



City of Blaine

City Council Workshop

October 6, 2025 | 5:30 PM
Blaine City Hall
10801 Town Square Drive NE
Blaine, MN 55449

AGENDA

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of Section 3.01 of the Blaine City Charter, a Council Workshop meeting is scheduled for the following purpose:

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. New Business**
 - 3.1.** 2025-216 Comprehensive Plan Cycle Introduction
Sponsors: Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist
 - 3.2.** 2025-217 Cloverleaf Courts and Blaine Courts Financial Request
Sponsors: Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist
 - 3.3.** 2025-218 Charitable Gambling Introduction - 2026 Awards
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director
 - 3.4.** 2025-219 Communications Fund 2026 Budget
Sponsors: Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director
- 4. Other Business**
- 5. Adjournment**



City of Blaine Staff Report

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New Business - Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist

Agenda Item # 3.1

Comprehensive Plan Cycle Introduction

Background

Merritt Clapp-Smith is a Senior Planner at the Metropolitan Council and serves as the staff liaison for Blaine. She will present on the current comprehensive planning cycle and the minimum requirements the City's Comprehensive Plan will need to meet.

Every ten years, the City is required, under the Metropolitan Land Planning Act, to update our comprehensive plan. The last update was preliminarily approved by the City Council at the end of 2018 and was approved in its final version in December 2020. Since then, a variety of amendments to the land use map component of the plan have been approved on a project specific basis.

The Metropolitan Council approved the Regional Development Guide, Imagine 2050, in January 2025, which outlines overarching policies related to land use, water, regional parks, transportation, and housing. The Metropolitan Council recently released system statements and minimum requirements which outline in greater detail what the City must include in the plan update.

Initial submittal of the Comprehensive Plan to Metropolitan Council is due by December 31, 2028. Future workshop discussions will occur regarding the process of drafting the plan for Blaine including city council role and public engagement.

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Attachment List

1. Blaine Presentation 2025

ROADMAP TO 2050



Guidance and Resources for 2050 Comprehensive Plan Updates

**Blaine City Council Work Session
October 6, 2025**

**Merritt Clapp-Smith
Met Council Local Planning Assistance**



History and duties of the Council



The Council was established by the Minnesota Legislature in 1967.

- In response to rapid and fragmented development, State legislators created the Council to coordinate the “orderly and economical development” of the 7-county metropolitan area.
- Balance regional and local interests.

The primary duties of the Council today

- Managing regional wastewater services
- Operating Metro Transit’s bus & rail system
- Issuing rental assistance
- Drafting long-range plans, establishing regional policy
- Maintaining the regional parks system

Shared vision drives better outcomes



Collaborative planning: Each 10-year regional development guide is informed by the comprehensive plans of 7 counties and 181 cities/townships

Resource provision: We offer technical assistance and grants to support coordinated, cost-effective planning.

Research-driven: Our decision making and planning is grounded in robust research on demographics, water supply, housing stock, and other key topics.

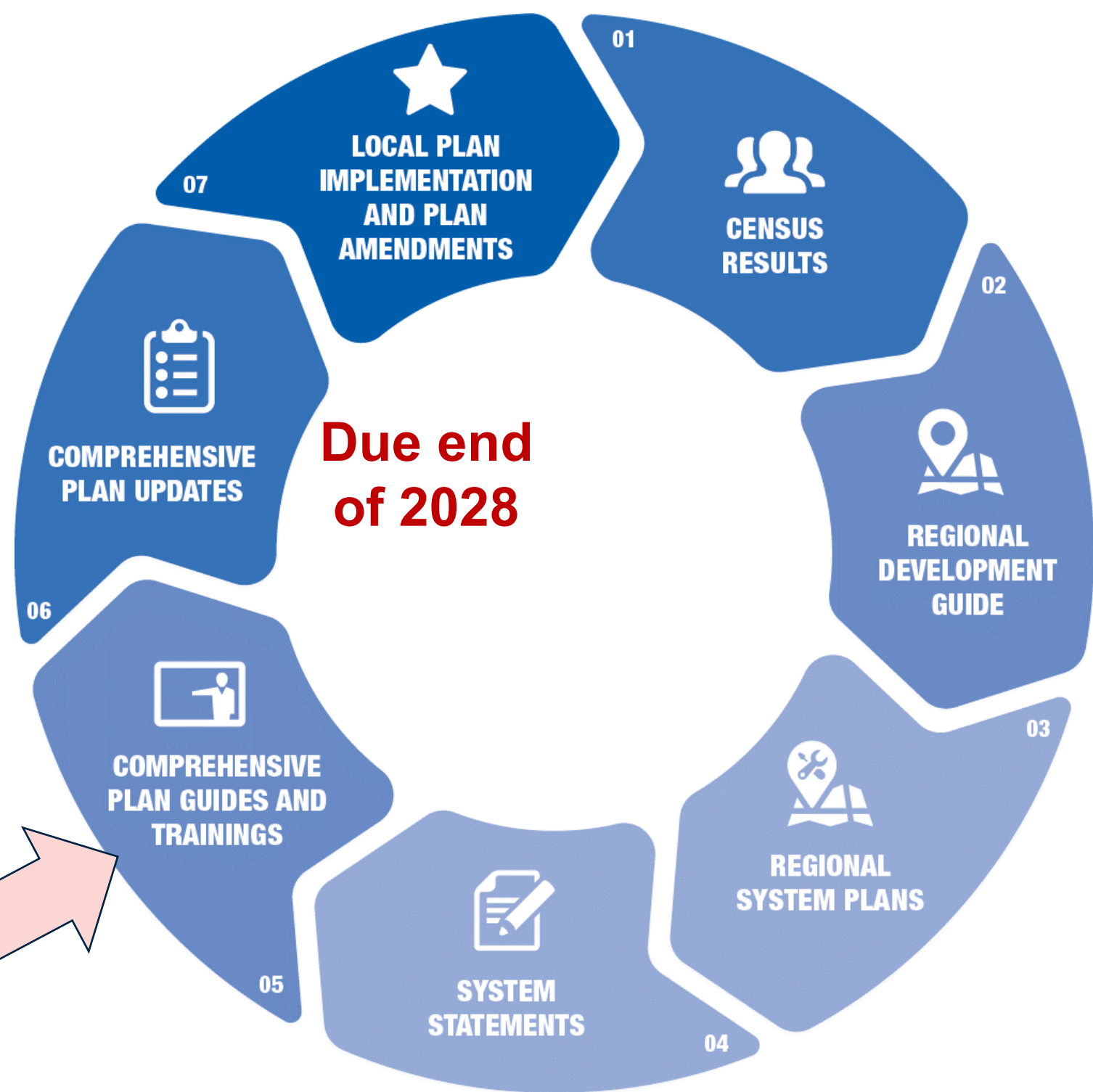
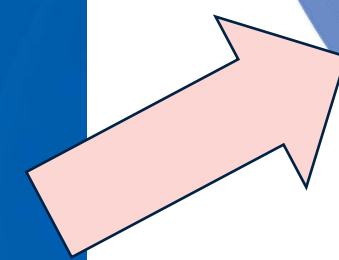
Policy shaping: Met Council members – informed by research and community partnerships – shape foundational policies and investment decisions.

Why Regional Planning?



Regional Planning Cycle

We are here



Support Local Governments in Implementing Regional Policies



System Statement issuance kicks off the local planning process



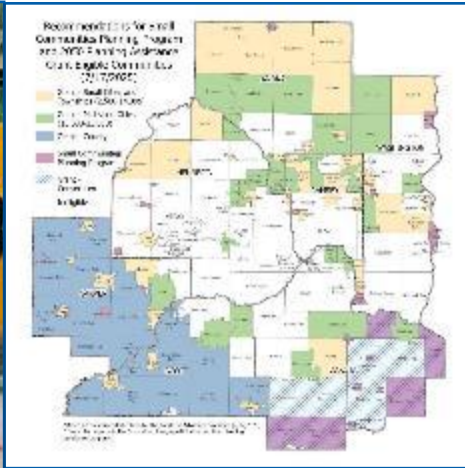
Sector Representatives provide individualized technical assistance to local planning staff



Local Planning Handbook update is your one-stop shop for comprehensive planning assistance



Tools and resources to assist with new requirements related to Climate Strategies, GHG Emissions, and Natural Systems planning



2050 Local Planning Assistance Grant Program and the **Small Communities Planning Program**



PlanIt: A training and education program to provide topic-based programming throughout the local comprehensive planning process

(Photo courtesy Minn. Dept. of Transportation.)

Land Use Minimum Requirements

Information, maps, tables and/or narrative regarding

- Forecasts and Community Designations
- Existing Land Use
- Future Land Use
- Residential Densities
- Staged Development
- Redevelopment and Infill
- Community Composition (demographics)
- Historic and Culture Assets
- *Also* – aggregate resource, solar resources, and drinking water supply management areas

Long-Range Forecasts

Regional Forecasts

- Major update of region- and local-level forecasts at start of decennial planning cycle
- Identifies when, where, and how much growth is expected in the region over the next 30 years based on consumer preferences and market trends
- Population, households, and jobs



Local Forecasts

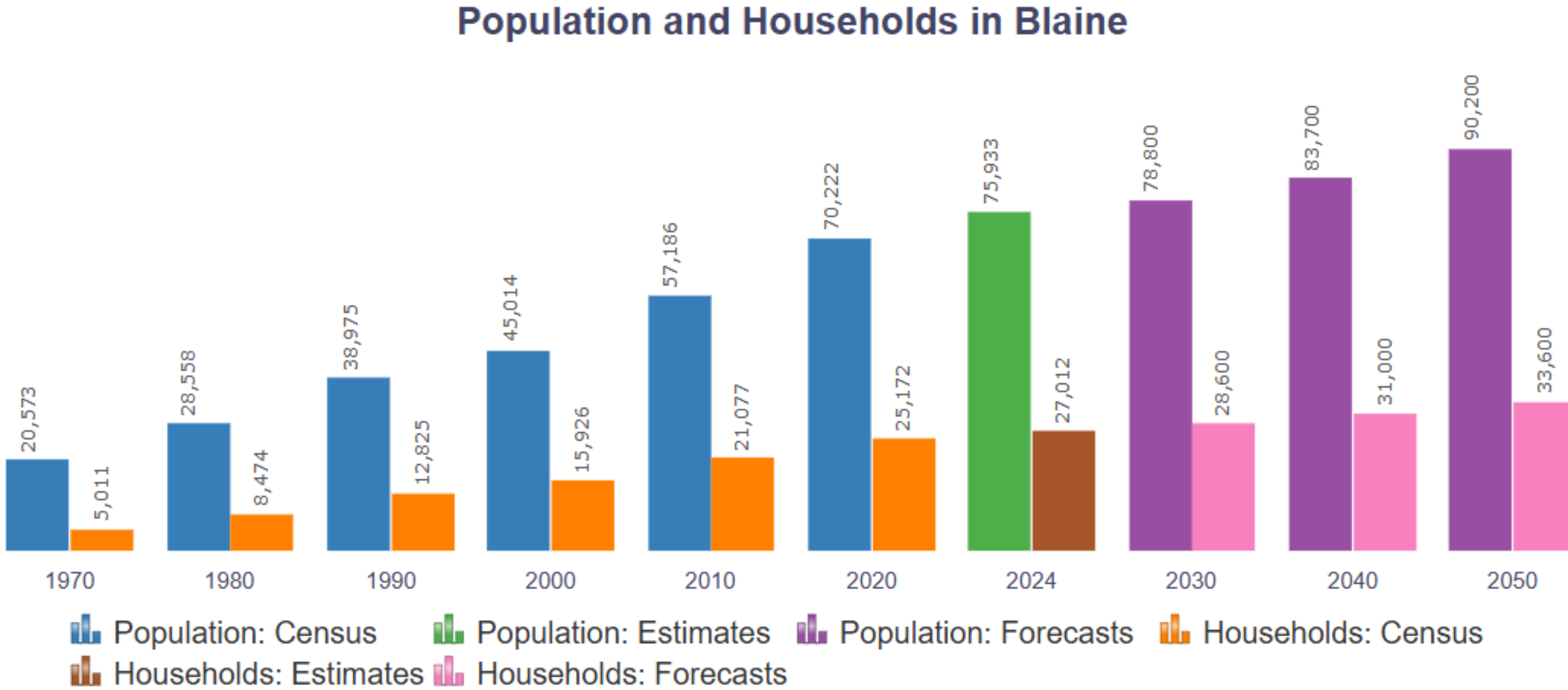
- Allocation of regional forecast to cities and townships
- Describes geographic pattern of expected growth
- The Council coordinates with local governments to adjust as needed

