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Anoka County Launches Online County Budget Explorer

Members of the public who want to learn more about Anoka County's budget have a new online tool to help them navigate this large and often complex document. The "Budget Explorer" provides an overview of the current county budget along with the budgets of previous years for comparison.

"This document gives taxpayers detailed information about the county budget, right down to how much departments spend on office supplies," said Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah. "Our goal is to make the entire budget process as transparent and easily accessible as possible."

The Budget Explorer offers users two ways to examine the county budget: by Object and by Program. The Budget by Object Code tool reveals information about the county budget in broad categories such as total revenues from surveyor fees and expenditures for employee health insurance. The Budget by Program section breaks down revenue and expense data by program area and further, by individual department. "It's a comprehensive look at the county budget that taxpayers want and deserve," Sivarajah said.

Find the Budget Explorer tool at www.anokacounty.us/budget.

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