

LETTER OF BUDGET TRANSMITTAL

Date: January 28, 2025

To: Division of Local Government
1313 Sherman Street, Room 521
Denver, Colorado 80203

Attached are the 2025 budget and budget message for THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4, Adams County, Colorado, submitted pursuant to Section 29-1-113, C.R.S. This budget was adopted on November 21, 2024. If there are any questions on the budget, please contact:

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
Attn: Denise Denslow, District Manager
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Greenwood Village, CO 80111
Telephone number: 303-779-5710
Denise.denslow@claconnect.com

I, Denise Denslow, District Manager of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 hereby certify that the attached is a true and correct copy of the 2025 budget.

By: 

Denise Denslow, District Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-02

**RESOLUTION TO ADOPT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY
RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AURORA HIGHLANDS
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO, PURSUANT TO
SECTION 29-1-108, C.R.S., SUMMARIZING EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES FOR
EACH FUND, ADOPTING A BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY
FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2025**

A. The Board of Directors of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 (the “**District**”) has appointed CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to prepare and submit a proposed budget to said governing body at the proper time.

B. CliftonLarsonAllen LLP has submitted a proposed budget to this governing body for its consideration on or before October 15, 2024.

C. Upon due and proper notice, published or posted in accordance with the law, said proposed budget was open for inspection by the public at a designated place, a public hearing was held on November 21, 2024, and interested taxpayers were given the opportunity to file or register any objections to said proposed budget.

D. The budget has been prepared to comply with all terms, limitations and exemptions, including, but not limited to, reserve transfers and expenditure exemptions, under Article X, Section 20 of the Colorado Constitution (“**TABOR**”) and other laws or obligations which are applicable to or binding upon the District.

E. Whatever increases may have been made in the expenditures, like increases were added to the revenues so that the budget remains in balance, as required by law.

F. The Board of Directors has made provision therein for revenues in an amount equal to or greater than the total proposed expenditures as set forth in said budget.

G. It is not only required by law, but also necessary to appropriate the revenues provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below, thereby establishing a limitation on expenditures for the operations of the District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4, ADAMS COUNTY, COLORADO:

1. The budget, as submitted, amended, and summarized by fund, is hereby approved and adopted as the budget of the District for the year stated above.

2. The budget is hereby approved and adopted, shall be certified by the Secretary of the District to all appropriate agencies and is made a part of the public records of the District.

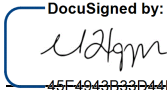
3. The sums set forth as the total expenditures of each fund in the budget attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and incorporated herein by reference are hereby appropriated from the revenues of each fund, within each fund, for the purposes stated.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

**[SIGNATURE PAGE TO RESOLUTION TO ADOPT
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATE SUMS OF MONEY]**

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2024.

**THE AURORA HIGHLANDS
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**

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President

Attest:

By:  Signed by:
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Secretary

EXHIBIT A

Budget

THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
ANNUAL BUDGET
FOR YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025

**AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
GENERAL FUND
2025 BUDGET
WITH 2023 ACTUAL AND 2024 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,**

1/20/25

	ACTUAL 2023	ESTIMATED 2024	BUDGET 2025
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
REVENUES			
Property taxes	-	1,140	39
Specific ownership taxes	-	80	2
ARI - Aurora Regional Improvement Tax	-	9	-
Total revenues	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>41</u>
Total funds available	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>41</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General and administrative			
County Treasurer's Fee	-	17	1
Intergovernmental expenditures	-	1,203	40
Intergovernmental expenditures ARI/ARTA	-	9	-
Total expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>41</u>
Total expenditures and transfers out requiring appropriation	<u>-</u>	<u>1,229</u>	<u>41</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
PROPERTY TAX SUMMARY INFORMATION
2025 BUDGET
WITH 2023 ACTUAL AND 2024 ESTIMATED
For the Years Ended and Ending December 31,

1/20/25

ACTUAL 2023	ESTIMATED 2024	BUDGET 2025
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ASSESSED VALUATION

Agricultural	-	510	510
State assessed	-	4,950	-
Personal property	-	10,260	-
Certified Assessed Value	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,720</u>	<u>\$ 510</u>

