

Arvada Fire Protection District: Funding Our Future Together



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The Challenge



Arvada Fire Protection is facing:

- Higher costs
- Increased fire risk
- Rising community demand

If we are to continue to provide the emergency services our community expects and deserves, we need to raise new revenue.

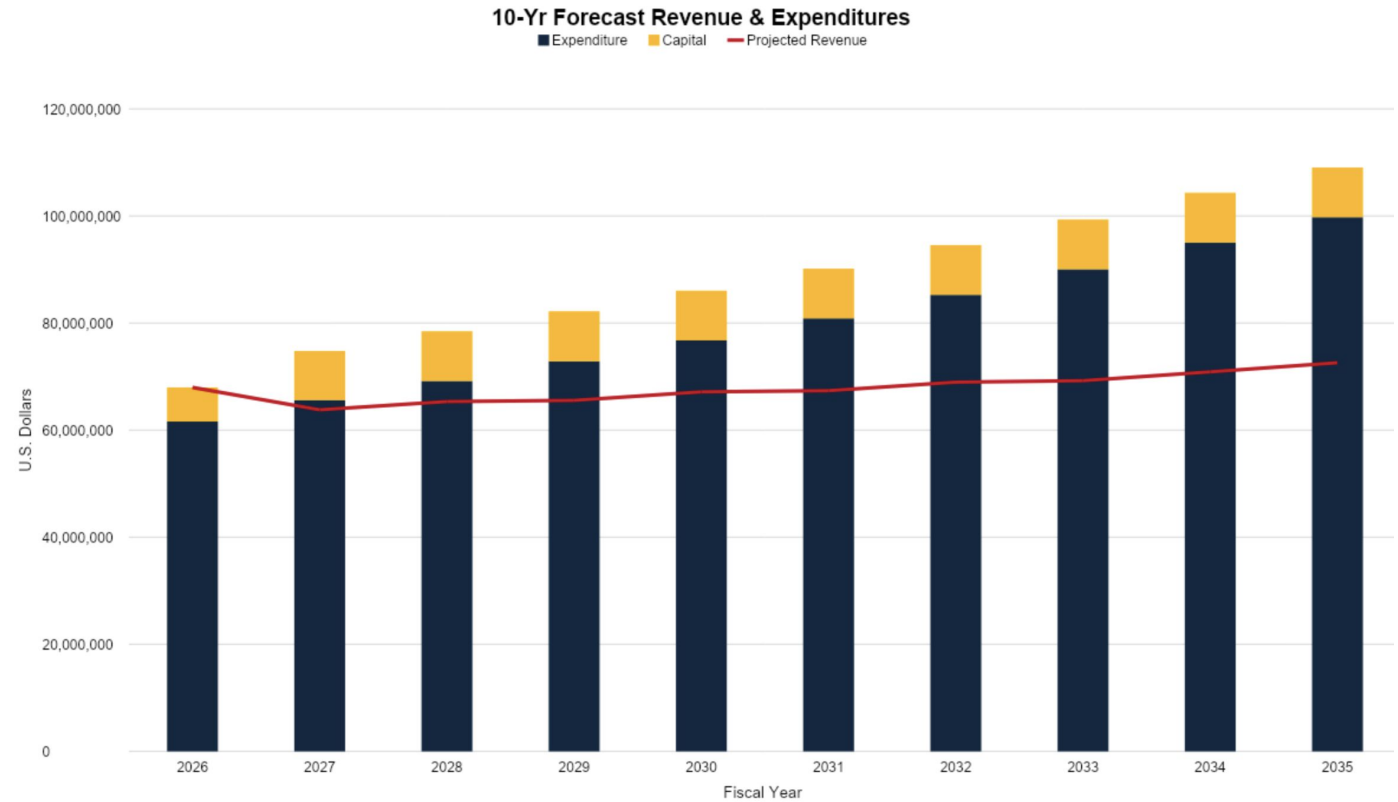


Higher Costs



Costs to provide emergency services have increased significantly and have begun to outpace revenue.

