# **Houston County**

# Overview of Fiscal Health Metrics, Financial Trends, and Comptroller Budget Review

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### **Cash Relative to General Fund Expenditures Metric | FY 2023**

Cash on Hand:

\$2,207,117

**Annual Expenditures:** 

\$5,995,497

Using only cash, the County could fund

134

Days of Average Expenditures before exhausting cash reserves

a county could expose itself to greater fiscal distress risk.

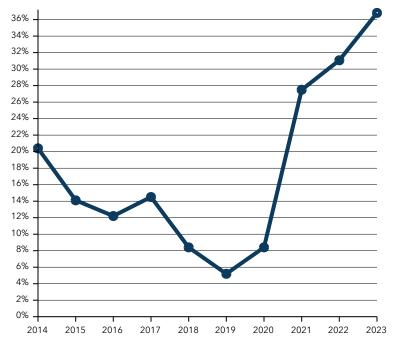
**37%**of Annual Expenditures can be paid with available cash

No Concern

Target: Above 16%
Average County: 55%

As a best practice, counties should have cash reserves sufficient to cover at least two months or 60 days of average expenditures without using additional financing resources. Without adequate reserves,





#### **Debt Relative to Assessed Value Metric | FY 2023**

General Government Debt:

\$10,426,886

#### **Assessed Value:**

Defined as: The estimated total property tax base or the portion of appraised values within the county subject to property taxation.

\$159,542,771

7%

Ratio of outstanding debt relative to assessed value

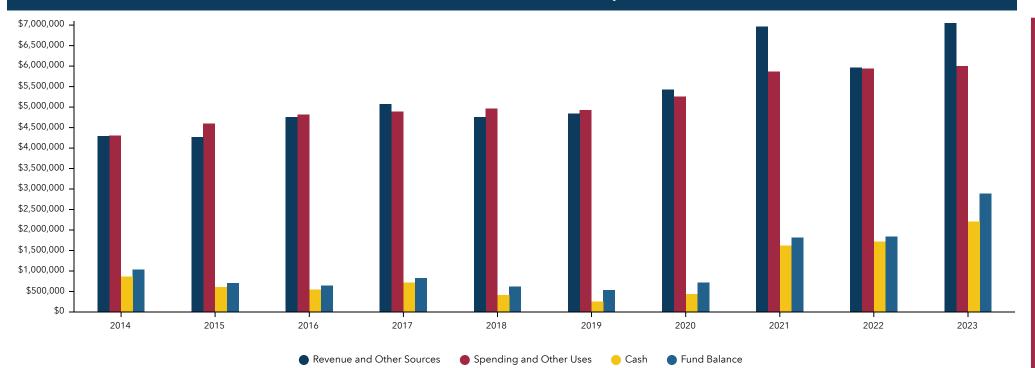
No Concern

**Target: Below 8%** 

**Average County: 3%** 

As a best practice, counties should set debt limits or acceptable ranges. High debt service obligations can reduce financial flexibility and crowd out other potential expenditures. One recommendation is keeping the total outstanding debt below 8% of property assessed value.

## General Fund 10-Year Financial Trend | FY 2014 - FY 2023



#### **Comptroller Budget Review | FY 2024**

**Budget Status: Approved Budget Certificate: No** 

To qualify for a budget certificate, a county must:

- \* Adopt budget on or before fiscal year end
- \* File budget with COT Local Government Finance within 15 days of adoption
- \* Have no issues of concern during review
- \* Not be under oversight of Tennessee Board of Utility Regulation

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