



## **City Council Special Called Meeting Agenda**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 1209 FIORELLA STREET**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**3:00 PM**

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**The City Council of the City of Castroville will meet in the Special Called Meeting beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall on the following items listed on the agenda.**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

**III. Citizen Comments**

The City Council will hear comments from any citizen or visitor. Speakers must address their comments to the presiding officer rather than individual council members or staff; stand at the podium, speak clearly into the microphone and state your name residential address before speaking. Speakers will be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes for testimony. In accordance with the State Open Meetings Act, the City Council is restricted from discussing or taking action on items not listed on the agenda. Action can only be taken at a future meeting.

**IV. Discussion and Action Items**

- a.** Discussion and possible action to identify, prioritize, and allocate funding for capital projects related to both general fund and utility fund projects.

**V. Adjourn**

**Accessibility Statement**

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**Non-Discrimination Statement**

The City of Castroville does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or disability in the employment or the provision of services.

The City Council of the City of Castroville reserves the right to adjourn into closed session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any of the matters listed above, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

I hereby certify that the above notice of meeting was posted on the bulletin board of City Hall, Castroville, Texas on February 18, 2026 before 6:00 p.m.

/s/ Debra Howe  
City Secretary

# Community Investment Planning Workshop



February 24, 2026

# Where Does the Money Come From?

**General  
Fund Balance**



**Utility  
Fund Balance**



**Bond Funds**



**Special  
Revenue Funds**





# Bond Issuances

Bond Series Name	Type of Bond	Amount of Bond	Department
Prior Issuances		\$ 624,550 \$ 15,685,714	General Fund Utility Fund
Bond Series 2021	Airport Revenue Bond	\$ 1,180,000	Airport
Bond Series 2022	Certificate of Obligations	\$ 4,650,000 \$ 4,635,000	General Fund Utility Fund
Bond Series 2023	Certificate of Obligations	\$ 5,000,000	Utility Fund
Bond Series 2024	Certificate of Obligations	\$ 1,500,000	Drainage Fund
Bond Series 2025	Certificate of Obligations	\$ 3,500,000 \$ 3,500,000	General Fund Utility Fund



# Special Revenue Funds

## Special Revenue Funds



*Bank balances as of  
02.18.2026*

*NOTE: Special Revenue Funds are established to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally or formally committed to expenditures for specific purposes.*

Fund	Balance
Special Parks Projects (FRP)	\$ 36,821
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$ 182,643
Municipal Court Technology	\$ 33,197
Municipal Court Security	\$ 67,079
Alsatian House Project	\$ 12,672



# General Fund

## General Fund Balance



FY24 Audited Fund Balance = \$3,799,674

FY 25 Estimated Fund Balance = \$3,812,326

FY 26 Operating Budget = \$5,409,025  
/365 = \$14,819 / day

$\$3,812,326 / \$14,819 = \underline{257 \text{ Days}}$

120 Days = \$1,778,280

$\$3,812,326 - \$1,778,280 = \text{\$2,034,046}$

**Excess Fund Balance**

PLUS Committed Available Fund Balance (City Hall) : \$443,620



# Utility Fund

## Utility Fund Balance

FY24 Audit Fund Balance = \$ 6,181,169

FY 26 Operating Budget = \$9,314,315  
/365 = \$25,519 / day

FY 25 Estimated Fund Balance = \$ 7,223,308

\$7,223,308 / \$25,519 = 283 Days



120 Days = \$3,062,280

\$7,223,308 - \$3,062,280 = **\*\$4,161,028 Excess Fund Balance**

\* Includes Restricted Amount of \$2,525,747  
(see next slide)



# Utility Fund (Available for restricted purpose/projects but not yet identified)

Restricted Cash	Amount
Water Acquisition Fund	\$ 437,101
Water/Sewer Impact Fee	\$ 1,959,018
Utility Drainage Fund	<u>\$ 129,628</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,525,747</b>



