



SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL  
**CENTRAL STAFF**

# SEATTLE PARK DISTRICT CYCLE 2 FUNDING PLAN

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# Formation of Seattle Park District (District)

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In 2014, Parks Legacy Citizens' Advisory Committee recommended creation of the District to address key issues:

- Significant major maintenance backlog (\$267 million in 2014) of aging park facilities
- Lack of funding for operations and maintenance of community centers and parks
- Seattle's growing population and rapidly changing demographics
- Fluctuating General Fund (GF) support for basic core services
- Leveraging funding from partnerships working on same goals as Seattle Parks and Recreation (SPR)
- Expectation and support for increasing parks' assets such as open space, new parks, etc.

# Approval and Operation of the District

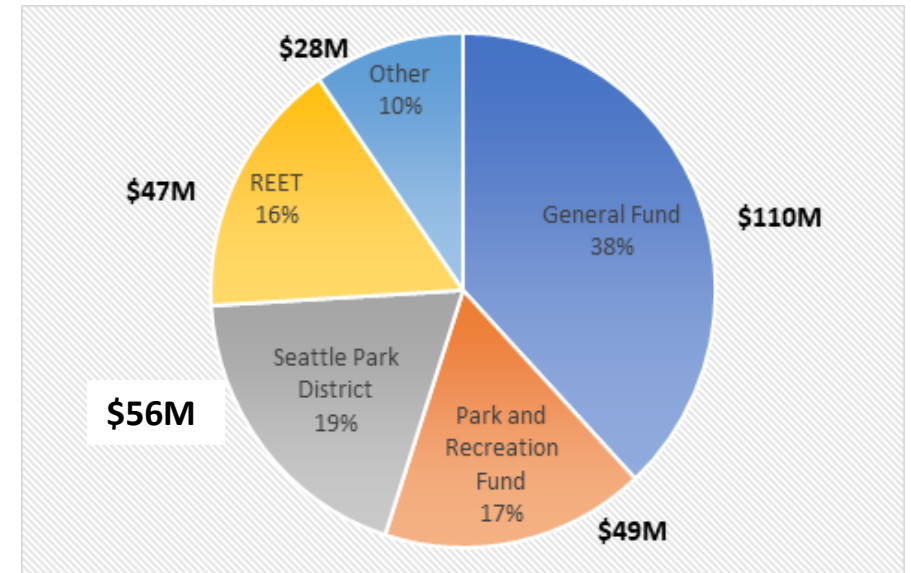
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- District approved by voters in August 2014.
- Ballot measure authorized collection of property taxes up to \$0.75/\$1,000 of assessed value.
- The District governed by Park District Board (Board) – City Council sitting as ex-officio members.
- Interlocal Agreement (ILA) adopted by Resolution #1 in 2014:
  - Governs operation of the District
  - Established oversight board (Board of Parks and Recreation Commission) and role
  - Requires City via SPR to carry out activities of the District
  - Requires minimum GF support adjusted annually by inflation, which has occurred every year except 2020 and 2021