Blaine Long-Range Forecasts

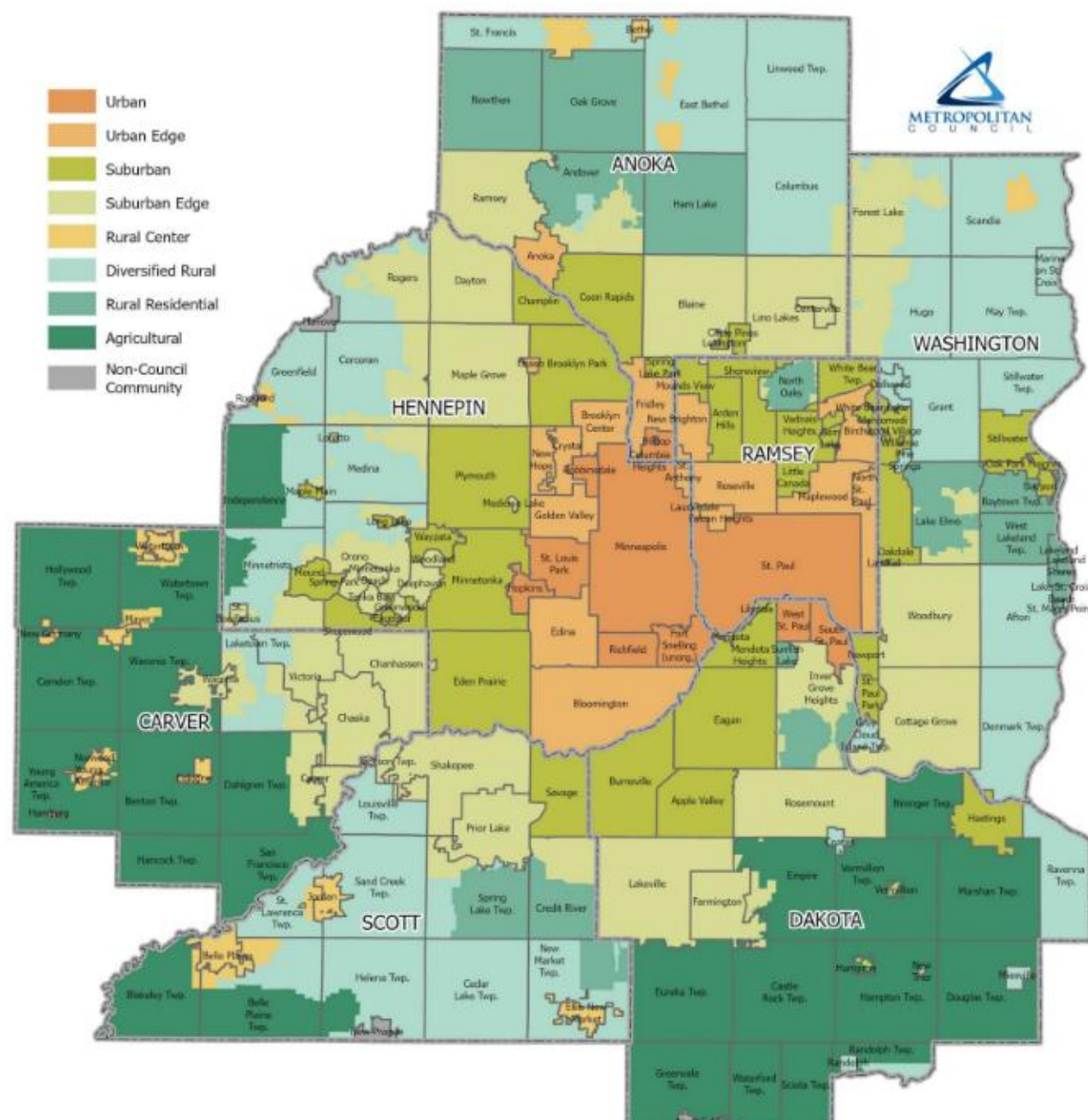
Forecast	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population	70,222	78,800	83,700	90,200
Households	25,172	28,600	31,000	33,600
Employment	21,615	27,500	29,900	34,660

Blaine Estimated 2024 Population: 75,933

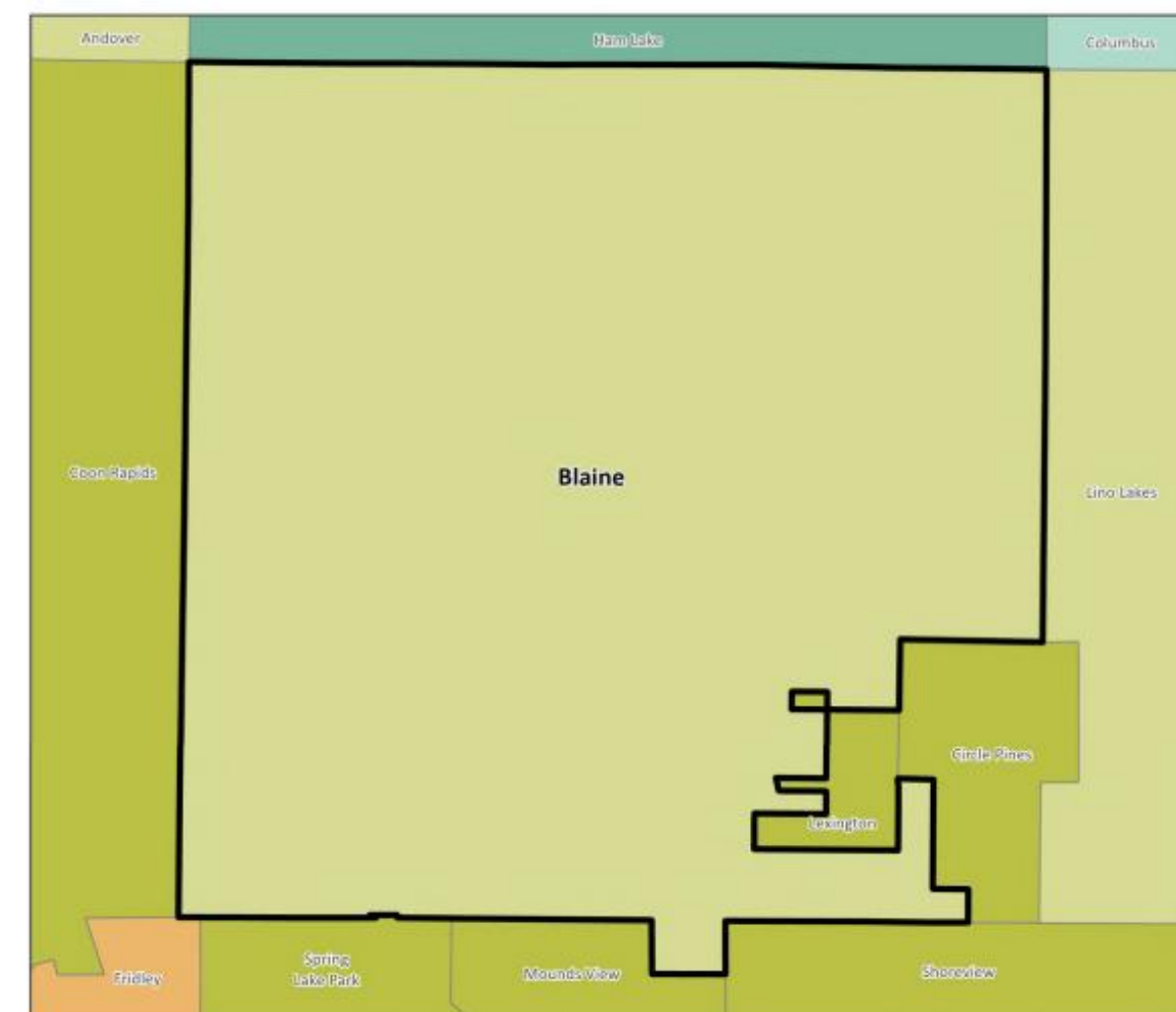
Blaine Population and Households – Past, Present, and Forecasted



Blaine Community Designation: Suburban Edge



City of Blaine
Community Designations



Imagine 2050 Residential Density

Residential Density

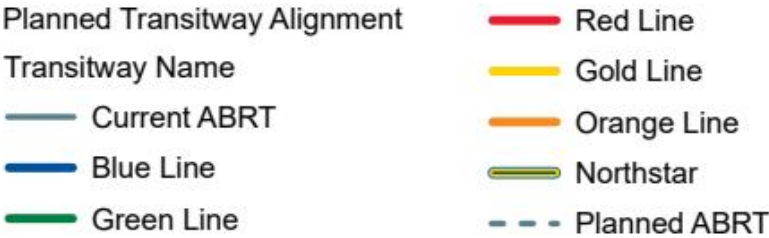
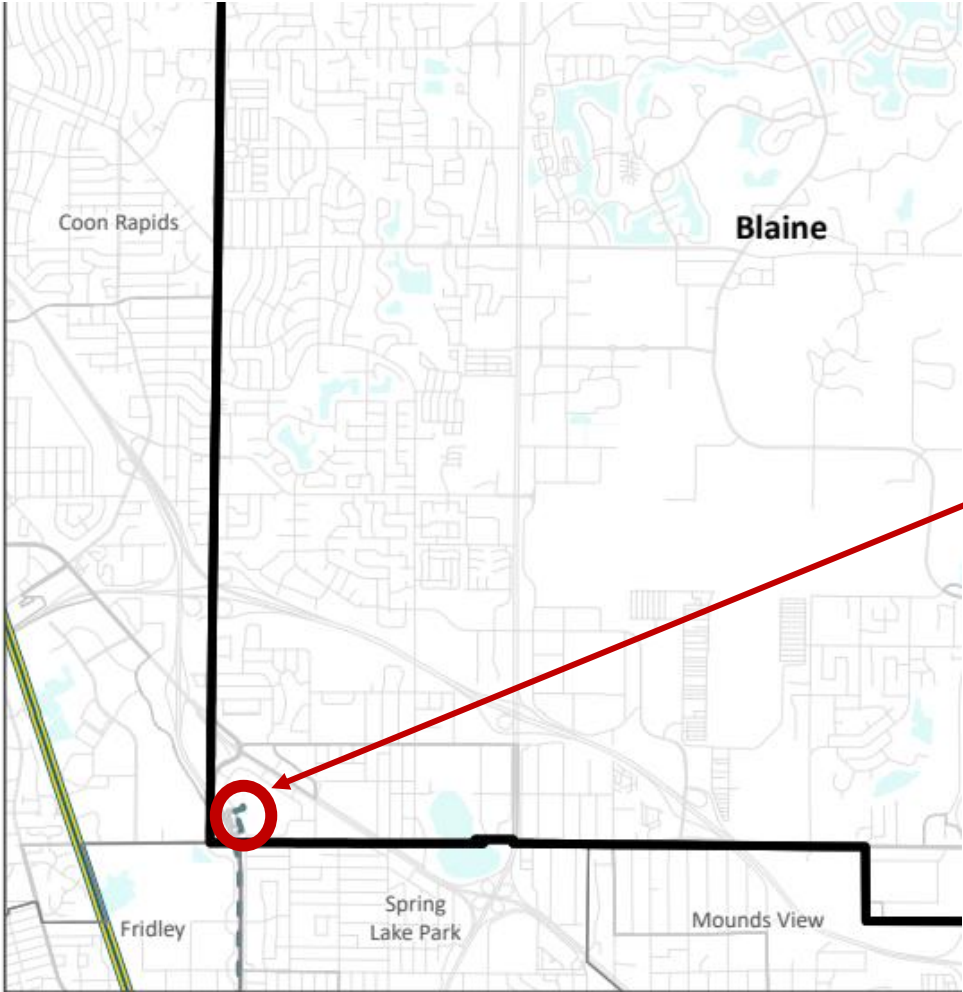
- Plan for development to support forecasted growth at average minimum density based on community designation.
- Areas planned for growth can be a range of land use intensities, as long as the average of minimum land use densities across the community is at or above 3.5 du/a.

Metropolitan Urban Service Areas Minimum Average Net Density	
Urban	25 units per acre
Urban Edge	14 units per acre
Suburban	7 units per acre
Suburban Edge	3.5 units per acre
Rural Service Area Maximum Allowed Density, except Rural Centers	
Rural Center	3 units per acre minimum
Rural Residential	1-2.5 acre lots existing, 1 unit/10 acres where possible
Diversified Rural	4 units per 40 acres
Agricultural	1 unit per 40 acres

Current Planned Densities for Blaine

Land Use	Density Range		% Residential	Net Acres	Min Units	Max Units
	Min	Max				
Low Density Residential	2.5	6	100%	1,394.93	3,487	8,370
Low/Medium Density Residential	2.5	12	100%	3.50	9	42
Medium Density Residential	6	12	100%	81.44	489	977
Med/High Density Residential (High)	6	25	100%	9.58	57	240
High Density Residential	12	25	100%	53.11	637	1,328
High Density Residential - 2	12	60	100%	7.62	91	457
HDR -2/Planned Commercial	12	60	25%	2.93	35	176
HD Residential/Commercial	12	25	50%	23.30	280	582
HD Residential/Industrial	12	25	50%	12.55	151	314
HD Residential/Commercial/Industrial	12	25	50%	18.51	222	463
Mobile Home Residential	4	8	100%	0	-	-
Total				1,607.46	5,458	12,948
	Overall Density				3.4	8.1

Station Area Residential Densities



Transit Type	Geography	Urban Min. Required	Urban Edge Min. Required	Suburban Min. Required	Suburban Edge Min. Required
Light Rail	1/2-mile radius	50	35	30	25
Dedicated BRT / Commuter Rail	1/2-mile radius	50	30	25	20
Highway BRT	1/2-mile radius	30	25	20	15
Arterial BRT	1/4-mile radius	30	25	20	15
Modern Streetcar	1/4-mile along	30	25	20	15
High Frequency Bus	1/4-mile along	25	15	10	10

Average minimum densities apply to all areas guided to support forecasted growth within the planning period.

- Land guided for residential growth within 1/4 mile of Northtown Transit Center station area shall have average minimum residential density of 15 units/acre.

