



Mesa County

2008 Budget

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Mesa County Strategic Plan

I want Mesa County to have well managed resources.

Continue to efficiently and effectively protect and manage all public resources

I want to feel safe anytime, anywhere in Mesa County.

Continue to promote and protect public safety

Mission Statement

In partnership with citizens, Mesa County will maintain and enhance quality of life by effectively providing community services that ensure public health, safety, and well being in a transparent and equitable way.

Slogan

Mesa County—Creating a community of opportunities for all residents with a focus on the future.

I want Mesa County to have a variety of industries that will promote a healthy economy.

Promote economic vitality in Mesa County

I want a community where citizens of all ages can be healthy and successful.

Continue to promote and protect public health and the success of all citizens.

I want plans and infrastructure that maintain quality of life in the face of rapid growth.

Create well-planned and developed communities



2008 Budget Overview

- The overall budget is \$169,624,197 which is a 10.3% increase over the 2007 adopted budget.
- The net budget (transfers and internal services removed) is \$143,413,207 which is a 7.8% increase from 2007. Net revenues (transfers and internal services removed) are projected to be \$138,455,638 – 9.1% increase over the 2007 adopted budget.
- The proposed 2008 Budget projects fund balance for all funds to decrease by \$634,544 from \$41,825,297 to \$41,190,752.
 - Assumes actual expenditures at 97.5% of appropriations.
 - Assumes revenue collections at 100% of projections.
 - The use of fund balances for one-time expenditures is \$1,550,610.
 - TABOR could have up to an additional impact on fund balance depending on how revenues are collected by category.
 - Overall the 2008 projected ending fund balance is 24.28% of appropriations.

