



## THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Salt Lake County Residents,

This season brings a fresh opportunity to connect, celebrate our shared achievements, and look ahead to the exciting projects that will shape our future.

## 2025 Budget Proposal

This year, I proposed a balanced 2025 budget that prioritizes public safety and employees, and **ensures the County maintains its AAA bond rating**. Maintaining the AAA bond rating is something I've done throughout my mayorship.

This budget proposal includes the continuation of several priority projects, including:

- Implementation of the Human Services, Homelessness, and Criminal Justice Action Plan
- Utilization of opioid settlement dollars to fund two Drug Enforcement Administration Metro Narcotics Task Force officers
- My County Rec Pass for kids and youth
- No library late fees for kids' overdue books
- Jail Resource and Re-entry Program for people exiting jail
- Housing Trust Fund to support affordable housing opportunities

New public safety priorities detailed in the budget include purchasing bulletproof/stab vests for law enforcement employees—a cost that is currently absorbed by employees, an expansion of the Adult Detention Center, and building a Justice and Accountability Center. Funding for the latter two is dependent upon the passing of the \$507 million Public Safety Bond.

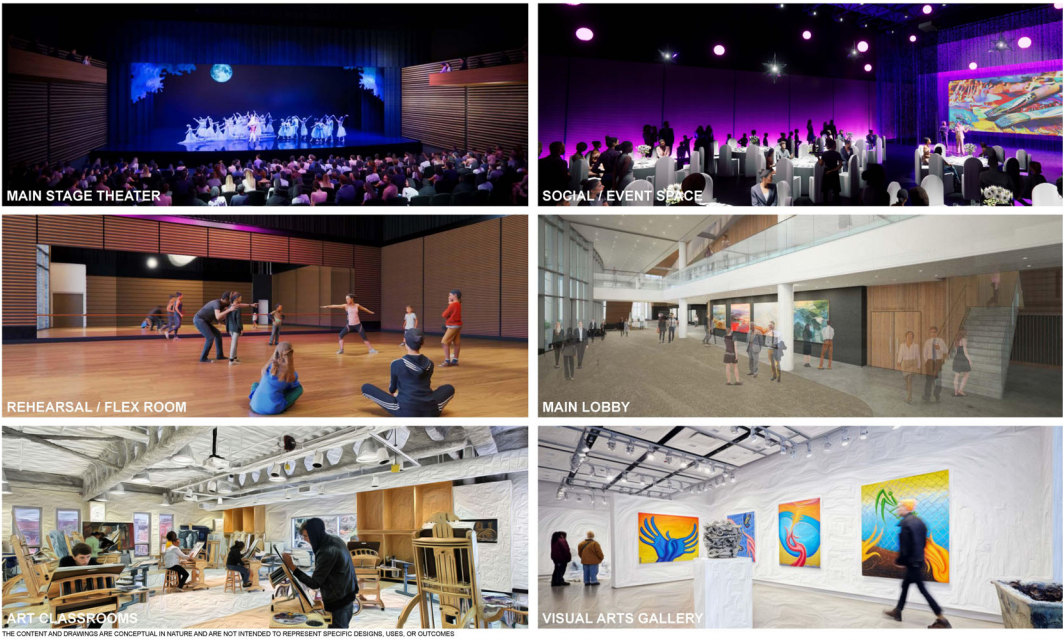
# Mayor Wilson's Proposed 2025 Budget Speech

## Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Arts Center

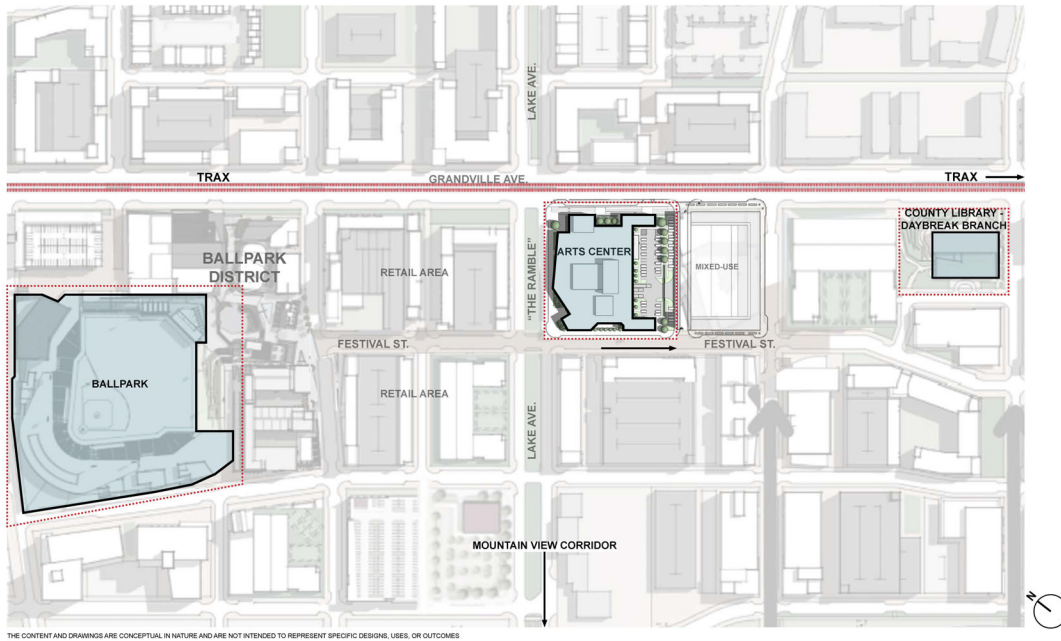
Also prioritized in the 2025 budget is the building of a new arts center in the southwest region of the County. A land donation and a generous \$25 million gift from the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation will help fund the construction of the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Arts Center in South Jordan, north of the County Library's Daybreak branch.