Housing Minimum Requirements

Existing housing needs

- Local existing housing assessment

Projected housing needs

- Allocation of future affordable housing need (Future Need)
- Guiding land to meet the Future Need

Housing implementation plan

- Respond to identified existing and projected needs
- Identify tools to be considered to meet needs

Blaine Affordable Housing Need Allocation 2031-2040

Guide some land at densities appropriate to affordable housing production, such that development could occur to meet future affordable housing need

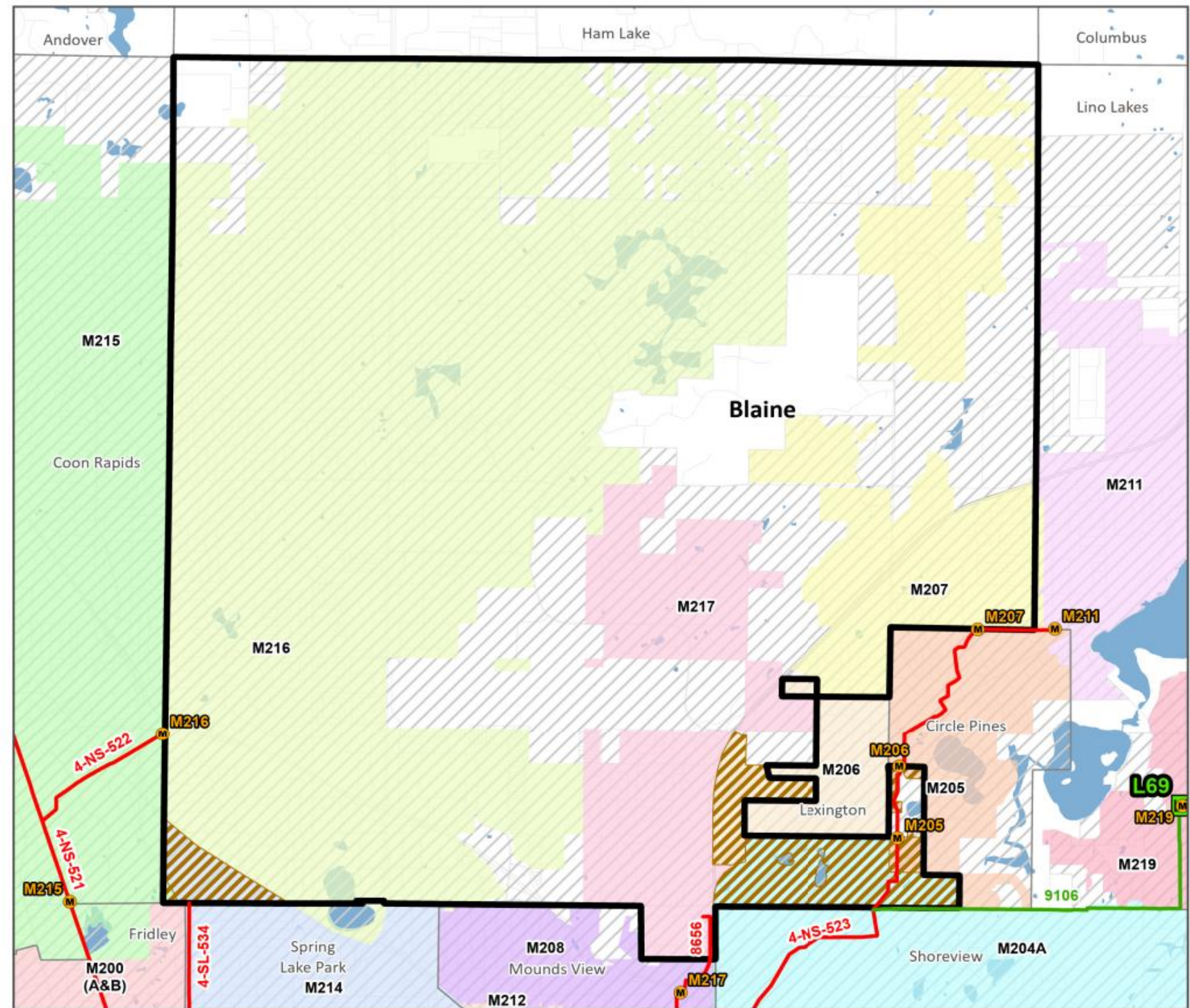
Option 1: Guide sufficient land at minimum residential densities of 10 units/acre to support your community's total allocation of affordable housing need for 2031 – 2040.

Option 2: Guide sufficient land at minimum residential densities of 12 units/acre to address your community's allocation at <30% AMI and 8 units/acre to address your community's allocation of affordable housing need at 31-60% AMI.

Affordability Level	Units
At or below 30% AMI	392
31 to 50% AMI	414
51 to 60% AMI	172
Total Units	978

Regional Sanitary Sewer System

Proposed expansions to the MUSA must demonstrate need for additional land supply.



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LS Lift Station

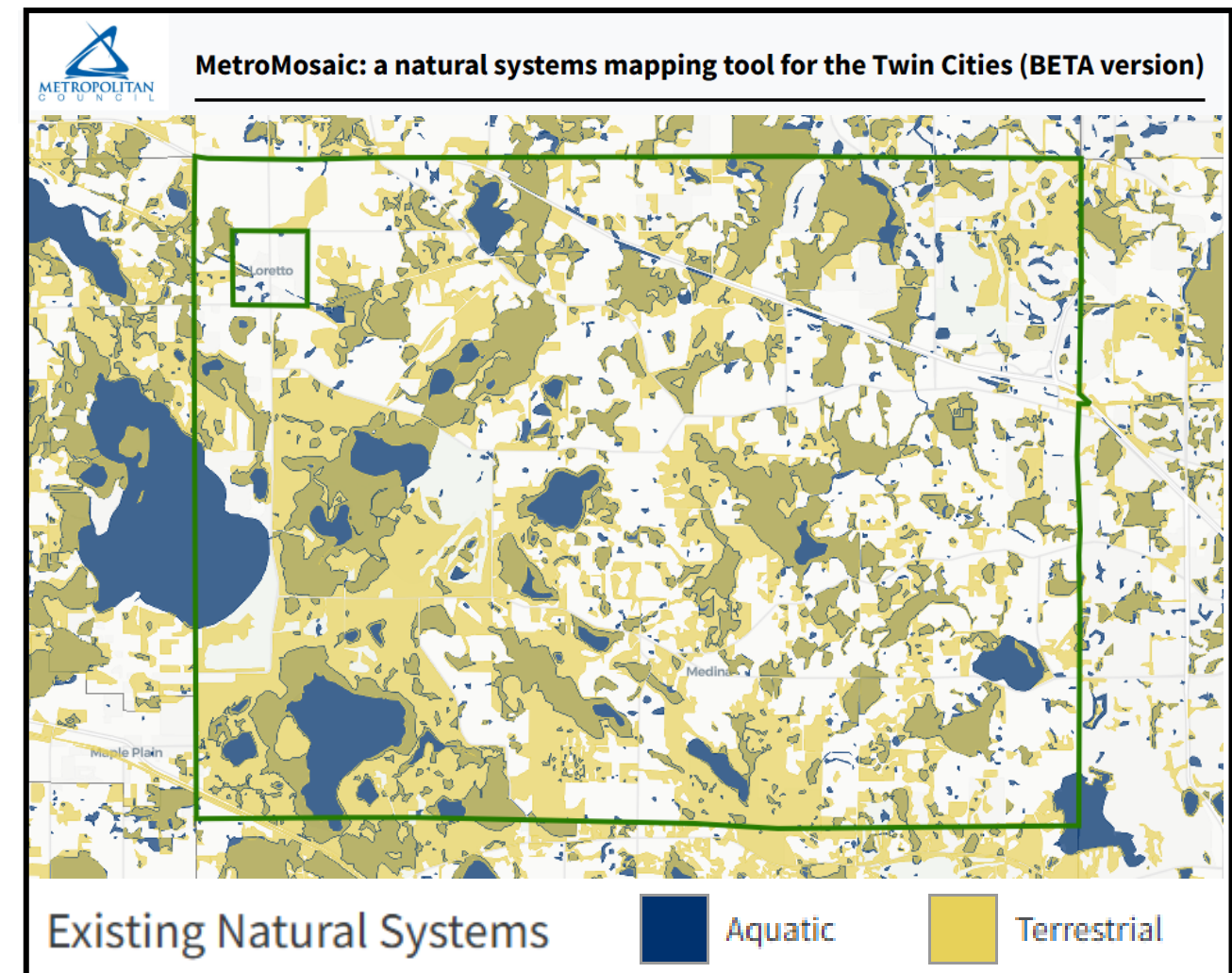
Regional Sewer
— Gravity
— Forcemain

Areas of Unmetered Flow from the Community
2050 MUSA

Natural Systems Minimum Requirements

Information, maps and/or narrative regarding

- Existing natural systems
- Commonly protected areas
- Significant and Sensitive terrestrial and water areas
- Priority areas for protection or improvement
- Protection and improvement goals, issues, and strategies
- Planned or proposed protection or improvement initiatives in the next 10 years.



New Climate Statute Language (2023)



473.859 Comprehensive Plan Content

Subdivision 2. (e) A land use plan must also include an **inventory and projections pertaining to greenhouse gas emissions** and vehicle miles traveled that are generated from activity that occurs within the local government's jurisdiction. The inventory and projections must include the emission sources from transportation, land use, energy use, solid waste, and, where available and applicable, livestock and agriculture. The inventory and projections must include the **estimated impact of strategies**, including efficient land use and compact growth, that reduce or naturally sequester greenhouse gas emissions across sectors.

Subdivision 7. **Climate mitigation and adaptation.** The council must specify how **climate mitigation and adaptation information** required pursuant to subdivision 2 and section [473.145](#) must be incorporated into comprehensive plan content.

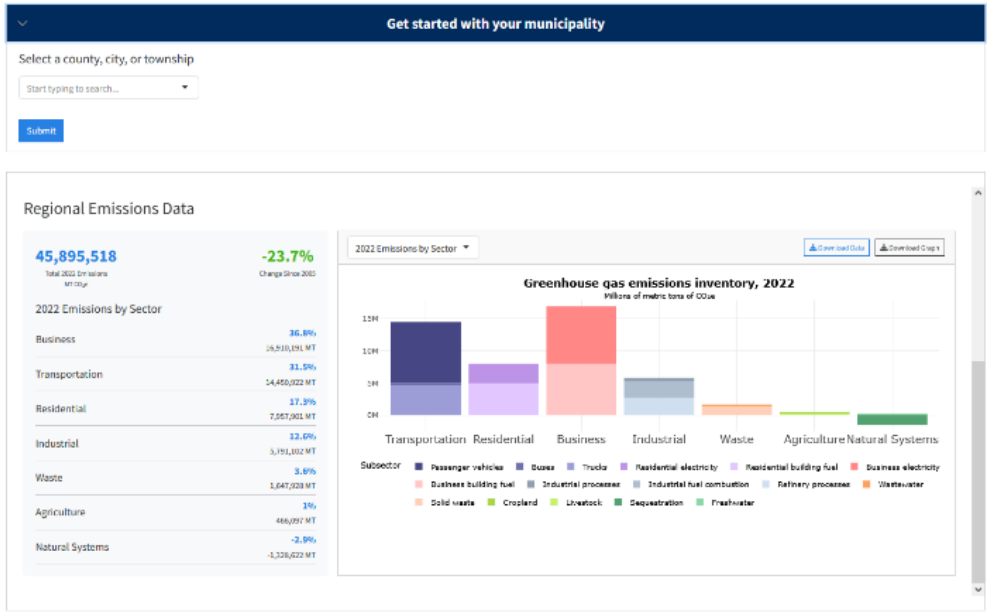
Climate Minimum Requirements



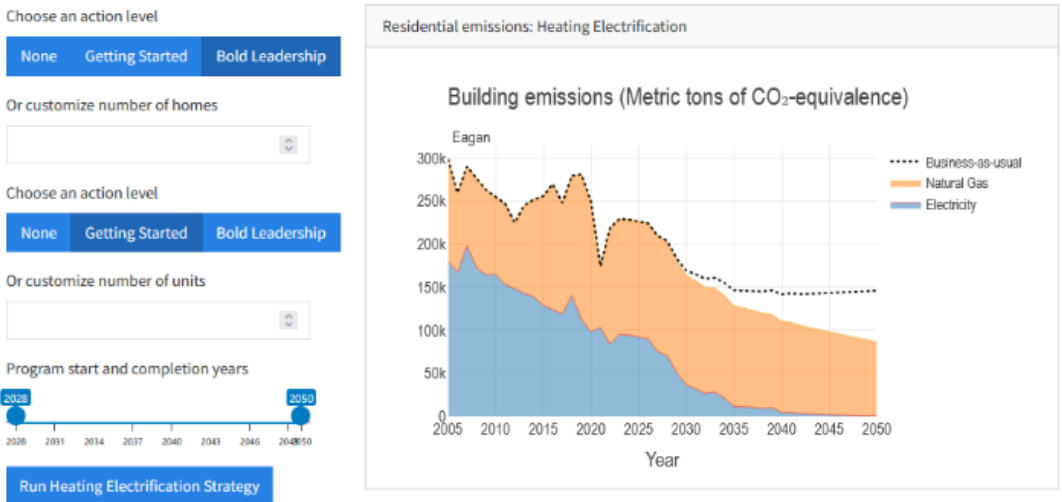
Mitigation

1. Include an acknowledgement of statewide targets for Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions: 50% GHG reduction by 2030 and net zero by 2050 from a 2005 baseline.
2. Include a greenhouse gas emissions inventory that includes transportation, energy use, solid waste, and livestock and agriculture.
3. Include at least one strategy to reduce greenhouse gas emissions for each of the above sectors.
4. Detail the emissions impact of reduction strategies through 2050 for the above sectors using the Met Council Strategy Planning Tool or an equivalent modeling tool.

GHG Emissions Reduction Tool



- Provides each community's greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory
- Enables communities to project the impact of potential GHG reduction strategies
- Supports meeting 2050 climate minimum requirements



Climate Minimum Requirements



Adaptation

1. Identify social, built, and natural systems vulnerabilities to the following climate hazards
 - Extreme heat
 - Localized flooding
2. Include strategies to address social, built, and natural systems vulnerabilities for the following climate hazards
 - Extreme heat
 - Localized flooding
3. Include strategies that support local food systems to increase access to healthy food, food security, and community resilience

Thank you

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City of Blaine Staff Report

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New Business - Elizabeth Showalter, Community Development Specialist

Agenda Item # 3.2

Cloverleaf Courts and Blaine Courts Financial Request

Background

Blaine Courts (1990) and Cloverleaf Courts (2000) were developed by the EDA to provide affordable independent senior apartments for senior residents of Blaine and surrounding communities. In total, 157 units were built with these two buildings. The EDA owned, maintained and provided direction to a management company that oversaw the daily operations of both apartments.

On November 5, 2014, the EDA held a public hearing to consider the sale of its two senior housing facilities, Blaine Courts and Cloverleaf Courts. The EDA received two offers — one from Avinity Senior Living, and one from Lang-Nelson (LaNel Financial). On January 8, 2015, the EDA approved the purchase agreement for the sale of the properties to LaNel Financial. The total paid for the two properties was \$10,650,000 with \$9,650,000 paid at closing and \$1 million in the form of separate promissory notes (issued by Hiawatha Lake Ventures II, LLC) for each facility (\$290,000 for Blaine Courts and \$710,000 for Cloverleaf Courts). The notes were structured as interest free for the first 5 years, interest only (at 4.25%) for the next 5 years, with a balloon payment in full at the end of the 10-year term.

