



## Board of Directors Regular Meeting

June 28, 2024

### MEETING BRIEFING

The SODA Board of Directors met for its regular bi-monthly meeting on June 28, 2024 at Southern Tech in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

#### **FY 2023 Audit**

The SODA Board of Directors approved the FY 2023 Audit Report prepared by Hinkle and Co. The audit report had a clean unmodified opinion with no deficiencies noted.

#### **Name Change for SCORTPO**

The SODA Board of Directors approved a request from the SCORTPO Policy Board to change the name of the program to the Southeastern Regional Transportation Planning Organization and using the acronym SERTPO. SERTPO encompasses both SODA and KEDDO regions in southeastern Oklahoma.

#### **REAP and CENA Procedures**

Procedures and guidelines for the distribution of FY 2025 REAP and CENA grants were approved by the SODA Board of Directors.

#### **FY 2025 SODA Budget**

The SODA Board of Directors approved the FY 2025 budget in the amount of \$6,520,938 in operational expenses with a cash surplus of \$12,837. Approximately \$5 million is passed through to member communities in grants and services and \$1.5 million is used for SODA administration. Approval of the budget also included approval of the annual membership dues and the indirect cost rate. SODA is in the second year of a 3-year plan for increasing membership dues, which was approved at the February 24, 2023, meeting. A Capital Improvements budget to equip and furnish the SODA Conference Center was proposed in the amount of \$200,000.

#### **SODA Board Officers**

The current SODA Board of Directors were retained for FY 2025: Kristi McElroy, Ardmore as President; Cacy Cribbs, Johnston County, as Vice-President; and Scott Chaney, Marietta, as Secretary-Treasurer.

#### **Executive Director Evaluation**

The SODA Board of Directors approved a 10% increase in salary for Executive Director Steve Mills.

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# SODA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

## DIRECTOR NAME

## AFFILIATION

Sammie Adams	Bryan Co. Conservation District
Gary Ayers	Garvin County
Scott Chaney (Secretary/Treasurer)	City of Marietta
Cacy Cribbs (Vice President)	Johnston County
Johnnie Crutchfield	Arbuckle Conservation District
Danny Delay	City of Atoka
Kit Dinwiddie	Love Co. Conservation District
Rick Ellis	Coal Co. Conservation District
Mike Foster	Garvin Co. Conservation District
James Fullingim	City of Madill
Gus Handke	City of Healdton
Ricky Harness	City of Davis
Darrell Hudson	Murray County
Linda Hyman	Love County
Sally Jantz	City of Lindsay
Jon Fortner	Coal County
Lee Litterell	City of Pauls Valley
Kristi McElroy (President)	City of Ardmore
Joe David McReynolds (Past President)	Carter County
Don "Salty" Melton	Marshall County
Kathy Moore	City of Durant
Diane Niblett	Johnston Co. Conservation District
Ian O'Neal	City of Lone Grove
Brandon Carr	Bryan County
John Redman	Choctaw Nation
Ethan Settlemire	Atoka County
Gary Starns	Pontotoc County
Jokori Taylor	City of Wynnewood
Vacant	Chickasaw Nation
Vacant	City of Calera
Vacant	City of Sulphur
Vacant	City of Tishomingo

***The next SODA Board of Directors regularly scheduled meeting is August 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Southern Tech in Ardmore.***

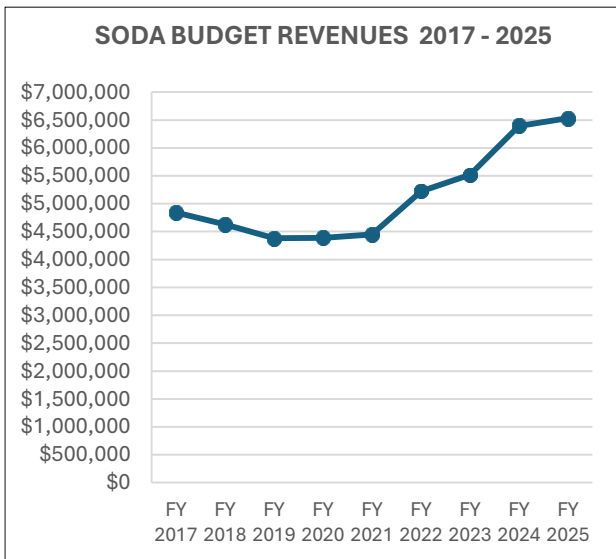
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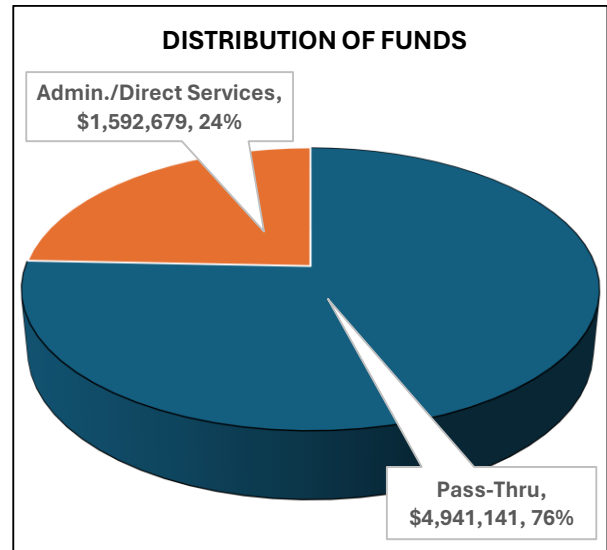
# SODA 2025 BUDGET PROPOSAL EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This proposal presents an overview of the FY 2025 budget estimate (7-1-24 to 6-30-25). This budget presentation shows several views of the budget including funding estimates, revenues and expenses, programmatic budgets, budget comparison to the previous year, personnel salaries and benefits, and capital improvements.

