



**Health &  
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### Summary

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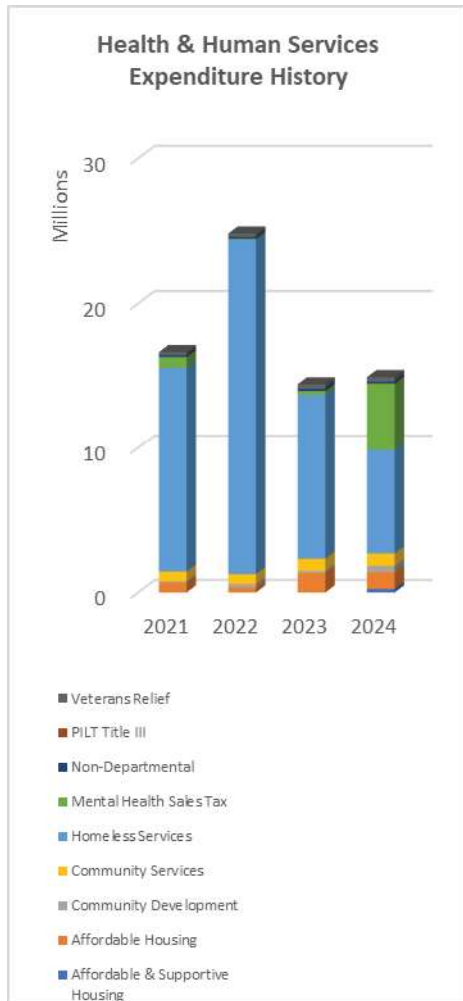
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### Current Issues

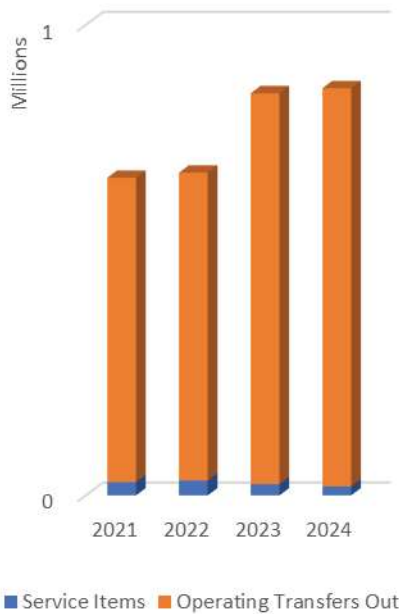
- Issuing and awarding Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) RFP for Consolidated Homeless Grant (CHG) and 2163 funded contracts for FY25 and FY26.
- Start up new prevention funds.
- Issuing and awarding 2024 HOME Multifamily, Single Family, and HOME-ARP RFPs.
- Identifying projects for National Opioid Settlement Agreement funds.
- Expand data collection, analysis, and publication to determine the effectiveness of programs funded under the Human Services Department.
- Create new outreach position to assist with street outreach and DOC project.
- Continue to pursue broadband infrastructure grants – specifically, BEAD funding.

#### Budget 2024

Affordable & Supportive Housing Tax	250,000
Affordable Housing	1,152,987
Community Development	425,000
Community Services	865,337
Homeless Services	7,157,344
Mental Health Sales Tax	4,619,204
Non-Departmental	150,000
PILT Title III	6,671
Veterans Relief	299,317
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,925,860</b>



Community Services  
Expenditure History



## Community Services

Expenditures	Actuals	Actuals	Budget	Budget
	2021	2022	2023	2024
Service Items	28,440	31,917	24,099	19,222
Operating Transfers Out	646,646	653,952	830,535	846,115
Total Expenses	675,086	685,869	854,634	865,337
Ending Fund Balance	2,357,408	2,357,408	1,674,852	1,449,027
Total	3,032,494	3,043,277	2,529,486	2,314,364

