



ADMINISTRATOR'S DIGEST



Rob Sarro, Administrator

A NOTE FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR

On Thursday, June 26, 2025, over 200 seniors attended the Senior Expo. We host this annual event to connect older adults with valuable resources, services, and community programs and to provide a centralized location for seniors to access information about healthcare, financial planning, housing options, recreational activities, and so much more. Another goal is to foster a sense of community and allow attendees to connect with peers and caregivers.

This event also provided the organization a time to shine around collaboration, with County Transportation assisting with commuting seniors, bus demos, and Hearing Life, which operates out of Allegan Hospital, provided hearing screenings.

Along with an increase in attendance from last year, we had 15 more vendors, for a total of 48. All workshops were filled:

- Let's Eat! With MSU Extension (30 in each session)
- County Health Department Community Links Program with County Transportation (50 in each session)
- Artist Paint-Along with Allegan District Library Adult Programmer (30 in each session)
- Zumba Moves (25 in each session)
- Safe Banking for Seniors (50 in attendance, one session)
- Explore Allegan: Life & Leisure with County Parks & Recreation (50 in attendance, one session).

It was a pleasure to see so many faces connecting a need with a valuable resource. Plans are already in place for next year's event. **Save the Date: June 25, 2026.**

Please take some time to read through this month's edition of the Digest, as it includes a lot of information.

Have a safe and joyful Fourth of July holiday as we celebrate our country's independence.

Robert J. Sarro



IN THIS ISSUE:

- Recycling Events,
- Beach Monitoring,
- Courthouse Renovation,
- and MORE!



SERVICES

Public Health Newsletters – The Health Department distributes monthly e-newsletters to the community and specific audiences. These community newsletters include information from partners, community spotlights, public health news/related topics, testing information, and other preventative education/tools. The most recent Community Newsletter was published on 6/25/25. The most recent Provider newsletter was published on 6/2/25.

Provider Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/allegancounty/achd-provider-updates-march-10144946>

Community Newsletter: <https://mailchi.mp/allegancounty/achd-april-community-newsletter-10145034>

For more information, contact Grant Ruppert, the Planning and Preparedness Manager, at (269) 686-4515 or gruppert@allegancounty.org.

Resource Recovery Program, 2024 Annual Report – The Resource Recovery Program celebrated another successful year of recycling! The 2024 Annual Report provides an overview of Resource Recovery Program activity from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, and provides each participating government unit (PGU) with an individual financial report. Overall, the Resource Recovery Program collected \$1,374,502.33 in revenue and paid \$1,299,996.50 in expenses. Revenue collected by each PGU is placed in an individual recycling surcharge account. Please note that while this report provides Resource Recovery Program activity, not all municipalities participate in every service offered by the Resource Recovery Program.

For more information, contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at hbausick@allegancounty.org.



Recycling Events –

Household Hazardous Waste Collection:
Saturday, October 4, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm

Countywide Tire Recycling:
Saturday, August 2, 2025 @ Salem Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm
Saturday, August 16, 2025 @ Casco Twp Transfer Station 9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, August 26, 2025 @ Otsego DPW 9:00am-12:00pm



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Household Hazardous Waste Event – On June 14, 2025, the Resource Recovery Program hosted a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection event at Fennville City Hall. Open to all Allegan County residents, this was the first HHW event held on the county's western side. A total of 147 vehicles participated, with 103 of those coming from previously ineligible cities and townships. Many residents expressed appreciation for the event, with some noting it was their first opportunity to participate. The next HHW collection will be held on October 4, 2025, at the Otsego Department of Public Works, 243 N. Farmer St, Otsego. For more information about services and participation, please contact Heather Bausick, Resource Recovery Coordinator, at hbausick@allegancounty.org.

Communicable Disease Investigation – A measles case has been confirmed in Allegan County, marking the first confirmed case in 2025. A case investigation was conducted along with contact tracing. Based on the information gathered, the County contacted Kent County and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for joint public information and messaging, contact notification, and surveillance. Potentially exposed Allegan residents are being monitored. The Health Department can provide consultations regarding the status of immunizations and vaccinations for Allegan residents. For questions, please contact Lisa Letts, Personal Health Services Manager, at lletts@allegancounty.org.

Wishbone 2025 Volunteers of the Year – On June 6, 2025, Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance hosted their annual fundraising event and honored two long-term volunteers as Volunteers of the Year 2025: Beth Allspach and Sue Evans. Beth Allspach has been an animal volunteer for 23 years and has served Wishbone and the Animal Shelter from the beginning as a dog walker and assistant. Sue Evans has been a reliable and hardworking member of the Wishbone team since 2021, stepping up this year to take on critical behind-the-scenes tasks that keep the County Animal Shelter's cat adoption efforts running smoothly. Wishbone partners with the County to provide added value services in support of the Animal Shelter. For additional information, please contact Stephanie Keuning, Animal Shelter Supervisor at SKeuning@allegancounty.org.



New Senior Services Contractor – To reduce service delivery wait times, the County is pleased to announce the addition of a new contracted service provider for Adult Day Services. Starting June 1, 2025, the Day Center of Evergreen Commons located in Holland, MI, is now an approved provider of Adult Day Services covered under the Senior Millage. Seniors interested in this program can submit an online referral at www.allegancounty.org/referral or call (269) 673-3333 for more information on Adult Day Services. For additional information, contact Jen Garcia, Senior and Veteran Services Director, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.





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Beach Monitoring – Beach monitoring season is in full swing. There are samplings of local beaches once per week from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The following are tested: Oval Beach in Saugatuck, Pier Cove Park Beach, and West Side County Park Beach, both in Ganges Township. Inland lakes at Little John Lake County Park, Swan Lake Public Boat Launch, Gun Lake County Park, and Dumont Lake County Park have also been tested. Test results can be accessed through the EGLE MiEnviro Portal (formerly known as BeachGuard). The County will post advisories when results exceed the acceptable limits for E. coli. The advisories are posted in the “Announcements” section of the [webpage](#), on the [Facebook page](#), and on signage at the beach.