# District Funding

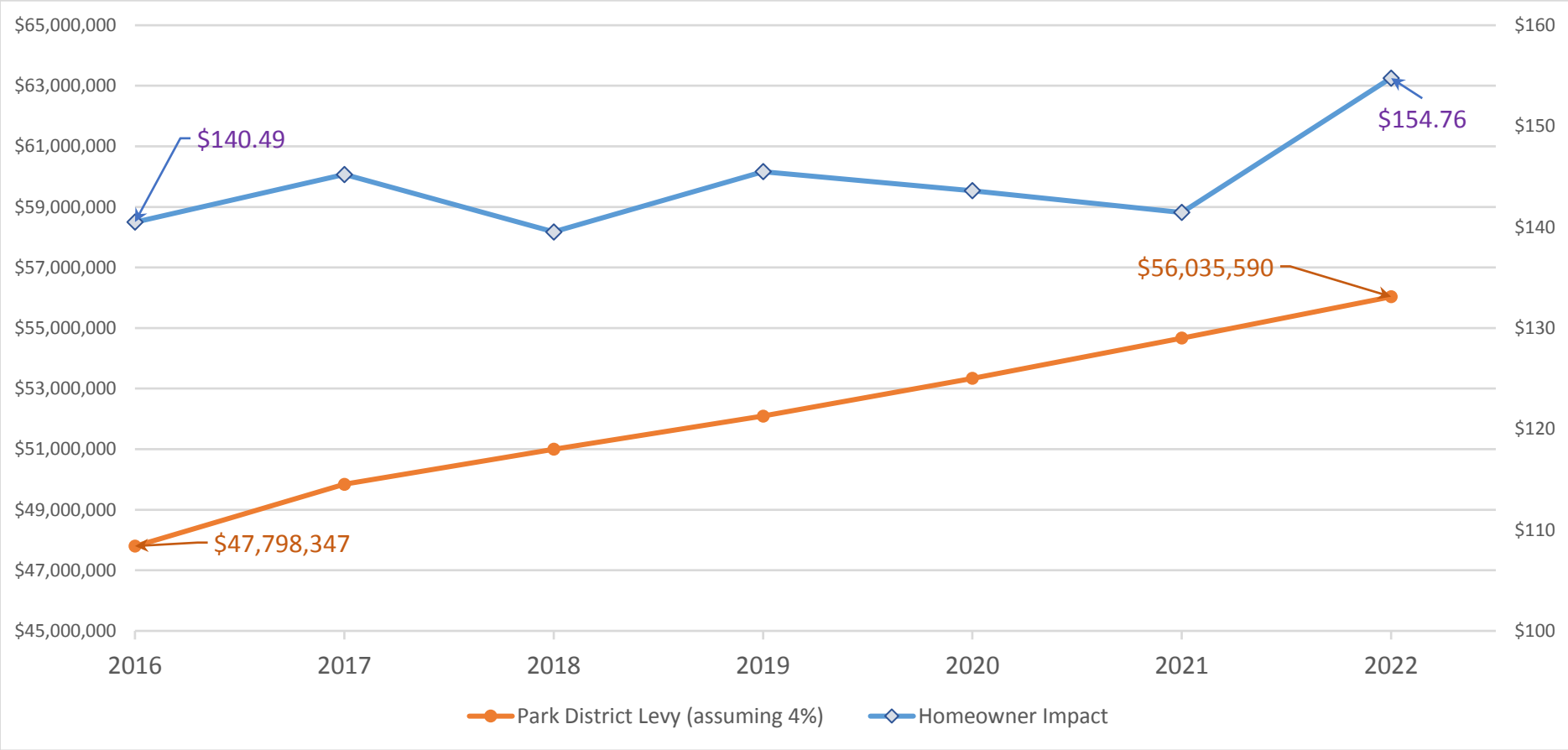
- Tax collection began in 2016, starting at \$47.7 million rising annually by 2.5% to \$54.6 million in 2020.
- First funding plan (Cycle 1 plan) supported 30+ initiatives.
- Due to pandemic, second six-year funding plan (Cycle 2 plan) not developed in 2020 but delayed.
- District budgets for 2021 and 2022 used 2020 budget as base, increased by 2.5%, awaiting adoption of Cycle 2 plan before making any significant changes.
- On average over last 6+ years, District funding represents 21% of SPR's total budget.
- 2022 Adopted District budget was \$56 million.