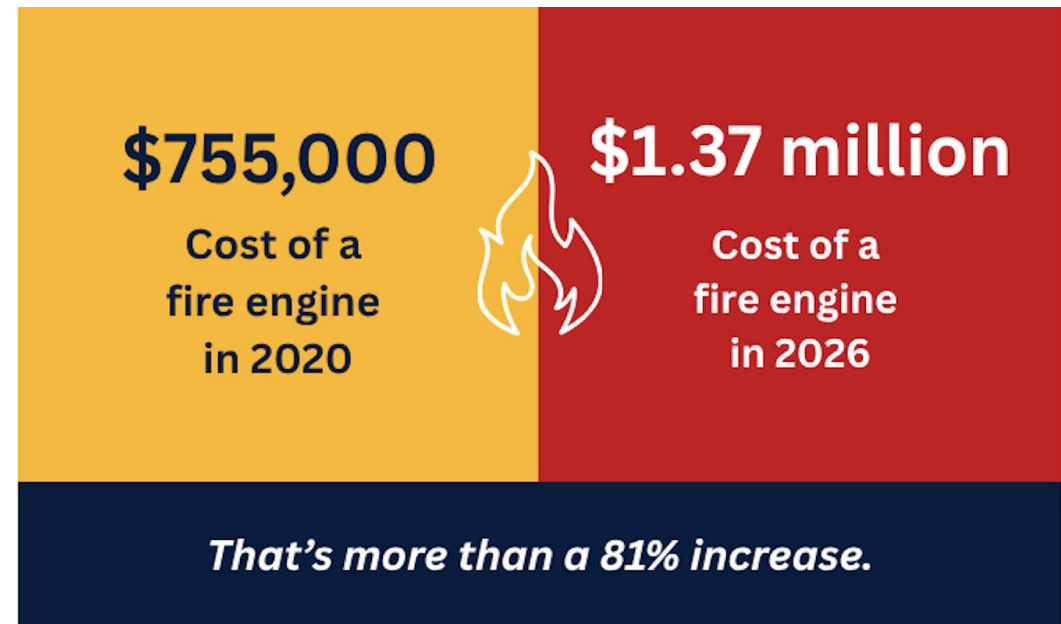
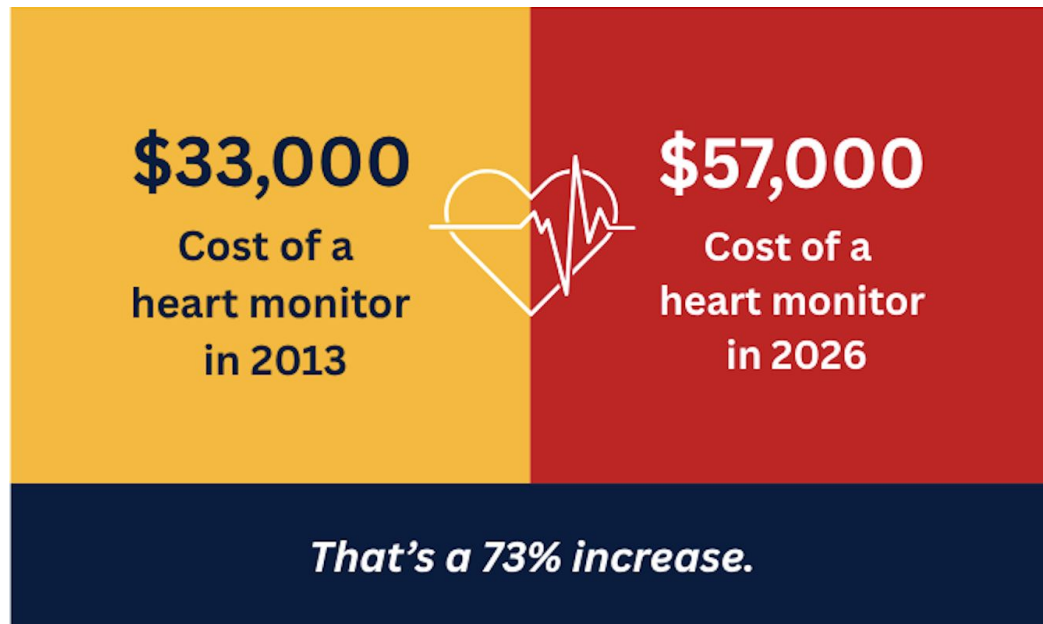
Heart monitors, fire engines, protective gear, and safety equipment all have been subject to significant inflationary pressure.



Higher Costs



Day-to-day costs have continued to rise across the board for essential items such as emergency vehicles, EMS supplies, and equipment.



Increased Risk



Wind-driven fires like the Marshall Fire have the potential to affect our entire community, not just the neighborhoods in the Wildland Urban Interface.

This necessitates a new level of preparedness with adequate personnel, training, and equipment.



Increased Demand



Calls for service have increased significantly in the past 10 years.



The District ran 14,949 calls in 2016.



Calls increased by over 27% to 19,025 in 2025.



74% of calls in 2025 were emergency medical calls.

Potential Impact



Additional revenue is needed **starting in 2027** in order to account for both the increased risk and the rising costs.

If new funding is not secured, the District would need to reduce spending over the next two years, and likely not be able to maintain the current levels of service. **Response times, staffing levels, and programs will be affected.**



Potential Service Cuts



Potential cuts could include:

- Having fewer firefighters and paramedics on duty each day throughout the service area.
- Reducing wildfire mitigation efforts and community education.
- Reducing mental health support services and physical wellness programs and treatment.



Potential Revenue Options



The District is exploring options to raise \$23.1 million annually **to help maintain the high level of fire and emergency medical services.**

Recent state legislation (SB24-194) allows fire districts to use sales tax as a new option for additional revenues.



Financial Track Record



The Arvada Fire Protection District has a strong financial track record.

The District has a history of being a good steward of taxpayer dollars, providing fire and medical services within its budget.

The District has not asked voters to approve any new tax increase since 2010.



Potential Funding Options



Option	Rate	Annual Revenue	Cost to Resident
Potential Sales Tax	1%*	\$23.1 million	Varies based on individual consumption
Potential Property Tax	7.25 mills	\$23.1 million	Approximately cost a homeowner \$45.31/year per \$100,000 market value

*Exemptions would apply to groceries, prescription medications, diapers, school activities, and all other categories exempt under state sales tax law. Visit the Colorado State Department of Revenue for details.

Funding Priorities



Potential revenue would fund:

- Firefighter and paramedic staffing levels to safely and efficiently respond to emergencies.
- Wildfire mitigation efforts and community education.
- Recruiting and retaining firefighters and paramedics.



Funding Priorities



Potential revenue would fund:

- Emergency vehicles and equipment, and modernize facilities to better protect the public and first responders.
- Improving firefighter health and wellness programs such as early detection and treatment for cardiovascular conditions and cancer; mental health support; and mandatory fitness training and standards.



Funding Priorities and Next Steps



At this time, the Arvada Fire Protection District Board has not made any decisions regarding the pursuit of additional funding options.

The community is invited to provide input as the District weighs its options.

The Board expects to make a decision later this summer.

A public survey was conducted in March and results were positive:

*70% supported a 1% sales tax
58% supported a 7.25 mill
property tax*

Thank You!

Please visit TalkArvadaFireCo.com to learn more and provide feedback.



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