On June 4, 2025, an article was published by Laketown Township highlighting the Beach Monitoring Program. A link to the article can be found here: <https://laketowntwp.org/county-continues-water-tests-in-lake-michigan/>. Link to MiEnviro: <https://mienviro.michigan.gov/explorer/beach/map/results>. For more information, contact Grant Ruppert, the Planning and Preparedness Manager, at (269) 686-4515 or gruppert@allegancounty.org.

Animal Shelter Outreach Event – On June 3, 2025, the Animal Shelter, in partnership with Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance, attended the Bissell Blocktail Beach Club Party in Grand Rapids, MI. This community outreach event led to two new foster placements with Bissell Pet Foundation employees and an invitation for a special day trip to Bissell Farms for one of our long-term dogs, hosted by Kathy Bissell. For additional information, contact Stephanie Keuning, Animal Shelter Supervisor at SKeuning@allegancounty.org.



Pictured above: Little Dude, Skittles, and Wookie



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Senior Services Community Outreach – On May 30, 2025, Senior Services hosted a table at the 17th Annual Holland Senior Community Day. Over 700 attendees enjoyed the festivities at Central Wesleyan Church in Holland. Director Jen Garcia (pictured) spoke on a senior panel representing County Senior Services, with 75 guests in the senior session. For additional information, contact Jen Garcia, Senior and Veteran Services Director, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.



Gun Lake Tribe Health & Human Services Fair

On May 31, 2025, Senior Services attended the Gun Lake Tribe Health & Human Services Fair to provide information on available services to tribal members and the community. Over 20 tribal and community agencies, including the Health Department, Transportation, Parks & Recreation, and OnPoint, were represented. For additional information, contact Jen Garcia, Senior and Veteran Services Director, at (269) 686-5144 or jgarcia@allegancounty.org.

Quarterly Immunization Coalition Meeting –

Immunization staff meet regularly with local providers, including pediatric practices, family doctors, the Federally Qualified Health Centers (InterCare), and local nursing homes, to discuss immunization practices, updates, and trends. On May 20, 2025, the topics discussed included vaccine-preventable disease trends, a new combined vaccine that will be utilized for the prevention of meningitis, the added health benefits of the Shingrix vaccine, vaccine hesitancy, the new Covid vaccine guidelines, and a new platform that will replace the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) later this year. The next coalition meeting will be in August. For more information, contact Lisa Letts at lletts@allegancounty.org.





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Parks Recreation and Tourism, Newsletter – County Parks, Recreation, and Tourism is thrilled to announce the release of the second edition of the quarterly newsletter on June 23, 2025. This newsletter is a key piece of the mission to strengthen community engagement, promote local attractions, and ensure residents and visitors know everything happening across the region. To subscribe to and view the newsletter, visit our website or scan the QR code:

<https://www.allegancounty.org/departments/parks-recreation-and-tourism/newsletters>. For more information, please contact Brandy Gildea, Parks Manager, at bgildea@allegancounty.org.



Transportation is on the Move in the Community – County Transportation is amid an exciting season of community outreach, making strong connections and showing up where it matters most. The team kicked things off on June 14, 2025, at Bridgefest in Downtown Allegan, engaging with residents and sharing information.

The momentum continued with appearances at the Touch-A-Truck events in Otsego and Fennville, where kids and families had the chance to get up close with vehicles and learn more about the services available across the county. Next on the road map: the Senior Expo on June 26, 2025.

Through these events and more, the County is proud to be an active and visible part of the community, not just providing rides, but building relationships and raising awareness about public transportation's vital role in daily life. For more information, please contact Whitney Ehresman, Transportation Director, at (269) 686-4529 or wehresman@allegancounty.org.

Leadership Recognition – On Friday, June 6, 2025, Equalization Director Matt Woolford was recognized for his leadership, marking the 10th anniversary of the initial adoption of Michigan's CAMA Data Standards. On June 5, 2015, Matt led a statewide initiative encouraging Assessors and Equalization Departments to adopt a uniform set of valid data values to ensure consistency across jurisdictions. Ten years later, these [CAMA Data Standards](#) have been formalized as State Tax Commission policy and are now mandatory for all users.

This statewide standardization effort grew directly out of Allegan County's leadership to collaborate with Kent County for Equalization Director services following the retirement of Blaine McLeod in 2015, leveraging that experience, Matt—then President of the Michigan Association of Equalization Directors—expanded the initiative across the state. This reflects the value of Allegan County's continued collaboration and employee engagement in advancing professional standards. For more information, contact administration@allegancounty.org.





ENGAGEMENT

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OPEN POSITIONS

Apply Now

Position	Department	Current Status
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney	Prosecutors Office	Unfilled
Assistant Public Defender (3 open)	Public Defenders' Office	
Telecommunicator (5 open)	Central Dispatch	
Youth Specialist	Youth Home	

Various Boards & Commissions Opportunities

- Economic Development Commission
- Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Material Management Planning Committee
- Tourist Council



For more information, please contact Lyn Holoway, Human Resources Manager, at (269) 673-0537, lholloway@allegancounty.org.



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Position	Department
Juvenile Probation Officer	Circuit Court - Family
Social Work & legal Fellow Intern	Public Defender's Office
Cadet	Sheriff's Office
Law Clerk	Public Defender's Office
911 Telecommunicator	Central Dispatch
Holistic Defense Advocate	Public Defender's Office
Public Health Technician	Health Department
Seasonal Park Ranger	Parks & Recreation
Public Health Specialist/PIO	Health Department
Public Health Technician	Health Department

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NEW HIRES

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EMPLOYMENT**

Position	Department
Telecommunicator Supervisor	Central Dispatch
Legal Specialist	Public Defender's Office