# Utility Fund (Restricted for specific purpose/project-related expenditures)

As of 09/30

Restricted Cash	Amount
Customer Deposit	\$ 358,944
CWSRF/DWSRF Bond Series 2013/2015 (BOK)	\$ 1,016,378
CWSRF Series 2013A/2015 Reserve	\$ 638,674
DWSRF Series 2013/2015 Reserve	\$ 253,867
Bond 2023	\$ 1,415,377
Bond 2024 (Drainage) encumbered	\$ 67,697
Bond 2024 (Drainage) unencumbered	\$ 1,318,196
Bond 2025 encumbered	\$ 1,987,267
Bond 2025 unencumbered	\$ 1,512,733
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,569,133</b>



# How much can we spend?

## General Fund Unrestricted Fund Balance

- ✓ \$2,034,046 (Cash)
- ✓ \$443,620 (City Hall Committed)
- ✓ \$3,500,000 (Bond 2025)

## Utility Fund

- ✓ \$1,635,281 Fund balance
- ✓ \$2,525,747 to be spent on restricted purposes
- ✓ \$1,318,196 (Bond Series 2024 Drainage)
- ✓ \$ 1,512,733 (Bond Series 2025)

## General Fund Bond Projects

Project	Budget	YTD Actual
Library	\$ 87,934	\$ 78,864
Public Safety Building	\$ 15,000	\$ -
City Hall Renovations	\$ 13,532	\$ 13,531
Animal Control	\$ 30,990	\$ 32,527
Emergency Management	\$ 40,000	\$ -
GIS System	\$ 38,208	\$ 81,650
Westwood Northern Route	\$ 450,000	\$ 408,755
UDO/Downtown Master Plan	\$ 475,000	\$ 583,631
Lion's Park	\$ 406,824	\$ 427,555
Regional Park	\$ 430,300	\$ 417,744
Regional Park Community Center	\$ 450,000	\$ 48,420
September Square	\$ 35,000	\$ 15,000
Street Overlay & Maintenance	\$ 220,000	\$ 225,906



**General Fund  
Bond Projects**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>
Street Replacement	\$ 2,328,117	\$ 1,990,784
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	\$ 332,653	\$ 269,411
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,353,558</b>	<b>\$ 4,593,779</b>



## Utility Fund Bond Projects

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Project	Department	Budget	YTD Actual
Smart Meter Program	All	\$ 2,690,881	\$ 2,633,304
Vehicle & Equipment Replacement	All	\$ 656,963	\$ 466,162
TCEQ Ponds	Wastewater	\$ 342,425	\$ 131,176
CCTV Cleaning/TV	Wastewater	\$ 262,899	\$ 271,515
Lift Station Repairs/Upgrade	Wastewater	\$ 46,285	\$ 393,848
Sewer Collection Lines	Wastewater	\$ 825,000	\$ 704,912
Annual Waterline Replacement (Lafayette St.)	Water	\$ 1,402,509	\$ 636,567
SCADA upgrade	Water & Wastewater	\$ 225,000	\$ 129,243
Alsatian Oaks - Phase II	Water	\$ 735,000	\$ 730,931
Infrastructure Assessment/Repairs	Water & Wastewater	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,600
River Bluff Improvements	Electric	\$ 2,070,275	\$ 2,328,434

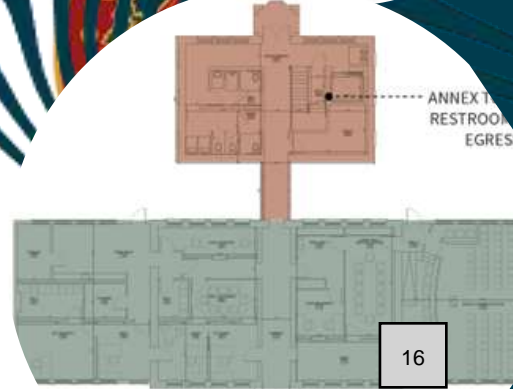


## Utility Fund Bond Projects

Project	Department	Budget	YTD Actual
Impact Fee & Master Plan	Water & Wastewater	\$ 245,470	\$ 372,520
Drainage Improvements	Streets	\$ 160,000	\$ 165,345
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 9,673,707</b>	<b>\$ 8,973,557</b>



# GENERAL FUNDS



# 2026 Proposed Projects – General Fund

## STREETS OVERLAY & MAINTENANCE



This project provides funding for ongoing street maintenance and overlay activities throughout the City. The scope and extent of work completed under this program are directly dependent on the level of funding available each fiscal year.

