

CITY OF MANKATO

STATE OF THE CITY 2025



Leading the way...



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374

EMPLOYEES



7

DEPARTMENTS



78

DIFFERENT
SERVICES



46,914

2025

POPULATION

- Administrative Services
- Human Resources
- Engagement & Communications
- Civic Center
- Community Development
- Public Safety
- Public Works



VALUES

What Guides Us

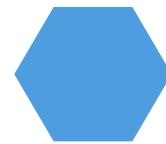
- Positive Attitude
- Accountability
- Teamwork
- Integrity
- Respect

PUBLIC SERVICE PHILOSOPHY

The Foundation for Serving Mankato

We listen to our residents, innovate for the future, and deliver efficient services to make Mankato a better community for all.

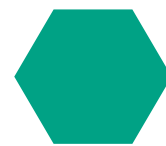
Housing



**Sustainable
Infrastructure**



**Community
Connection +
Livability**



Goals



**Community
Safety**



Economy



**Adaptive
Organization**



STRATEGIC PLAN

MANKATO
PLANNING THE WAY FOR THE FUTURE

2025-2029

STRATEGIC PLAN MILESTONES



Housing

- Engaged with individuals who have lived experiences to help guide our work
- Created Housing Trust Fund
 - Appointed Advisory Committee
- Approved Poplar Apartments site plan and provided financial support
 - Partnership with Trellis Co.
- Reduced parking requirements for multi-family buildings
- Added apartments as permitted use in the B-3 district
- Supported Street Outreach Team
 - Collection of housing and public safety staff who serve as connectors, advocates, navigators, case managers to help clients access critical services
 - Through consistent contact, these efforts reduce the time people spend unsheltered and decrease involvement with the criminal justice system



Sustainable Infrastructure

- Grew access to *Kato Go Play* youth summer transit service
- Expanded transit service to North Mankato by adding additional hour of Route 5 service
- Provided financial support and in-kind contributions for City Art program
- Provided funding to the Twin Rivers Council for the Arts
- Worked with MnDOT on Veteran's Memorial Bridge
- Completed All Season's Arena
- Adopted the City's first ever Climate Action Plan
- Approved Old Town streetscape improvements and relocated existing lighting to North Riverfront
- Worked with MnDOT and North Mankato on future Hwy. 169 improvements
- Held CIP Open House and 4 additional engagements



Community Connection

- Increased social media followers by 7,500 to total 21,500
- Changed electronic communications platform to GovDelivery
 - 488,000 impressions
 - 235 news releases sent
 - 14,000 subscribers
- Created lost dog alerts
 - 5,509 subscribers
- YMCA partnership for operation of Tourtellotte Pool, expanded summer hours
- Added Buscher Park volleyball court
- Replaced Highland Park picnic shelters
- YMCA partnership to operate Chelsey Skate Park
- Completed plan for bike racks

STRATEGIC PLAN MILESTONES



Community Safety

- Launched Community Risk Reduction (CRR) program to expand public safety education and community outreach
- Acquired crisis communications vehicle to support negotiations with individuals experiencing crisis
- Enhanced emphasis on first responder wellness
- Established animal impound program, 68 dogs were reunited with owners and 39 dogs were adopted
- Created bicycle patrol to improve community engagement
- Secured grant to purchase new patrol vehicle dedicated to addressing distracted driving
- Organized mock crash demonstration for first time in more than a decade
- Expanded tobacco compliance checks
- Maintained strong focus on employee retention



Economy

- \$285,000 in Community Development Block Grant program funds distributed to local businesses and organizations
- \$115,554 DEED cleanup grant for Poplar Apartments
- Provided financial assistance to preserve the Cultivate Mankato childcare facility in downtown Mankato
- \$500,000 DEED Job Creation Fund for Rolls-Royce Solutions America
- Completed four commercial rehabilitation projects that received loans totaling \$94,234, leveraging \$109,122 in building improvements
- Tax Increment Financing approved to support redevelopment of 830 North Broad Street and 1600 Warren Street
- \$323,887 DEED cleanup grant for Hotel Mankato



Adaptive Organization

- Created Thrive – A leadership training program for supervisors and emerging leaders in the organization
- Implemented learning management system. Improves ability to deliver training and track employee progression
- Invested in transit scheduling software. Creates better customer experience and more efficient service delivery.
- Contracted out the water meter replacement project to improve efficiency of completion.