### Program Description:

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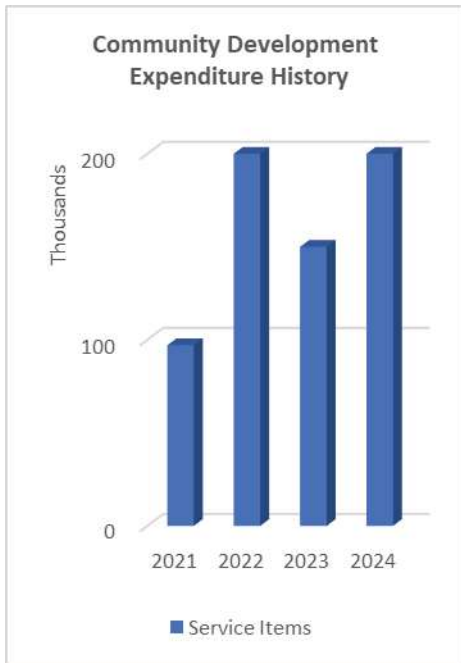
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## Community Development Program

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Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Service Items	97,093	232,968	150,000	425,000
Total Expenses	97,093	232,968	150,000	425,000

### Program Description:

This program is established to advance community development within Yakima County. Its aim is to encourage economic development projects through assistance to the low and moderately low-income population of Yakima County.

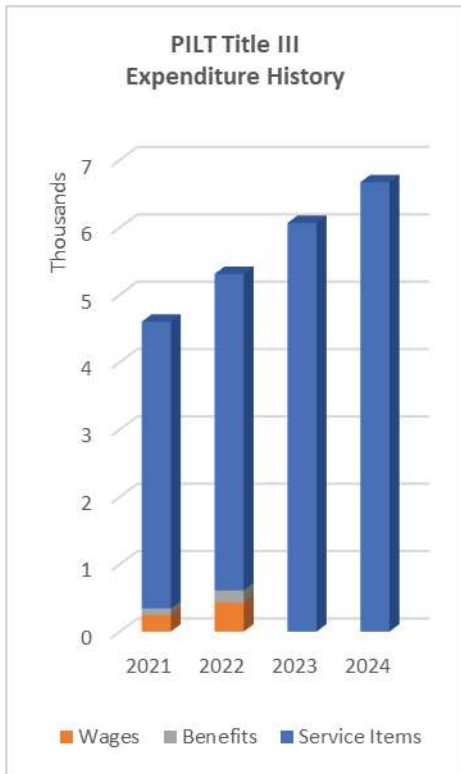
### Major Objectives:

To account for the community block grants received through the Washington State Department of Commerce.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

Yakima County received an annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant funds which are contracted with the Yakima Farm Workers Clinic/Northwest Community Action Center (NCAC), to provide services to low to moderate income persons in Yakima County.

## PILT Title III



Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Wages	248	432	0	0
Benefits	96	180	0	0
Service Items	4,256	4,698	6,066	6,671
Total Expenses	4,600	4,698	6,066	6,671
Ending Fund Balance	154,808	119,803	160,968	212,119
Total	159,408	124,501	167,034	218,790

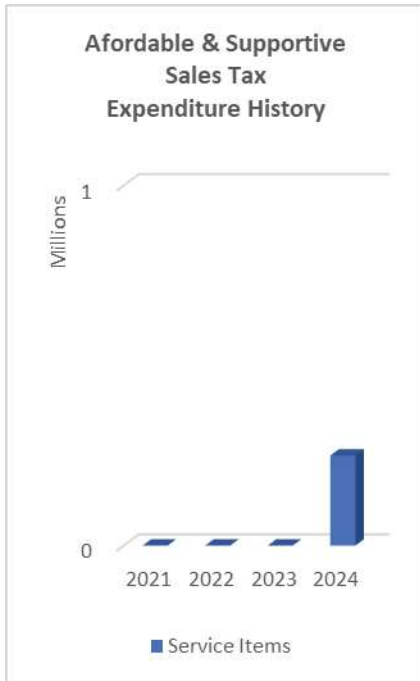
### Program Description:

This fund was created to account for the proceeds of the Property In Lieu of Tax (PILT) Title III funds. These funds come directly from the Federal government under the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000-Federal Forest. These funds can only be used for programs on Federal Forest land.