In 2019, LaNel requested the notes be renegotiated to push the payment terms back 5 years to mirror the permanent funding in place. The EDA was generally in favor of this proposal. As the renegotiation was progressing, the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and discussions paused. At one point, there was consideration of providing LaNel funding assistance through the City's CARES allocation. As an alternative to direct assistance, the City/EDA, at staff's recommendation, considered renegotiating the notes to be a better alternative. Amended and restated promissory notes were prepared, however, there was never formal approval by the parties. On June 5, 2023, the EDA formally approved these restated notes. The restated note requires interest-only payments beginning in July 2025 and a balloon payment for the principal balance and any unpaid interest on June 1, 2030.

In June 2025, representatives from LaNel contacted city staff to discuss opportunities for the City/EDA to provide financial assistance to complete various facility upgrades. Members of the Finance and

Community Development Departments met with and communicated with LaNel in July, August, and September to better understand the financial request and impact on residents of each property.

The LaNel group will present council with their request and seek feedback on their proposal. If the Council decides to pursue financial assistance, city staff will outline the potential options during a future workshop. The City has multiple resources that could be used to facilitate the requested improvements, including pooled housing TIF funds, affordable housing aid, and the existing notes on the properties. It's important to note that LaNel has been current on all interest payments for the note, which started in July 2025.

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Does the Council want to consider providing financial support for the improvements presented to Blaine and Cloverleaf Courts senior apartments?

Attachment List

1. Request Overview

Cloverleaf Courts & Blaine Courts:

Senior Housing Capital Support Request

Request: \$1,000,000 in City Funds

Executive Summary:

We own and operate two Senior Housing Properties in the City of Blaine:

- Cloverleaf Courts
- Blaine Courts

Property Summaries:

- These properties serve senior residents (aged 55+)
- The two properties were purchased from the City of Blaine, which assisted in the funding through two Notes totaling \$1,000,000
- We have invested approximately the same amount back into the buildings

We're requesting \$1,000,000 in City Funds to meet Future Capital Needs:

- This will allow us to continue avoiding large rent increases while maintaining quality Senior Housing

Background:

Properties Purchased with City Debt:

- Cloverleaf Courts: \$710,000 Note
- Blaine Courts: \$290,000 Note

Verbal agreement with City Staff:

- No Annual Rent Increases Greater than 5% for 5 years

We've continued to honor this while owning the buildings for over 10 years:

- Rents remain below market and stable despite rising costs
- We need the city funds to continue this trend

Cloverleaf Courts & Blaine Courts:

- **Built from Within:** Residents invite friends & neighbors, creating natural community
- **Resident-Driven Programs:** Garden clubs, events, lifelong learning
- **Award-Winning Staff:** Recognized leaders with deep dedication
- **Transportation Fleet:** 7 buses connecting residents to city life — Dining, Arboretum, State Fair, & more
- **City Benefits:**
 - Reduces isolation
 - Supports aging in place
 - Strengthens neighborhood engagement



***Pictured:** Blaine Courts (Top), Cloverleaf Courts (Bottom)*

Our Investment to Date:

In 10 Years, we have Invested over \$1,390,000 in Capital Improvements:

- Cloverleaf Courts: \$911,261
- Blaine Courts: \$483,164

Capital Improvements Include:

- Roofs
- Mechanical Systems (HVAC Repairs, Appliance Systems, etc.)
- Common Areas (Furniture, Carpets, Gathering Spaces)
- Safety / Accessibility Features (Fire & Safety, Doors, Electrical Upgrades)

Future Capital Needs:

Major System Upgrades Required:

- Appliance Replacements / Unit Upgrades - \$729,000 (Slide 8)
- Common Area Flooring Replacements - \$250,000 (Slide 6)
- Concrete Repairs - \$100,000 (Slide 7)
- Elevator Modernization - \$360,000
- HVAC Replacements - \$100,000
- Security Improvements - \$140,000
- Windows and Accessibility Improvements - \$150,000 (Slide 9)
- **Total Future Capital Needs:** \$1,829,000

City Funding will allow us to complete the above items without burdening Residents

Blaine Courts & Cloverleaf Courts Capital Needs (Common Area Flooring):

Common Area Flooring (\$250,000):

- Replacing & repairing flooring in high-traffic common areas
- Updating worn or torn sections
- These upgrades directly support our residents' ability to move safely and confidently throughout either community



Pictured: Blaine Courts (Top), Cloverleaf Courts (Bottom)

Blaine Courts & Cloverleaf Courts Capital Needs (Exterior Concrete):

Exterior Concrete (\$100,000):

- Repairing and replacing deteriorated exterior concrete
- Provide stable, slip-resistant walkways and entry areas, ensuring safe access to and from the building year-round
- Protects residents from avoidable injuries and also promotes their independence and confidence in navigating the community



Pictured: Blaine Courts (Top), Cloverleaf Courts (Bottom)

Blaine Courts & Cloverleaf Courts Capital Needs (Appliance & Kitchen Upgrades):

Appliance & Kitchen Upgrades (\$729,000):

- Installing updated, senior-friendly, appliances
- Features:
 - Large, easy-to-turn knobs
 - Well-lit oven interiors
 - Highly visible digital clocks / timers to reduce the risk of burns, kitchen fires, and accidents caused by limited vision or mobility
- These upgrades make daily tasks easier and safer for aging hands and eyes



Cloverleaf Capital Needs (Window Replacements):

Window Replacements (\$150,000):

- Existing windows have become an ongoing issue, leading to heat / utility inefficiencies
- Aggressive replacement program is needed to meet the needs of our vulnerable seniors



Rent Affordability / Commitment:

Rents have never been raised more than 5% in our 10 Years of Ownership

We propose:

- Reserving 20% of units at 50% AMI or below (for a term of 10 Years)
- This maintains deep affordability for our most vulnerable residents

Current Rents:

Cloverleaf Courts Current Rents (Average):

- Studio Units: \$1,069 (\$1.85 PSF)
- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,316 (\$1.77 PSF)
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$1,634 (\$1.67 PSF)
- Average Increase (2021-2025): 4.49%

Cloverleaf Courts Current Average Rents			
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.	Rent	Rent PSF
Studio	578	\$1,069	\$1.85
1 BR	743	\$1,316	\$1.77
2 BR	980	\$1,634	\$1.67

Blaine Courts Current Rents (Average):

- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,116 (\$1.56 PSF)
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$1,404 (\$1.65 PSF)
- Average Increase (2021-2025): 4.46%

Blaine Courts Current Average Rents			
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.	Rent	Rent PSF
1 BR	717	\$1,116	\$1.56
2 BR	852	\$1,404	\$1.65

Current 50% AMI Rents (Anoka County):

- Studio Units: \$1,158
- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,241
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$1,490

Anoka County 50% AMI Rents	
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.
Studio	\$1,158
1 BR	\$1,241
2 BR	\$1,490

Market Comparison:

Senior (55+) Market Area Rent Levels (Average):

- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,730 (\$2.17 PSF)
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$2,443 (\$2.15 PSF)

Senior (55+) Market Area Rents***			
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.	Rent	Rent PSF
1 BR	796	\$1,730	\$2.17
2 BR	1,138	\$2,443	\$2.15

Average of 4 Area Senior (55+) Buildings:

***Aura Apartments (Fridley, MN)

***Estates of Arbor Oaks (Andover, MN)

***Risor of Blaine (Blaine, MN)

***Villas of Mounds View (Mounds View, MN)

Projected Rent Increase (to Cover Capital Needs):

Projected Increases: If funds from the City are not received / City Funding isn't awarded

Cloverleaf Courts Increased Rents (CAPX):

- Studio Units: \$1,263 (\$2.19 PSF)
- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,510 (\$2.03 PSF)
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$1,828 (\$1.86 PSF)
- Increase to Current Rents:
 - Studio Units: 18.15%
 - 1 Bedroom Units: 14.74%
 - 2 Bedroom Units: 11.87%

Cloverleaf Courts Projected Increased Rents			
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.	Rent	Rent PSF
Studio	578	\$1,263	\$2.19
1 BR	743	\$1,510	\$2.03
2 BR	980	\$1,828	\$1.86

Blaine Courts Increased Rents (CAPX):

- 1 Bedroom Units: \$1,266 (\$1.77 PSF)
- 2 Bedroom Units: \$1,554 (\$1.82 PSF)
- Increase to Current Rents:
 - 1 Bedroom Units: 13.44%
 - 2 Bedroom Units: 10.68%

Blaine Courts Projected Increased Rents			
Unit Type	Sq. Ft.	Rent	Rent PSF
1 BR	717	\$1,266	\$1.77
2 BR	852	\$1,554	\$1.82

Impact of City Funding:

- Ensures Safety and Livability of Buildings
- Avoid Rent Increases that would Displace Seniors
- Honors the City's Housing Goals and our Partnership
- Match our Historic Investment with City Support

Summary of Request:

We respectfully request \$1,000,000 in City Funds to:

- Fund Capital Needs for Cloverleaf Courts & Blaine Courts
- Preserve Affordable, Dignified Housing for Seniors



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New Business - Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director

Agenda Item # 3.3

Charitable Gambling Introduction - 2026 Awards

Background

The City's Charitable Gambling Fund was established in 1993 to account for the proceeds of a ten percent (10%) contribution that charitable gambling organizations operating within Blaine are required to submit to the City (Code Section 22-384). Organizations participating in charitable gambling as of 2025 are:

- Andover Football Association (new)
- Blaine Festival Committee
- Blaine Youth Basketball
- Blaine Youth Football
- Blaine Youth Hockey
- Centennial HS Football Boosters
- Community Charities of Minnesota (new)
- Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Spring Lake Park Lions Club
- Spring Lake Park #16 Youth Hockey
- VFW - Sgt. John Rice

Process

1. Organizations must submit an online application annually to be considered for funding.
2. Staff contacts organizations that have previously participated via email and U.S. Mail with application information.
3. Allocation amounts are based on councilmember scoring:
 - A scoring sheet with all requesting organizations and the requested amounts will be distributed to each councilmember

- Each councilmember will enter their recommended allocations and return their scoring sheet to staff
- Staff will average the scoring sheet amounts from all councilmembers to generate a recommended award for Council's consideration
- At least 3 councilmembers must allocate funding on their scoring sheets for an organization to receive funding

For 2026, the city received applications from 21 organizations requesting funding. Organizations who submitted applications after the final submission date are included in the attached materials, although staff recommends funding not be allocated to ensure an orderly and equitable process.

Revenues

Actual charitable gambling contributions received were \$192,818 in 2023 and \$193,790 in 2024. Given the volatility of this funding source, the current budget for 2026 is presented to be consistent with the 2025 budget, which was conservatively set at \$175,000.

Expenditures

Expenditures from this fund are at the City Council's discretion, provided that they fall within the guidelines established by Minnesota Statute 349.12 subdivision 25. Specifically, allowable contributions include donations to:

- 501(c)(3) organizations; and 501(c)(4) festival organizations
- Relieve the effects of poverty, homelessness, or physical or mental disabilities
- Treatment of post-traumatic-stress syndrome or compulsive gambling
- Public or private accredited nonprofit educational institution
- Scholarship funds
- Recognition of humanitarian or military service
- Activities and facilities that benefit youth under the age of 21
- Support police, fire, or other public safety-related services, equipment, and training
- Wildlife management projects
- Maintenance of snowmobile and/or ATV trails
- Support nutritional and congregate dining programs, and food shelves
- Community arts programs

Annually, an expenditure report is submitted to the State of Minnesota, disclosing the recipients of funds along with the amount and purpose.

2026 Budget

Consistent with the 2025 award process, the 2026 distribution is to be based on actual 2024 charitable gambling revenues. This will provide \$193,790 of available funding.

A copy of the presentation will be attached before noon on the day of the meeting.

Attachments:

- *Fund Summary – includes 2023 and 2024 actuals, the 2024–2026 budget, and the 2027–2030 projections; with detailed revenue sources, expenses, and projected cash balances*
- *Detailed listing of historical distributions*
- *Example of the scoring sheet*
- *2026 Online Applications - alpha order*

Staff Recommendation

Finance will distribute the scoring matrix and 2026 requests for funding via email in the upcoming days to each councilmember, which will then be compiled for discussion at the October 20 Workshop. No discussion is intended at this time regarding individual requests.

Questions for Council

Does Council support the presented 2026 charitable gambling process?