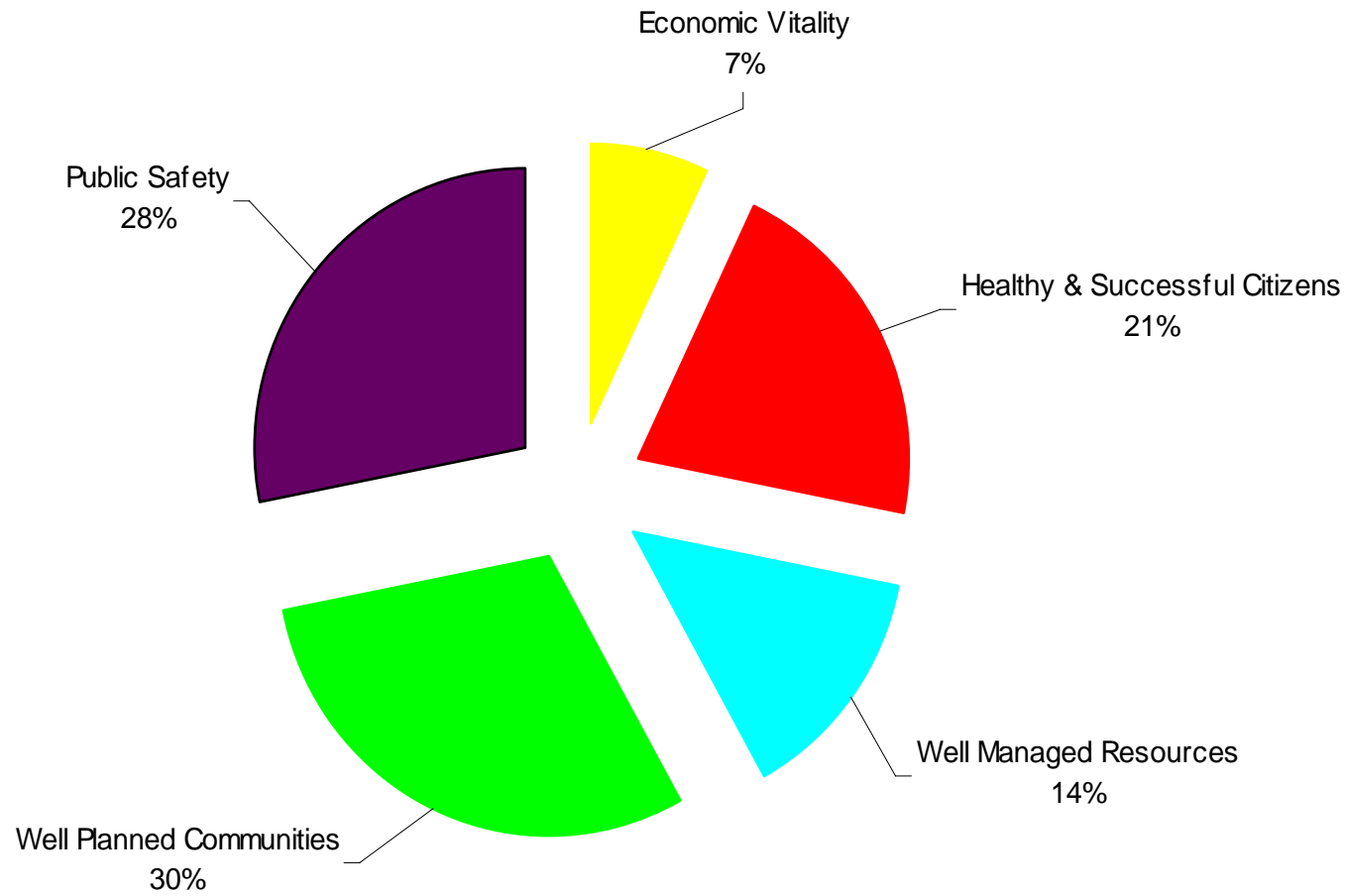


Revenue Summary

- Overall County revenues are projected to grow 12.3% from the 2007 adopted budget to 2008. Following are some of the key revenue assumptions:
 - *Property Tax*: Assessed value continues to grow with net assessed value increasing by 33.6%. Property tax collections are budgeted to increase 5.87%, the maximum allowed under TABOR restrictions. The base mill levy decreased 19.035 to 15.093 mills.
 - *Sales & Use Tax*: Mesa County has experienced significant sales & use tax growth throughout 2007, a trend that is projected to continue in 2008. Sales & use tax revenues are projected to increase 7% over the 2007 adopted budget.
 - *Severance Tax, Mineral Leasing and Energy Impact Revenues*: Mineral Leasing is expected to decrease .7% from the 2007 adopted budget and Severance Tax expected to increase by 17.5% over 2007 adopted budget. The 2008 Budget anticipates over \$4 million in energy impact revenues for capital projects (with some carryover from 2007 projects).
 - *Specific Ownership Tax*: Specific Ownership tax is expected to increase 15.2% over 2007 adopted budget.
 - *Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT)*: PILT funds are expected to increase 34.2% from 2007 adopted budget.
 - *Interest*: Interest is anticipated to increase by 96.6% over the 2007 adopted budget.



2008 Appropriations by Outcome Area





Continue to Promote and Protect Public Safety –“I want to feel safe anytime anywhere in Mesa County”

- The 2008 Budget includes \$37,628,530 (28% of total) in appropriations and 370.45 FTE (3.5 new) for public safety.
- Highlights Include:
 - \$15,042,204 in appropriations and 145.5 total FTE (1.5 new) for law enforcement activities.
 - \$3,592,178 in the District Attorneys Office and 46.5 FTE (1 new) to ensure offenders receive appropriate punishment for their actions, and where practical receive treatment to prevent recidivism.
 - \$14,017,816 for detention and alternative sentencing programs and facilities with 161 FTE (0 new).
 - \$706,005 in appropriations and 10.95 FTE (1 new) Animal Control services.
 - \$3,414,174 capital appropriations for improvements to county roads, intersections and public safety facilities.



Create well-planned and developed communities – “I want plans and infrastructure that maintain quality of life in the face of rapid growth”

- The 2008 Budget has \$41,303,376 (31% of total) in appropriations and 139 FTE (4.0 new) to support well planned and developed communities.
- Highlights Include:
 - \$26,002,671 in appropriations and 66 FTE (3 new) to maintain and improve multi-modal transportation infrastructure in Mesa County.
 - Begin Viaduct to complete 29 Road to I-70B (completion in 2010).
 - Projects to implement the Clifton Community Plan including Front Street improvements and E Road expansion
 - Increased funding for overlay
 - Funding to expand the Riverfront Trail
 - \$1,764,913 for land use planning and code enforcement activities, 26 FTE (1 new).
 - \$1,513,618 to maintain building inspection services levels 17 FTE (0 new).
 - \$4,117,063 for Regional Transportation Planning, Grand Valley Transit Administration and Traffic services, 13 FTE (1 new).