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**PROMOTIONS/
TRANSFERS**

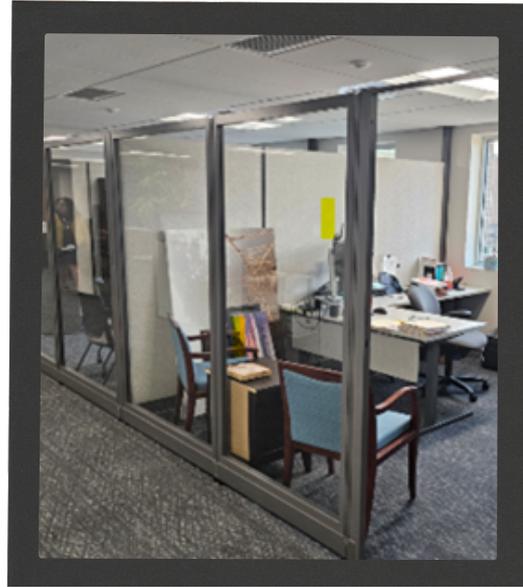
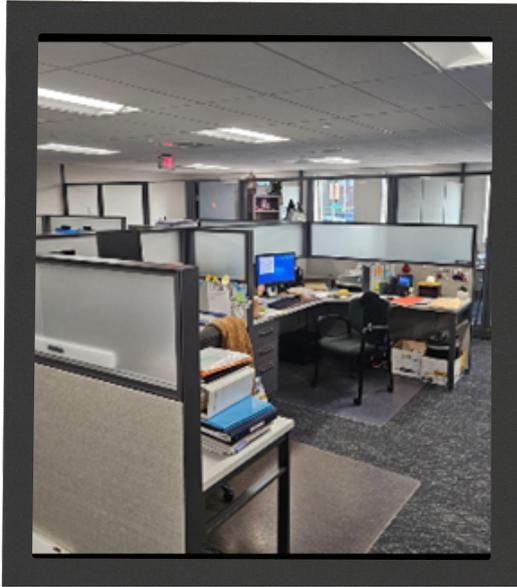
Position	Department
Assistant prosecuting Attorney	Prosecutor's Office

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OPERATIONS

Courthouse Renovation (Last Updated on 6/12/25) – Major renovation work in the new Prosecuting Attorney suite is complete, and staff have fully transitioned into their new offices (pictured below). The redesigned space features an open layout, allowing natural daylight to flow throughout the suite thanks to the use of glass panels and lower workstation partitions. Renovation has begun in the former Prosecuting Attorney suite on the second floor to repurpose it as additional space for the Prosecuting Attorney and District Court Probation. This activity is scheduled to be completed by July 31. For more information, contact Steve Sedore, Deputy County Administrator of Operations, at ssedore@allegancounty.org or (269) 673-0236.



Human Services Building Patio Project (Last Updated on 5/22/25) – The old patio has been completely removed, and the building façade has been fully repaired. The concrete walkway and patio areas have been poured. The contractor has a few more landscaping elements to finish. For more information, contact Carl Chapman, Facilities Management Director, at cchapman@allegancounty.org or (269) 673-0207.





FINANCIAL

MONTHLY FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM For Month ending May 31 2025

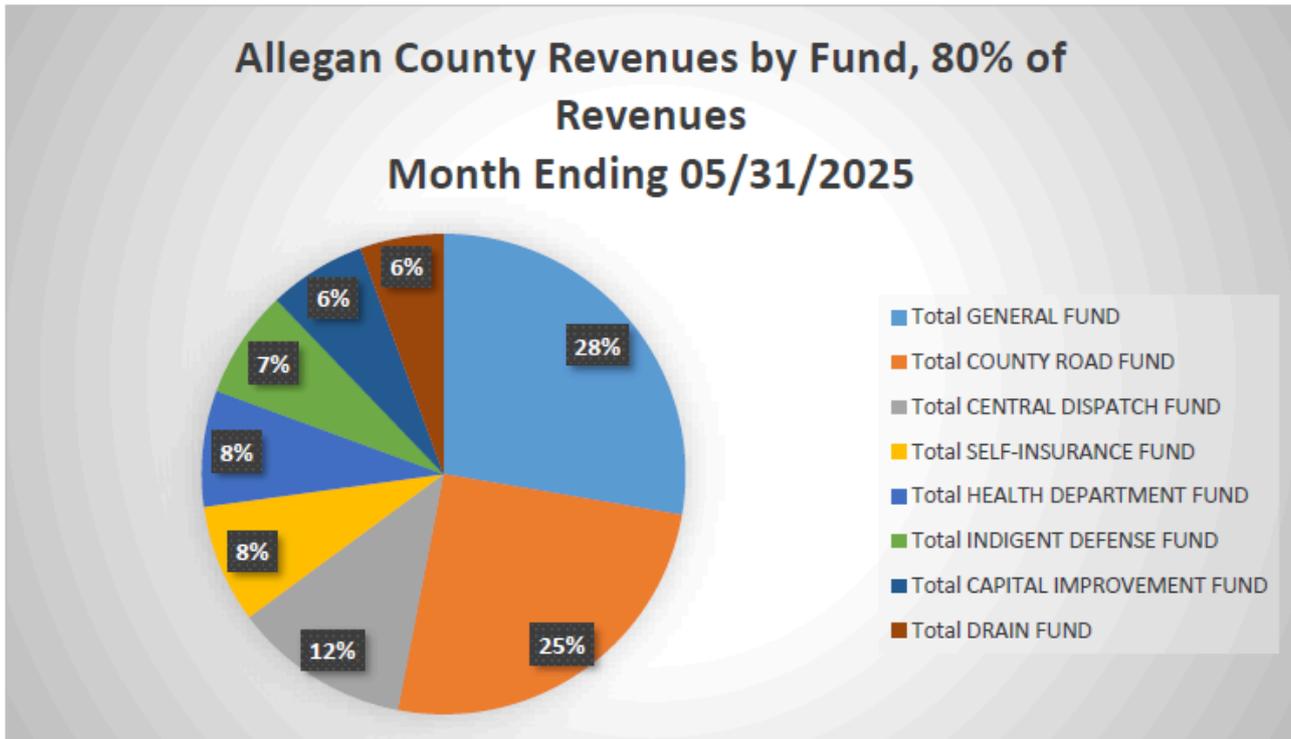
NOTE: The monthly financial memo is meant to analyze the current financial conditions of Allegan County's funds. This information is unaudited data and should be used for informational purposes only.