MILL LEVY

General	0.000	72.894	76.901
ARI	0.000	0.206	0.492
Total mill levy	<u>0.000</u>	<u>73.100</u>	<u>77.393</u>

PROPERTY TAXES

General	\$ -	\$ 1,146	\$ 39
ARI	-	3	-
Levied property taxes	<u>-</u>	<u>1,149</u>	<u>39</u>
Budgeted property taxes	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,149</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>

BUDGETED PROPERTY TAXES

General	\$ -	\$ 1,146	\$ 39
ARI	-	3	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,149</u>	<u>\$ 39</u>

**THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
2025 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Services Provided

The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 (“District”) was organized by Court Order dated December 5, 2022, to provide financing for the construction and installation of public improvements, including streets, traffic safety, water, sanitary sewer, park and recreation, public transportation, mosquito control, fire protection, and television relay improvements for the use and benefit of all anticipated inhabitants and taxpayers of the District. The District’s service plan does not authorize the District to provide fire protection or television relay services unless the District enters into an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Aurora (“City”). The District is a part of the Aurora Highlands Community Authority Board, (the “CAB”) which is comprised of: Aerotropolis Area Coordinating Metropolitan District (“AACMD”), The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District Nos. 1-6 (“TAH Nos. 1-6”), and ATEC Metropolitan District Nos. 1-2 (“ATEC 1-2”) (collectively, the “CAB Districts”). The District’s service area is located in Adams County, Colorado, entirely within the City.

On November 8, 2022, the District voters approved a general obligation indebtedness for all services and improvements of \$52,000,000,000. The District’s current service plan limits the total debt issuance to \$4,000,000,000, with a maximum debt mill levy of 50.000 mills, subject to changes in the method of calculating residential assessed valuation. The maximum debt service mill levy shall not apply to the District’s ability to increase its mill levy necessary for the provision of operation and maintenance services. The mill levy is on all taxable property within the District for collection in 2022 and each year thereafter. Furthermore, the voters authorized the District to collect and expend levied taxes and any other income of the District without regard to any limitations imposed by TABOR.

AACMD, the City of Aurora and Adams County have established the Aerotropolis Regional Transportation Authority (“ARTA”), pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement entered into on February 27, 2018, under the authority of the Regional Transportation Authority Law, Section 43-4-601, et seq., C.R.S., in order to provide for the planning, design, acquisition, construction, installation, relocation and/or redevelopment and funding of regional transportation improvements. As required by its Service Plan, the District has imposed an ARTA Mill Levy for the benefit of ARTA.

The District has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the City detailing the covenants and mutual agreements the District will follow as regards to the financing and construction of the public improvements, and the repayment of the associated debt.

The District has no employees, and all administrative functions are contracted.

The District prepares its budget on the modified accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the requirements of Section 29-1-105, C.R.S., using its best estimates as of the date of the budget hearing. These estimates are based on expected conditions and its expected course of actions. The assumptions disclosed herein are those that the District believes are significant to the budget. There will usually be differences between the budget and actual result because events and circumstances frequently do not occur as expected, and those differences may be material.

The budgets are in accordance with the TABOR Amendment limitation. Emergency reserves required under TABOR have been provided.

**THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
2025 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Services Provided (Continued)

The District is a party to the Third Amended and Restated The Aurora Highlands Community Authority Board Establishment Agreement (originally effective November 21, 2019). It is anticipated that one or more of the CAB Districts may enter into additional intergovernmental agreements concerning the financing, construction, and operations of public improvements benefiting the CAB Districts and their residents and owners.

Revenues

Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied by the District’s Board of Directors. The levy is based on assessed valuations determined by the County Assessor generally as of January 1 of each year. The levy is normally set by December 15 by certification to the County Commissioners to put the tax lien on the individual properties as of January 1 of the following year. The County Treasurer collects the determined taxes during the ensuing calendar year. The taxes are payable by April or, if in equal installments, at the taxpayer’s election, in February and June. Delinquent taxpayers are notified in August and generally sales of the tax liens on delinquent properties are held in November or December. The County Treasurer remits the taxes collected monthly to the District.

The calculation of the taxes levied is displayed on the Property Tax Summary page of the budget using the adopted mill levy imposed by the District.