### Major Objectives:

The only programs currently authorized by the Federal Government to use PILT Title III funds are as follows:

- Firewise Communities programs.
- Yakima County Sheriff's Search and Rescue.
- Community Wildfire Protection Plan.



## Affordable & Supportive Housing Tax

Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Service Items	0	0	0	250,000
Total Expenses	0	0	0	250,000
Ending Fund Balance	918,656	1,231,215	1,441,998	1,623,564
Total	918,656	1,231,215	1,441,998	1,873,564

### Program Description:

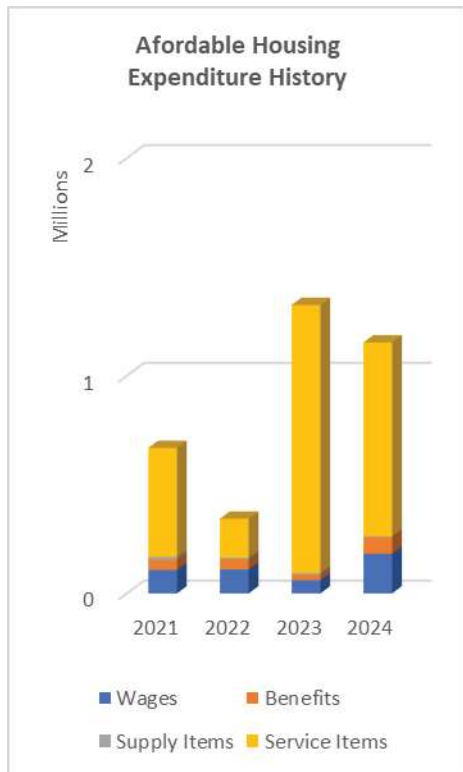
Washington State Legislature passed House Bill 1406 in 2019, allowing county and city legislative authorities to implement a local sales tax to fund affordable or supportive housing, to be credited against the state sales tax collected in the jurisdiction. The Yakima County Board of Commissioners approved the passage of the 0.0146 percent sales and use tax later that year to support the development of affordable and supportive Housing.

### Major Objectives:

Encouraging investments in affordable and supportive housing.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

The tax expires 20 years after the jurisdiction first imposes the tax.



## Affordable Housing

Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Wages	108,493	110,506	61,336	182,805
Benefits	45,810	46,517	24,788	75,754
Supply Items	13,366	7,300	8,486	4,500
Service Items	500,671	179,152	1,230,786	889,928
Total Expenses	668,340	343,475	1,325,396	1,152,987
Ending Fund Balance	803,580	707,900	1,009,994	455,221
Total	1,471,920	1,051,375	2,335,390	1,608,208

### Program Description:

The HOME Investment Partnership Act Program is administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). HOME is the largest Federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year HUD allocates approximately \$2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide.

Counties that wish to form a consortium are required to develop interlocal agreements between the Lead Entity (County) and contiguous government jurisdictions in order to receive HOME funding. Each HOME participating jurisdiction is required to develop a consolidated plan for affordable housing that provides an assessment of needs, outlines five-year strategies, and proposes the use of grant funds.

The following jurisdictions have formed a consortium to provide affordable housing throughout Yakima County in the participating jurisdictions. Additional jurisdictions may join the Consortium in subsequent years, which would increase the Consortium's Federal allocation. Current jurisdictions are as follows:

City of Grandview  
City of Mabton  
City of Sunnyside  
City of Toppenish  
City of Union Gap  
City of Wapato  
City of Zillah  
Town of Harrah  
Yakima County representing Unincorporated Areas

### Major Objectives:

The Yakima County HOME Consortium has developed the following goals to provide affordable housing activities:

**Goal I:** Revitalize Neighborhoods through stabilization and the expansion of homeownership.

**Goal II:** Expand affordable housing opportunities for lower income Renter households.

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## Affordable Housing (cont.)

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### Eligible Activities:

**Strategy 1.** Support local efforts to improve residential neighborhoods.

**Expected Outcomes:** Lower income homeowner households will have their homes brought up to code, in lead-free condition, and made energy efficient for the purpose of increasing the sustainability of decent housing.