FY 2025 YTD (All Funds) Compared to 05/31/2024		
Total Revenue	2,736,697	6.18%
Total Expense	4,078,536	8.77%

Revenue Highlights:

Total revenues through May are up \$2.7M as compared to last year at this time. The driving force behind that increase is:

- County Road Fund (up 15.6% or \$2.5M)
- Capital Improvement Fund (up 55.8% or \$1.2M)



For more information, please see Attachment A and contact Jennifer Ludwick, Executive Director of Finance, at (269) 673-0228, jludwick@allegancounty.org.



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Snowmobile Law Enforcement Grant Program – The County receives funding from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MI DNR) to support and expand its budget for snowmobile safety and enforcement initiatives during the winter of 2024–2025. This funding enables the County to carry out a range of activities aimed at improving safety and enhancing recreational experiences:

- Approximately 42 hours of patrols were conducted across various trails and high-traffic snowmobile areas, resulting in around 400 contacts with snowmobilers.
- 40 hours were dedicated to equipment upkeep and maintenance to ensure all gear remained reliable and effective.
- A total of 122 hours of training were completed, equipping law enforcement officers and snowmobilers with essential safety knowledge.
 - Snowmobile Safety Courses were held, providing training for 31 students.
 - Two officers attended the MI DNR Snowmobile Law Enforcement Safety Course, receiving accreditation and instruction in crash investigation, operational tactics, legal requirements, and OWI enforcement.

This investment of time and resources reflects the County’s continued commitment to snowmobile safety, law enforcement preparedness, employee engagement through ongoing training, and community involvement—ultimately promoting safe recreation and public well-being throughout the winter season.



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THANK YOU



***Feedback is important to us.
Please take the time to fill out a
survey on any county service
you may have received.***