**SPR's 2022 budget of \$288 million**



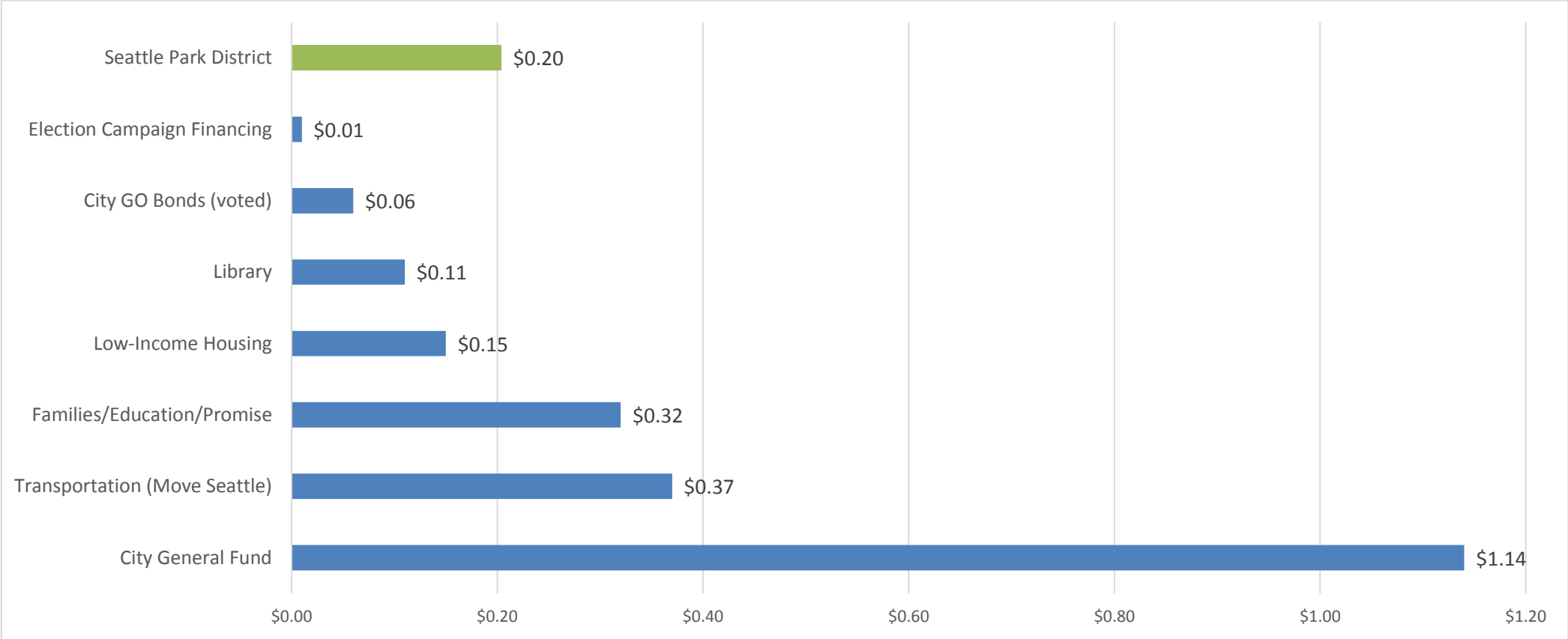
# District Funding and Impact to Homeowners

Impact to median homeowner and total MPD Levy amount from 2016 to 2022



# District Funding and Impact to Homeowner (2022)

District just one of many property tax levy measures approved by voters.



*Dollars per \$1000 assessed value.*

# District Funding and Impact to Homeowner

Levy measures that will likely be up for a vote in next 5 years

<b>2022</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King County Conservation Futures</li></ul>
<b>2023</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• King County (KC) Veterans and Human Services</li><li>• Seattle Low Income Housing</li></ul>
<b>2024</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KC Public Safety Emergency Radio Network</li><li>• KC Automated Fingerprinting ID System</li><li>• Seattle Transportation Ballot Measure</li></ul>
<b>2025</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seattle Schools Building Excellence Capital</li><li>• Seattle Schools Educational Programs and Operations</li><li>• KC Medic One/EMS</li><li>• KC Parks Operating</li><li>• Seattle Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise</li><li>• Seattle Public Finance Election Vouchers</li></ul>
<b>2026</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Seattle Library</li><li>• Seattle Transportation Benefit District</li></ul>
<b>2027</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• KC Best Starts for Kids</li></ul>

