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Mission:

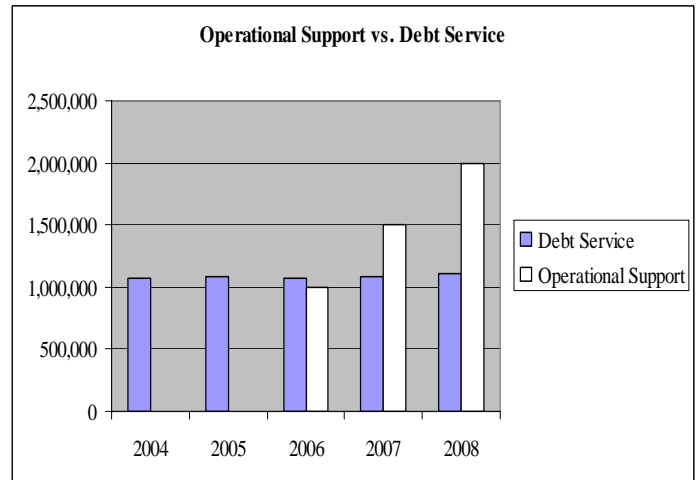
- Exploration Place is dedicated to providing formal enjoyable learning experiences with extraordinary resources for exploration for people of all ages.

Exploration Place visitors will experience their world in a whole new and fun way on this 20-acre site, located along the scenic Arkansas River, in Wichita’s downtown *Museums on the River* district. Four hands-on exhibit areas focus on flight, health, Kansas and imaginative spaces for young children. The recently renovated Kids Explore exhibit area, *Once Upon a Castle...Where Kids Rule*, has become extremely popular as visitors make their way through the area’s three-story medieval stone castle. Activities include making a “meal” in the dining hall, playing medieval instruments and riding the Exploration Place equiponies.

In Exploration Place’s Cyber Dome Theater, the largest domed theater in Kansas, visitors travel to faraway destinations and embark upon unforgettable adventures under its all-compassing 360-degree, 60-foot high screen.

Visitors can also take a breather in the great outdoors at Exploration Park’s picnic grove and adventure play yard. During the summer, visitors can test their putting skills at the newly updated 18-hole MiniGolf course.

Budget Adjustments:		Amount:
Item:		
• No Adjustments		
Total		\$0



Budget Summary by Category

	2006 Actual	2007 Adopted	2007 Revised	2008 Budget	% Chg. 07-08
Expenditures					
Personnel	71,346	151,926	151,926	129,086	-15.0%
Contractual Services	516,810	1,348,074	1,348,074	1,870,914	38.8%
Debt Service	822,254	1,083,108	1,083,108	-	-100.0%
Commodities	-	-	-	-	-
Capital Improvements	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	1,410,410	2,583,108	2,583,108	2,000,000	-22.6%
Revenue					
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-
Charges For Service	-	-	-	-	-
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Full-Time Equivalents (FTEs)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%

Budget Summary by Fund

	2007 Revised	2008 Budget
Expenditures		
General Fund	2,583,108	2,000,000
Total Expenditures	2,583,108	2,000,000



Amenities include free parking, Explore Store, Waterway Café and terrace, lockers, and family restrooms. Other offerings include: Passport Memberships, discounted group rates and special events. Visitors can also rent out all or parts of Exploration Place for personal events such as weddings, proms, meetings, workshops for children, and more.

Exploration Place is in its sixth year of operation and is a mission-driven, 501(c) (3) not-for-profit institution, supported by Sedgwick County, admissions, membership dues, and voluntary contributions from individuals, area businesses and foundations. Exploration Place welcomes visitors from all over the world.

Sedgwick County helps provide funding for the 29.0 full-time and 44.0 part-time positions. In addition to Exploration Place's dedicated employees, an army of loyal volunteers helps in each area of the facility – from administrative efforts to staffing the Main Lobby information desk to working special events. Exploration Place's affiliations include the Association of Science-Technology Centers and the Association of Children's Museums.

The 2007-2008 fiscal year (July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008) will be a very exciting time as Exploration Place's president, Al Meloni, and the staff implements compelling new exhibits, programs, and activities. Explorations Place is honored to be the first site in the United States to host the *Virtual Codex Atlantius of Leonardo daVinci*, an exhibit that debuts over 50 working 3-D models of his works, including a reconstruction of his flying machine.