Housing



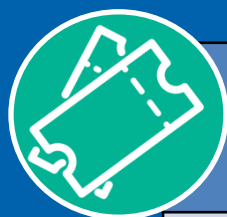
	2024	2025
Building Inspections	7,192	7,450
New Single Family Detached	11	40
New Single Family Attached	45	107
New Multiple Family Units	148	0
Building Permit Valuation	\$420,552,771	\$277,947,027

Transit



	2024	2025
Fixed Route Ridership	425,304	463,297
Paratransit Ridership	28,668	30,088
Flex Ridership	4,428	3,125
Total Ridership	458,403	496,508
Total Route Miles	566,278	623,740

Mayo Clinic Health System Event Center



	2024	2025
Economic Impact	\$64,848,604	\$67,533,247
Number of Events	615	627
Total Attendance	256,432	233,969

Public Safety



	2024	2025
Group A Offenses	2,991	2,651
Group B Offenses	6,975	6,566
Structural Building Fires	30	27
Medial/Ambulance Assist Calls	2,560	3,080
Violent Crimes	110	129
Rental Units Inspected	1,889	1,976
Total Police Calls For Service	32,030	31,531



Public Utilities and Public Works



	2024	2025
Water Treated (billion gallons)	1.850	1.879
Wastewater Treated (billion gallons)	3.122	3.060
Garbage Processed (tons)	7,714	7,907
Recycling Processed (tons)	2,031	1,962



	2024	2025
City Trees Maintained	16,348	16,273
Parks Maintained	50	50
Inches of Snow Plowed	12.3	21.5
Lane Miles Maintained	469.74	470.50

Engagement and Communications / 311



	2024	2025
Social Media Followers	14,000	21,500
News Releases Sent	94	235
GovDelivery Subscribers *started June 2024	12,300	14,000
GovDelivery Impressions	161,000	488,000
Project Engagements	33	30