Available funding is used to address priority maintenance needs, including surface repairs and overlays, with work scheduled until allocated funds are fully expended. As a result, the number and location of streets addressed may vary annually, and work may be limited once funding has been exhausted.

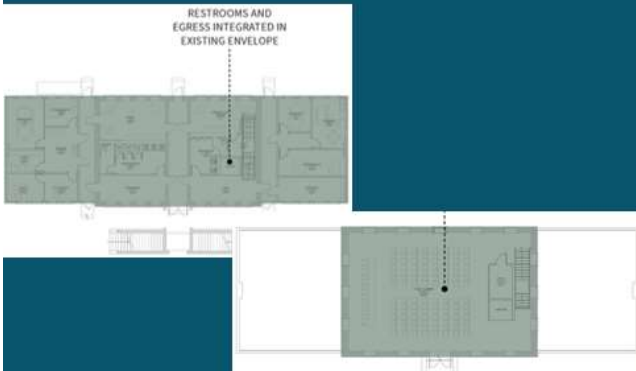
This program allows the Streets Department to maximize available resources and address roadway conditions based on need, condition, and available funding.

**\$400,000 a year**

Source of Funding:

Adopted Budget

## CITY HALL RENOVATIONS Option B



This project addresses the need to renovate City Hall, an aging and outdated facility that has exceeded its original space capacity. Renovations are intended to modernize the building and improve functionality while continuing to operate within the existing footprint.

Option B includes interior renovations only, without a building addition. Improvements would focus on updating and reconfiguring existing spaces to improve operational efficiency while working within current space and layout limitations.

**\$3,147,628**

Source of Funding:

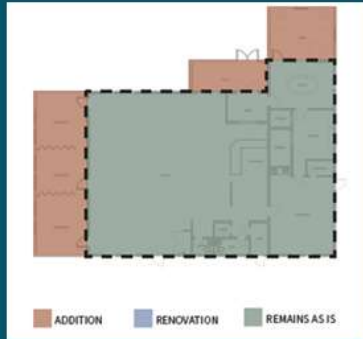
Committed Funds &

2025 Bond Issue



## 2026 Proposed Projects – General Fund

### LIBRARY ADDITION Option B



This project addresses the need to expand the City Library to accommodate growing space demands and improve functionality. Option B includes a building addition on the west side of the existing library, without renovations to the current interior spaces.

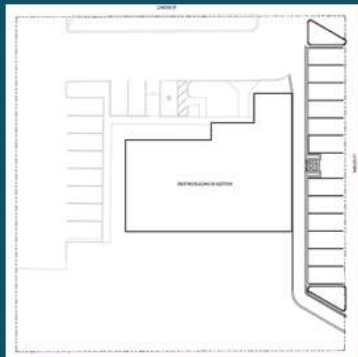
This option focuses on increasing overall square footage to relieve space constraints while maintaining the existing interior layout and functions of the library.

**\$548,550**

Source of Funding:

2025 Bond Issue

### LIBRARY OFF-STREET PARKING



This project provides additional off-street parking for the City library. The library currently has insufficient parking, and continued growth in library programs has increased patron usage, further straining available parking. Additional parking spaces are needed to support library visitors and improve overall access to the facility.

**\$150,000 – \$250,000**

Source of Funding:

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)



## 2026 Proposed Projects – General Fund

### STEINBACH DRAINAGE



This project addresses ongoing drainage issues in the area near the Steinbach House and along Lower La Coste Road. The scope includes improvements to the existing drainage system to better manage stormwater runoff, reduce localized flooding, and protect adjacent roadways and nearby properties.

