



## Hennepin County Office Budget & Finance

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**Transmitted via email**

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Dear Senate and House Education Committee Chairs:

Enclosed please find the report required to be sent to you pursuant to Minnesota Statute section 473.757, subdivision 2, relating to the uses of excess sales tax revenues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Lawless', written in a cursive style.

David Lawless,  
Director of Budget and Finance

Cc: Hennepin County Board of Commissioners  
David Hough, Hennepin County Administrator  
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Attachment

REPORT TO LEGISLATURE PURSUANT  
TO MINN. STAT. SECTION 473.757, SUBD. 2

**Background**

Minn. Stat. section 473.757, subd. 2 authorizes Hennepin County, by resolution, to make certain expenditures for increased library hours and youth activities and youth and amateur sports from excess revenues, if any, from the sales tax enacted for the Twins ballpark. The same legislation also requires Hennepin County to make a report every two years thereafter describing any such uses of the money. The report must be made to the chairs of the committees and budget divisions in the Senate and House of Representatives that have jurisdiction over education policy and funding.

**Report on the Use of Excess Sales Tax Funds in 2021 and 2022**

This report describes the use of excess sales tax revenues for increased library hours, youth activities, and youth and amateur sports during the 2021-2022 reporting period.

Overall, Hennepin County operates 41 library locations. In 2021, sales tax funds were used to provide 100 additional hours per week at 17 libraries across the county. The libraries are listed by name in the table below:

*Table 1*

Libraries with Additional Hours		
Augsburg Park	Golden Valley	Penn Lake
Brookdale	Hopkins	Plymouth
Brooklyn Park	Hosmer	Rockford Road
East Lake	Maple Grove	Rogers
Eden Prairie	Minneapolis Central	Saint Louis Park
Edina	North Regional	

Sales tax funds were also used to provide grants to supplement youth activities and amateur sports. The Hennepin Youth Sports Program makes grant awards to municipalities, park districts or school districts to create, expand or improve athletic or recreational facilities to enhance opportunities for youth participation in Hennepin County. These grants are administered by the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission, which evaluates applications and provides recommendations to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners.

Since 2017, the Hennepin Youth Sports Program has been collaborating with the U.S.A. Swimming Foundation to offer free or low-cost swim lessons and water safety classes to metro-area children.

Grant recipients for 2021 and 2022 are identified in the tables below:

Table 2

2021 Youth Activities and Amateur Sports Grant Awards		
Bloomington ISD 271	City of Richfield	City of Corcoran
City of Bloomington	City of Robbinsdale	City of Orono
City of Champlin	City of Rogers	City of Shorewood
City of Crystal	City of Shorewood	Edina ISD 273
City of Dayton	City of St. Louis Park	Richfield Public Schools
City of Loretto	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Rockford ISD 883
City of Maple Grove	Minneapolis Public Schools	
City of Medina	Three Rivers Park District	
City of New Hope	USA Swimming Foundation	

Table 3

2022 Youth Activities and Amateur Sports Grant Awards		
City of Bloomington	City of Robbinsdale	Westonka Schools ISD 277
City of Champlin	City of St. Louis Park	Bloomington Public School 271
City of Corcoran	City of Tonka Bay	City of Richfield
City of Crystal	Edina ISD 273	City of Excelsior
City of Dayton	Minneapolis Park & Recreation Board	Maple Grove Parks and Recreation
City of Eden Prairie	Minneapolis Public Schools	USA Swimming Foundation
City of Loretto	Minnetonka ISD 276	
City of New Hope	St. Louis Park ISD 283	