The proposed budget projects revenues of \$6,533,820 with a cash surplus of \$12,837 after depreciation. This budget is slightly larger than the FY 2024 budget due to increased personnel costs from cost-of-living increases and additional programming. A sizeable increase in REAP funding occurred in FY 2023, which pushed recent SODA budgets from the \$5.5 million level to around \$6.5 million (see following chart).



**The SODA budget primarily passes through funding to jurisdictions, organizations, entities, and individuals in the SODA service area.** The proposed budget passes through 76% of its funding with 24% used for administrative costs (see following chart).



Since state allocations for FY 2025 have not been finalized, actual grant/contract revenues may differ from what is proposed in this budget document.

This budget includes funding for an Economic Recovery Coordinator through a grant from the Economic Development Administration (EDA). The Coordinator will be employed for a term of 3 years and will be assigned the disaster counties of Love, Murray and Carter. This program will be managed through the Regional Planning and Development (RPD, formerly CED) division.

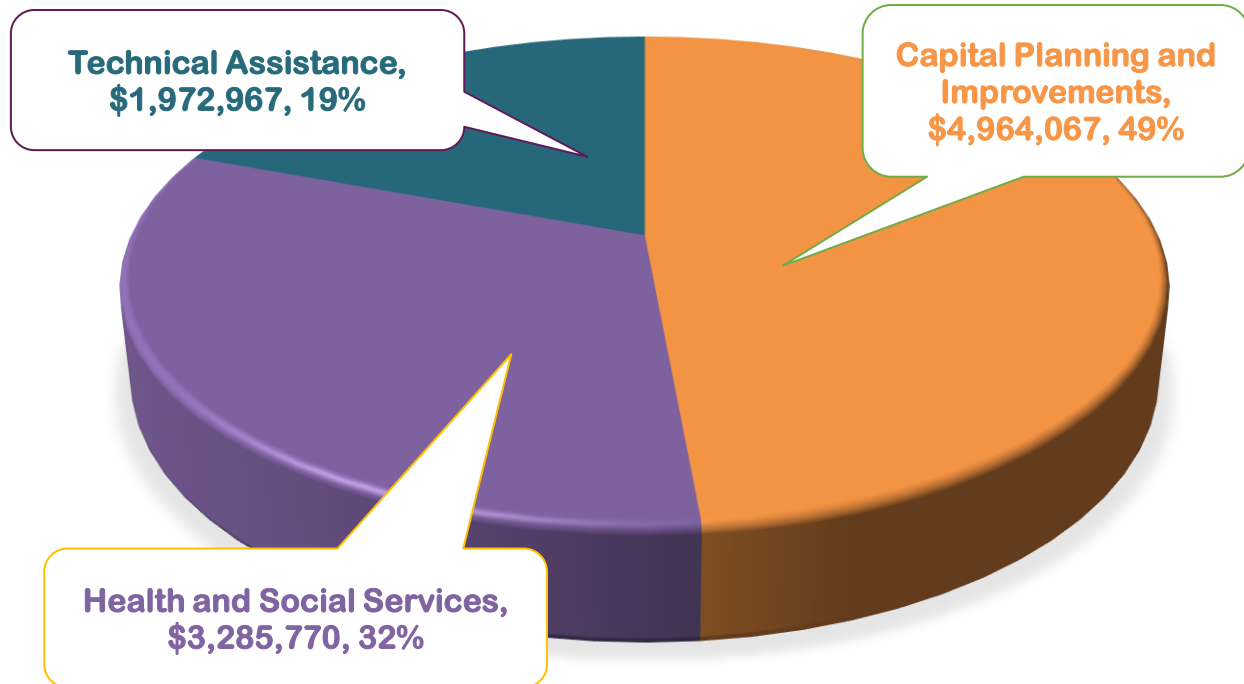
The SODA Conference and Emergency Operations Center was completed in May 2024 and all construction costs were paid in FY 2024. Additional capital improvements needed for the Conference Center include a generator, additional furnishings and appliances, multimedia, and landscaping. A separate capital improvements budget for funding these costs is included.

This budget proposal will generate over \$10 million in economic benefits for the region.



# ECONOMIC IMPACT REPORT FY 25 BUDGET PROPOSAL

PROJECT/SERVICE CATEGORY	PRESENT VALUE OF EXPECTED BENEFITS
<b>Capital Planning and Improvements</b> <i>EDA Grants (Federal), CDBG Grants (State), REAP Grants (State)</i>	<b>\$4,964,067</b>
<b>Health and Social Services</b> <i>Area Agency on Aging (Title III), NHPF (Ombudsman), OID (Medicare Asst.), CENA (Senior Centers), Masonic Grant</i>	<b>\$3,285,770</b>
<b>Technical Assistance</b> <i>Rural Fire Defense, Regional Transportation Planning</i>	<b>\$1,972,967</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,222,804</b>



*The proposed SODA FY 2025 budget will generate \$7.37 in economic benefits for each \$1.00 of administrative costs.*