\$30,000

Source of Funding:

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)

### LIONS PARK PLAYSCAPE



This project includes the design and construction of a new playscape at Lions Park to enhance recreational opportunities for families and children and to improve the overall usability of the park. The proposed playscape will provide modern, safe, and accessible play features that support active recreation and community use.

The total estimated cost of the playscape project is approximately \$846,399. The City has recently been awarded a grant that will cover 50 percent of the project cost, reducing the City's direct financial responsibility to approximately \$469,367. Grant funding allows the City to deliver this improvement while minimizing the impact on local funds and accelerating enhancements to park amenities.

\$469,367

Source of Funding:

TPWD 50/50 Grant &

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)



## 2026 Proposed Projects – General Fund

### LIONS PARK FENCE REPLACEMENT



Grant Eligible

This project provides for the replacement of fencing at the Lions Park softball field, including the field backstop and dugout areas. The replacement is intended to address aging or deteriorated fencing and support safe, continued use of the facility.

\$50,000

Source of Funding:

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)

### REGIONAL PARK PARKING LOT



During our Parks & Recreation Survey, the addition and establishment of a parking lot at Regional Park would help and benefit all users. Adding a parking lot to regional park can provide increased accessibility for visitors, especially those with mobility issues, allowing more people to enjoy the park facilities, while also potentially boosting park usage by making it easier to reach. With increased user numbers, a new parking lot is a necessity and would benefit all users. If Existing trees are located in identified area, they would not be removed and have a curb added around them with mulch.

\$100,000 – \$200,000

Source of Funding:

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)



## 2026 Proposed Projects – General Fund

### REGIONAL PARK SWIMMING POOL RESTROOM & SHOWER BUILDING

Investing in an additional shower and restroom building at the pool will reduce overcrowding, improve sanitation, and enhance the overall visitor experience during peak use. Adequate facilities support public health standards, improve operational efficiency, and help accommodate growing attendance and special programs. This project will also extend the useful life of the pool by minimizing wear on existing facilities. Improving amenities strengthens community satisfaction and supports safe, accessible recreational services for residents and visitors.

**\$205,000**

**Grant Eligible**

Recommended Floorplan & Spaces

Shower	Sink/Toilet	Sink/Toilet	Sink/Toilet	Sink/Toilet	Shower	Shower	Shower	Shower
Door	Door	Door	Door	Door	Door	Door	Door	Door

Source of Funding:

GF Fund Reserves  
(Cash)



## 2027 -2030 Proposed Projects – General Fund

### NEW PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING



This project provides for the construction of a new Public Safety building to support Police Department operations. The existing police facility is aging, significantly undersized, and outdated, limiting the Department's ability to effectively carry out daily operations and adequately serve the community. Current space constraints affect administrative functions, operational efficiency, and the ability to support staff needs.

As the City continues to grow, the demand for law enforcement services has increased, creating a need for a facility that can accommodate expanded operations and future staffing needs. The proposed Public Safety building is intended to provide modern, appropriately sized space to support law enforcement functions, improve workflow and functionality, and better serve both staff and the public.

Based on preliminary planning assumptions, the facility is anticipated to be approximately 10,000 to 12,000 square feet, with estimated construction costs ranging from \$385 to \$415 per square foot. Final size and cost will be refined through feasibility and design efforts.

**\$3.9 Million – \$5 Million**

Source of Funding:

Future Bond Issue (2027)

### ANIMAL SERVICES BUILDING



This project provides for the construction of a dedicated Animal Services building to support City animal control and care operations. The facility will be designed to meet state requirements, including the installation of separate ventilation systems for cats and dogs to ensure proper health, safety, and regulatory compliance.

The building will include office and lobby spaces and will be designed to safely accommodate staff, volunteers, and animals. The City does not currently have a purpose-built Animal Services facility, and this project addresses that operational gap. While a final site has not yet been selected, City staff recommends a location behind the North Park Chevy dealership. Project costs include the construction of an access road from Highway 90 to the building site, as necessary to support facility access and operations.

