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FEDERAL Government's grant for Kuala Lumpur City Hall's (DBKL) 2024 development budget will see a 25.2% drop compared to 2023.

This year's Federal Government grant was RM103mil, but next year DBKL will only receive RM77mil.

When asked about the drop, Kuala Lumpur mayor Datuk Kamarulzaman Mat Salleh said, "There could be reasons for the decrease, but we will continue to do our best to instil more confidence in the government to increase the grant."

He was speaking to the press after unveiling the local authority's budget at Menara DBKL 1 in Jalan Raja Laut.

DBKL's 2024 budget is RM2.66bil with management expenses of RM2.01bil (75.6%) while development costs are RM650mil (24.4%).

Themed "Aspirasi Madani, Bandar Raya Lestari", Kamarulzaman said this was in line with the six principles of the Madani concept, namely sustainability, prosperity, innovation, respect, trust and compassion.

"We hope to make Kuala Lumpur a city that will achieve sustainable social, economic and physical development goals."

"Kuala Lumpur has an area of 243.65sq km and population of 1.99 million," he said.

DBKL estimates an increase in revenue for 2024 to RM2.31bil compared to this year's RM2.08bil, a rise of 11%.

The bulk of revenue will come from assessment tax of RM1.44bil (62.4%) from 751,280 property accounts consisting of office, residential, hotel and business premises.

Other revenue sources include construction and planning control, licences and permits, property and housing rentals, fines and compounds as well as funding from Federal Government.

DBKL will fork out RM275mil from its reserves for the deficit budget.

The RM2.01bil allocation for management expenses will go to employees' salary and benefits (RM503.6mil), overtime payments (RM68.5mil), services and supply (RM1.32bil), fixed payments (RM96.5mil) and miscellaneous (RM21.1mil).

As for the development budget, Kamarulzaman said it comprised DBKL funding worth RM569.7mil (88%) and Federal

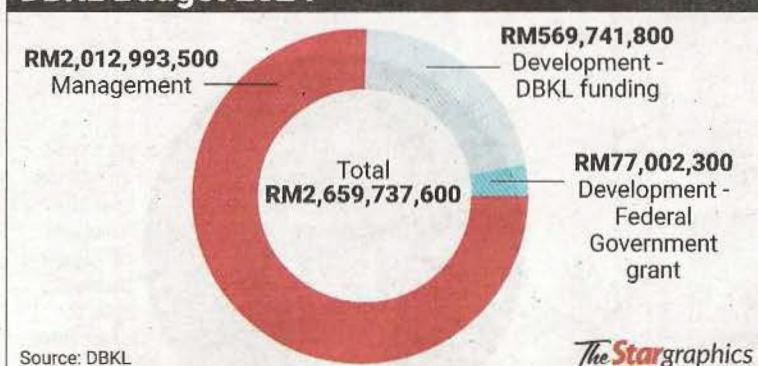
# Fed Govt grant for DBKL development cut by 25%

**Mayor: Amount reduced from RM103mil to RM77mil for 2024**



Kamarulzaman (second from left) sharing details of the budget alongside (from left) DBKL executive director (socio-economic development) Ismadi Sakirin, Finance Department director Nor Azlina Mohd Saad and executive director (project implementation) Mohamad Hamim at Menara DBKL 1 in Kuala Lumpur. — AINA AMIRAH/The Star

## DBKL Budget 2024



Government grant worth RM77mil (12%).

He said part of the funding was for development projects under 12th Malaysia Plan totaling RM59.6mil.

"RM16.7mil is allocated for the River of Life (RoL) and KL Heritage trail while the remaining RM630,000 will be used for pedestrian linkages," he said.

DBKL funding for development for 2024 increased by 5.3%.

The budget will be spent on 11 core programmes, namely flood mitigation, traffic congestion management, low carbon city, Kuala Lumpur command and control centre, urban sustainability, traders' management, rent-only council homes and urban housing, community well-being and development, sports, arts and culture as well as tourism and capacity building courses.

## 11 core programmes for Budget 2024

<b>Flood mitigation</b> RM117.4mil > rivers, tributaries, drainage, pump house maintenance	<b>Traffic congestion management</b> RM40mil > infrastructure maintenance including roads, traffic systems, traffic lights, CCTV
<b>RM53.1mil</b> > drainage system, flood retention pond, pump system upgrades	<b>RM91.4mil</b> > construction and upgrading of roads
<b>Low carbon city</b> RM55.9mil > bicycle lane project; energy saving, electric bus, recycling, solar panel and tree planting programmes	<b>Kuala Lumpur Command and Control Centre (KLCCC)</b> RM68mil > CCTV and Variable Message Sign Boards (VMS) rental
<b>Urban sustainability</b> RM428.6mil > landscaping; park, lanes and street lights maintenance, city cleaning, iconic and heritage buildings beautification	<b>Traders' management</b> RM26.5mil > utility bills, building and refuse chamber maintenance
<b>RM24.6mil</b> > major roads, River of Life (RoL) city space lighting, landscaping upgrades, public and pocket parks beautifications and upgrading	<b>RM1.7mil</b> > festive bazaar programmes
<b>Community well-being and development</b> RM124.8mil > social development, GoKL bus management, programmes for the underprivileged	<b>RM300,000</b> > entrepreneur development programmes
<b>RM17.9mil</b> > upgrading and replacement of public housing (PPR/PA) lifts.	<b>RM55.8mil</b> > hawker centre and market upgrades
<b>RM85mil</b> > construction and upgrading of community halls	<b>Sports, arts and culture</b> RM14.1mil > sports and arts activities, stadium and public pool maintenance
<b>Council homes and urban housing</b> RM125mil > housing development	<b>RM5.1mil</b> > upgrading of Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium and repairs of stadium facilities
<b>Capacity building courses</b> RM9.6mil > training and upskilling employees	<b>Tourism</b> RM5.6mil > tourism promotion

Source: DBKL

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