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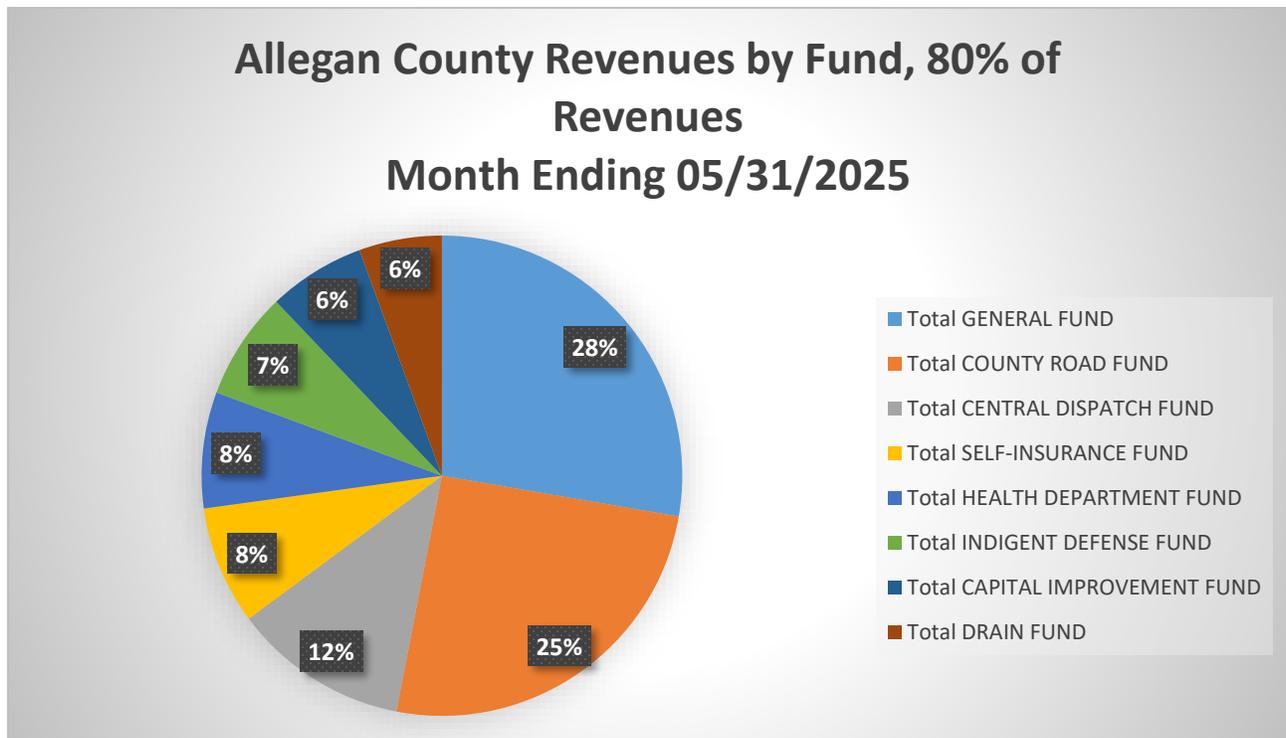
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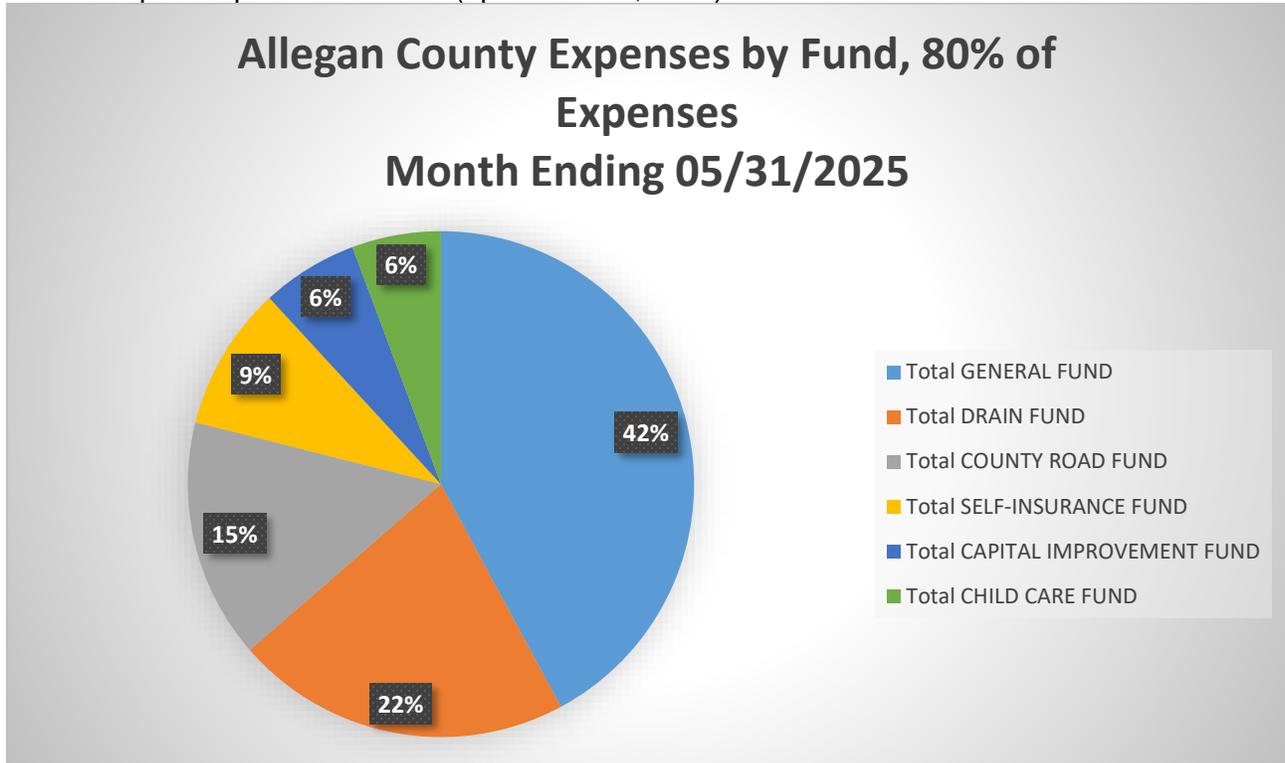
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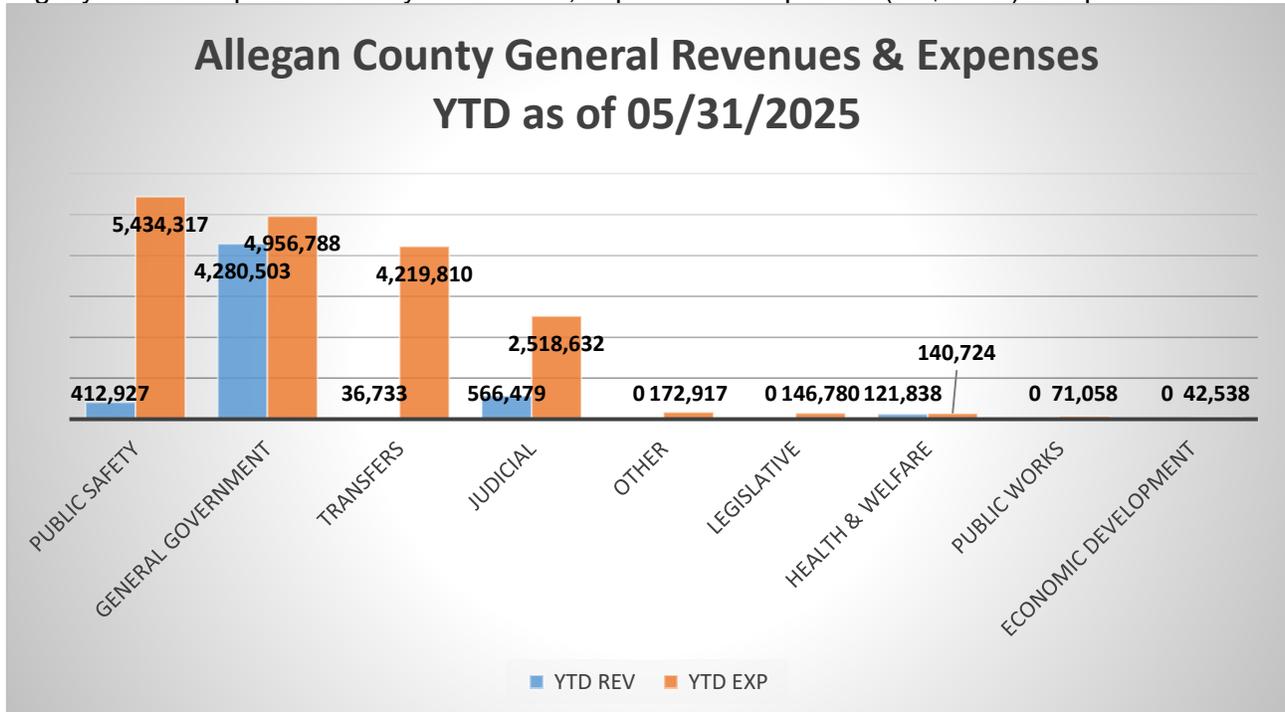
Expense Highlights:

Total expenses through May have increased by \$4.1M as compared to last year at this time. This reflects an increase of 8.77%. The four funds that are driving this increase are:

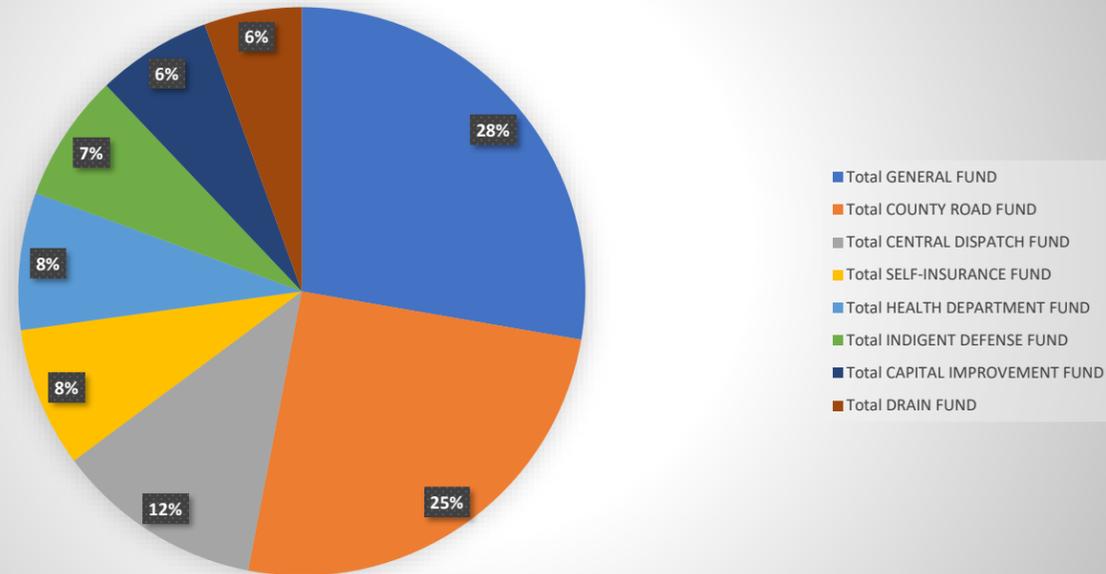
- Drain Fund (up 64.4% or \$1.4M)
- General Fund (up 4.5% or \$764K)
- American Rescue Plan Act [ARPA] (up 63.5% or \$659K)
- Capital Improvement Fund (up 33.7% or \$587K)



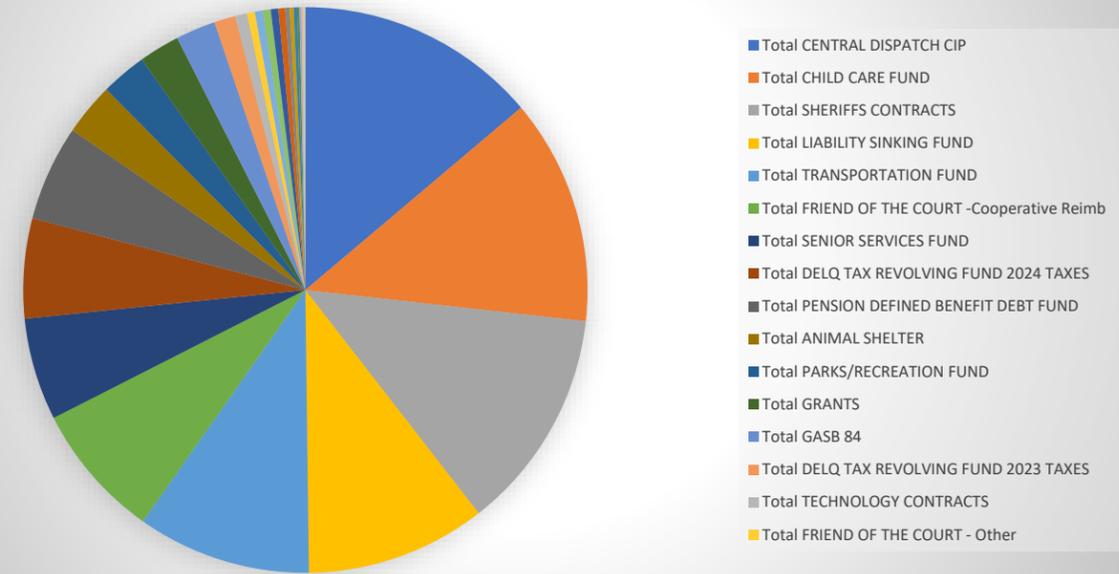
General Fund Highlights: As of May 31, the year-to-date spend within the General Fund is slightly more compared to last year. Overall, expenses are up 4.5% (or \$764K) compared to 2024.