**\$2,200,000**

Source of Funding:

Future Bond Issue (2029)



**Proposed CIP  
General Fund**

<b>Project</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Year</b>
Street Overlay & Maintenance	General Fund Operating Budget	\$ 400,000	Ongoing - Beginning 2026
City Hall "Plan B"	Committed Funds & 2025 Bond	\$ 3,150,000	2026-27
Library Addition "Option B"	2025 Bond	\$ 550,000	2026-27
Library Off-street Parking	General Fund Reserves	\$ 200,000	2026
Steinbach Drainage	General Fund Reserves	\$ 30,000	2026
Lion's Park Playscape	TPWD 50/50 Grant & General Fund Reserves	\$ 750,000	2026
Lion's Park Fence	General Fund Reserves	\$ 50,000	2026
Regional Park Parking	General Fund Reserves	\$ 150,000	2026
Pool Showers/Restrooms	General Fund Reserves	\$ 205,000	2026
New PD Facility	Future Bond Issue	\$ 3,500,000	2028
New Animal Services Building	Future Bond Issue	\$ 2,500,000	2030





# General Fund Spending Plan

Source of Funds	Amount Available	Amount Proposed	Balance
Committed Funds	\$ 443,620	\$ 443,620	\$ 0
General Fund Reserves	\$ 2,034,046	\$ 1,111,380	\$ 922,666
2025 Bond	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 0
Future Bond Issue	\$ ?????	\$ 6,000,000	\$ ?????

# PUBLIC WORKS



## 2026 Proposed Projects – Utility Fund

### SAN JACINTO WATER LINE REPLACEMENT (2800 LF)



This project provides for the replacement of the existing water line along San Jacinto to address aging infrastructure and improve system reliability. The project is identified as a site-specific water line replacement anticipated for FY 2028 based on system condition and operational priority.

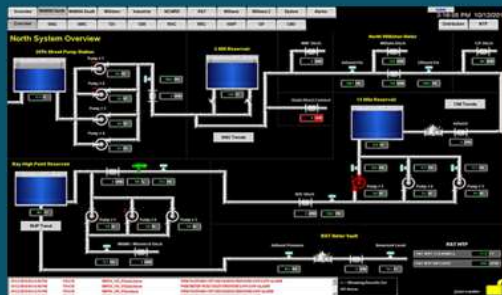
This replacement is planned to be implemented through the City's annual water line replacement program.

**\$1,500,000**

Source of Funding:

Unused CWSRF/DWSRF Funds

### WATER SCADA SYSTEM UPGRADE



This project provides for upgrades to the City's Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system to support current and future water system operations. This compliments SCADA upgrades from water to include wastewater and electric.

Enhancing the SCADA system will allow new and improved wells to be integrated into the City's operational network, supporting system reliability, operational efficiency, and coordinated water production and distribution.

**\$300,000**

Source of Funding:

2025 Utility Bond



## 2026 Proposed Projects – Utility Fund

### NEW NON POTABLE WATER SYSTEM



In 2019 Tiger installed a Non Potable Water System at the Wastewater treatment plant. The system has a propertary system that is unique to Tiger's system. Due to increased tenision between Tiger and the city, they are no longer willing to come service the equipment and the plant has outgrown the capabilities of the system. This project will replace the current to a new company and system size.

\$750,000

Source of Funding:

Sewer Impact Fees

### FLAT CREEK WATER WELL



This project EXPANDS THE CURRENT Flat Creek Water Well project to add a motor, pump, and necessary electrical equipment.

\$800,000

Source of Funding:

2025 Utility Bond



## 2026 Proposed Projects – Utility Fund

Section IV, Item a.

### MAN HOLE REHAB PROGRAM



This project establishes an ongoing manhole rehabilitation program to address structural deficiencies and infiltration issues throughout the City's wastewater collection system. Funding is intended to support annual rehabilitation activities based on system condition, risk, and operational priority.

\$200,000 Yearly

Source of Funding:

Unused CWSRF/DWSRF Funds

### UTILITY LINE RELOCATE – TXDOT



This project covers the cost of relocating the city's utilities that are within the TxDOT Right-of-Way within the boundaries of the Hwy 90 and 471 project area.