# Anticipated Funding Plan Elements In Cycle 2 Plan

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1. **New Investment Proposals**
2. **Pre-Commitment Projects**
3. **Continued funding of Cycle 1 Initiatives**
4. **COVID/Economic Recovery Funding**



# Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners (BPRC) Role in Cycle 2 Plan Development

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- Per ILA, BPRC is responsible for holding public meetings, providing recommendations to the Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, the Mayor, and the Park District Board
- SPR developed funding proposals for the BPRC's consideration based on community engagement that took place over the last several years
- Proposals reflect strategies included in the Parks [2020-2032 Strategic Plan](#) and [2022-2024 Action Plan](#)
- BPRC held multiple subcommittee meetings to discuss recommendations, and two meetings at which specific questions and comments were elicited from the public
- BPRC adopted recommendations on May 19<sup>th</sup>

# 1. New Investment Proposals

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- 38 proposals
- \$30 million annual cost
- 84.18 new FTEs

# Building Community Capacity

Proposed Investment	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Equity Fund Increment	\$1,500,000	\$1,000,000	N/A
Inclusive Outreach & Engagement	\$2,100,000	\$ 605,000	3 FTEs
Seattle Conservation Corps Expansion	\$4,300,000	\$ 900,000	3 FTEs
Urban Food Systems	\$0	\$ 700,000	6 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$7,900,000</b>	<b>\$3,205,000</b>	<b>12 FTEs</b>

# Continuing to Fix It First

Proposed Investment	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Magnuson Major Maintenance	\$6,900,000 (over next 6 years)	\$ 780,000	N/A
Play Area Renewal	\$3,800,000	\$1,062,500	N/A
Pool Major Maintenance	\$1,300,000	\$1,020,000	N/A
Racket Sport Maintenance & Expansion	\$0	\$886,950 (plus add'l funds)	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,749,450</b>	<b>0</b>

# Developing and Enhancing Park Assets

Proposed Investment	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Acquisition Funding	\$1,281,000	\$350,000	N/A
New Park Development	\$0	\$1,800,000	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,281,000</b>	<b>\$2,150,000</b>	<b>0</b>

# Enhancing Life Safety and Regulatory Compliance

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Accessibility Barrier Removal	\$2,000,000	\$1,352,000	N/A
Aquatics Safety	\$9,300,000	\$ 625,000	1 FTE
Facility Maintenance Life Safety & Regulatory Compliance	\$21,300,000	\$ 977,500	6 FTEs
Human Resources Safety Compliance and Training	\$605,000	\$ 335,000	2 FTEs
Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Retrofits	\$0	\$1,504,500	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,205,000</b>	<b>\$4,794,000</b>	<b>9 FTEs</b>

# Enhancing Recreation Facilities & Programming

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Business Systems & Customer Service Unit	\$0	\$380,000	3 FTEs
Community Center Operations	\$14,320,000	\$3,770,000	14.75 FTEs
Custodial Support	\$3,850,000	\$400,000	4 FTEs
Rec N The Streets	\$660,000	\$850,000	7.25 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,830,000</b>	<b>\$5,400,000</b>	<b>29 FTEs</b>

# Expanding Youth Employment & Mentorship Opportunities

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Teen Development Program	\$2,960,000	\$520,000	5.18 FTEs
Youth Mentorship & Employment Opportunities	\$715,000	\$400,000	1 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,675,000</b>	<b>\$920,000</b>	<b>6.18 FTEs</b>



# Improving Park Safety and Activation

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Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Neighborhood Park Activation & Parks Commons	\$285,000	\$200,000	1 FTEs
Park Concierges	\$955,000	\$650,000	N/A
Park Safety Program	\$2,000,000	\$850,000	2 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,240,000</b>	<b>\$1,700,000</b>	<b>3 FTEs</b>