Promote and protect public health and the success of all citizens – “I want a community where citizens of all ages can be healthy and successful”

- The 2008 Budget includes \$28,026,145 (21% of total) in appropriations and 302.92 FTE (0 new) to promote healthy and successful citizens.
 - \$16,644,986 Human Services programs that provide basic needs of low-income, eligible individuals and families, child protection services and adult services including adult protection and Area Agency on Aging programs. 195.12 FTE (0 new)
 - \$7,592,750 for the Health Department for Public Health Nursing, community clinic services, disease prevention, emergency preparedness, family planning, and environmental health programs. 98.35 FTE (0 new)
 - \$450,000 to support programs for the developmentally disabled through Mesa Developmental Services. This is an 11% increase over 2007.
 - \$2,471,175 for capital projects for Long Family Memorial Park and the Fairgrounds.



Continue to efficiently and effectively protect and manage all public resources – “I want Mesa County to have well managed resources”

- The 2008 Budget includes \$18,633,508 (14% of total) in appropriations and 181 FTE (3 new) to provide well managed resources for Mesa County.
- Highlights include:
 - \$995,649 for increased elections costs associated with a General Presidential Election in 2008. 5 FTE
 - \$1,878,111 to increase service levels in the Motor Vehicle division and maintain service levels in the Recording and Board of Equalization divisions of the Clerk & Recorder’s Office. 34 FTE (2 new)
 - \$2,757,043 to maintain service levels in the Assessor, Treasurer and Surveyors Office, 38 FTE (0 new).
 - \$8,060,799 for administration and support services for the entire organization, including: Board of Commissioners; county administration; all internal support services (information technology operations, human resources, purchasing, finance), and legal services through the County Attorney’s Office. 62 FTE (0 new)



Promote economic vitality in Mesa County – “I want Mesa County to have a variety of industries that will promote a healthy economy”

- The 2008 Budget includes \$9,673,217 (7% of total) in appropriations and 27.21 FTE (0 new) to promote economic vitality.
- Highlights include:
 - \$6,0610,056 to maintain services through the Mesa County Workforce Center 22.21 FTE (0 new).
 - \$449,652 to provide assistance to the agricultural community. 4 FTE (0 new)
 - \$404,652 for Tri-River Extension Services
 - \$35,000 for Plateau Valley and Debeque Conservation Districts
 - \$10,000 for the Tamarisk Coalition
 - \$776,704 to promote the (1 FTE) retention and expansion of existing business, the attraction of new business to the community, and the development of new businesses within the community through training, support facilities and low cost business loans.
 - \$100,000 for Mesa State campus expansion;
 - \$200,000 for Mesa State Saunders Field House
 - \$100,000 contribution to the operations of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership (\$50,000 set aside for future business incentives);
 - \$63,000 for administration of the Enterprise Zone program and support of the Business Incubator program.