\$750,000

Source of Funding:

Utility Fund Reserves



## 2026 Proposed Projects – Drainage Utility Fund

Section IV, Item a.

### COUNTRY VILLAGE DRAINAGE CHANNEL

This project will restore the original grading and contours of the drainage ditch behind the Country Village subdivision.

\$80,000



### GARZA CREEK DRAINAGE CULVERT

This project will reinforce the culvert and establish erosion protection in Garza Creek.

\$450,000



Source of Funding:

Drainage Utility

Source of Funding:

Drainage Utility



## 2027 – 2030 Proposed Projects – Drainage Utility Fund

### NEW PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING



This project addresses the need for a new Public Works building and operations yard to support City utility and maintenance operations. Public Works Administration has identified the existing facilities as inadequate, and both the Water and Electric Departments have classified this project as a high priority based on operational and regulatory needs.

The Electric Department requires a dedicated concrete slab for transformer storage to meet applicable electrical regulations and handling standards. The Water Department has identified the need for covered storage and supply racks to protect materials from environmental exposure, as current conditions result in premature material degradation.

**\$4,200,000**

Source of Funding:

Future Bonds

### REPURPOSING EXISTING DIGESTER



This project proposes repurposing the existing digester to better align with current operational needs. The existing unit is oversized relative to current system demands and does not efficiently support present wastewater operations.

The repurposed structure would be utilized to provide storage capacity for irrigation water and to support the development of a properly sized digester appropriate for current and projected system requirements. This approach improves asset utilization, reduces inefficiencies associated with oversized infrastructure, and supports long-term operational flexibility.

**\$2,000,000**

Source of Funding:

Future Impact Fees



## 2027 – 2030 Proposed Projects – Drainage Utility Fund

Section IV, Item a.

# COUNTRY VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS



This project provides for electric system improvements in the Country Village area to enhance service reliability and address existing infrastructure limitations. The project is intended to support continued safe and reliable electric distribution by upgrading components that have reached the end of their useful life or no longer meet current operational standards.

Improvements may include replacement or upgrading of distribution equipment and associated infrastructure necessary to improve system performance and reduce service interruptions.

**\$3,000,000**

Source of Funding:

Future Bonds



**Proposed CIP  
Utility Fund**

Project	Source of Funds	Amount	Year
San Jacinto Waterline	CWSRF / DWSRF	\$ 1,500,000	2026-27
Water SCADA	2025 Bond	\$ 300,000	2026-27
Non-Potable Water System	Sewer Impact Fees	\$ 750,000	2026-27
Flat Creek Well	2025 Bond	\$ 800,000	2026
Manhole Rehab	CWSRF / DWSRF	\$ 200,000	2026 (Ongoing)
Utility Relocate (TxDoT)	Utility Fund Reserves	\$ 750,000	2026-27
Country Village Drainage	Drainage Utility Bond	\$ 80,000	2026
Garza Creek	Drainage Utility Bond	\$ 450,000	2026
New PW Building	Future Bond Issue	\$ 4,200,000	2030
Digester Rehab	Future Impact Fees	\$ 2,000,000	2030
Country Village Electric	Future Bond Issue	\$ 2,500,000	2030





# Utility Fund Spending Plan

Source of Funds	Amount Available	Amount Proposed	Balance
CWSRF / DWSRF	\$ 1,908,919	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 208,919
2025 Bond	\$ 1,512,733	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 412,733
Utility Fund Reserves	\$ 1,635,281	\$ 750,000	\$ 885,281
Drainage Bond	\$ 1,318,196	\$ 530,000	\$ 788,196
Water/Sewer Impact Fees	\$ 1,959,018	\$ 750,000	\$ 1,209,018
Water Acquisition	\$ 437,101	\$ 0	\$ 437,101
Drainage Fund	\$ 129,628	\$ 0	\$ 129,628
Future Bond	\$ ?????	\$ 6,700,000	\$ ?????
Future Impact Fees	\$ ?????	\$ 2,000,000	\$ ?????