Attachment List

1. Charitable Gambling Fund Presentation
2. Charitable Gambling Fund Summary
3. Charitable Gambling Fund Summary - Detail
4. Charitable Gambling Funds Score Sheet
5. 2026 Online Charitable Gambling Applications - Alpha Order

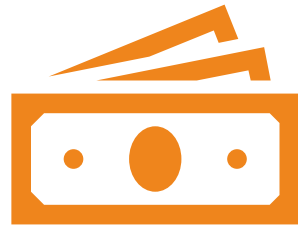


Charitable Gambling Fund

Council Workshop | Finance

10/6/2025

Charitable Gambling Fund Overview



Purpose

To account for the proceeds of the 10% Charitable Gambling contribution



Background

Fund created in 1993

Funding Sources: 10% Charitable Gambling

Expenses: Allocations to eligible organizations per state statute

Contributing Organizations

-  Andover Football Association (new)
-  Blaine Festival Committee
-  Blaine Youth Basketball
-  Blaine Youth Football
-  Blaine Youth Hockey
-  Centennial High School Football Boosters
-  Community Charities of Minnesota (new)
-  Ham Lake Chamber of Commerce
-  Spring Lake Park Lions Club
-  Spring Lake Park District #16 Youth Hockey
-  VFW – Sgt. John Rice

Eligible Uses (State Statute Section 349.12 subd. 25)



To a 501(c)(3) organization or a 501(c)(4) festival organization



To relieve effects of poverty, homelessness, or disability



For programs for education, prevention, or treatment of problem gambling



To a public or private nonprofit school



To a scholarship fund



For recognition of military service or support for active military personnel/immediate family members in need



For recreational activities and facilities for youth



For expenditures for police, fire, and other emergency or public safety-related services, equipment, and training



To a church



For citizen monitoring/data collection of surface water quality by individuals (PCA)



For wildlife management projects and activities that benefit the public-at-large (DNR)



For nutritional programs, food shelves, and congregate dining programs primarily for persons aged 62 or older or disabled



For community arts organizations, or sponsorship of community arts programs



For humanitarian service, recognizing volunteerism or philanthropy



For supplies and materials for DNR coordinated education programs/safety training



For trail grooming or maintenance on trails open to public use (DNR)

Annual Process

Allocate Funds

Scoring sheet with requesting organizations distributed to council

Applications provided to council

Council to submit recommended allocations for each organization

Average of Allocations Becomes Proposed Budget

At least 3 councilmembers must allocate funds to an organization for it to receive funding

Staff to average councilmember allocations

Council to receive a tabulated score sheet:

- All councilmember allocations
- Recommended award options

Councilmember Scoring Sheet

	Organization	2025 Dollars Awarded	2026 Amount Requested	Allocated Funding
Prior Year Requests	Alexandra House Inc	72,000	75,000	
	Anoka County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol	4,000	7,500	
	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	2,500	2,500	
	Centennial Senior All Night Party	-	750	
	Family Promise in Anoka County	10,000	12,500	
	Hope 4 Youth	12,000	15,000	
	Hope for the Community	11,500	15,000	
	Impact Services Meals on Wheels & More	4,000	-	
	Jam Hope Foundation	-	10,000	
	Minnesota 100 Club	5,000	5,000	
	Robert-Wilma Burbach Bike Foundation DBA Bike4Kids	-	4,350	
	SBM Fire - Annual fireworks show	40,000	40,000	
	Stepping Stone Emergency Housing	10,000	12,000	
	Superman Sam's Survival Kit	-	3,000	
	The Salvation Army Blaine Office	10,000	15,000	
	Way of the Lord food shelf	11,500	11,500	
New Requests	Anoka County Brotherhood Council Inc (ACBC Food Shelf)	-	2,000	
	*Blaine Area Little League	-	12,000	
	Blaine Police Federation	-	2,000	
	Centennial Youth Cheerleading Association	-	1,000	
	Foundations Christian Academy	-	135,000	
	*Mediation Services for Anoka County (DBA Mediation and Restorative Services)	-	5,000	
	Total	192,500	\$386,100	\$0
Remaining to allocate				\$193,790

- ▶ \$193,790 is available to allocate among the organizations (2024 total revenues)
- ▶ Organizations must receive allocations from at least 3 councilmembers to be considered for funding
- ▶ The recommended award will be the average of the councilmember allocations

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	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2026 Requested
Beginning Fund Reserve	\$ 247,497	\$ 253,065	\$ 241,762	\$ 225,444
<u>Revenues</u>				
Investment earnings	7,250	7,407	1,500	1,500
Charitable Gambling Contributions	192,818	193,790	175,000	175,000
Total	200,068	201,197	176,500	176,500
<u>Expenses</u>				
Existing Requests				
Alexandra House	60,000	75,000	72,000	75,000
Anoka County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol	5,000	5,000	4,000	7,500
Beyond the Yellow Ribbon	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Blaine High School Senior All Night Party	750	-	-	-
Boy Scout Troop 3509	750	-	-	-
Centennial Community food shelf	12,000	3,000	-	-
Centennial Senior All Night Party	750	-	-	750
Family Promise in Anoka County	12,000	12,000	10,000	12,500
Hope 4 Youth	12,000	12,000	12,000	15,000
Hope for the Community food shelf	12,000	12,000	11,500	15,000
Impact Services Meals on Wheels & More	-	5,000	4,000	-
Jam Hope Foundation	-	5,000	-	10,000
Minnesota 100 Club	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
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SBM Fire - Annual fireworks show	35,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
Spring Lake Park High School Senior Party	750	-	-	-
Stepping Stone Emergency Housing	12,000	12,000	10,000	12,000
Superman Sam's Survival Kit	-	-	-	3,000
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Way of the Lord food shelf	12,000	12,000	11,500	11,500
New Requests				
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Foundations Christian Academy	-	-	-	135,000
Mediation Services for Anoka County (DBA Mediation and Restorative Services)	-	-	-	5,000
Unallocated Funds				
Charitable Contributions	-	-	318	-
Total	194,500	212,500	192,818	386,100
Increase (decrease) in fund reserve	5,568	(11,303)	(16,318)	
Ending Fund Reserve	\$ 253,065	\$ 241,762	\$ 225,444	

Council and Staff Timeline

Week of October 6

Finance will distribute the scoring matrix

Week of October 13

Finance will compile the score sheets

October 13

Council is asked to submit their score sheets by the end of the day

October 20

Compiled score sheets presented for discussion at the Workshop

Charitable Gambling Council Questions

- ▶ Does Council support the presented 2026 Charitable Gambling process?



City of Blaine, Minnesota
Charitable Gambling Fund - 240
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
2026 Budget - As of October 6, 2025

	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2026 Budget	2027 Projection	2028 Projection	2029 Projection	2030 Projection
Operating Revenues									
Gambling Tax	\$ 192,818	\$ 175,000	\$ 193,790	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
Investment Earnings	7,250	1,500	7,407	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Total Revenues	<u>200,068</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>201,197</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>176,500</u>	<u>176,500</u>
Operating Expenditures									
Charitable Contributions	194,500	212,500	212,500	192,818	193,790	175,000	175,000	175,000	175,000
Total Expenditures	<u>194,500</u>	<u>212,500</u>	<u>212,500</u>	<u>192,818</u>	<u>193,790</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>5,568</u>	<u>(36,000)</u>	<u>(11,303)</u>	<u>(16,318)</u>	<u>(17,290)</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to Facilities Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	5,568	(36,000)	(11,303)	(16,318)	(17,290)	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Fund Balance, January 1	247,497	253,065	253,065	241,762	225,444	208,154	209,654	211,154	212,654
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>253,065</u>	<u>217,065</u>	<u>241,762</u>	<u>225,444</u>	<u>208,154</u>	<u>209,654</u>	<u>211,154</u>	<u>212,654</u>	<u>214,154</u>
Cash Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 203,567</u>	<u>\$ 167,567</u>	<u>\$ 184,452</u>	<u>\$ 168,134</u>	<u>\$ 150,844</u>	<u>\$ 152,344</u>	<u>\$ 153,844</u>	<u>\$ 155,344</u>	<u>\$ 156,844</u>

CITY OF BLAINE, MINNESOTA

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Council Member: _____

Please fill in the funding you wish to allocate to each organization in the Allocated Funding Column

Due by the end of the day Monday, October 13 to charitablegambling@blainemn.gov

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To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Friday, June 27, 2025 8:58:10 AM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Alexandra House, Inc.
Contact Name	Connie Moore
Contact Phone	763-656-1361
Contact Email Address	communications@alexandrahouse.org
Address	10065 – 3rd Street NE
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55434
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9 2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	501(c)3 Letter - IRS.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	136
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Alexandra House plays a crucial role in serving and impacting the citizens of Blaine by providing comprehensive support and advocacy for victims/survivors of domestic and sexual violence and elder abuse. Here's how Alexandra House serves and impacts the community: • Emergency Response: Alexandra House operates around the clock, responding to calls from the Blaine Police Department, Anoka County Sheriff's Office, and Mercy Hospital-Unity Campus. This immediate response is a vital component of the

community's public safety and public health infrastructure. It ensures that individuals in crisis receive the necessary support and protection.

- Youth Services Program: Alexandra House's Youth Services Program is active in high schools throughout the Anoka-Hennepin School District, including Blaine High School. They offer school-based advocacy, support groups, and prevention education. This program helps young individuals understand and address issues related to domestic and sexual violence, thus promoting a safer an

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

Please see attached document (City of Blaine Report attached).

Attach additional information, if available.

[2025 Combined Case Statements and Year Review.pdf](#)

Amount of Request

75000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

The funds provided to Alexandra House will be used to support a wide range of critical programs and services for the benefit of the community in Blaine. Blaine residents continue to benefit from programs and services such as our 24-hour emergency shelter, transitional housing, support groups, access to therapy, on-call hospital advocacy, legal advocacy, youth services, elder abuse services, food shelf and basic needs assistance, and community outreach and prevention education.

Other Supplemental Information

[2025 Combined Case Statements and Year Review_1.pdf](#)

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

Please see attached document - additional information.

Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Danielle Reynolds
Title	Donor Engagement Coordinator
Date	6/27/2025

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 4:48:39 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Anoka County Brotherhood Council Inc (ACBC Food Shelf)
Contact Name	Stephanie Lehman
Contact Phone	763-422-0046 ext 5
Contact Email Address	stephanie@acbcfoodshelf.org
Address	2615 9th Ave N (PO Box 774)
City	Anoka
State	MN
Zip Code	55303
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9- Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC Food Shelf).pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Tax Status - 501c3 letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	3475 in 2024
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Anoka County Brotherhood Council (ACBC Food Shelf) has been providing food, clothing, and resources to Anoka County and surrounding area since 1971. In 2024, we provided 23,106 families (78,000 individuals) with 1.4 million pounds of food. This was a 30% increase over 2024. We do this through the following programs: •Food Shelf Market: Participants shop for items they need (fresh produce, meat, dairy, eggs, shelf-stable, culturally relevant,

bread, bakery, hygiene, household, pet food) in our warm, welcoming, and well-stocked market.

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Additional food and nutrition education is provided to low-income adults ages 60+. ACBC is the only food shelf in the state of Minnesota to be a direct partner of the Minnesota Department of Health with the goal of addressing senior hunger in Anoka County.
- Outreach Delivery: Custom-ordered groceries are provided to home-bound seniors and those with disabilities.
- Weekly Program: Weekly assistance for people who are experiencing homelessness or living in transitional housing.
- Senior Shopping: ACBC partners with two local senior centers to bus homebound adults to ACBC for food, clothing, coffee, and good conversation.
- Thanksgiving Food Distribution: Thanksgiving food kits (frozen turkey, fresh produce, and holiday food favorites) are provided to 500 families each year.
- Produce Distributions: Additional access to healthy food is provided twice a month along with special events.
- Summer Food Bags for Kids: Extra child-favorite food options are available during the summer to help with the increased need when children are home from school.
- Birthday Bags: Children ages 1-18 are provided themed birthday bags with toys and other birthday items during their birthday month.
- Thrift Store: Free and low-cost clothing and household items.

ACBC serves all of Anoka County with a growing number of families residing in Blaine. In Minnesota, 1 in 5 families are struggling to put food on the table. People who visit a food shelf typically fall within the gap of earning too much for assistance, but not enough for a living wage. Many families need just a bit of help to ensure their bills are paid.

All of our programs are designed for people to choose the food items they want in the most dignified way possible.

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Request Information

Did your organization
receive funding in the
prior year?

No

Amount of Request

2000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	Funds will be used to purchase food for our food shelf and delivery programs.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	Any funds received will be used for food purchasing.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Stephanie Lehman
Title	Executive Director
Date	4/22/2025

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To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2025 4:34:50 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Anoka County Composite Squadron Civil Air Patrol
Contact Name	Lt Col Mary Albright
Contact Phone	763.792.9697
Contact Email Address	mary.albright@gmail.com
Address	10199 Kissell St
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55014
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	CAP W9 June 2024.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	501 (c) (3) letter for Civil Air Patrol (1).pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	Entirety of Anoka County
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	We provide youth leadership development, training the next generation of leaders in our community, state and nation. Our members take part in emergency services training so they can volunteer to be on ground and air search teams for missing people or aircraft in collaboration with local emergency response organizations.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	Yes
Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Attach additional information, if available.	2025-2026 ANOKA CAP - WHO WE ARE.pdf
Amount of Request	7500
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	Your funding helps us continue our award-winning youth leadership development program within the Blaine community. We receive no funding and rely solely on donations. Your donation will support our ability to make strides in overcoming a deficit created by inflation related operating costs for utilities, fuel, supplies and materials for our programs and activities. A portion of your donation would be earmarked for cadet scholarships to attend leadership and emergency services activities to advance their education and training.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	We would apply a partial award toward the needs listed above.
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Name	Mary Albright
Title	Deputy Commander for Cadets

Date

8/24/2025

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Friday, September 5, 2025 10:37:32 AM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon
Contact Name	Terry Wold
Contact Phone	612-759-5433
Contact Email Address	terry_wold@hotmail.com
Address	10801 Town Square Drive NE
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55449
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon 2024 Nonprofit Form.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon 2024 Nonprofit Form_1.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	500
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon is a comprehensive program that creates awareness for the purpose of connecting service members and their families with community support, training, services, and resources. The City of Blaine has had an ongoing partnership with the Yellow Ribbon Community since 2013, where the Council appropriated funding for our 501 (c)(3) corporation for the 2014 Charitable Gambling Fund.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	Yes
Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community campaign unites key areas across the city to create a network that connects and coordinate agencies, organizations, resources, and employers for the purpose of proactively supporting service members and military families. Blaine has the highest concentration of National Guard members in the north metro area. Blaine's continued partnership with our organization will support our service members.
Attach additional information, if available.	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Amount of Request	2500.00
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon community campaign unites key areas across the City to create a network that connects and coordinate agencies, organizations, resources, and employers for the purpose of proactively supporting service members and military families. Blaine has the highest concentration of National Guard members in the north metro area. Blaine's continued partnership with our organization will support our service members.
Other Supplemental Information	Beyond the Yellow Ribbon 2024 Nonprofit Form_2.pdf
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	We would use the funds in the same manner but be able to impact less people.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Terry Wold

Title	Vice President
Date	9/5/2025

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2025 7:44:15 AM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Blaine Area Little League
Contact Name	Jebediah Kuseske
Contact Phone	6512723262
Contact Email Address	jebediahk@ba-littleleague.org
Address	PO Box 490781
City	Blaine
State	Minnesota
Zip Code	55449
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W-9 BALL (2).pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	BALL 5013C.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	1300
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Blaine Area Little League provides an opportunity for kids from ages 4-12 to learn the fundamentals and play baseball. Our goal is to grow our program and give a wonderful experience.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	No
Amount of Request	12,000.00
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	The fund will go towards raising money for lights on field #4, maintenance for the Challenger field and full infield tarps to protect the fields.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	The fund will go towards raising money for lights on field #4, maintenance for the Challenger field and full infield tarps to protect the fields.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Jebediah Kuseske
Title	B.A.L.L. Funraising Coordinator
Date	9/15/2025

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Date: Saturday, June 28, 2025 2:50:27 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Blaine Police Federation
Contact Name	Trent Bachman
Contact Phone	763-238-1420
Contact Email Address	tbachman@blainemn.gov
Address	10801 Town Square Dr NE
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55449
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	Blaine W9.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Federation IRS determination letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	73774
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	The Blaine Police Federation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization whose membership consists of full-time employees of the Blaine Police Department. The goal of the Blaine Police Federation is to promote a united comradeship of Blaine Police Officers and non-sworn staff and encourage unity among all fellow Police Officers. The Blaine Police Federation will promote positive relationships with the community and support civilian and law enforcement organizations.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

No

Amount of Request

2000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

In 2025, the Blaine Police Federation established a community fund that allows members to provide immediate non-cash assistance to individuals in our community who need assistance (E.g., gas, food, shoes, clothing). Blaine Police Officers frequently encounter residents and visitors who need a helping hand. A donation to the newly established community fund will directly assist community members in need while allowing Officers to build positive relationships with some of the community's most vulnerable population.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

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Acknowledgement

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Name

Trent Bachman

Title

Treasurer

Date

6/28/2025

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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Centennial Senior All Night Party
Contact Name	Jolene Roth
Contact Phone	6512082085
Contact Email Address	centennialsanp@gmail.com
Address	7044 Eagle Trail
City	Centerville
State	MN
Zip Code	55038
Type of Organization Making the Request	Other
Other Type	School Parent Volunteer Group
Attach Form W9	Blaine w9 request.docx
Is your organization a 501C3?	No
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	Blaine families attending CHS, unknown #
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	The 45th annual Centennial Senior All Night Party (SANP) is a cherished event that offers the graduating class of CHS a fun, safe, drug-and-alcohol-free environment to celebrate their graduation and enjoy one last night together as a class. We provide food, fun and prizes for the graduates all night long!

