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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

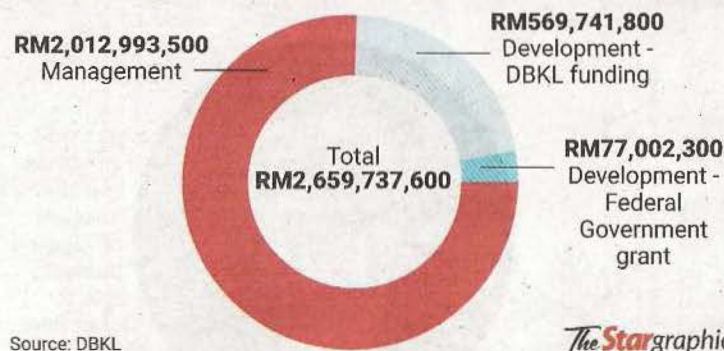
Fed Govt grant for DBKL development cut by 25%

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 totalling 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



Flood mitigation

RM117.4mil
> rivers, tributaries, drainage, pump house maintenance

RM53.1mil

> drainage system, flood retention pond, pump system upgrades



Low carbon city

RM55.9mil
> bicycle lane project; energy saving, electric bus, recycling, solar panel and tree planting programmes



Urban sustainability

RM428.6mil
> landscaping: park, lanes and street lights maintenance, city cleaning, iconic and heritage buildings beautification

RM24.6mil

> major roads, River of Life (RoL) city space lighting, landscaping upgrades, public and pocket parks beautifications and upgrading



Community well-being and development

RM124.8mil
> social development, GoKL bus management, programmes for the underprivileged

RM17.9mil

> upgrading and replacement of public housing (PPR/PA) lifts.

RM85mil

> construction and upgrading of community halls



Council homes and urban housing

RM125mil
> housing development



Capacity building courses

RM9.6mil
> training and upskilling employees



Traffic congestion management

RM40mil
> infrastructure maintenance

RM91.4mil

including roads, traffic systems, traffic lights, CCTV
> construction and upgrading of roads



Kuala Lumpur Command and Control Centre (KLCCC)

RM68mil
> CCTV and Variable Message Sign Boards (VMS) rental



Traders' management

> 63 food courts and hawker centres completed and upgraded

RM26.5mil

> utility bills, building and refuse chamber maintenance

RM1.7mil

> festive bazaar programmes

RM300,000

> entrepreneur development programmes

RM55.8mil

> hawker centre and market upgrades



Sports, arts and culture

RM14.1mil
> sports and arts activities, stadium and public pool maintenance

RM5.1mil

> upgrading of Kuala Lumpur Hockey Stadium and repairs of stadium facilities.



Tourism

RM5.6mil
> tourism promotion

Source: DBKL

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