



ANSWERING YOUR IMPORTANT QUESTIONS ABOUT THE Maple Grove Community Center Project

The City of Maple Grove is moving forward with an investment plan to update and expand the Community Center. A major portion of the project would be funded by a half-cent local sales tax, if approved by voters in November. Here are answers to some common questions about the project:

Why is the city pursuing this project now?

Maple Grove's population has increased 28% since the Community Center opened in 1997. The center requires upgrades, new amenities, and additional space to continue successfully serving our growing and diversifying population.

Have Maple Grove residents been involved in the planning process?

Yes. Over the past three years, the city conducted surveys of residents and held meetings with various community groups and residents who use the center, including seniors, arts groups, teenagers, athletic associations, and the Maple Grove Community Organization. Feedback from residents continues to shape the project.

What is the project's cost and funding plan?

The cost is expected to be \$116 million that will be financed through bonds over a 20-year period. The current funding plan is structured in three parts:

- **\$90 million in revenue from the half-cent sales tax**, if approved by Maple Grove voters
- **\$18 million in state bonding funds**, if approved by the Minnesota Legislature
- **\$8 million from other sources**, including sponsorships, federal grants and donations, including contributions from athletic associations

Why a local sales tax to help pay for the project?

A half-cent sales tax ensures that people who use the Community Center — including non-residents — share in the cost to reinvest in it. If the project was funded by a property tax increase, the cost burden would fall solely on Maple Grove residents who own or rent residential or commercial property in the city.



About the project

- New swimming pools & family locker rooms
- More space for senior programs
- Expanded event and banquet space
- Space for the arts
- A walking track
- A third sheet of ice
- Infrastructure investments, including updated roofs and mechanical systems

What is the impact of the sales tax?

If approved, the half-cent sales tax would be applied to sales within the city boundaries of Maple Grove and cover the same items and services as the general state sales tax.

Nonresidents would pay 55% of the sales tax, according to an analysis by the University of Minnesota. The cost per Maple Grove resident is estimated to be \$3.20 a month.

What if the local sales tax option isn't approved?

After 25 years of heavy use, significant problems with the aging Community Center will still need to be addressed, including roof repairs, improving air quality control systems and other structural upgrades.

If the sales tax isn't approved, city leaders would consider various options, including an increase in property taxes, to support a construction project that focused on the facility's infrastructure.

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