**Allegan County Revenues by Fund, 80% of Revenues
Month Ending 05/31/2025**

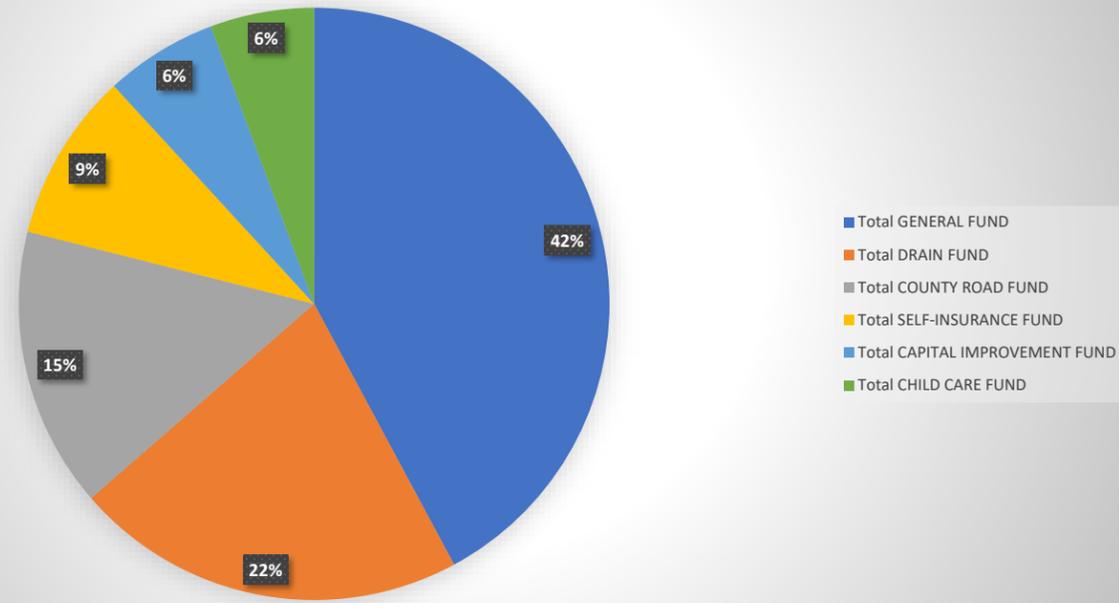


**Allegan County Revenues by Fund, 20% of Revenues
Month Ending 05/31/2025**

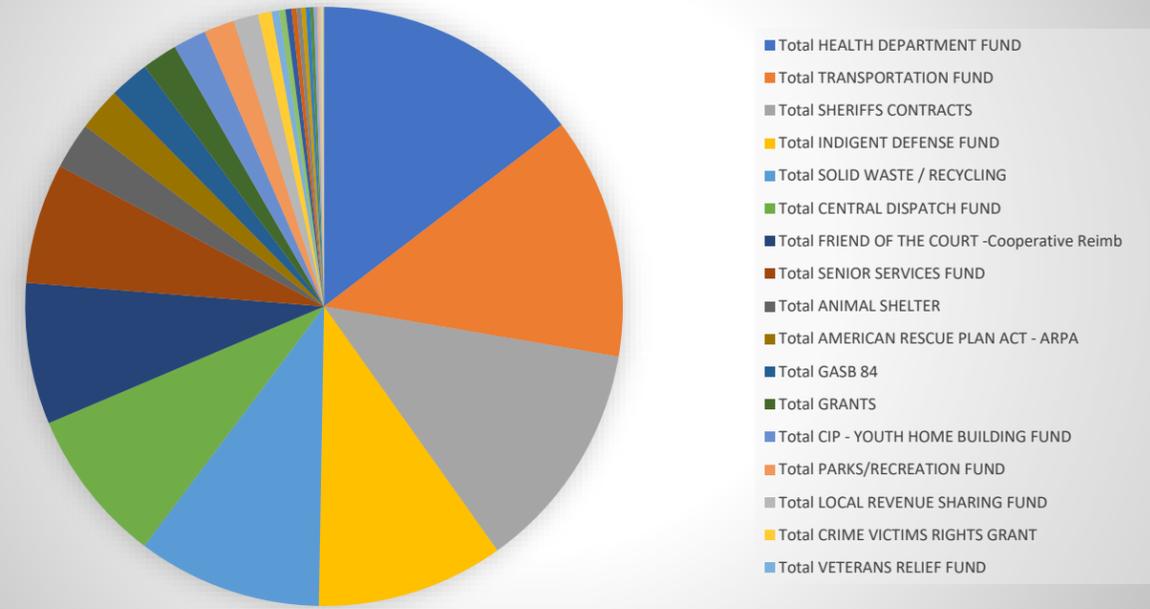


Fund Name	YTD Revenues	% of Total Revenue (YTD)
Total COUNTY ROAD FUND	18,457,658.59	39.25%
Total GENERAL FUND	5,418,480.80	11.52%
Total SENIOR SERVICES FUND	3,482,118.13	7.40%
Total HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	2,407,258.40	5.12%
Total SELF-INSURANCE FUND	2,255,681.68	4.80%
Total CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	1,932,435.00	4.11%
Total CHILD CARE FUND	1,619,134.88	3.44%
Total SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING	1,283,476.78	2.73%
Total DRAIN FUND	1,121,670.25	2.39%
Total INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	1,082,910.82	2.30%
Total LIABILITY SINKING FUND	1,000,000.00	2.13%
Total TRANSPORTATION FUND	929,819.91	1.98%
Total CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND	846,921.42	1.80%
Total SHERIFFS CONTRACTS	798,390.45	1.70%
Total FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb	597,731.19	1.27%
Total PENSION DEFINED BENEFIT DEBT FUND	529,028.35	1.12%
ALL FUNDS UNDER 1% OF TOTAL REVENUES	3,265,684.82	6.94%
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**Allegan County Expenses by Fund, 80% of Expenses
Month Ending 05/31/2025**