# Increasing Access to Restrooms

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Comfort Station Autolocking & Weatherization	\$0	\$174,000	1 FTE
Comfort Station and Shelterhouse Renovations	\$1,600,000	\$1,232,500	N/A
Evening & Second Shift Maintenance	\$47,000,000	\$794,300	8 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,600,000</b>	<b>\$2,200,800</b>	<b>9 FTEs</b>

# Responding to Climate Change

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Climate Conscious Buildings	\$0	\$2,000,000	N/A
Community Center Pre-Electrification	\$0	\$300,000	N/A
Replacing Fossil Fuels in Small Mechanical Systems	\$0	\$300,000	1 FTE
Restoring & Increasing Urban Canopy	\$8,700,000	\$400,000	2 FTE
Sustainable Irrigation Replacement & Upgrade	\$200,000	\$330,000	N/A
Water Reuse Partnerships	\$0	\$315,000	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,900,000</b>	<b>\$3,645,000</b>	<b>3 FTEs</b>

# Restoring Parks & Facilities

Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Park Beautification	\$47,300,000	\$ 269,750	2 FTEs
Vandalism Response	\$21,300,000	\$ 633,250	5 FTEs
Viewpoint Maintenance	\$0	\$ 352,750	2 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$68,600,000</b>	<b>\$1,255,750</b>	<b>9 FTEs</b>

# Restoring Trails & Improving Access to Open Space

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Investment Proposal	Baseline Funding	Recommendation	New FTEs
Trails Major Maintenance	\$350,000	\$650,000	N/A
Trails Program Support	\$225,000	\$400,000	4 FTEs
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$575,000</b>	<b>\$1,050,000</b>	<b>4 FTEs</b>

## 2. Pre-Commitment Projects

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- 11 projects
- \$25 million in cash financing, \$110 million in debt financing (~\$10 million in annual debt service) – plus additional funding for operations and maintenance costs

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Investment Proposal	Recommendation
Six Land Banked Park Development Projects	\$15 million
Amy Yee Tennis Center Renovation	\$10 - \$23 million
Loyal Heights Community Center Renovation	Up to \$23 million
Lake City Community Center Redevelopment	\$20 - \$25 million
Green Lake Community Center and Evans Pool	\$50 million
Tenant Improvements at new 8 <sup>th</sup> & Mercer Community Center	\$10 - \$15 million

# Additional Elements of Proposed Spending Plan

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## 3. Continued funding of Cycle 1 Initiatives

