



Regional Administration Strategic Plan Update



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Regional Administration Strategic Plan

Workforce

Create an **inclusive work environment** that **supports employee growth and retention** and meets the Met Council's strategic goals.

Technology

Maintain a Councilwide **safe environment, modernize systems, and streamline service delivery** to support divisional objectives.

Governance

Execute **enterprise-wide** solutions to **improve transparency, communication, and decision-making**. Promote **systems-thinking** and manage risk to achieve strategic objectives.

Finance Overview for 2026

Dept.	Run the Business
Treasury	Issue division bonds via AAA/Aaa ratings
	Manage ~\$2B portfolio
Budget	Develop 2027 budget
	Process 2026 budget amendments
G/L Accounting	Prepare 2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)
	Facilitate Annual State Audit
Accounts Payable/ Receivable	Process >\$1.5B in payments
	Collect >\$1.7BM in customer payments
Payroll	Pay >3,900 employees bi-weekly (accurately!)
P-Card	Process 23,300 transactions and \$8.5M in p-cards and travel
Risk	Manage Workers Comp Claims, Liabilities, and council-wide insurance programs
ALL	Legislative reporting, fiscal notes, et al.

2026 Improvements

1. Develop new Chart of Accounts in preparation for BPSI
2. Guide and represent Finance in the BPSI development and selection
3. Partner with Matt LaTour to implement internal controls process
4. Improve transparency and RA/Division collaboration in 2027 budget
5. Implement MN Paid Leave
6. Refine process for paper checks and international wires

Ongoing: Be a strategic partner with the divisions and RA to leverage finance as an enabler to achieve council goals



Finance

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Procurement Updates

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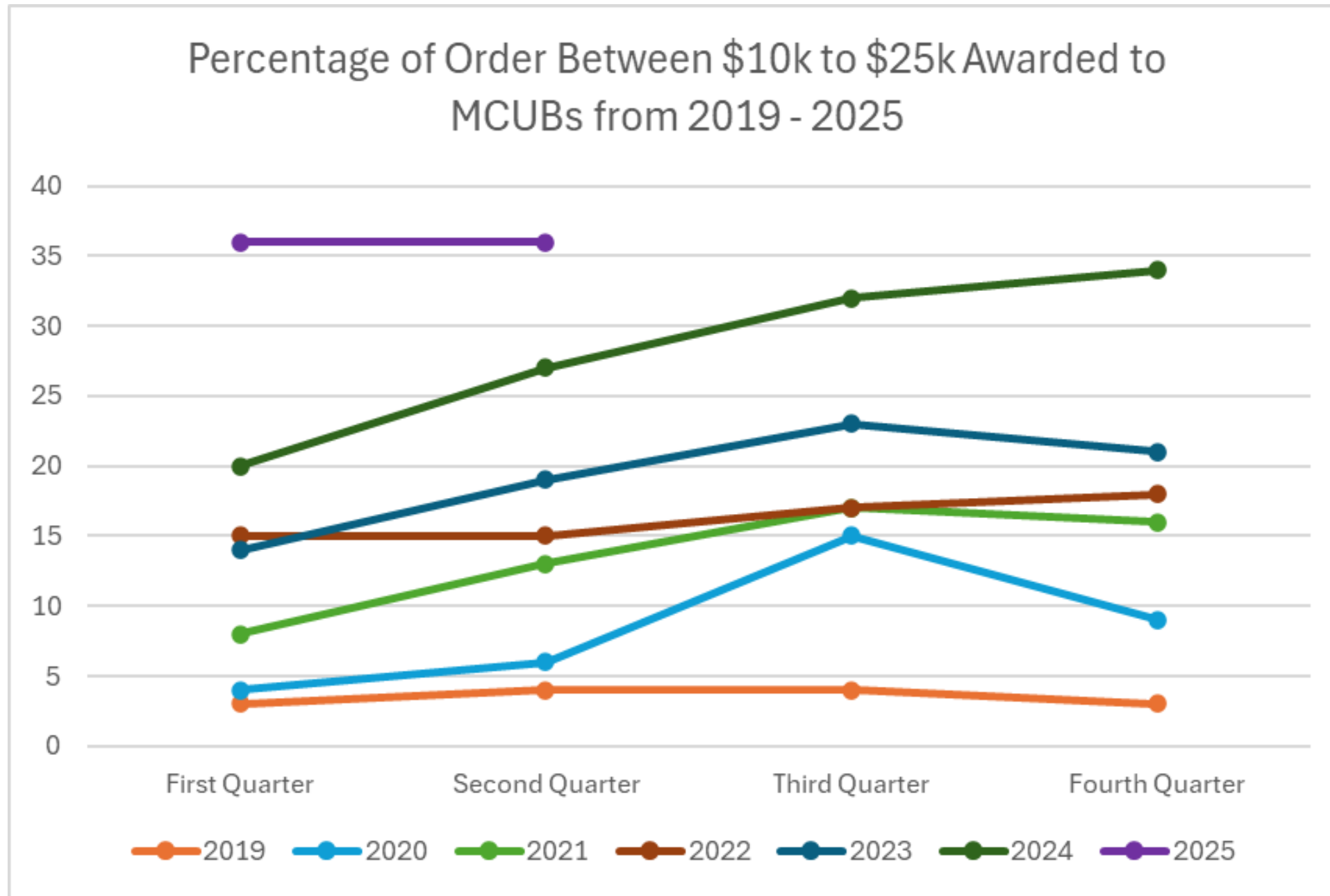
2025 Procurement Data



Procurement Mechanism	Number
Micropurchases (less than \$10k)	40,804
Small Purchase (\$10k - \$175k)	1,734
Contracts (bids and proposals)	195
Amendments	291

Cumulative Value >\$975,000,000

MCUB Historical Data Comparison



Positive Federal Reviews

FTA Triennial Review (November 25)

- Required procurement policy updates and creation of a procurement manual
- Identified need for increased subrecipient procurement oversight

FTA Procurement System Review (February 2026)

- No findings

Building a Strong Culture

PEOPLE

Empower staff by providing support, training, and resources necessary to foster high employee engagement, a positive organizational culture, and strong morale.

PROCESS

Drive business outcomes and reduce risk through standardized, consistent processes and improved communication.

SYSTEM

Improve operational efficiency and enhance customer experience by upgrading and modernizing our technology infrastructure, streamlining and aligning systems, and dedicating the necessary resources for continuous improvement.



2026 Procurement Initiatives



Process Excellence &
P2P Readiness



Enhanced Support to
Business Units in
Contract Management
Support Unit



Procurement University

Ongoing: Partner strategically with business units to deliver the right solutions at the right time, with a focus on value, efficiency, and fair pricing..

Process Excellence & P2P Readiness



Standardize | Simplify | Scale

- Standard ways of working
- Embedded continuous improvement mindset
- Readiness for Procure-to-Pay system
- Transformation-focused based on data analysis and forecasts

Enhanced Support to Business Units in Contract Management Support Unit



- Enhance support to business units across the full contract lifecycle
- Streamline processes to improve efficiency and support system readiness
- Implement a Supplier Portal
- Customer surveys (internal and external)
- Provide targeted support for contract amendments, performance management, and vendor oversight

Procurement University

NEW Learn Center Trainings:

- Policy and Procedure (Jan)
- Signature Authority Training (Feb)
- Invoice Standardization ~ in partnership with Finance (May)

“Ask Procurement” training sessions launched April 2026; available via Teams





Thank you!

Questions?

