

Christopher Kohl's Fire District

Annual Budget – 2 Year Forecast

May 2021

	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Assessed Value	\$19,736,151	\$20,785,543	\$21,793,969	\$22,883,667	\$24,027,851
Assessed Value /100	\$197,362	\$207,855	\$217,940	\$228,837	\$240,279
Tax Rate Estimate	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.05	\$ 3.05	\$3.05	\$3.05

* actual tax rate set by county

EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
Personnel Services	\$666,705	\$700,421	\$751,828	\$789,419	\$828,890
Fire Protection Operations	\$1,120,135	\$1,194,035	\$789,636	\$829,118	\$870,574
Fire Department Administration	\$571,140	\$792,702	\$790,111	\$829,617	\$871,097
Total Budget Recap	\$2,357,980	\$2,687,158	\$2,331,575	\$2,448,154	\$2,570,562

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Taxes	\$657,954	\$692,103	\$724,880	\$761,124	\$799,180
Enterprise	\$42,071	\$44,180	\$49,247	\$51,709	\$54,295
District Funds	\$670,670	\$994,339	\$1,011,612	\$1,062,193	\$1,115,302
Grants/Other	\$987,285	\$956,536	\$545,836	\$573,128	\$601,784
Total Income Recap	\$2,357,980	\$2,687,158	\$2,331,575	\$2,448,154	\$2,570,562

The Christopher Kohl's Fire District (CKFD) is funded primarily by tax revenues with a small amount of money collected through contracted services. The tax revenues are determined by the net assessed valuation of the district multiplied by the current adopted tax rate. It must be stated, that currently, all fire district's net assessed evaluations are based on Limited Property Values (LPV). The utilization of the LPV reduced the tax burden on the property owners within the districts, while financially strapping the individual fire districts. It is anticipated that with the legislated tax cap on the LPV that it will take more than 20 years for fire districts to receive the size of revenues that they enjoyed only a few years ago.

The net assessed valuation increase for 2021-22 was five percent. In 2020-21, we saw a five percent increase. We feel that this represents a stable yet stagnant economy that hopefully improves as the state's economic outlook improves. In the event that future valuations rapidly improve, future revenues will however still be restricted due the 5% cap on LPV increases allowed per year.

Absent more concrete financial information, best practices support using the average of the previous and current year revenues, in budget forecasts. The most honest forecast for the CKFD future budgets would be to plan on a five percent increase for each of the next two years. The budget above reflects this very conservative outlook. The next two forecasted budgets are austere and reflect essentially a maintenance approach to services and tax revenues.

Our current proposed tax rate of \$3.05 and district reserves will ensure our ability to provide needed services for many years.