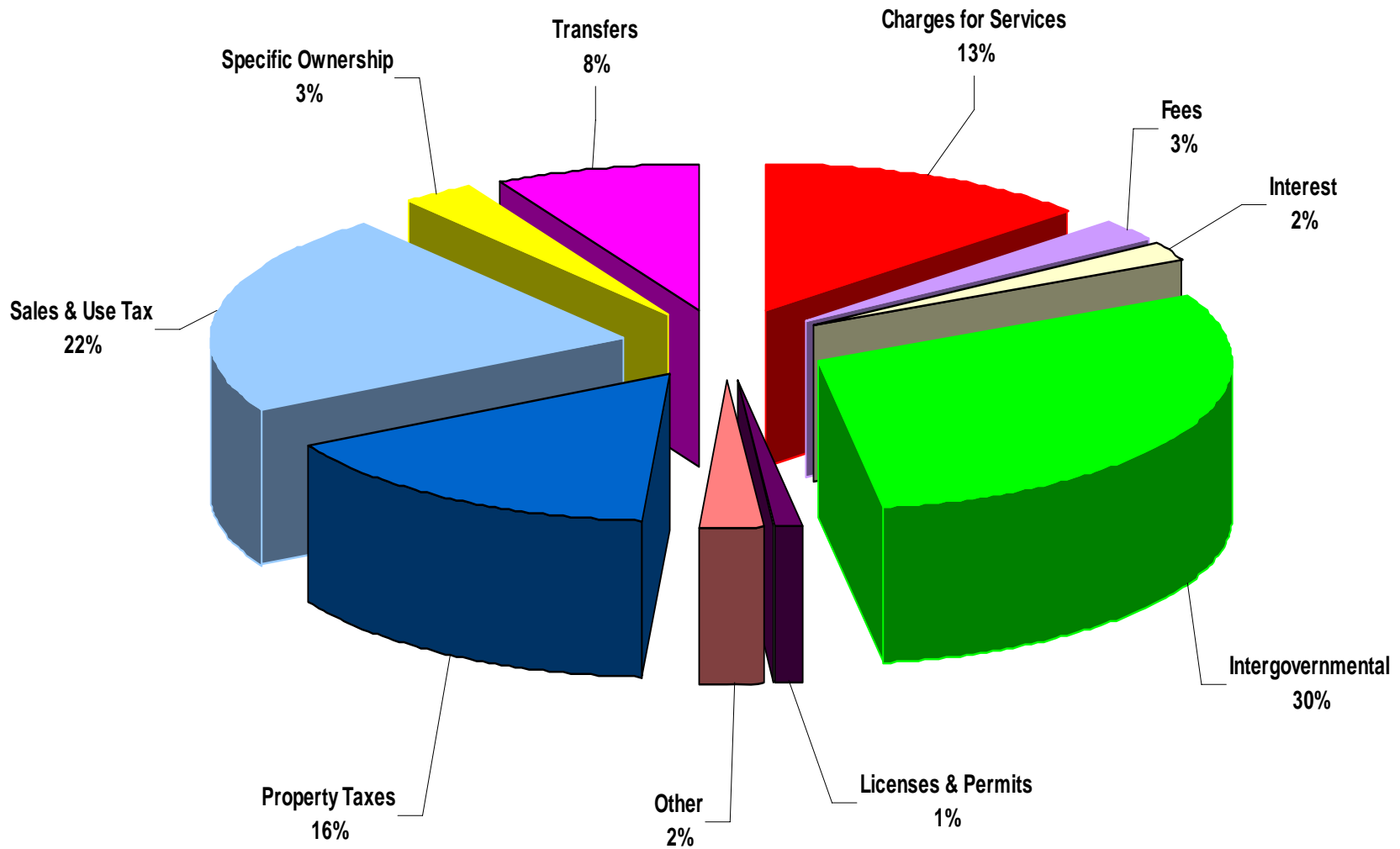


Human Resources

- Salary and benefits make up the majority of the County's operating budgets (45%). The 2008 Budget includes a 1% (10.5) increase in the number of County full time equivalent positions, for a total of 1,020.58 fte's.
- \$2,488,203 to implement a salary survey to assist with recruitment and retention in this atmosphere of intense competition for employees
- In 2008, Mesa County is implementing self-funding in our health benefit plan. The increase for 2008 is projected to be 2%, rather than the 12.58% increase that was projected by our current vendor.