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Request Information

Did your organization	No
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receive funding in the prior year?

Amount of Request	\$750
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	All funds collected are used solely for the event. Money collected helps us provide various vendors (casino tables, airbrush and henna tattoos, caricatures, etc.) for entertainment, as well as raffle prizes to enhance the festivities. Every donation, whether a monetary donation or an item, will help ensure that the graduating class has an unforgettable celebration as they embark on their next adventure.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	A partial award will be utilized in the same manner.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Jolene Roth
Title	SANP Committee Member
Date	9/10/2025

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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Centennial Youth Cheerleading Association
Contact Name	Ashley Melanson
Contact Phone	262-325-5168
Contact Email Address	centennialyouthcheerleading@gmail.com
Address	461 Post Rd
City	Lino Lakes
State	MN
Zip Code	55014
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	fw9-CYCA.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Centennial Youth IRS Letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	15-20 students
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Our organization, the Centennial Youth Cheerleading Association (CYCA), serves the citizens of Blaine and the surrounding areas by offering a competitive cheerleading program for students in grades 1-12. Our cheerleaders are primarily students from ISD12 and the surrounding area, including Blaine, who benefit from the opportunity to participate in a structured, competitive environment. As a nonprofit organization, CYCA is dedicated to providing a program that helps young athletes develop valuable life skills, such as leadership, teamwork, discipline, and

sportsmanship, all while fostering a sense of community.

Founded in 2024 through the collaborative efforts of coaches and parents, CYCA officially became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization in January 2025. The mission of CYCA is to fill a gap in the community by providing a competitive cheerleading program for athletes in the Centennial ISD12 district and surrounding areas who would otherwise not have access to one. This mission has a direct and positive impact on the local community by offering a safe and positive outlet for youth to develop physically and emotionally, while also strengthening community ties.

By promoting the sport of competitive cheerleading, CYCA works to expand access to this sport in the area, reaching families who may not otherwise have the resources or means to engage in such activities. Through fundraising, donations, and sponsorships, CYCA is committed to keeping fees as low as possible, ensuring that more students have the opportunity to participate and benefit from the program.

During our inaugural 2024-2025 season, CYCA proudly fielded three competition teams with 55 cheerleaders from grades 1-9. These teams participated in five competitions throughout the Twin Cities metro area, including the MCCA State Cheerleading Competition. Our athletes excelled, earning at least two top honor awards per team at each competition. This remarkable achievement reflects the dedication, growth, and commitment of our cheerleaders, who have developed not only their cheerleading skills but also deep friendships and a sense of leadership and teamwork.

In the upcoming 2025-2026 season, CYCA is expanding to include a Centennial Varsity competition team, bringing our total to four teams with over 75 cheerleaders. This growth allows us to serve more athletes from Blaine and the surrounding area, further enriching the community by providing additional opportunities for youth to get involved in sports, build relationships, and develop skills that will last a lifetime. CYCA's commitment to youth development and community involvement continues to have a lasting impact on the citizens of Blaine, providing an important outlet for local families and helping to foster a sense of pride in our area.

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Request Information

Did your organization
receive funding in the
prior year?

No

Amount of Request	\$1,000
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	The funds requested will be utilized to cover a portion of choreography and facility fees for all four of our teams. In order to remain competitive at the statewide competitions, it is essential to have a professionally choreographed routine. These routines require a high level of skill and expertise that can only be achieved through working with a professional choreographer. This investment ensures that our teams will have the cutting-edge performance elements needed to stand out and compete effectively. In addition to choreography, these funds will also cover the facility space required for our teams to practice and perfect the routine. Having access to a suitable practice space is critical for training, especially as our teams prepare for the intense competition season. Without this dedicated space, the teams would be limited in their ability to fully rehearse and refine their performance, potentially impacting their success. The funds awarded will allow us to secure both the choreography and the facility space necessary to deliver top-tier routines for the 2025-2026 competition season. This support will directly impact our ability to maintain a high level of performance and remain competitive at state-level events, ensuring that we can continue to develop our athletes and represent our organization with pride.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	The partial award will be utilized to cover a portion of the costs for choreography and facility fees for all four of our teams. This support will help us secure a professionally choreographed routine, which is essential for maintaining competitiveness at the statewide competitions. A professionally designed routine is crucial for ensuring that our teams have the expertise and creative edge needed to perform at their best. Additionally, the partial funds will contribute to securing the necessary practice space for our teams to rehearse. This partial funding will make a meaningful impact by helping us begin the process of securing these vital resources, laying the foundation for a strong performance season in 2025-2026.
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Name	Ashley Melanson
Title	Board Member
Date	3/18/2025

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Family Promise in Anoka County
Contact Name	Adam Monaghan
Contact Phone	7635687349
Contact Email Address	adam.monaghan@familypromiseanoka.org
Address	363 Coon Rapids Blvd NW
City	Coon Rapids
State	Minnesota
Zip Code	55433
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9 2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	IRS Determination Letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	~85 of 383 total individuals served
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Family Promise in Anoka County operates three primary programs to serve Blaine and Anoka County families experiencing homelessness and housing insecurity. Prevention supports families who are at risk of losing their housing. Shelter is a temporary solution for families who have already lost their housing and are homeless. Stabilization provides continued support for families to overcome long term barriers and improve their economic situation. 100% of families who fully complete the Prevention and Shelter programs and stay engaged in the

Stabilization program are still housed after six months. Family Promise programs empower families to build a foundation of lasting Independence through case management (required for 90 days), required financial literacy classes, and required monthly life skills training. Our services are centered around children with the core conviction that every child deserves a home.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

Homelessness is expensive costing cities, counties and states so much to meet the demand for emergency services, healthcare, and missed economic opportunity. Preventing homelessness whenever possible and helping families facing a housing crisis to get back on their feet is in the interest of every municipality, the community at large and especially the children who are deserving of a stable home. Family Promise served families in Blaine at an equal proportion to the rest of the county based upon population.

Attach additional information, if available.

Field not completed.

Amount of Request

12,500

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

New in 2025 is that Family Promise is building an apartment complex near 363 Coon Rapids Blvd NW. This structure will provide 8 units of housing for participants of the shelter program. The new building is on target for a grand opening in 2026 and funds are being raised to support this endeavor. This funding will further the work to serve more families to build a foundation of housing independence because every child deserves a home.

While the Family Promise Shelter Program has operated since 2010, Prevention was started in 2021 and is now the largest program serving 80 or more families each year, including several families living in Blaine who are at risk of homelessness or have recently overcome homelessness. The average amount of assistance is about \$500 per child to avoid homelessness. This assistance addresses rent or utilities that are owed by a family with children due to sickness, lack of affordable transportation or childcare, and the ever-increasing cost of housing.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

Family Promise is funded by a combination of individual donors, local businesses and corporations, congregations of faith, civic and community organizations, philanthropic grantors and non-profit organizations. The more funding the program receives, the more families will be able to be served and avoid homelessness. The organization is in the middle of a capital campaign raising funds for the new apartment building and seeking any and all investment from the community.

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Name

Adam Monaghan

Title

Director of Engagement & Operations

Date

8/27/2025

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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Foundations Christian Academy
Contact Name	Sarah Brown
Contact Phone	6126361553
Contact Email Address	sbrown@learnatfoundations.org
Address	17565 Central Ave NE Suite 350
City	Ham Lake
State	MN
Zip Code	55304
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	Foundations Christian Academy IRS 501c3 Determination Letter (2).pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Foundations Christian Academy IRS 501c3 Determination Letter (2)_1.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	25% of student body and growing
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	As our school continues to grow, more Blaine families are choosing a Christian education for their children, and currently, 25% of our students are residents of Blaine. While we are located in Ham Lake, a neighboring community, our students and families actively participate in and contribute to the Blaine community and economy, creating a meaningful local impact. Each child who attends has a positive ripple effect benefiting not only themselves but also their families and the broader

community. Parents are supported, neighbors are engaged, and local connections are strengthened.

Through generous support from community partners, and because we receive no public funding, we are able to provide access to Christian education based on family values, including financial assistance for those who need it. Many public funding options for low-income families do not allow for a faith-based choice, making this support critical. Our school emphasizes academic excellence, character development, and service, encouraging students to love their neighbor, contribute their gifts and talents, and serve others, ensuring a lasting positive impact throughout Blaine.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

No

Amount of Request

135,000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

We are grateful for the opportunity to partner with community supporters to help our school thrive. Ideally, we would love to direct the funds to where they are needed most, under the oversight and governance of our board, ensuring fiscal responsibility and the greatest impact for our students and the community. However, if the committee would like to sponsor any specific areas of need, we are happy to accommodate that as well and will provide detail below of our most urgent needs. We are requesting up to \$135,000 to support critical needs for the current school year, though any contribution will make a meaningful difference. This funding helps us sustain our \$500,000 operating budget, which is entirely provided private funding through tuition, private donations, and community partner support. At this time in school's development tuition alone does not yet cover all operating costs.

A key priority is financial aid for families. With \$50,000 allocated for tuition assistance, we would have the capacity to accept up to 14 additional students with maximum financial support, if needed. This year, we saw interest from even more families seeking enrollment and financial assistance, but our current resources did not allow us to extend additional aid. By having a dedicated pool of funds this would allow us to:

- Support current students in need of tuition assistance
- Plan for mid-year tuition assistance for families who may join later
- Prepare for next year's enrollment, ensuring access for families who might choose our school if financial support is available

Other critical priorities include:

-High-priority safety improvement: A specific upgrade needed as soon as possible to provide an extra layer of protection for our students. For security reasons, we do not publicly share the full safety plan, but upon request, details of the bid and invoice can be shared with a limited set of stakeholders. Estimated cost: \$12,000.

-Teacher commitments and professional development: \$48,000 to hire and retain teachers while the classrooms are still reaching capacity and provide ongoing training for current teachers.

-Playground expansion: \$25,000 to create a larger, safer, and more engaging outdoor area for students to play and develop physically and socially.

Other Supplemental Information	Field not completed.
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	Partial funding would still make a meaningful impact. If the committee has a specific area of interest, we would be happy to direct the funds accordingly. If no preference is specified, contributions would support the overall mission, allowing our board to prioritize the highest-need areas responsibly. At this time, the highest priorities are improved safety features and financial aid for families.
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Name	Sarah Brown
Title	President of the Board of Directors
Date	9/15/2025

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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	HOPE 4 Youth
Contact Name	Nikki Calvin
Contact Phone	7633232066
Contact Email Address	nkalvin@hope4youthmn.org
Address	10250 Foley Blvd N #48010
City	Coon Rapids
State	MN
Zip Code	55448
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	2024 HOPE 4 Youth W9.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	H4Y 501.c.3 Exempt.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	70+
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	In 2024, 70 youth with Blaine zip codes enrolled in services at HOPE 4 Youth Center. Of those, 17% were parenting young children of their own. HOPE 4 Youth is the only program that serves youth experiencing homelessness in the northwestern Metro area. Rather than forcing a solution or pulling youth out of a situation where they could otherwise develop long-term self-sufficiency, we take a multi-layered approach. Those who are currently but precariously housed may seek the services the Drop-In Center provides. Young people who have a place to stay

with a friend or family member may find that housing more stabilized as a result of engaging in HOPE Homes. Youth ready to live more independently are able to find their needs met and new skills gained through HOPE Place. Our goal is to see youth achieve housing stability, as we believe this is the bedrock for a young person to truly build their life, and thereby prevent or end an episode/cycle of homelessness. Maintaining this stability requires wrap-around supports in closely connected areas like maintaining education/employment, forming permanent connections, and strengthening mental health/social-emotional well-being.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

Last year, funds from the City of Blaine directly supported HOPE 4 Youth's mission to provide pathways to end youth homelessness. Of the young people we served, 70 youth resided in Blaine zip codes. These youth accessed critical resources including basic needs (food, clothing, hygiene products), safe spaces, case management, and connections to housing, education, and employment opportunities.

By meeting immediate needs and offering long-term support, these funds helped stabilize Blaine youth during times of crisis and set them on a path toward independence and self-sufficiency. The City of Blaine's investment ensured that local young people had access to the resources and support they needed close to home, strengthening both individual lives and the broader community.

Attach additional information, if available.

