



COUNTY OF ERIE

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

August 1, 2022

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

Re: Budget Monitoring Report for Period Ending June 2022

Dear Honorable Legislators:

Please find attached the Budget Monitoring Report ("BMR") for the period ending June 30, 2022 as well as a vacancy report from the County's SAP system as of June 30, 2022.

The BMR shows that for the first six months of 2022 the County has a \$39,111,974 positive variance. This variance is largely related to four factors.

First, is 2022 sales tax growth, which currently stands at 8.9%. The overall June YTD growth is \$23.9 million and continues to be driven largely by increased prices and ongoing consumer demand, especially in the dining, entertainment and travel sectors. As previously noted the Division of Budget and Management now expects at least one more quarter of lower reconciliation payments due to New York State Tax and Finance's adjustment to the sales tax spread which is impacting all upstate counties. With a possible recession on the horizon, sales tax variances will be closely monitored as my office continues to prepare the 2023 budget.

Second, is the unappropriated \$5.7 million portion remaining from the receipt of just over \$16 million for the long-disputed Seneca Exclusivity Zone Distributions payments.

Third, is the June YTD Medicaid positive variance of \$3.6 million from the expected \$8.0 million overall 2022 benefit due to two quarters of unbudgeted enhanced COVID-related Federal contributions. Enhanced Medicaid assistance will terminate when the Federal Government rescinds its COVID-19 state of emergency under the Stafford Act.

Fourth, is the larger than expected New York State Raise the Age revenue which generated a positive variance of \$1.1 million through June.

All other items through June have generated a net \$4,800,453 positive variance.

January-June 2022 Budget Monitoring Report (BMR)

Account Type	Annual Budget	Period Budget January - June	Actuals January - June	Period Available Budget	% of Period Budget Consumed	Annual Available Budget	% of Annual Budget Consumed
Revenue							
** Property Tax	293,524,030-	293,524,030-	293,524,030-	0-	100%	0-	100%
** Property Tax Related	14,998,853-	5,663,341-	5,817,224-	153,883	103%	9,181,629-	39%
** Sales Tax	549,174,319-	263,849,820-	288,826,535-	24,976,715	109%	260,347,784-	53%
** Sales Tax to Local Govt.	379,442,301-	182,302,375-	197,049,617-	14,747,242	108%	182,392,684-	52%
** Other Sources	43,480,680-	31,161,307-	38,228,480-	7,067,173	123%	5,252,200-	88%
** Fees, Fines or Charges	34,629,402-	21,463,472-	21,372,690-	90,781-	100%	13,256,712-	62%
*** Local Source Revenue	1,315,249,585-	797,964,345-	844,818,576-	46,854,231	106%	470,431,009-	64%
*** Federal Revenue	178,095,937-	97,205,187-	86,485,343-	10,719,845-	89%	91,610,594-	49%
*** State Revenue	192,596,141-	95,797,333-	85,284,646-	10,512,687-	89%	107,311,495-	44%
*** Interfund Revenue	44,940,121-	44,940,121-	44,940,121-		100%		100%
**** County Revenue	1,730,881,784-	1,035,906,987-	1,061,528,686-	25,621,699	102%	669,353,099-	61%
Expense							
** Salaries	237,841,600	115,203,298	108,382,859	6,820,439	94%	129,458,741	46%
** Non-Salaries	27,122,635	12,516,541	15,233,981	2,717,440-	122%	11,888,654	56%
** Countywide Adjustments	7,231,513	406,626		406,626	0%	7,231,513	0%
*** Personnel Related Expense	272,195,748	128,126,465	123,616,840	4,509,625	96%	148,578,908	45%
*** Fringe Benefit Total	143,371,846	66,276,974	60,845,697	5,431,278	92%	82,526,149	42%
** Supplies and Repairs	11,313,674	4,305,564	3,729,578	575,986	87%	7,584,096	33%
** Other	35,685,240	12,942,362	11,672,278	1,270,084	90%	24,012,963	33%
** Contractual	631,893,210	297,636,151	306,156,637	8,520,486-	103%	325,736,573	48%
** Equipment	8,724,208	1,687,060	1,405,688	281,372	83%	7,318,521	16%
** Allocations	264,779,347	102,366,189	102,918,451	552,262-	101%	161,860,896	39%
** Program Specific	489,412,769	217,149,095	206,654,419	10,494,676	95%	282,758,350	42%
** Debt Services	56,289,152	29,211,129	29,211,128	1	100%	27,078,024	52%
*** All Other Operating Expense	1,498,097,601	665,297,551	661,748,178	3,549,372	99%	836,349,422	44%
**** County Expense	1,913,665,194	859,700,990	846,210,715	13,490,275	98%	1,067,454,479	44%
**** Net	182,783,410	176,205,997-	215,317,971-	39,111,974		398,101,381	

Note on the BMR:

The BMR helps the Budget Office identify, understand and resolve financial issues that may emerge during the year. The positive period variance indicated should not be interpreted as a projection of a year-end positive balance