For property tax collection year 2025, SB22-238 and SB23B-001, SB 24-233, and HB 24B-1001 set the assessment rates and actual value reductions as follows:

Category	Rate		Category	Rate		Actual Value Reduction	Amount
Single-Family Residential	6.70%		Agricultural Land	26.40%		Single-Family Residential	\$55,000
Multi-Family Residential	6.70%		Renewable Energy Land	26.40%		Multi-Family Residential	\$55,000
Commercial	27.90%		Vacant Land	27.90%		Commercial	\$30,000
Industrial	27.90%		Personal Property	27.90%		Industrial	\$30,000
Lodging	27.90%		State Assessed	27.90%		Lodging	\$30,000
			Oil & Gas Production	87.50%			

**THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
2025 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ASSUMPTIONS**

Revenues (Continued)

Specific Ownership Taxes

Specific ownership taxes are set by the State and collected by the County Treasurer, primarily on vehicle licensing within the County as a whole. The specific ownership taxes are allocated by the County Treasurer to all taxing entities within the County. The budget assumes that the District's share will be equal to approximately 6% of the property taxes collected.

Expenditures

Administrative Expenditures

The District is a member of the CAB. The District will transfer its net General Fund revenues to the CAB. In return, the CAB will provide all the administrative and operating expenditures, which include the services necessary to maintain the District's administrative viability such as legal, management, accounting, insurance, banking, and meeting expenses.

County Treasurer's Fees

County Treasurer's fees have been computed at 1.5% of property tax collections.

Debt and Leases

The District has no outstanding debt. Additionally, the District has no operating or capital leases.

Reserves

Emergency Reserve

TABOR requires local governments to establish Emergency Reserves. These reserves must be at least 3% of fiscal year spending. Since substantially all TABOR eligible funds received by the District are transferred to the CAB, which pays for the District's operations and maintenance costs, an Emergency Reserve is not reflected in the District's budget. It is reflected in the Emergency Reserve of the CAB.

This information is an integral part of the accompanying budget.

I, Denise Denslow, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the budget for the budget year 2025, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 held on November 21, 2024.

Signed by:

Denise Denslow

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Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-11-03

RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES

**RESOLUTION OF THE AURORA HIGHLANDS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4
LEVYING GENERAL PROPERTY TAXES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 39-1-111,
C.R.S., FOR THE YEAR 2024, TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS OF GOVERNMENT
FOR THE 2025 BUDGET YEAR**

A. The Board of Directors of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 (the “**District**”) has adopted an annual budget in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law, on November 21, 2024.

B. The adopted budget is attached as Exhibit A to the Resolution of the Board of Directors of the District to Adopt Budget and Appropriate Sums of Money, and such budget is incorporated herein by this reference.

C. The amount of money necessary to balance the budget for general fund expenses from property tax revenue is identified in the budget.

D. The amount of money necessary to balance the budget for debt service fund expenses from property tax revenue is identified in the budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 39-1-111(5) and 39-5-128(1), C.R.S., BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4, Adams County, Colorado, that:

1. For the purpose of meeting all general operating expenses of the District during the 2025 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.

2. That for the purpose of meeting all debt retirement expenses of the District during the 2025 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.

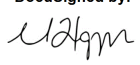
3. That for the purpose of meeting all contractual obligation expenses of the District during the 2025 budget year, the District determined to levy mills upon each dollar of the total valuation for assessment of all taxable property within the District, as set forth in the budget, to raise the required revenue.

4. That the Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to immediately certify to the Board of County Commissioners of Adams County, Colorado, the mill levies for the District as set forth in the District’s Certification of Mill Levies, attached hereto as **Exhibit 1** and incorporated herein by reference, recalculated as needed upon receipt of the final certification of valuation from the County Assessor in order to comply with any applicable revenue and other budgetary limits.

[SIGNATURE PAGE OF RESOLUTION TO SET MILL LEVIES]

RESOLUTION APPROVED AND ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2024.

**THE AURORA HIGHLANDS
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT NO. 4**

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President

Attest:

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By:  _____
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Secretary

EXHIBIT 1

Certification of Tax Levies

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES for NON-SCHOOL Governments

TO: County Commissioners¹ of _____, Colorado.

