



# City of Meridian Employee Benefits Plan Trust

October 14, 2025

Financial Status and Funding Discussion

## Recap of Spring 2025 Updates

- At the end of Q1 (March 2025) Trust was running in a deficit of \$418,976
- Board of Trustees original funding request was to be \$1.14M
- Council approved funding in the amount of \$550,075
- Council requested the Board provide regular updates and request additional funds if needed
- Discussions regarding Medical Insurance Carrier (In contract until 12/31/26)

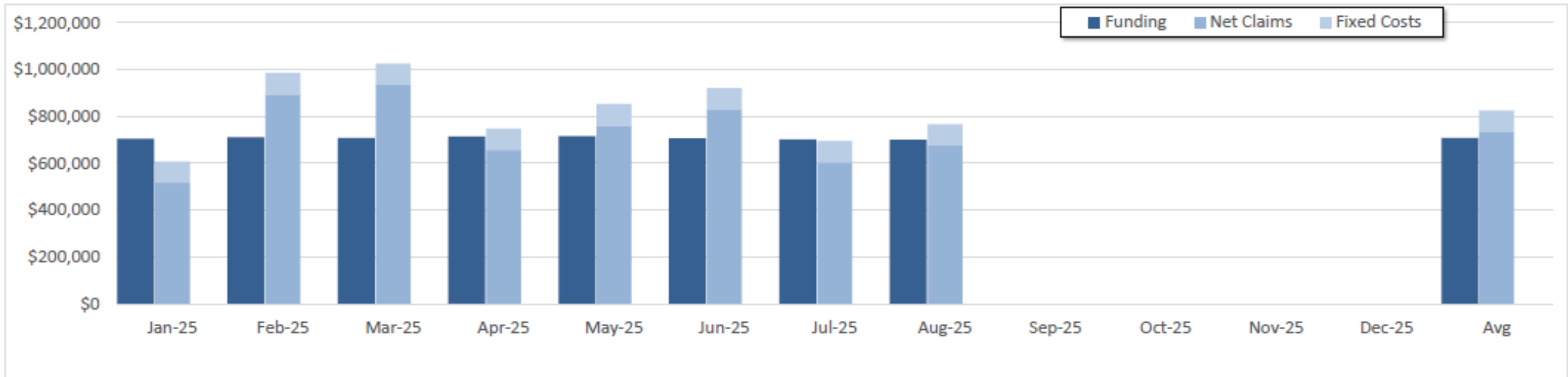
## Quarter 2 Status

- At the end of Q2 (June 2025) Trust was running in a deficit of \$733,063\*
  - The \$550,075 approved by Council, was credited in July and will be reflected on Q3 financials reducing this deficit, but not eliminating it.
- Reasons:
  - After 2025 rate determination (Actuarial) medical treatment costs increased
  - Unusually high number of large claims
    - 31.03% more than same period in 2024
    - Cost of large claims 51.05% higher than same period in 2024

## July-August 2025

- Claims costs still outpacing contributions received.

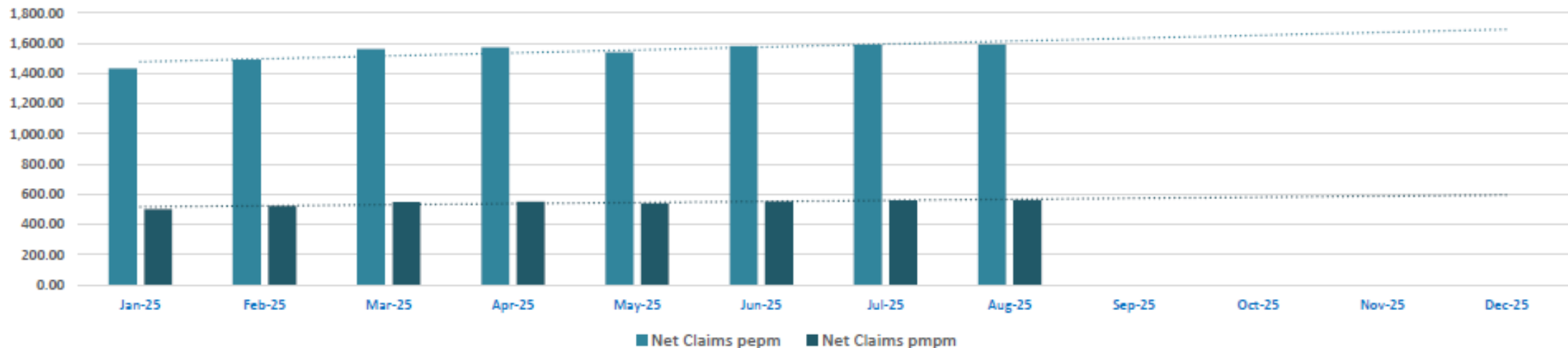
| Prior to Current Period Claims Experience: | Prior      | Current    | % Change |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|------------|----------|
| Claims/Ee/Mo:                              | \$1,454.70 | \$1,605.10 | 10.34%   |
| Medical                                    | \$1,124.96 | \$1,272.63 | 13.13%   |
| Rx                                         | \$329.74   | \$332.47   | 0.83%    |
| Claims/Member/Mo:                          | \$509.14   | \$564.93   | 10.96%   |
| Medical                                    | \$393.73   | \$447.92   | 13.76%   |
| Rx                                         | \$115.41   | \$117.01   | 1.39%    |



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# Remainder of 2025

- Based on the trend data claims are expected to continue outpace contributions
- October-January are typically the highest claim months of the year



## 2026 Trust Approved Changes

- Increase Individual In Network Maximum Out of Pocket from \$2,250 to \$2,500
- Increase Family In Network Maximum Out of Pocket from \$4,500 to \$5,000
- Medical increase 17%
- Delta Dental increase 11.2%
- Vision rate remains same as 2025

# Impact of 2026 Changes

- Keep Medical plan increase to 17%
- Create funding needed to adequately support the claims incurred by the plan

# Desired State

- Ability to adequately fund the Trust without infusions from the City
- Ability to add preventative programs to mitigate high claims
  - Cancer Experts Now
    - Standard of cancer care
    - Site of care opportunities
    - Medical reviews
    - White glove service
      - Smart Match Medical Expert, Expert Consultations for best outcomes, Coordination of appointments and treatment facilities

# Funding Methodology

- City has maintained the “Save before you Spend” philosophy
- [Idaho State Code Title 41-4010](#) states the Trust must maintain “The equivalence of three (3) months of contributions for the current plan year.”
- [Idaho Administrative Procedure Act \(IDAPA\) Section 18.04.05.026](#) states “If determination of surplus reveals a deficiency in surplus, the Director may allow the plan up to ninety (90) days to accumulate prescribed surplus. The plan is deemed insolvent when it is either unable to pay its obligations or its assets do not exceed all its liabilities, including prescribed reserves.”

# Funding Request

- Q2 Deficit (\$733,063)
- Q3 Funding Credit \$550,075
- Q3 Anticipated Deficit (\$411,574)
- Q4 Anticipated Deficit (\$343,364)

**Total funding request: \$937,926**

**2025 Total Additional City Contribution: \$1,488,001**



# Questions?

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