	2024	2025
311 Total Calls	53,784	56,515

Balance Sheet

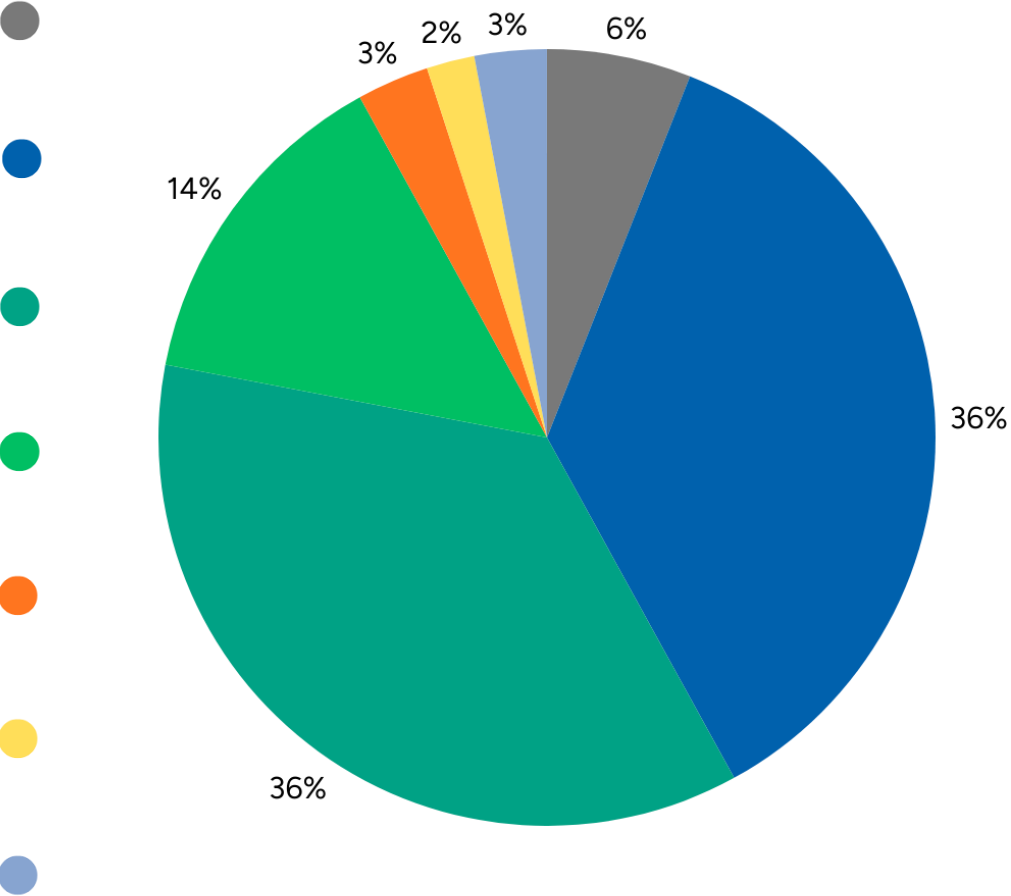


	Government Activity	Business-Type Activity	Total
Assets	296,134,386	301,883,232	598,017,618
Liabilities	117,375,095	38,831,835	156,206,930
Total Net Position	178,759,291	263,051,397	441,810,688

Statement of General Expenditures

ANALYSIS

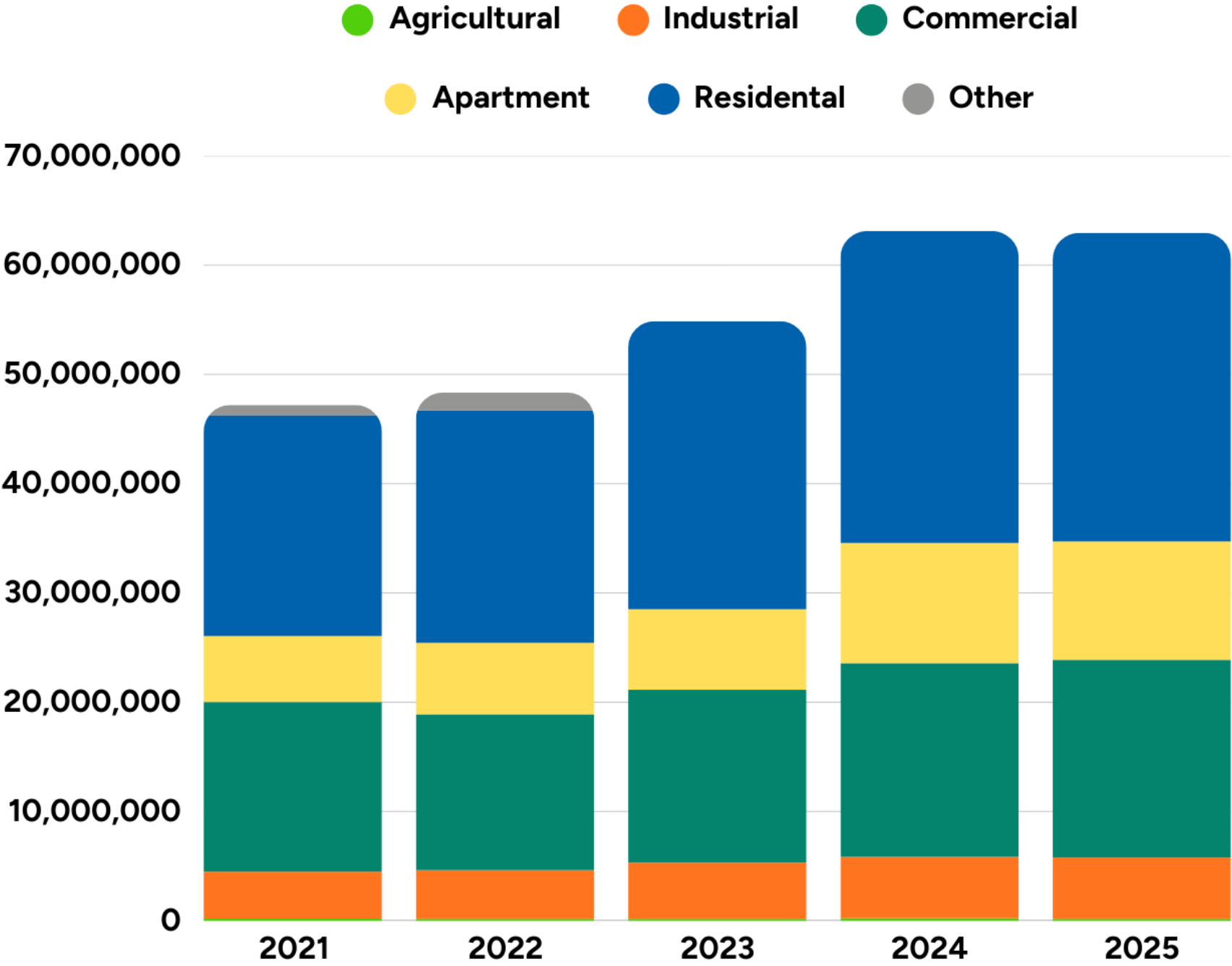
Department	Amount	Percent
General Government	2,953,751	6%
Public Safety	17,981,026	36%
Public Works/Streets	17,776,701	36%
Culture and Recreation	7,007,267	14%
Community Development	1,444,916	3%
Housing and ED	907,810	2%
Interest on LTD	1,678,263	3%
Opioid Remediation	88,000	0%
	49,837,734	