[Annual Impact Report 2024 - FINAL.pdf](#)

Amount of Request

15,000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

This year, funds from the City of Blaine will be used to ensure that youth experiencing or at risk of homelessness in Blaine have access to the resources and support they need to thrive. With this support, young people will receive basic necessities such as food, clothing, hygiene products, and transportation assistance, while also gaining access to safe spaces where they can build trusting relationships with caring adults. Through case management, Blaine youth will be connected to housing options,

educational opportunities, and employment resources that set them on a path toward independence. In addition, these funds will strengthen prevention and intervention services, helping young people remain in school, avoid the instability of homelessness, and build the skills they need for long-term success. By investing in these areas, the City of Blaine is ensuring that local youth have the opportunity to stabilize, grow, and contribute positively to the community they call home.

Other Supplemental Information

[Logic Model Revised 8.28.2025.pdf](#)

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

If awarded partial funding, HOPE 4 Youth will prioritize ensuring Blaine youth continue to have access to their most critical needs. Funds would first be directed toward providing basic necessities such as food, clothing, hygiene products, and transportation assistance. These essentials are often the first step in building trust with young people and creating stability in their daily lives. Remaining funds would be applied to case management services that connect Blaine youth with housing, education, and employment opportunities. Even with a reduced award, the City of Blaine's investment would directly support vulnerable youth in the community by addressing their most urgent needs and ensuring they remain connected to resources that help them build toward long-term stability.

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Name

Nikki Kalvin

Title

Director of Advancement

Date

8/28/2025

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Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Hope for the Community
Contact Name	Dr. Alan W Goracke
Contact Phone	7634646133
Contact Email Address	pastoral@skypoint.com
Address	1264 109th Avenue NE
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55434
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9 Blaine.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	IRS HFTC Letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	4000-5000 weekly
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Our mission is FIGHTING HUNGER, DELIVERING HOPE®. We are a food shelf that has served the Blaine Community since 2010.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	Yes
Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.	100% was used to purchase food for Blaine residents. The amount served Blaine residents for 2 weeks. We purchased 60,000lbs. of food with it
Attach additional information, if available.	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Amount of Request	\$15,000
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	100% will be used to purchase food for Blaine residents. If we receive \$15,000 we could feed Blaine for 3 weeks and purchase 90,000lbs. of food.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	100% will be used to purchase food for Blaine residents.
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Name	Dr. Alan Goracke
Title	CEO
Date	5/8/2024

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Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2025 3:57:07 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Jam HOPE Foundation (DBA GRIT Adaptive)
Contact Name	Erin Kelly
Contact Phone	7634398370
Contact Email Address	erin@gritadaptive.org
Address	1460 133rd Ln. NE
City	Ham Lake
State	Minnesota
Zip Code	55304
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9 (2).pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	IRS Determination Letter_JamHOPE (1).pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	1600
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	GRIT Adaptive provides athletic, social, and vocational opportunities for youth and adults with disabilities to discover and nurture their unique abilities and passions. At the heart of our community is GRIT- Growth, Resilience, Inclusion, and Transformation. GRIT Adaptive provides gymnastics, dance, and ninja classes for youth with disabilities at our host site, Jam Hops, Blaine-Ham Lake location. We have been able to provide adapted equipment,

specialized instruction, additional instructor to participant support, ASL interpreters for families with hearing impairments, and one-on-one support for youth with physical and cognitive disabilities to participate in mainstream recreational classes. Currently, 11 of our GRIT Adaptive Athletes live in Blaine.

Through our community connections with caregivers and service providers, we found there is a major need for accessible opportunities for community outings. To date this year, we have had over 400 participants from local school special education programs and adult day programs attend field trips/community outings through GRIT Adaptive; including, Blaine Down Syndrome of MN Parent Group, Blaine High School, Achieve Services, Roosevelt Middle School, and Northpoint Elementary. We also partnered with Grace, Inc., a non-profit providing respite care, to host family fun nights, parent learning sessions, and this past summer we hosted our first Adaptive Summer Camp.

Our in-house café opened in March 2024 as a work-experience for teens and adults with disabilities. Café GRIT serves 1500+ families that attend classes and events at our host site on a weekly basis. Our current café staff consists of 6 teens and adults with disabilities, 5 of which reside in Blaine. GRIT Adaptive is working to close the unemployment gap for community members with disabilities, which is double the rate of unemployment for the typical ability workforce. We also feel that the greater impact of the café is on the staff, athletes, and families of our host-site that are able to be served by, build community with, and see the incredible talents and gifts of our staff with disabilities.

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Request Information	
Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	No
Amount of Request	\$10,000.00
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	Our 2026 goals include doubling our adaptive classes and outings, by expanding to the Jam Hops second location and continuing to build partnerships with local special education programs and adult day programs. We also plan to build on our Adaptive Camp opportunities to provide social and recreational non-school day opportunities for youth with disabilities. As a result of partnering with a local adult day program to provide resale food items, working with the City of Ham Lake and Anoka County to obtain licensure to expand our Café menu to include

more on-site prepped food and drink options, and purchasing additional commercial certified equipment for expanded menu items, our 2026 goal is to expand our vocational opportunities for teens and adults with disabilities by 75%.

Funding through the City of Blaine would contribute to increased operational costs associated with the expansion of services; including, additional staffing, training of additional staff and volunteers, additional adapted equipment, additional sensory and fine motor manipulatives, and increased Café inventory.

We feel we have made a small dent in the loneliness epidemic that hits those with disabilities the hardest, increased rates of mental health disorders, adverse health conditions, and unemployment rates for our neighbors with special needs. Our organization believes that all people are given gifts and passions that are meant to be shared. By highlighting and nourishing these gifts, we will exemplify a thriving community.

Other Supplemental Information	Field not completed.
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	Any funds received from the City of Blaine will be used for growth of GRIT Adaptive programming and our timeline and scale can be modified as needed based on budget.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Erin Kelly
Title	Executive Director
Date	9/10/2025

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To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Thursday, September 18, 2025 2:15:33 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Mediation Services for Anoka County (dba Mediation and Restorative Services)
Contact Name	Bernadette Foh
Contact Phone	763-422-8878
Contact Email Address	bernadette@mediationservice.org
Address	1201 89th Ave NE, Ste 3700
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55434
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	MARS W-9.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	1 - IRS Letter of Exempt Status 501(c)(3).pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	100+ annually
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Mediation and Restorative Services (MARS) is a nonprofit that offers conflict resolution services to residents of Blaine and our other neighbors here in Anoka County. We provide a variety of alternative dispute resolution services as well as preventative services in schools and in the community. Our mission is to provide accessible, affordable mediation and restorative practices to underserved populations, to help them resolve their own conflict, repair harm and engender safe, healing

communities.

We aim to empower community members and create more peaceful communities. In 2024 we served 103 people who identified that they were from Blaine. This prevented conflicts in Blaine, helped residents retain housing, helped families come to agreements on parenting and other shared care, and reduced police calls as well as the burden on the court system. Mediation and Restorative Services saves money for the City of Blaine.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

No

Amount of Request

5000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

Funds will be used to support our Housing Program, which has the overall goal to support the basic needs of individuals and families and ensure their housing stability. Mediation and Restorative Services' staff provide navigation services to households that are experiencing housing instability or have had an eviction filed against them. Clients may contact us directly or through referral, and our staff are present in Anoka County housing court to offer mediation in eviction cases. Often, if both parties are willing, we can mediate an arrangement such as a payment plan, schedule for cleaning or repairs, or other needs that will help the relationship between landlord and tenant and ensure that both are meeting their obligations. This prevents eviction, improving housing and financial stability.

Whenever possible, our goal is to support the client to stay where they are since this is the most stable option for them and their family. Stable housing is absolutely necessary for overall stability, contributing immensely to one's ability to be employed, attend school, prevent physical harm to themselves and their family, prepare and eat nutritious meals, and so much more. The home where the family is is where children attend school, where transportation to employment and other needs has been established, and where the client has built community and social support, essential for their future financial and housing stability. Regardless of the outcome of the mediation, our staff then offers the tenant navigation services. They arrived in eviction court for some reason, usually due to lack of financial resources or stability. Often, this is a temporary issue that can be resolved with the right supports.

Navigators support clients in setting goals related to housing,

navigate applicable resources, and help access any appropriate benefits in order to retain or maintain financial and housing stability. This can include connections to financial management classes, education or employment training, job application assistance, support completing applications for relevant benefits, resources like temporary rent support, and connections to necessities such as meal programs, food shelves, clothing programs, and more. For those who are evicted, we support them to find and establish new housing and to get their eviction expunged.

Mediation and Restorative Services supports individuals to attain or maintain affordable, stable housing. Our navigators further ensure that they have access to basic necessities, employment, and other essentials to retain their housing. The resources to which we connect tenants are based on their defined needs, strengths, and capabilities.

Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	A partial award would be utilized for the same program. A larger award provides us with more resources and support, but any dollar amount is helpful to the program.
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Name	Katherine Mueller
Title	Grant Writer/Development Consultant
Date	9/18/2025

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Tuesday, August 12, 2025 8:54:25 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Minnesota Hundred Club
Contact Name	Julie Gotham
Contact Phone	6128594576
Contact Email Address	execdir@mn100club.org
Address	PO Box 1066
City	Anoka
State	MN
Zip Code	55303
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9 2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Determination Letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	approx 400-600
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	We provide emergency financial assistance to First Responders who are critically injured or killed in the line of duty (and their families). All Blaine First Responders and their families are eligible. For all Blaine citizens, these benefits show that we care about our First Responders.

(Section Break)

Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

Fortunately, no Blaine First Responders were in need of funds last year because of on duty death or critical injury. Our organization is always ready should a First Responder need us.

Attach additional information, if available.

Field not completed.

Amount of Request

\$5000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

First Responders are given benefits of up to \$50,000 for a line of duty injury or death. Children of injured or killed First Responders are given a monetary gift during the holiday season. Our organization is looking into expanding our mission to address mental health needs of First Responders.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

Same as above.

Acknowledgement

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Name

Julie Gotham

Title

Executive Director

Date

8/12/2025

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Monday, August 25, 2025 8:59:03 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Robert & Wilma Burbach Bike Foundation of MN, dba Bikes4Kids
Contact Name	Julie Gotham
Contact Phone	6128594576
Contact Email Address	julie@gothammail.com
Address	1207 Constance Blvd NE
City	Ham Lake
State	MN
Zip Code	55303
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	B4K W9.2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	Bikes 4 Kids Federal letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	60-100
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	We provide bikes, free of charge, to any Blaine resident in need. Kids in need of a bike receive them as a way of encouraging independence and building self-esteem. Adults in need receive them as a means of transportation to school, work, appointments, etc. Many of these adults have no other transportation. In 2024, we served approximately 65 Blaine residents.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

No

Amount of Request

4350

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

Each bike that we repair costs \$58 and 7 hours of volunteer time, but they are given to organizations and people in need at no cost to them. \$4350 will help provide 75 high quality refurbished bikes and new helmets to people in Blaine who are in need.

Other Supplemental Information

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Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

As stated above, for every \$58 we receive, we can provide one bike and new helmet to someone in need.

Acknowledgement

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Name

Julie Gotham

Title

Executive Director

Date

8/25/2025

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To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Thursday, September 11, 2025 2:35:55 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Salvation Army
Contact Name	Hope Inman
Contact Phone	763-755-6873
Contact Email Address	hope.inman@usc.salvationarmy.org
Address	1201 89th Ave NE Suite 1200
City	Blaine
State	MN
Zip Code	55434
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	41-0698597 W-9 signed.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	41_0698597 Tax-Exempt Status Affirm dated 10_07_15.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	4500 per year
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	We are located within the Anoka County Human Services Building, where we provide food shelf services and financial assistance to Blaine residents and the surrounding communities. Our food shelf serves all of Anoka County, but we are the main food shelf for residents of Blaine. We have services for homelessness and homelessness prevention, including rent/deposit assistance, in addition to financial assistance for utility disconnections through our Heatshare program, help with transportation, etc. Many of the households we serve live in

Blaine.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

The funds were used to purchase food for our food shelf. The cost of food has increased for the general public but also for food shelves. This has allowed us to continue to serve the same amount of clients instead of having to turn folks away due to rising costs. Also, we were able to purchase culturally specific foods such as Halal meat, which is often more costly.

Attach additional information, if available.

Field not completed.

Amount of Request

15,000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

Our food shelf has experienced the rapidly rising cost of food over the last several years, and it continues to be extremely busy as it is difficult for many to afford all the food their family needs. We plan to continue to use this funding to help offset the costs of purchasing the amount of food needed to serve the community, as well as help us to purchase culturally specific foods, as that is also in demand.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

Same as above.

Acknowledgement

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Hope Inman

Name

Title

Social Services Coordinator

Date

9/11/2025

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Friday, September 12, 2025 2:24:39 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	SBM Fire Department
Contact Name	Daniel Retka
Contact Phone	7637864436
Contact Email Address	dretka@sbmfire.org
Address	1710 County Highway 10
City	Spring Lake Park
State	MN
Zip Code	55432
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	File will be coming from the Fire Department.docx
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	File will be coming from the Fire Department_1.docx
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	73,500 (appox.)
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Provides all hazard responses to the citizens and visitors of Blaine, MN

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	Yes
Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.	The funds were used to purchase fireworks for the 2025 4th of July display.
Attach additional information, if available.	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Amount of Request	\$40,000
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	The requested funds will be used to purchase the fireworks for the 4th of July fireworks display for the residents of Blaine and surrounding areas.
Other Supplemental Information	<i>Field not completed.</i>
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	No
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Daniel Retka
Title	Fire Chief
Date	9/12/2025

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Thursday, September 4, 2025 10:33:29 AM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Stepping Stone Emergency Housing
Contact Name	Jeff Conner
Contact Phone	7633705744
Contact Email Address	jeff.conner@steppingstoneeh.org
Address	3300 N 4th Ave
City	Anoka
State	MN
Zip Code	55303
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9_2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	501c3 Letter.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	Blaine residents at the shelter rank 3rd in Anoka County.
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	SSEH maintains a home and provided case management services in Blaine for our Long Term Housing programs where two residents live. Stepping Stone Emergency Housing is the only licensed, single adult homeless shelter in Anoka County. Our facility allows 66 men and women to live safely and securely as they work toward self-reliance, of which long-term stable housing is a necessary "stepping stone" to end the cycle of homelessness. Our unique programming puts the entire focus of a resident's stay on

housing, including getting to the root cause of their homelessness: lack of education, unemployment or under employment, need for affordable housing, or making positive choices. Working with a case manager, each resident completes an Individual Goal Plan that identifies their ultimate goal and breaks it down into attainable steps to reach that goal. This programming offers hope and the tools needed to ensure a new future that doesn't include homelessness

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

Funds were used to provide emergency shelter, food, clothing and case management to Blaine residents 18 and older who experienced homelessness.