This financial donation is the largest Salt Lake County arts contribution from a single donor. **Thank you to Gail and the entire Miller Family!**

Proposed key features and location:



SOUTHWEST VALLEY ARTS CENTER - PROPOSED KEY FEATURES  
FALL 2024



SOUTHWEST VALLEY ARTS CENTER - SITE LOCATION  
FALL 2024



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# Shape the Future of the Jordan River

Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation invites the public to participate in the next phase of community engagement for the Central Jordan River Reconnect project, a transformative effort to activate the regional park along the Jordan River.

The Central Jordan River Reconnect project spans five cities—South Salt Lake, Millcreek, Murray, West Valley, and Taylorsville. Workshop events are part of a 14-month public engagement process intended to develop a comprehensive plan for the regional park. The plan will serve as a resource for recreation, conservation, and community connection.

Community members are encouraged to attend any of the community workshops taking place late October through mid-November.

These events will provide an opportunity to share feedback, shape the vision for park use, and ensure improvements reflect the community's priorities and values.

## Upcoming Workshops:

- November 12: Redwood Recreation Center Gym, West Valley | 4:30 pm–7 pm
- November 13: The County Library | Taylorsville Branch, Taylorsville | 4:30 pm–7 pm
- November 14: The County Library | Millcreek Branch, Millcreek | 4:30 pm–7 pm

For more information and to respond to the open community survey, visit the project website: [centraljordanreconnect.com](https://centraljordanreconnect.com)





## Central Jordan River **RECONNECT**

7 miles, 5 cities, 3 creeks, 1 river

Get involved at a workshop:

**October 28**

at Granite Library

**October 29**

at Wheeler Farm Activity Barn

Stop by anytime between 4:30 pm–7 pm

For updates or engage:

**CentralJordanReconnect.com**



Community Survey

## Salt Lake County Supports Veterans

I am proud to highlight our unwavering commitment to supporting our veterans. We recognize the immense sacrifices made by those who have served our country, and we strive to provide comprehensive resources and services to honor their dedication.

**Salt Lake County Animal Services** is waiving pet adoption fees for all veterans during the month of November.

**Salt Lake County District Attorney and Salt Lake County Criminal Justice Services** collaborate with

**Salt Lake County Aging and Adult Services** partners with the VA for in-home services, case management, and caregiver support.

**Clark Planetarium** is offering free tickets for any film on Nov. 11 to

partner agencies on a Veterans Treatment Court within the Third District Court. Using therapeutic justice approaches, the Veterans Treatment Court team offers opportunities to lift up struggling veterans who have given so much for our country.

Veterans and \$5 tickets to family members.

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## **Public Safety Bond: \$507 million (Salt Lake County, Utah Local Special Bond Election)**

### **Building a Justice and Accountability Center:**

- The Justice and Accountability Center is an alternative to jail primarily for low-level offenders who are repeatedly involved in the criminal justice system because of underlying issues, such as unstable housing and mental health and substance use disorders that have not been addressed
- The Justice and Accountability Center will connect people to outpatient treatment, job training, permanent housing opportunities, and support services to get their lives back on track with a goal of eliminating criminal behavior

### **Consolidating and Improving the County Jail by:**

- Combining the two county jails
- Increasing the number of beds
- Expanding access to mental health treatment
- Building a reentry unit to help people leaving jail prepare to rejoin society

The jail costs \$136/day per person—the Justice and Accountability Center will cost \$75/day per person, a \$60/day savings to taxpayers.

**Public Safety Bond**

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## **Zoo, Arts, & Parks (ZAP) Tax**

The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax was approved by voters in 1996 and went into effect on January 1, 1997. Every ten years since, voters have voted in favor or reauthorizing the ZAP tax. The ZAP tax is on the ballot this November and, if approved by voters, the tax will continue another ten years, beginning January 1, 2027.

### **What ZAP funds:**

- The mission of the Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) Program is to grant ZAP tax funds to art, cultural, botanical, and zoological organizations. ZAP also funds parks and recreation projects in Salt Lake County. Thirty percent of ZAP tax

revenues support Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.

### How much is the ZAP tax and is it going up?

- The Zoo, Arts, and Parks (ZAP) tax funds a variety of arts and culture programs in our community. It also funds parks and recreation projects in cities and towns around the county, as well as Salt Lake County Parks and Recreation operations and projects.
- The ZAP tax is one penny for every \$10 spent within the county, which equals 0.1 percent. If approved by the voter it will be a continuation of the ZAP tax, not a tax increase.

Learn more: [zapisyou.org](https://zapisyou.org)

Learn About ZAP

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## 2024 General Election

The 2024 General Election takes place on **Tuesday, November 5, 2024**. Ballots were mailed to active, eligible voters beginning October 15, 2024. Everyone who is eligible is encouraged to vote and to return their ballot in a timely manner so it can be counted. **Early Voting and Election Day vote centers are also options** for voters who prefer to vote in person.

The general election is open to all registered voters, regardless of party affiliation.

2024 General Election Information

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Sincerely,



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Mayor of Salt Lake County



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