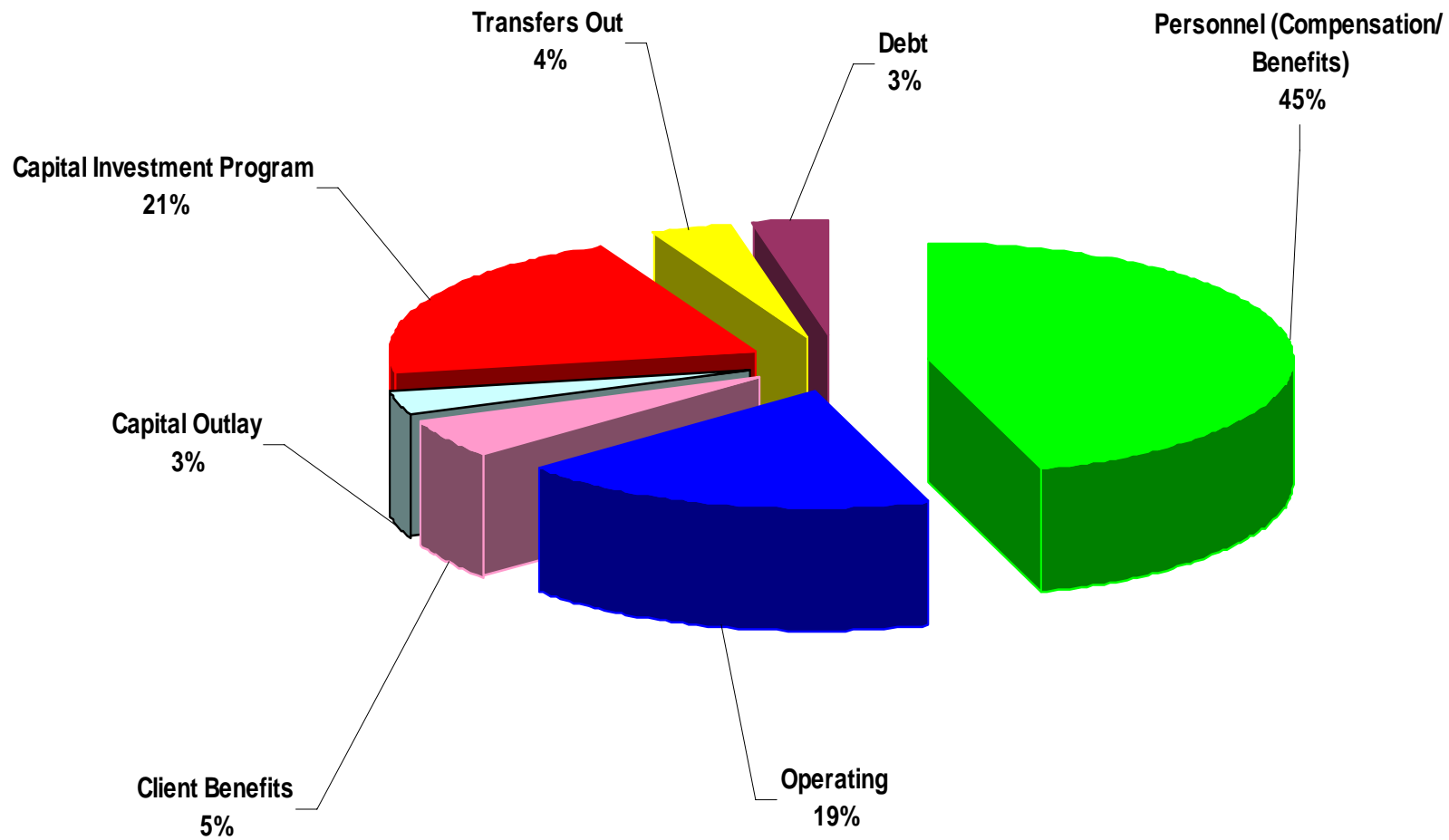


2008 Revenue Sources





2008 Uses of Funds





Fund Summary: Major Operating Funds

2006 - 2008 Appropriations

Fund	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	% Change 2006-2007	2008 Budget	% Change 2007-2008
General	\$54,306,274	\$58,364,562	7.47%	\$64,658,661	10.78%
Human Services	19,583,356	21,356,963	9.06%	22,706,042	6.32%
Health	6,428,190	7,406,535	15.22%	7,592,750	2.51%
Road & Bridge	20,540,164	7,127,675	-65.30%	8,700,583	22.07%
Total	\$100,857,984	\$94,255,735	-6.55%	\$103,658,036	9.98%

2006 - 2008 Revenues

Fund	2006 Budget	2007 Budget	% Change 2006-2007	2008 Budget	% Change 2007-2008
General	\$52,002,558	\$56,117,836	7.91%	\$62,242,813	10.91%
Human Services	18,968,047	20,904,492	10.21%	22,056,016	5.51%
Health	6,246,239	6,889,360	10.30%	7,547,997	9.56%
Road & Bridge	19,451,277	7,498,268	-61.45%	7,983,548	6.47%
	\$96,668,121	\$91,409,956	-5.44%	\$99,830,374	9.21%



