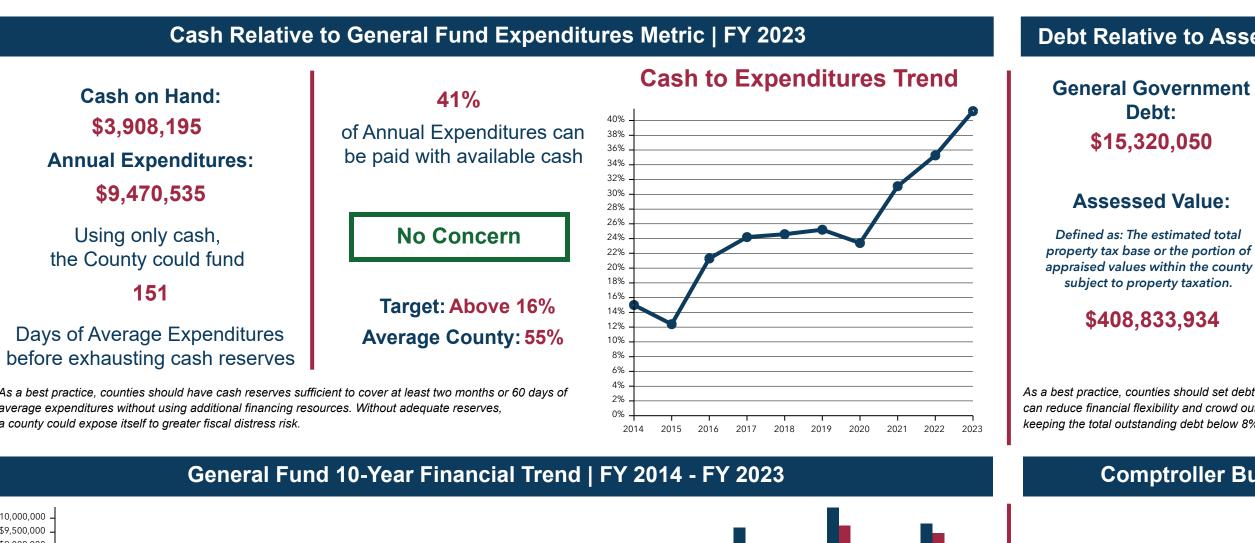
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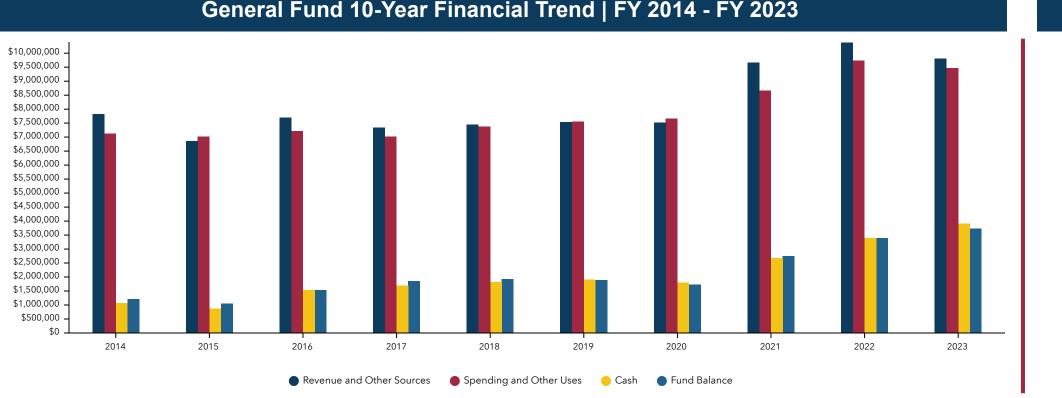
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Budget Status: Approved Budget Certificate: Yes

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, a county could expose itself to greater fiscal distress risk.



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Debt Relative to Assessed Value Metric | FY 2023

4%

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.

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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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