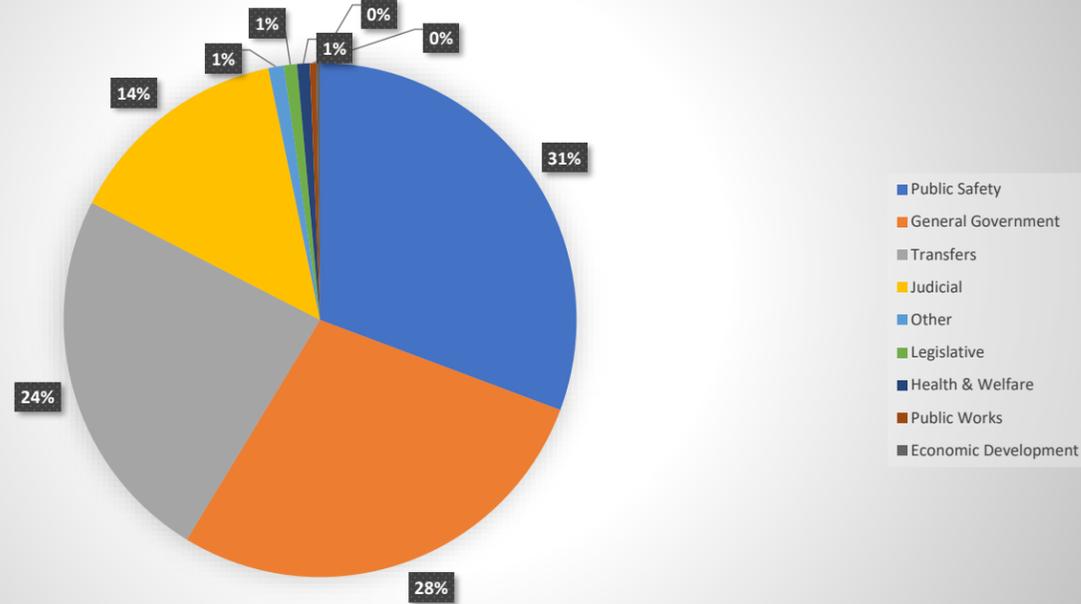


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Month Ending 05/31/2025**

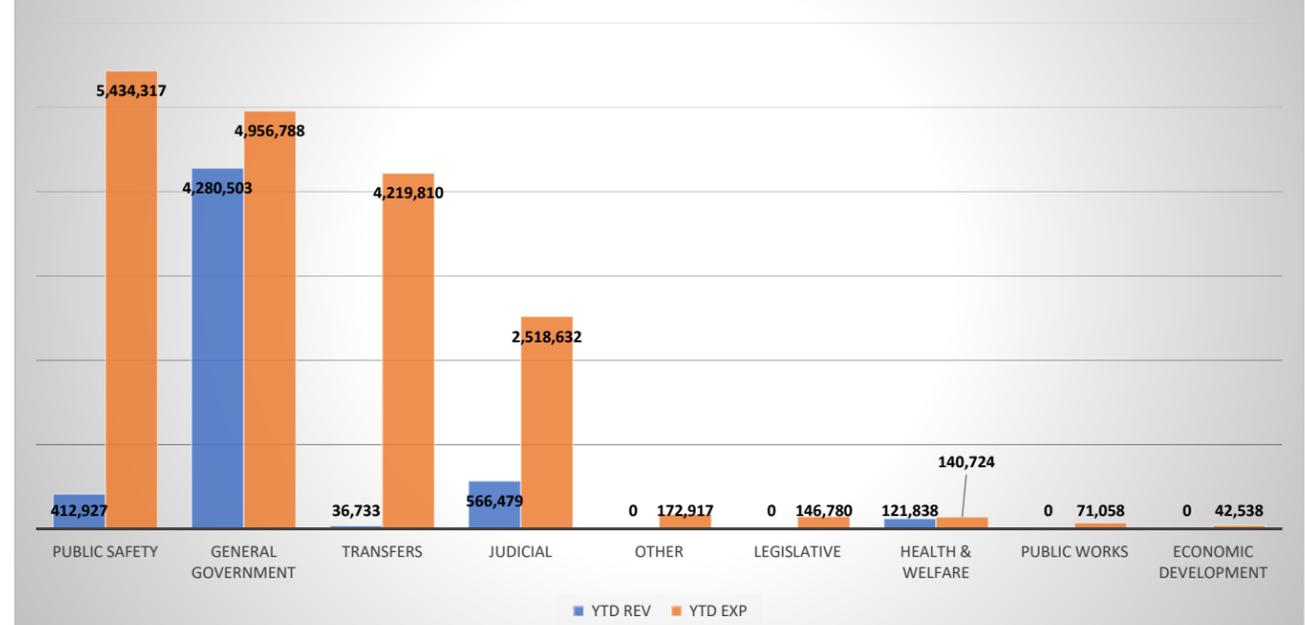


Fund Name	YTD Expenses	% of Total Expense (YTD)
Total GENERAL FUND	17,703,562.83	35.01%
Total COUNTY ROAD FUND	7,603,026.95	15.04%
Total SELF-INSURANCE FUND	3,322,795.69	6.57%
Total DRAIN FUND	2,960,158.98	5.85%
Total CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	2,329,225.29	4.61%
Total CHILD CARE FUND	2,181,410.72	4.31%
Total HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND	1,710,011.37	3.38%
Total TRANSPORTATION FUND	1,328,641.68	2.63%
Total CENTRAL DISPATCH FUND	1,203,216.75	2.38%
Total AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT - ARPA	1,186,686.32	2.35%
Total INDIGENT DEFENSE FUND	1,169,103.56	2.31%
Total SENIOR SERVICES FUND	1,151,780.03	2.28%
Total PENSION DEFINED BENEFIT DEBT FUND	992,900.00	1.96%
Total SHERIFFS CONTRACTS	912,372.72	1.80%
Total JAIL BUILDING DEBT FUND	911,812.50	1.80%
Total FRIEND OF THE COURT -Cooperative Reimb	793,607.07	1.57%
Total SOLID WASTE / RECYCLING	546,892.28	1.08%
ALL FUNDS UNDER 1% OF TOTAL EXPENSES	2,561,064.43	5.06%
	50,568,269.17	

**Allegan County General Fund Expenses
YTD as of 05/31/2025**



**Allegan County General Revenues & Expenses
YTD as of 05/31/2025**



General Fund Revenues by Function	MTD	YTD	BUDGET	YTD	
	05/01 to 05/31/25	01/01 to 05/31/25	01/01 to 12/31/25	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% REVENUES COLLECTED
General Government	1,498,899	4,280,503	45,401,669	41,121,166	9.43%
Public Safety	148,202	412,927	1,008,190	595,263	40.96%
Judicial	140,063	566,479	1,727,851	1,161,372	32.79%
Health & Welfare	121,838	121,838	171,155	49,317	71.19%
Transfers In	7,347	36,733	88,160	51,427	41.67%
Public Works	-	-	100,000	100,000	0.00%
Other	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	0.00%
Legislative	-	-	-	-	0.00%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES	1,916,348	5,418,481	48,497,025	43,078,544	11.17%

General Fund Expenses by Function	MTD	YTD	BUDGET	YTD	
	05/01 to 05/31/25	01/01 to 05/31/25	01/01 to 12/31/25	AVAILABLE BALANCE	% BUDGET USED
Public Safety	1,151,521	5,434,317	15,203,112	9,768,795	35.74%
General Government	906,284	4,956,788	13,629,523	8,672,735	36.37%
Transfers Out	842,460	4,219,810	9,947,017	5,727,207	42.42%
Judicial	532,936	2,518,632	7,387,176	4,868,544	34.09%
Other	34,583	172,917	1,125,383	952,466	15.37%
Health & Welfare	33,960	140,724	470,445	329,721	29.91%
Legislative	26,006	146,780	370,489	223,709	39.62%
Public Works	2,072	71,058	277,582	206,524	25.60%
Economic Development	38	42,538	86,298	43,760	49.29%
	3,529,861	17,703,563	48,497,025	30,793,462	36.50%

Allegan County General Fund Balance