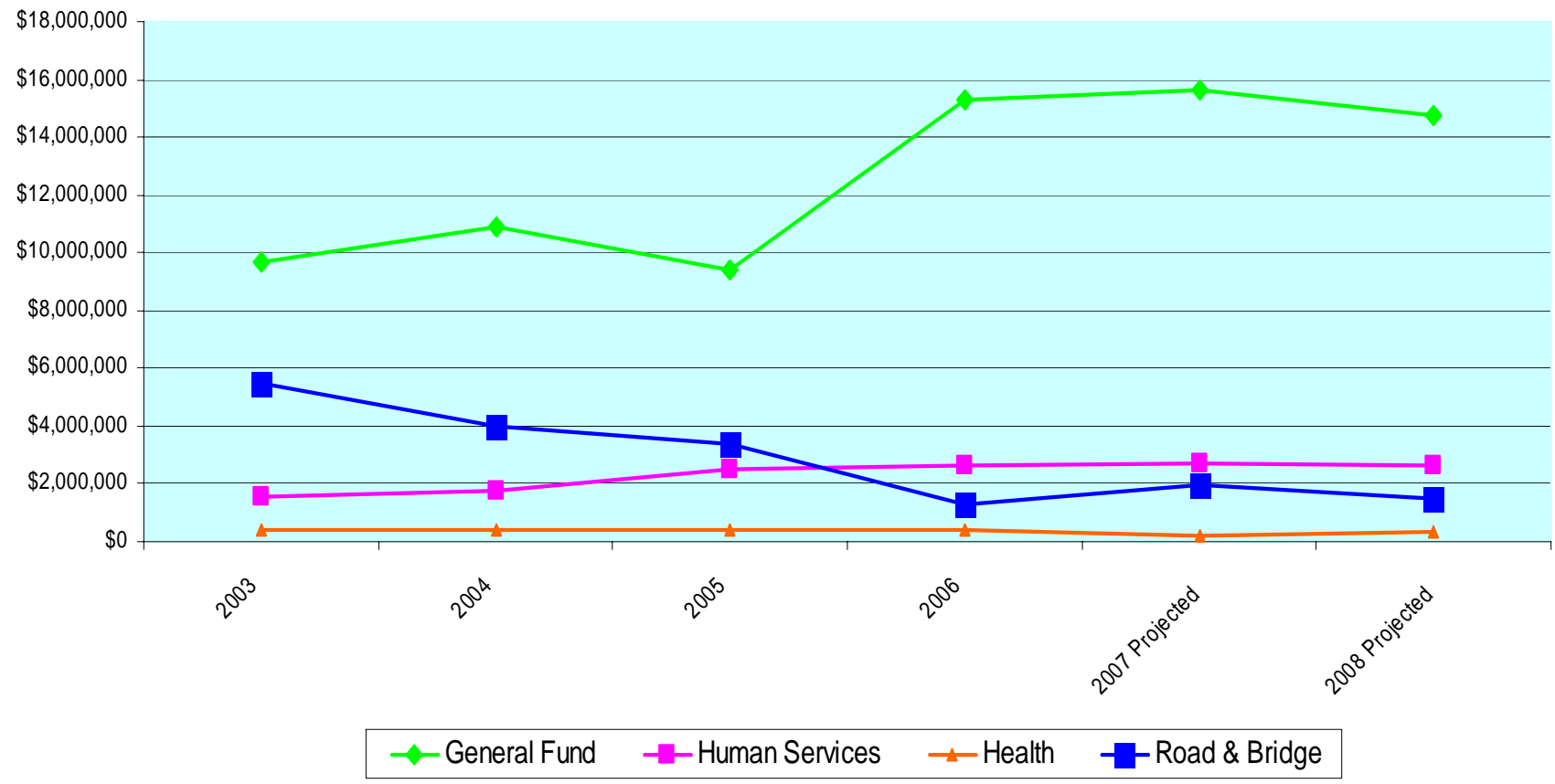
Operating Fund Summary:

Fund	2008 Projected Beginning Fund Balances	Revenues & Transfers In	Appropriations	2008 Budgeted Ending Fund Balance	Projected Expenditures & Transfers Out	2008 Projected Ending Fund Balance
General	\$15,609,917	\$62,242,813	\$62,380,661	\$13,194,069	\$63,099,144	\$14,753,585
Human Services	2,738,348	22,056,016	22,706,042	2,088,323	22,138,391	2,655,974
Health	186,934	7,547,997	7,592,750	142,181	7,402,931	332,000
Road & Bridge	1,960,984	7,983,548	8,700,583	1,243,949	8,483,068	1,461,464
	\$20,496,184	\$99,830,374	\$101,380,036	\$16,668,522	\$101,123,535	\$19,203,023



