increasing the stock of affordable and available housing options
- Renewing the focus on physical and behavioral health across the county, to prevent and treat substance abuse and addiction.
- Addressing the clear and LOUD needs from our small businesses
- Finally giving attention to our unincorporated areas, like roads and ditches

ARPA FUNDS

- Historic One Time Opportunity
- Responsive to the impacts exacerbated from COVID Pandemic

“Prudent Use of ARPA funding prior to committing resources to ensure the best use of the temporary funding”-Government Financial Officers Association.

LEGISLATURE AS WHOLE

- Stabilizes current legislative staff culture by increasing salaries including staff:
 - Clerk
 - Audit
 - Compliance
 - Legislative Aides
- Adds additional staff to the Legislature as a Whole
- Reclassifies \$49K for software

ADDITIONAL \$540K (OUTSIDE AGENCY)

- In 2022, there was more than \$3.9 Million requested
- Nearly 100 people who participated in our external budget hearings
- External Budget Requests equal over \$86 Million

HEALTH FUND CHANGES

- Jackson County Arts Commission
 - Reassigned \$250K to outside agency fund for a more transparent & equitable process
- Fentanyl
 - As of March 22, in Kansas City **149% Increase In Overdose Deaths Linked To Fentanyl***
 - In 2022 in the Kansas City metropolitan area, the COMBAT-funded Jackson County Drug Task Force, seized 10.4 kilograms (22.9 pounds) of fentanyl, enough fentanyl for millions—literally millions—of potentially lethal doses.
- Behavioral Health
 - Mental illness affects over 30,000 Jackson County citizens of every age, race, religion and income.

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