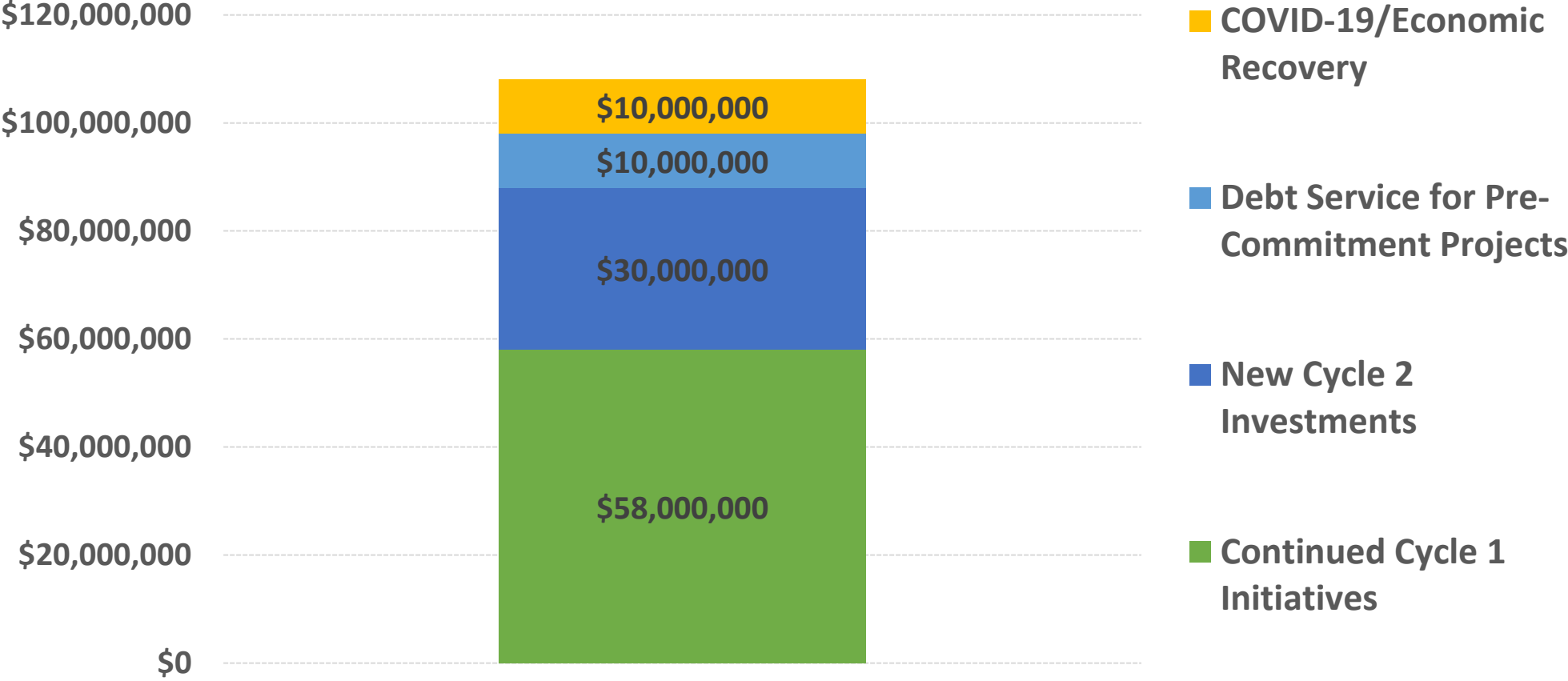
- The Executive has indicated the Mayor's proposed Cycle 2 plan will continue funding for nearly all of the ongoing initiatives funded in Cycle 1 plan.
- Proposal would take 2022 adopted budget of \$56.4 million and adjust by 4% for 2023 proposed budget of \$58.2 million.

## 4. COVID/Economic Recovery Funding

- The Executive has indicated the Mayor's proposed spending plan will also include \$10 million a year, at least for first few years, to address economic impacts to City revenues from the pandemic.
- Addresses potential GF, Parks and Recreation Fund, and Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) shortfalls impacting SPR services and programs.