2008 Operating Funds – Fund Balance

Fund Balance History - Major Operating Funds





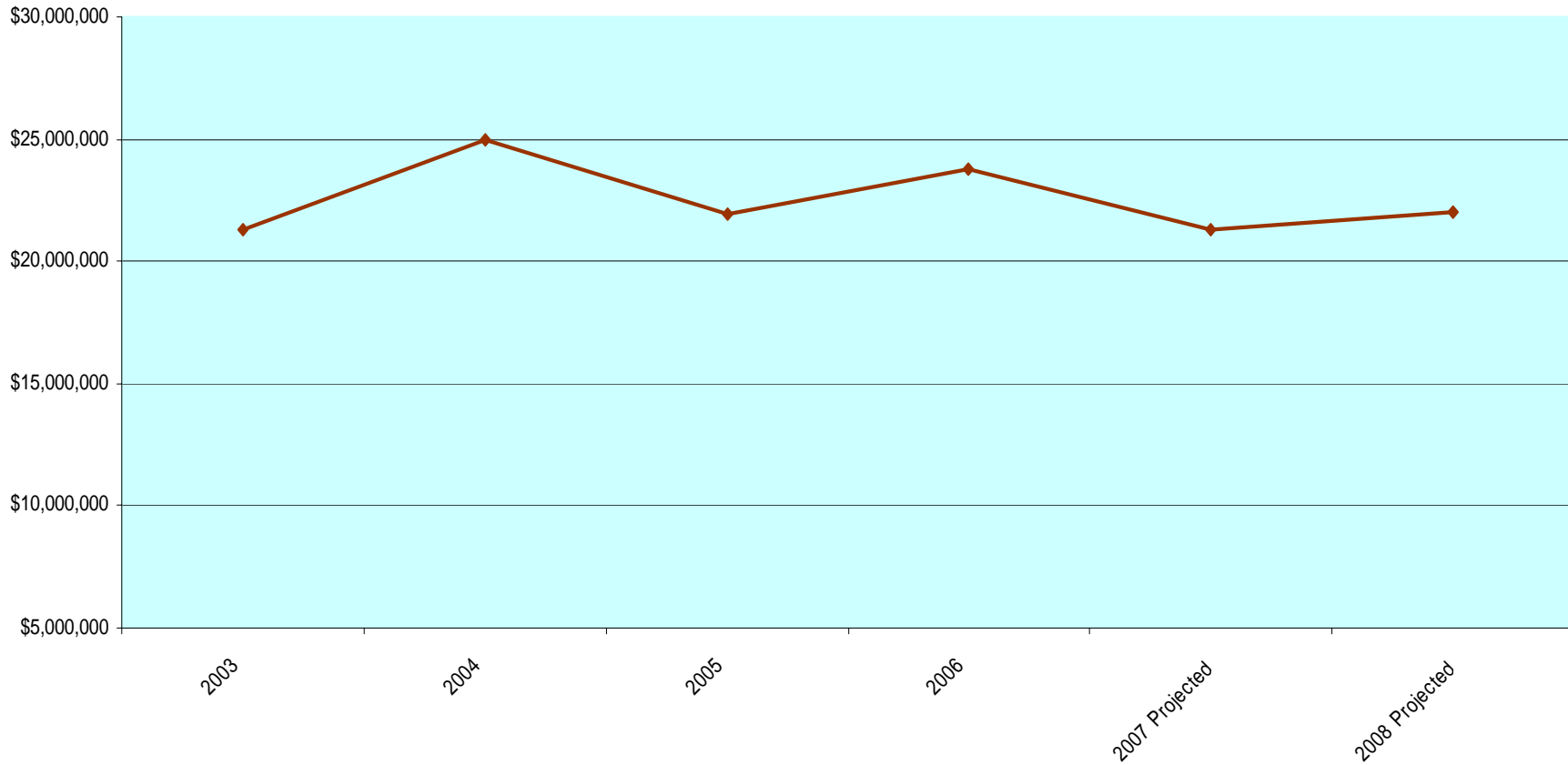
Special Revenue Funds Appropriation Summary:

Fund	2006 Adopted Budget	2007 Adopted Budget	% Change 2006 - 2007	2008 Budget	% Change 2007 - 2008
Commissary	183,248	205,600	12.20%	424,384	106.41%
Septic Elimination Prgm	15,000	13,000	-13.33%	6,000	-53.85%
Capital Expenditures	22,073,827	33,319,037	50.94%	35,808,770	7.47%
TV Translator	93,885	77,620	-17.32%	70,052	-9.75%
Developmental Disabilities	321,250	403,932	25.74%	450,000	11.40%
Conservation Trust	730,160	1,001,134	37.11%	700,000	-30.08%
Fair Board	128,175	119,096	-7.08%	156,778	31.64%
Clerk Tech	175,000	0	-100.00%	50,000	n/a
Development Impact	164,930	0	-100.00%	0	n/a
Transportation Impact	704,605	1,204,605	70.96%	1,002,303	-16.79%
Economic Development	349,000	263,000	-24.64%	723,000	174.90%
Sales Tax Bond	3,169,938	3,170,000	0.00%	3,174,750	0.15%
Jail Lease Purchase	1,865,750	1,865,750	0.00%	1,652,180	-11.45%
Internal Service	913,869	1,467,692	60.60%	1,162,198	-20.81%
Insurance	5,799,792	6,399,985	10.35%	7,957,391	24.33%
Fleet Maintenance	3,142,810	4,352,027	38.48%	4,561,141	4.80%
Rural Community Services	1,333,696	851,413	-36.16%	63,860	-92.50%
Building Inspection Fund	0	1,505,066	n/a	1,513,618	0.57%
Mesa County Solid Waste	5,397,200	3,355,437	-37.83%	6,489,736	93.41%
Total Special Revenue Funds	46,562,135	59,574,395	27.95%	65,966,161	10.73%