**Strategy 2.** Demolish derelict and substandard housing not suitable for rehabilitation and construct new single-family housing for low-and moderate-income households in existing neighborhoods.

**Expected Outcomes:** Lower income households will obtain access to new decent affordable housing.

**Strategy 3.** Expand the supply of decent affordable rental housing through the development of new multi-family housing resources throughout the area.

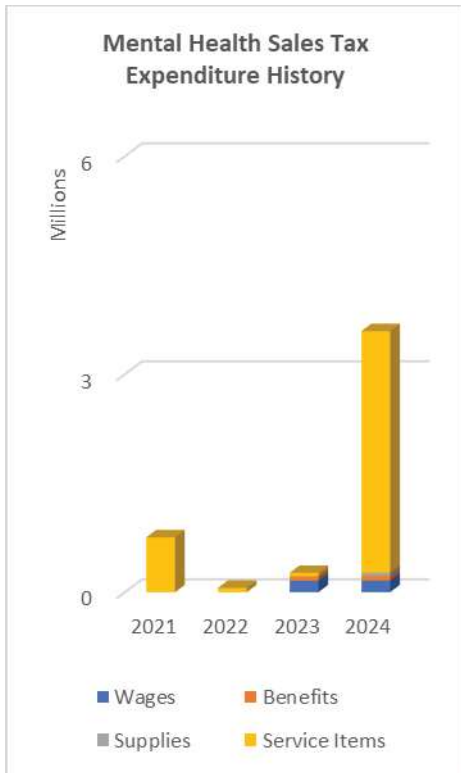
**Expected Outcomes:** Lower income renter households will have access to new affordable housing

### Revenue/Expenditure Comments:

Yakima County is the lead entity for the HOME Consortium which receives between \$350,000 - \$750,000 a year depending on Federal budgets. This allocation may be smaller or larger depending on Congressional allocations in the Federal Fiscal Budget or on the number of additional jurisdictions that join the Consortium. These funds require a 25% match; the Homeless Network of Yakima County approved the use of SHB 2060 filing revenue to fulfill the annual match requirement bringing potential program funds to just over \$900,000 in the first year (2010). The interlocal agreement approving the use of 2060 funds is still in place. Annually, HUD assesses each community's demographic and economic needs and may grant up to a 100% match reduction. Yakima County has received a 100% match reduction over the past three years of the program. 10% of the pre-match award can be used for administration of the funds by the lead entity. Additionally, 15% of the total funds must be set aside for local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) in the County certified by the lead entity. Yakima County received an additional \$1,814,137 towards HOME in 2021 through the HOME ARP Grant Agreement. These dollars, created by the American Rescue Plan, will be available through September 30, 2030.



## Mental Health Sales Tax



Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Wages	0	0	158,875	162,031
Benefits	0	0	59,811	60,758
Supplies	0	0	1,680	47,719
Service Items	755,813	60,948	46,707	3,323,696
Operating Transfers Out	0	0	0	1,025,000
Total Expenses	755,813	60,948	267,073	4,619,204
Ending Fund Balance	7,691,291	13,004,658	11,127,927	17,431,517
Total	8,447,104	13,065,606	11,395,000	22,050,721

### Program Description:

Yakima County Commissioners approved an additional one-tenth of one percent sales tax for the purpose of providing for the operation of delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services.

### Major Objectives:

Providing for the operation of delivery of chemical dependency or mental health treatment programs and services and for the operation or delivery of therapeutic court programs and services.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

All moneys collected under this tax must be used solely for the purpose of providing new or expanded programs and services, except for in the case of supporting the cost of the judicial officer and support staff of a therapeutic court, or for the replacement of lapsed federal funding.