Attach additional information, if available.

Field not completed.

Amount of Request

\$12,000

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

Funds will be used to provide food, shelter and clothing to our residents of the shelter as they strive for stable housing. Additionally, funds will be used to provide case management and other resources to help residents identify and overcome their specific barriers to stable housing.

Our current cost for sheltering a resident for one night and providing the necessary programming has risen from \$55/night to \$103/night of shelter. The need is great and the resources are limited. Your help will make a difference in the lives of these individuals who are working to improve their lives.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be

Funds would be utilized in the same way, we'd just have less to provide for the same amount of need.

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Name	Jeff Conner
Title	Development Officer
Date	9/4/2025

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Charitable Gambling](#); [Heidi Andrea](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Thursday, June 26, 2025 12:21:26 PM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Superman Sam's Survival Kit
Contact Name	Jamie Grant
Contact Phone	763-227-3299
Contact Email Address	jamiegrant@s3kit.org
Address	15496 Wintergreen Street NW
City	Andover
State	Minnesota
Zip Code	55304
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	W9S3Kit2025.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	501(c)(3).pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	NA
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	Our goal is to serve all citizens of families and caregivers who bring a child home from the hospital with a lifesaving breathing tube (tracheostomy). As many of our requests come from pediatric hospitals, we are not always aware of where the family or caregiver resides. Currently, we have had one request from a Blaine citizen.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?	No
Amount of Request	3,000
In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.	The funds will be used to purchase supplies for the baskets given and ship or deliver them to the families and caregivers we serve. We provide hope to families or caregivers who bring their child home from the hospital with a lifesaving breathing tube (tracheostomy). S3Kit does this by giving a complimentary basket filled with items to ease their transition home. The funds will also be used to begin to do more hospital outreach and grow awareness for who we are and what we do.
Other Supplemental Information	S3KitBrochure.pdf
Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?	Yes
If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?	See above response.
Acknowledgement	By completing and signing this form, the organization confirms that the requested Charitable Gambling Tax Funds will be spent for a lawful purpose. This request is a one-time request for funds to be awarded in the next fiscal year, and the applicant understands requests for future funding will require a new separate application.
Name	Jamie Grant
Title	Executive Director
Date	6/26/2024

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Subject: Online Form Submittal: Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application
Date: Monday, August 18, 2025 10:14:09 AM

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Charitable Gambling Tax Funds Application

Organization Name	Way of the Lord Inc, Food Shelf
Contact Name	Audrey Halverson
Contact Phone	7637554800
Contact Email Address	ahalverson@northsidemn.org
Address	804 131st Ave NE
City	Blaine
State	Minnesota
Zip Code	55434
Type of Organization Making the Request	Non-Profit
Attach Form W9	2025 W-9 City of Blaine.pdf
Is your organization a 501C3?	Yes
Attach Proof of IRS 501c3 Status	WOTL Federal IRS EIN Tax Exempt Determination.pdf
How many residents of Blaine does your organization serve/impact?	750-850 senior, adult & children per month
How does your organization serve/impact the citizens of Blaine?	As a food shelf, we provide large quantities of fresh produce, canned/boxed shelf staple items, dairy products, milk, proteins and personal products as they are available. We also work with the Diaper Bank of MN to provide over 60,000 diapers and wipes to families. We impact Blaine citizens by helping to stretch their food dollars to better meet the nutritional needs of each family. We endeavor to provide culturally sensitive products to meet many diverse dietary needs. We provided free produce to anyone attending the Johnsville Neighborhood garage sale this

past May, giving out 4000 pounds of a wide variety of produce in few hours.

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Request Information

Did your organization receive funding in the prior year?

Yes

Please describe how the funds were used to benefit the Blaine community.

As a volunteer organization all funds are used for direct client benefit. Funds will purchase food and help pay for utilities. We are better able to help meet food insecurities within our Blaine Community.

Attach additional information, if available.

Field not completed.

Amount of Request

11,500.00

In detail, explain how the funds requested will be utilized.

To access sufficient food to meet the need within our community, especially those on a fixed income. We have many immigrant families that use large quantities of basic items (potatoes, onions, cabbage, carrots, apples, sweet potatoes). Our greatest challenge is to procure protein (meat items) due to the cost of providing for 500-600 families.

Other Supplemental Information

Field not completed.

Often, applicants are not awarded the full amount requested; can your organization utilize a partial award?

Yes

If yes, how will the partial award be utilized?

Same as above

Acknowledgement

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Name

Audrey Halverson

Title	Office Manager
Date	8/18/2025

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City of Blaine Staff Report

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City Council

Workshop Item

New Business - Jason Zimmerman, Finance Director, Nikki Beckers, Finance Analyst

Agenda Item # 3.4

Communications Fund 2026 Budget

Background

Communications Fund

The City's Communications Fund accounts for activity supported by revenue received from cable franchise fees and Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) fees paid by cable television customers, with Comcast operating as the cable service provider for the entirety of Blaine. Franchise and PEG fees collected from cable television subscribers are passed through to the North Metro Telecommunications Commission (NMTC), which is the regulatory body that oversees the cable franchise for:

- Blaine
- Centerville
- Circle Pines
- Lexington
- Lino Lakes
- Ham Lake
- Spring Lake Park

The Commission uses these fees to provide its member cities with educational opportunities for youth, adults, and seniors; tape and film transfer services; coverage of high school sports, local news, and local elections; municipal programming, including city meetings, and other informative and interesting programming regarding their communities. A portion of the collected fees are distributed to Blaine and the other member cities and are used to repair or replace council control room equipment as needed. The fees distributed by NMTC will remain the same amount as in 2025. If NMTC revenues outperform expectations, additional funding will be distributed to member cities.

The City was a partner in the issuance of the 2016A GO Capital Equipment Note that was issued by the City of Circle Pines, and Blaine's share of the principal and interest is funded by franchise fees from

North Metro TV. The final payment on this bond was made in 2024.

Revenue

Blaine's share of PEG fees from NMTC is projected to be \$55,000 in 2026, representing 55% of the total \$100,000 designated for member cities. This allocation is consistent with 2025 amounts, as Blaine received \$54,361 from NMTC.

Expenses

For the 2026 budget, \$46,000 has been shifted from the General Fund to the Communications Fund for the printing costs of the city newsletter. This model is sustainable through 2028 which takes us past the end of the current printing contract. The only other operating expenditure is a \$34,908 charge allocated back to the city's Facility Internal Service Fund.

Small capital equipment appropriations totaling \$13,000 have been included to cover potential replacement costs in the event of technical equipment failure during the year.

A copy of the presentation will be attached before noon on the day of the meeting.

Attachments:

- *Fund Summary – includes 2023 and 2024 actuals, the 2024–2026 budgets, and the 2027–2030 projections; with detailed revenue sources, expenses, and projected cash balances.*

Staff Recommendation

Questions for Council

Does the Council support the 2026 Communications Fund Budget?

Attachment List

1. Communications Fund Presentation
2. Communications Fund Summary



Communications Fund Budget

Council Workshop | Finance

10/06/2025

Fund Overview

Purpose

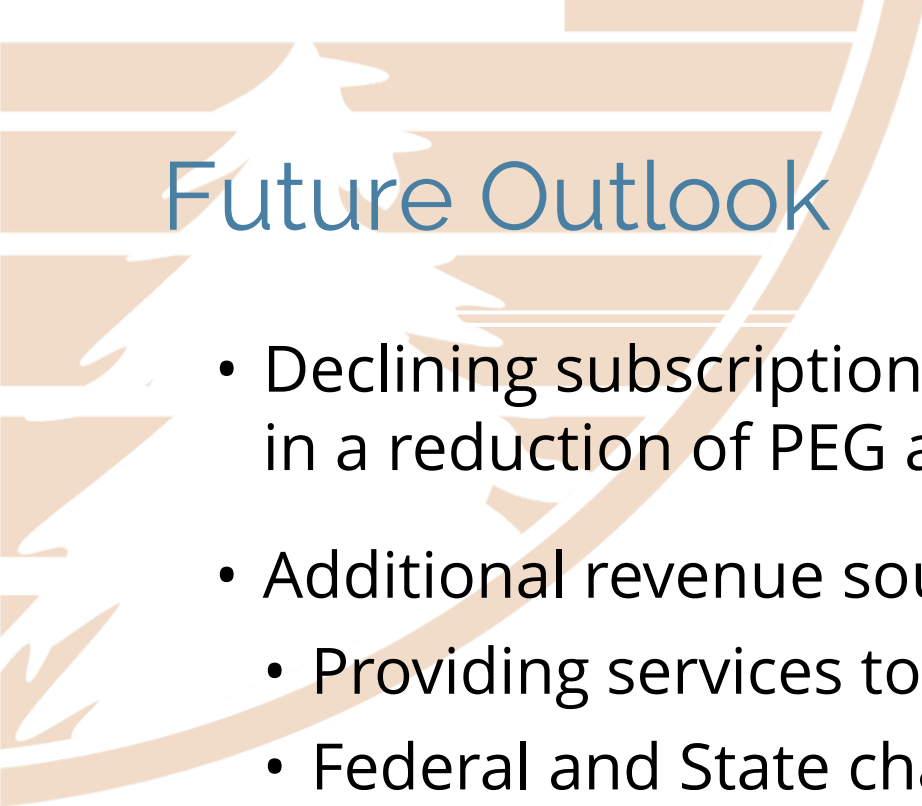
- To account for activity supported by revenue received from cable franchise fees and Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) fees paid by cable television customers

Structure

- Sometimes referred to as Cable TV Fund
- City's franchise and PEG fees are passed through to the North Metro Telecommunications Commission (NMTC) and NMTC returns a portion to member cities
- Other cities in the commission are Centerville, Circle Pines, Lexington, Lino Lakes, Ham Lake, and Spring Lake Park

2026 Budget

- Revenues
 - \$55,000 - PEG fees from the NMTC
 - 55% of the \$100,000 designated for member cities
- Expenditures
 - \$46,000 - City newsletter printing costs
 - Shifted from the General Fund per the budget reduction exercise
 - \$34,908 - Facility Internal Service Fund
 - \$13,000 - Technical Equipment



Future Outlook

- Declining subscriptions with movement to streaming services resulting in a reduction of PEG and franchise revenues
- Additional revenue sources continue to be explored
 - Providing services to additional cities
 - Federal and State changes to tap into streaming revenue
- Current Franchise Agreement goes through 2030
- Fund will continue to support a small portion of the City's communication related expenses
- Newsletter will need to be reabsorbed in the General Fund by 2029



City of Blaine, Minnesota
Communications Fund - 230
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
2026 Budget - As of October 6, 2025

	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2026 Budget	2027 Projection	2028 Projection	2029 Projection	2030 Projection
Operating Revenues									
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 109,965	\$ 79,500	\$ 82,257	\$ 52,500	\$ 55,000	\$ 52,250	\$ 49,638	\$ 47,156	\$ 44,798
Investment Earnings	3,657	-	4,875	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	113,622	79,500	87,132	52,500	55,000	52,250	49,638	47,156	44,798
Operating Expenditures									
Contractual Services	16,302	-	-	-	46,000	46,000	46,000	-	-
Other Services & Charges	22,670	29,060	29,060	32,052	34,908	37,002	39,222	41,575	44,070
Capital Outlay	3,365	15,000	1,991	15,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	10,000
Total Expenditures	42,337	44,060	31,051	47,052	93,908	95,002	96,222	51,575	54,070
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	71,285	35,440	56,081	5,448	(38,908)	(42,752)	(46,584)	(4,419)	(9,272)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to Facilities Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	71,285	35,440	56,081	5,448	(38,908)	(42,752)	(46,584)	(4,419)	(9,272)
Fund Balance, January 1	11,897	83,182	83,182	139,263	144,711	105,803	63,051	16,467	12,048
Fund Balance, December 31	83,182	118,622	139,263	144,711	105,803	63,051	16,467	12,048	2,776
Cash Balance, December 31	\$ 82,983	\$ 118,423	\$ 138,935	\$ 144,383	\$ 105,475	\$ 62,723	\$ 16,139	\$ 11,720	\$ 2,448

Questions for Council

- ▶ Does the Council support the 2026 Communications Fund Budget?

City of Blaine, Minnesota
Communications Fund - 230
Summary of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balance
2026 Budget - As of October 6, 2025

	2023 Actual	2024 Adopted	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2026 Budget	2027 Projection	2028 Projection	2029 Projection	2030 Projection
Operating Revenues									
Cable Franchise Fees	\$ 109,965	\$ 79,500	\$ 82,257	\$ 52,500	\$ 55,000	\$ 52,250	\$ 49,638	\$ 47,156	\$ 44,798
Investment Earnings	3,657	-	4,875	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	113,622	79,500	87,132	52,500	55,000	52,250	49,638	47,156	44,798
Operating Expenditures									
Contractual Services	16,302	-	-	-	46,000	46,000	46,000	-	-
Other Services & Charges	22,670	29,060	29,060	32,052	34,908	37,002	39,222	41,575	44,070
Capital Outlay	3,365	15,000	1,991	15,000	13,000	12,000	11,000	10,000	10,000
Total Expenditures	42,337	44,060	31,051	47,052	93,908	95,002	96,222	51,575	54,070
Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	71,285	35,440	56,081	5,448	(38,908)	(42,752)	(46,584)	(4,419)	(9,272)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)									
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to Facilities Capital Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Change in Fund Balance	71,285	35,440	56,081	5,448	(38,908)	(42,752)	(46,584)	(4,419)	(9,272)
Fund Balance, January 1	11,897	83,182	83,182	139,263	144,711	105,803	63,051	16,467	12,048
Fund Balance, December 31	83,182	118,622	139,263	144,711	105,803	63,051	16,467	12,048	2,776
Cash Balance, December 31	\$ 82,983	\$ 118,423	\$ 138,935	\$ 144,383	\$ 105,475	\$ 62,723	\$ 16,139	\$ 11,720	\$ 2,448