Mankato's Tax Compared

	Pay 2025 Net Tax Capacity	Average 2025 City Tax Rate	Certified 2026 LGA	Pay 2025 City Net Levy
Mankato	63,429,502	39.52%	8,497,593	25,064,752
Duluth	117,982,837	36.78%	35,332,327	45,997,189
Moorhead	43,194,500	56.00%	8,323,628	24,189,225
North Mankato	20,396,286	46.98%	2,289,542	9,598,635
Saint Cloud	69,374,815	53.66%	15,912,415	39,614,675
Rochester	214,367,352	51.15%	5,034,737	111,645,482
Comparative Rank	4th (highest)	2nd (lowest)	4th (highest)	3rd (highest)

Net Tax Capacity by Property Type



2026 Major Planned Projects



Airport Traffic Control Tower Construction

- Multi-year project
- Includes construction, design contingency, equipment, engineering expenses

Proposed Project Funding	
Source	Budget
FAA (95%)	\$24,036,900
State (5%)	\$1,265,100
Total Funding	\$25,302,000

Additional Airport Improvements
Parking Lot and Entrance Road
Cost = \$300,000

2026 Major Planned Projects

Surface Transportation

VETERAN'S BRIDGE

MnDOT led

City responsible for design aesthetics. 6 double-sided emblems honoring veterans will be installed. In addition, community input was gathered on railing and emblem shape options.

Total Cost = \$21.3 million
City Share = \$1.74 million

THIRD AVENUE

Blue Earth County led

Includes section: Riverfront to Chestnut

City facilities improved: watermain, sanitary sewer, lighting, fiber.

Total Cost = \$10.7 million
City Share = \$3.38 million

WOODSHIRE NEIGHBORHOOD

Bellevue, Jayro Ct. & Riverview St.

Phase II of Woodshire Neighborhood construction. Replacing: sanitary sewer, watermain, storm sewer, roadway pavement.

Cost = \$1.68 million

HINIKER PKWY. & RANGE ST.

New Roadway

Prerequisite to 2027
US 169 revitalization project

Cost = \$1.33 million

2026 Major Planned Projects

Stormwater

Honeymead Pump Station
Structural and electrical
deficiencies addressed
Cost = \$697,988

Information Technology

Fiber Communications
Infrastructure expansion
and maintenance
Cost = \$106,000

Parks

Kern Bridge
Cost = \$10.5 million

Tourtellotte Park
Pickleball Court replacement
Cost = \$750,000

Amphitheater Improvements
Cost = \$3,089,000

Land of Memories
New Playground Equipment
Cost = \$150,000

Facilities

Public Works Center
Welding bay exhaust and
tool replacement
Cost = \$300,000

2026 Major Planned Projects

Public Works

Water Meter Replacement Program

Cost = \$100,000

Balcerzak Tower Rehab

Cost = \$1,950,000

Reverse Osmosis Pilot Test

Cost = \$275,000

Lead/Copper Replacement Program

Cost = \$13,500



Transit

Bus Stop Improvements

Address accessibility
on fixed route stops
Cost = \$137,000



Public Safety

LUCAS Machine

Replacement of the portable
chest compression system
Cost = \$34,000

Impound Lot

Cost = \$110,000

Self Contained Breathing Apparatus

Replacement
Cost = \$54,000



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Questions?