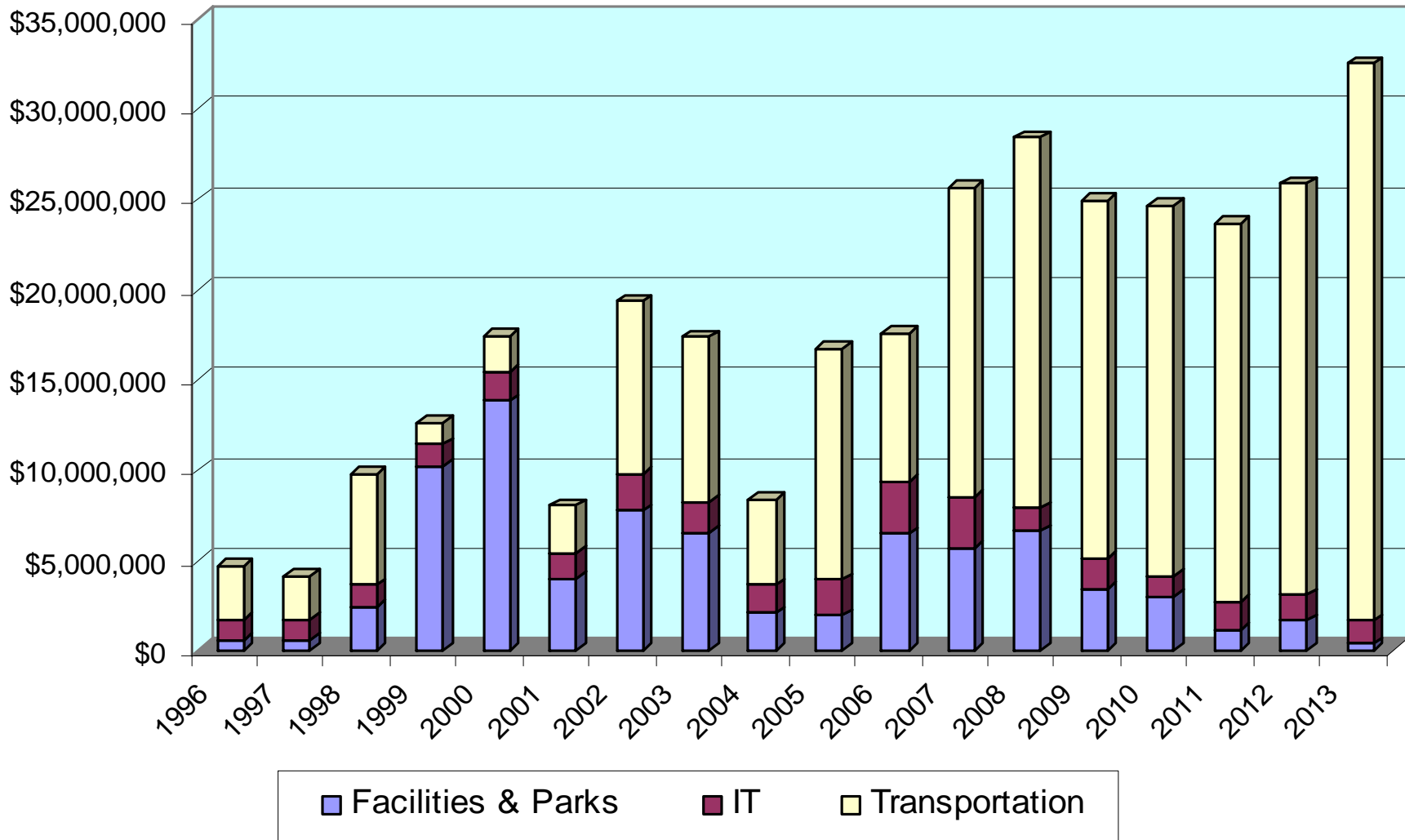
2008 Special Revenue Funds – Fund Balance

Fund Balance History for Special Revenue Funds





Capital Projects 1996 to 2013





Mesa County Outcomes

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14%

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28%

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7%

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21%

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30%