On behalf of the _____,
(taxing entity)^A

the _____,
(governing body)^B

of the _____,
(local government)^C

Hereby officially certifies the following mills to be levied against the taxing entity's GROSS \$ _____ assessed valuation of: _____
(GROSS^D assessed valuation, Line 2 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57^E)

Note: If the assessor certified a NET assessed valuation (AV) different than the GROSS AV due to a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Area^F the tax levies must be calculated using the NET AV. The taxing entity's total property tax revenue will be derived from the mill levy multiplied against the NET assessed valuation of: \$ _____
(NET^G assessed valuation, Line 4 of the Certification of Valuation Form DLG 57)
USE VALUE FROM FINAL CERTIFICATION OF VALUATION PROVIDED BY ASSESSOR NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 10

Submitted: _____ for budget/fiscal year _____.
(no later than Dec. 15) (mm/dd/yyyy) (yyyy)

PURPOSE (see end notes for definitions and examples)	LEVY²	REVENUE²
1. General Operating Expenses ^H	_____ mills	\$ _____
2. <Minus> Temporary General Property Tax Credit/ Temporary Mill Levy Rate Reduction ^I	< _____ > mills	\$ < _____ >
SUBTOTAL FOR GENERAL OPERATING:	<input type="text"/> mills	\$ <input type="text"/>
3. General Obligation Bonds and Interest ^J	_____ mills	\$ _____
4. Contractual Obligations ^K	_____ mills	\$ _____
5. Capital Expenditures ^L	_____ mills	\$ _____
6. Refunds/Abatements ^M	_____ mills	\$ _____
7. Other ^N (specify): _____	_____ mills	\$ _____
	_____ mills	\$ _____
TOTAL: [Sum of General Operating Subtotal and Lines 3 to 7]	<input type="text"/> mills	\$ <input type="text"/>

Contact person: _____ Daytime phone: () _____
(print)

Signed: Jan Powell Title: _____

Include one copy of this tax entity's completed form when filing the local government's budget by January 31st, per 29-1-113 C.R.S., with the Division of Local Government (DLG), Room 521, 1313 Sherman Street, Denver, CO 80203. Questions? Call DLG at (303) 864-7720.

¹ If the *taxing entity's* boundaries include more than one county, you must certify the levies to each county. Use a separate form for each county and certify the same levies uniformly to each county per Article X, Section 3 of the Colorado Constitution.

² Levies must be rounded to three decimal places and revenue must be calculated from the total NET assessed valuation (Line 4 of Form DLG57 on the County Assessor's **FINAL** certification of valuation).

CERTIFICATION OF TAX LEVIES, continued

THIS SECTION APPLIES TO TITLE 32, ARTICLE 1 SPECIAL DISTRICTS THAT LEVY TAXES FOR PAYMENT OF GENERAL OBLIGATION DEBT (32-1-1603 C.R.S.). Taxing entities that are

Special Districts or Subdistricts of Special Districts must certify separate mill levies and revenues to the Board of County Commissioners, one each for the funding requirements of each debt (32-1-1603, C.R.S.) Use additional pages as necessary. The Special District's or Subdistrict's total levies for general obligation bonds and total levies for contractual obligations should be recorded on Page 1, Lines 3 and 4 respectively.

CERTIFY A SEPARATE MILL LEVY FOR EACH BOND OR CONTRACT:

BONDS^J:

1. Purpose of Issue: _____
Series: _____
Date of Issue: _____
Coupon Rate: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

2. Purpose of Issue: _____
Series: _____
Date of Issue: _____
Coupon Rate: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

CONTRACTS^K:

3. Purpose of Contract: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Principal Amount: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

4. Purpose of Contract: _____
Title: _____
Date: _____
Principal Amount: _____
Maturity Date: _____
Levy: _____
Revenue: _____

Use multiple copies of this page as necessary to separately report all bond and contractual obligations per 32-1-1603, C.R.S.

I, Denise Denslow, hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Secretary of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4, and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Certification of Mill Levies for the budget year 2025, duly adopted at a meeting of the Board of Directors of The Aurora Highlands Metropolitan District No. 4 held on November 21, 2024.

Signed by:

Denise Denslow

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Secretary