## Homeless Services



Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Wages	257,730	329,684	342,267	334,845
Benefits	84,283	123,360	133,187	131,749
Supply Items	25,315	24,377	21,075	14,000
Service Items	12,898,489	22,653,220	10,874,293	6,676,750
Capital Expense	0	0	0	0
Operating Transfers Out	845,324	0	0	0
Total Expenses	14,111,141	23,130,641	11,370,822	7,157,344
Ending Fund Balance	9,513,224	1,459,392	21,480,000	1,881,340
Total	23,624,365	24,590,033	32,850,822	9,038,684

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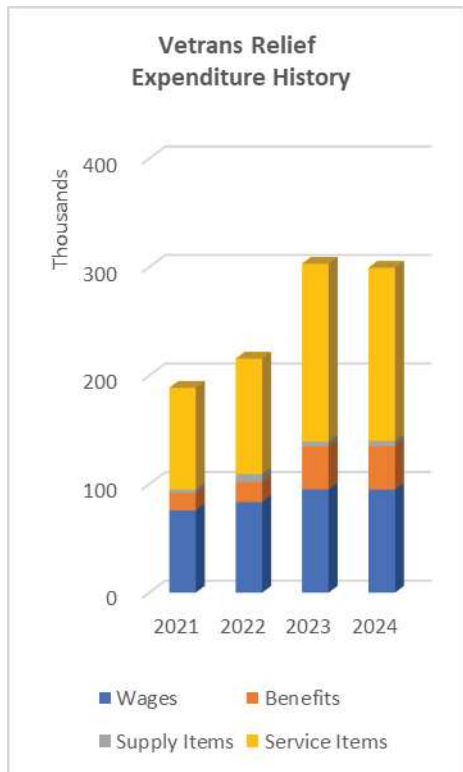
The Washington State Legislature passed the Homelessness Housing and Assistance Act (ESSHB 2163) in the spring of 2005, directing local governments to develop plans to reduce homelessness. Yakima County reduces homelessness through awarding and administering grants to service providers working to address the goals identified in the Yakima County 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness, and by serving as the lead for systemic programs and processes such as Coordinated Entry, oversight of the Yakima County Homeless Coalition, and the development of the 5-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

### Major Objectives:

The objectives of these funds are to reduce and shorten incidents of homelessness in Yakima County.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comments:

The State of Washington has enacted certain fees on recorded documents that fund the Homeless Service Programs. These funds are collected by Yakima County and allocated to service providers in our local community. The County also receives the Consolidated Homeless Grant from the Washington State Department of Commerce.



## Veterans Relief

Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Wages	75,833	83,513	95,144	94,881
Benefits	16,011	18,437	39,604	39,987
Supply Items	3,177	7,278	4,400	4,920
Service Items	93,644	106,338	163,874	159,529
Total Expenses	188,665	215,566	303,022	299,317
Ending Fund Balance	262,303	311,578	428,958	290,563
Total	450,968	527,144	731,980	589,880

### Program Description:

Yakima County Veterans Program provides information and assistance to Yakima County Veterans. The program provides direct emergency financial assistance to low-income Veterans through the Veterans Relief Fund. Money released through this program can only be used for items of necessity, such as food, rent, utilities, emergency transportation, gasoline, minor emergency expenses, and burial benefits.

Additional service includes case management, homeless outreach, and services to incarcerated Veterans being released into the community.

### Major Objectives:

To provide emergency relief to indigent veterans and their immediate family in Yakima County.

To provide case management and homeless services.

To provide information, referral and advocacy for Veterans in obtaining services and benefits.

To provide outreach, reentry services, and case management to incarcerated Veterans being released into the community.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

RCW 73.08.080 authorizes the County to collect taxes for the purpose of aiding honorably discharged Veterans.

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## Non-Departmental

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Expenditures	Actuals 2021	Actuals 2022	Budget 2023	Budget 2024
Yakima County District Health	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Covid CARES Reimbursement	0	0	0	0
Total Expenses	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000

### Program Description:

Expenditures from this program benefit the County as a whole and do not benefit any one particular department.

This fund was established as a distribution point to fund activities that do not relate to a “department specific” operation.

### Major Objectives:

The major expenditures budgeted in Non-Departmental under the Health and Human Services priority are for contribution to the Yakima Health District.

### Revenue/Expenditure Comment:

Funding comes directly out of local tax dollars and the general tax dollars of the County.

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