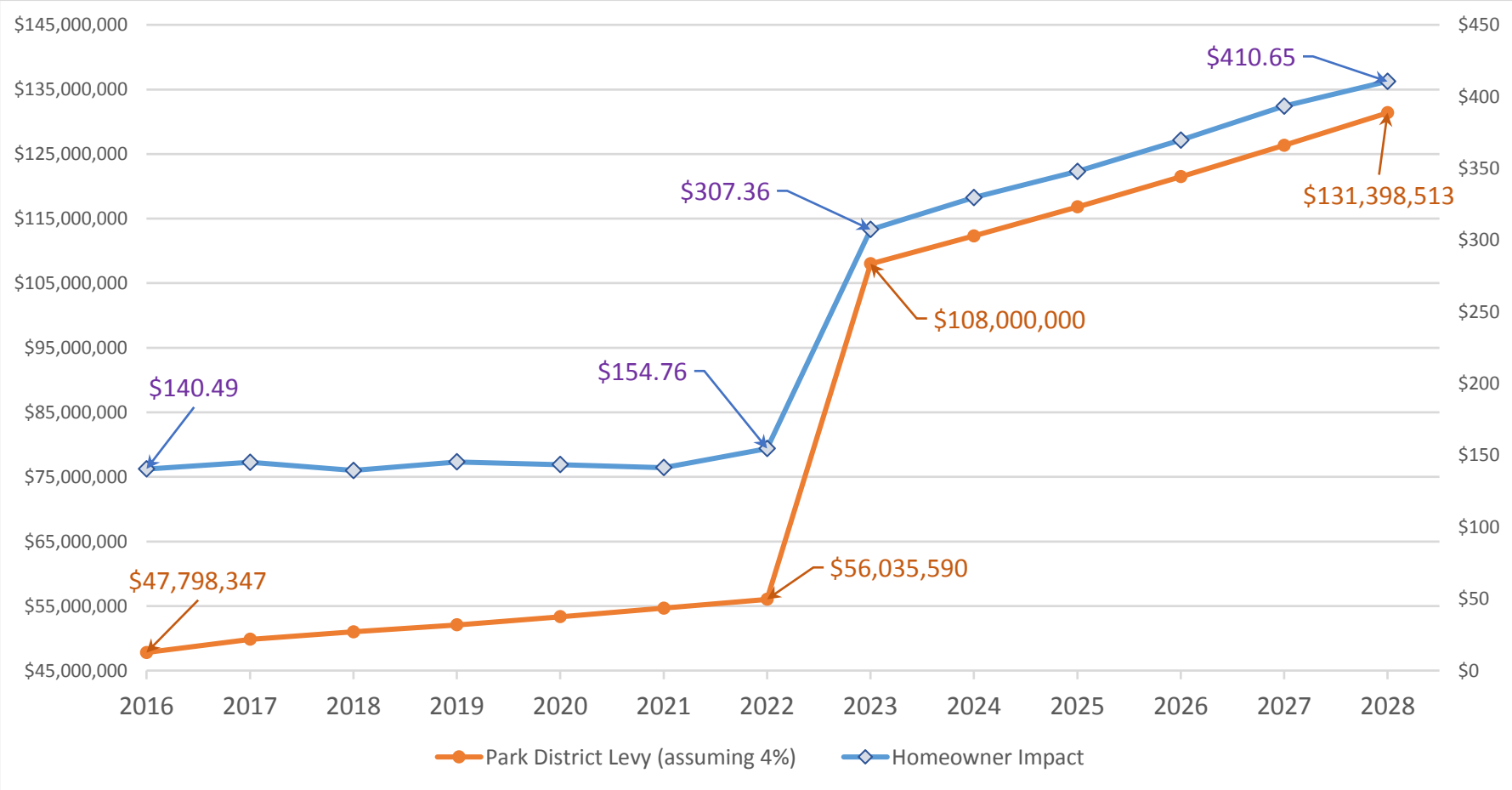


# Total Potential Annual Funding: \$108M (2023)



# District Funding and Impact to Homeowner

Homeowner impact and total MPD Levy: actual 2016 - 2022 and proposed 2023 – 2028



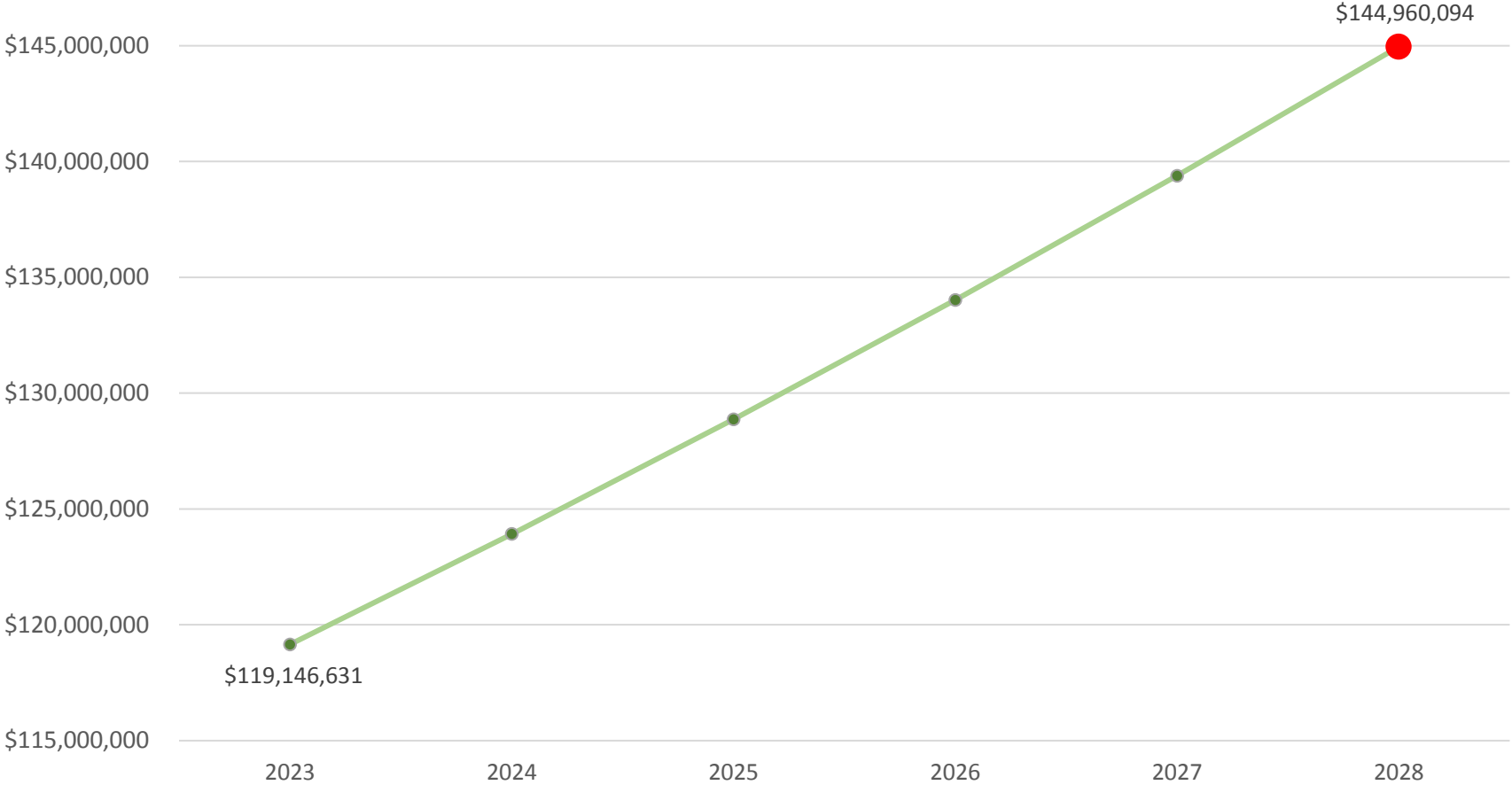
# Total Potential Funding and Maximum Levy Amount

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- Key consideration underpinning development of the Cycle 2 plan – don't exceed maximum level of funding authorized by the voters in 2014
- Based on State law and information from KC Assessor, Central Staff and CBO believe the estimated maximum levy that can be collected is \$119 million beginning in 2023 rising to \$145 million by 2028<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Assumes annual 4% inflation of ongoing expenditures

# Estimated Maximum Levy Amount 2023–2028



# Next Steps

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<b>July 11</b>	Further discussion of BPRC recommendations
<b>July 14</b>	Public Hearing
<b>July 18</b>	Discussion of Councilmember Options and Priorities
<b>July 25</b>	Discussion of Councilmember Options and Priorities
<b>Sept 6</b>	Presentation of Mayor's Proposed Six-Year Spending Plan (Tentative)
<b>Sept 9</b>	Discussion of Mayor's Proposed Six-Year Spending Plan
<b>Sept 15</b>	Discussion of Proposed Amendments and possible Vote
<b>Sept 19</b>	Vote on Six-Year Spending Plan

# Questions?