

BUDGET IN BRIEF 2026



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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Grounded in responsibility and growing with purpose has been the compass guiding White Salmon through a year of deep rebuilding: organizationally, financially, and culturally. The 2026 Proposed Budget is the clearest reflection yet of that work. It is a budget built from the ground up: transparent, structurally sound, and rooted in the belief that government done well is one of the most powerful expressions of community care.

This year, perhaps more than any in recent memory, has reminded us that government is not an abstract entity. It is people. It is public servants, volunteers, and elected officials. It is staff who choose to dedicate their careers to administering essential services. It is residents who show up because they believe in contributing to something larger than themselves. And yes, many of those people are also the very veterans we celebrate annually each November, men and women who have lived out the idea that service is not just an act, but a continued commitment to community.

Yet across the country, and sometimes even here at home, we have lost sight of that truth. Too often, “government” becomes a villain in our national story, treated as a faceless force rather than the collective work of neighbors striving to make their community function. When we say “government didn’t do X,” what we are really saying is that *people*—your neighbors—are being blamed, doubted, or diminished. That cynicism makes it harder for public servants to do their jobs, and it fractures the trust that allows any community to solve problems together.

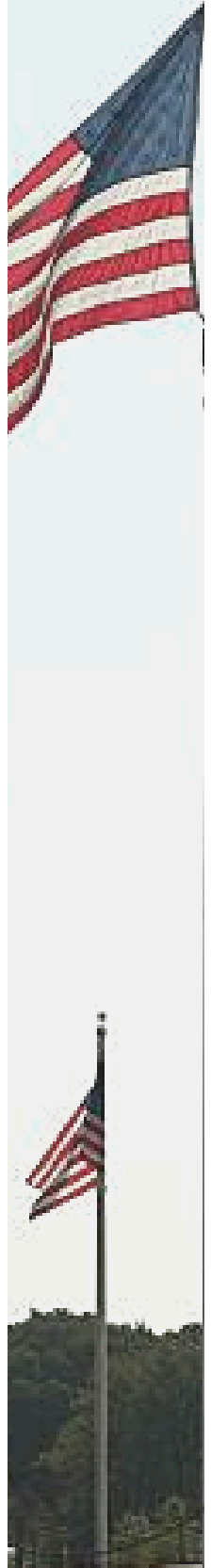
And the truth is simple: **we need each other.**

No household can run its own police department.

No individual can maintain the streets outside their home.

No one family can build a wastewater system to protect public health.

Eighty-six percent of our total budget—including capital investments—is



dedicated to these mandatory services. Behind each of those services are the people required to deliver them. When trust erodes, their work becomes harder and our collective future weaker.

That is why this year's budget is not only a financial document—it is a **reaffirmation of good governance and shared purpose.**

The City has spent the past year unwinding long-standing practices that obscured our true financial picture. For 2026, we rebuilt the budget from a first principles approach:

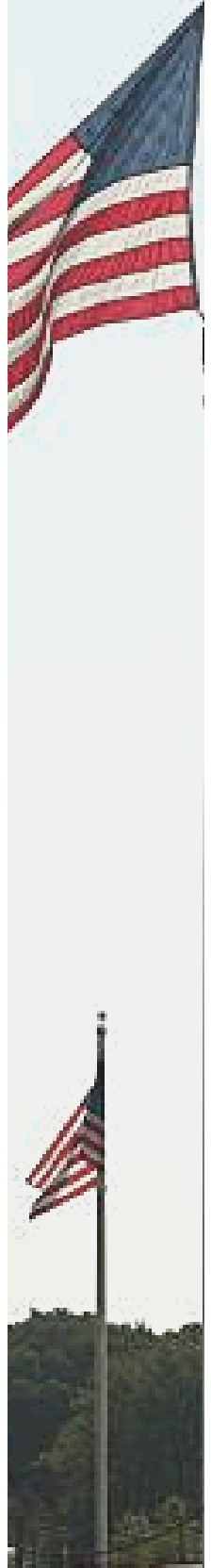
- We began with actual revenues and expenditures, rather than carryover balances or historical assumptions.
- We corrected outdated coding, closed dormant accounts, and aligned departments with true operational costs.
- We applied conservative forecasting grounded in measurable monthly trends—utility taxes, sales activity, and interest earnings.
- We increased transparency across all funds and created a structure that can be easily understood by staff, Council, and the public.

This level of clarity is not just good accounting, it is the foundation of trust. Without it, neither Council nor the community can make informed decisions. The economic conditions surrounding this budget mirror the statewide realities facing cities large and small.

Property tax growth remains restricted to a 1% levy increase, a cap that does not keep pace with L&I, insurance, or healthcare costs. Sales tax remains steady but is leveling after post-pandemic surges. Interest earnings continue to be a bright spot, even under conservative assumptions. And the new Criminal Justice Sales Tax will help offset rising jail and emergency management costs, though little will remain to expand service capacity.

Despite these constraints, this budget is balanced without one-time fixes, reflecting a disciplined approach worthy of our residents' trust. Behind every line item is a person whose work makes White Salmon function. The past year has required City Hall to confront and repair the organizational harm created by a former administrative environment rooted in intimidation and dysfunction. That work continues.

Rebuilding a culture of professionalism, respect, and empowerment is not simply an HR task—it is essential to delivering effective government. When



staff do not feel safe or trusted, the public cannot receive the quality of service they deserve. This budget reflects intentional investments in:

- Strengthened HR support
- Staff training and stabilization
- Healthier workplace systems
- More structured, constructive engagement between Council and staff

The community expects high performance. That requires trusting and supporting the people who provide it.

Councilmembers and residents alike have voiced the desire for more opportunities to engage with local government outside of formal meetings. To support that, this budget introduces:

- Quarterly “Pizza & Policy” gatherings
- Monthly open houses with staff and the Mayor
- Rotating community coffees and topic-specific conversations
- Council team-building efforts to strengthen governance culture

These investments are modest but meaningful. They create space for dialogue, learning, and shared purpose; elements that **strengthen public trust and local democracy**.

Streets

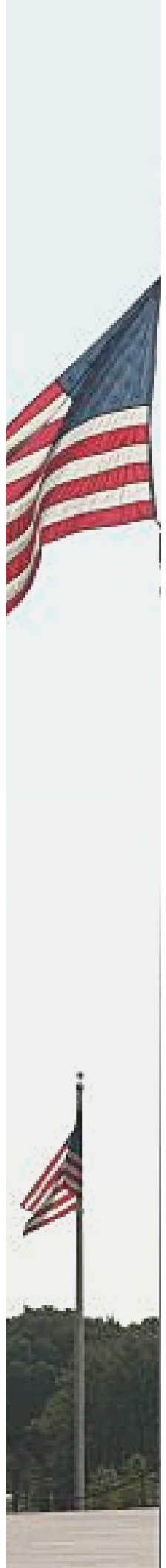
White Salmon receives approximately \$46,000 per year from state transportation revenue sources, insufficient for even basic maintenance. Continued reliance on utility tax support and aggressive pursuit of grants will be necessary to deliver long-term improvements. We recommend continuing to allow the Transportation Benefit District to grow over time so it can support a major project (such as Spring Street) later in the decade.

Parks

2026 will focus on completing the next phase of Rheingarten Park enhancements, including the long-awaited playground equipment selected by local students, and finishing the new Peebles Park.

Wastewater

We propose funding a citywide Wastewater System Plan, a critical step in understanding our underground infrastructure and prioritizing upgrades for long-term system resilience. This planning work is decades overdue and foundational to responsible future growth.



Reserves

This budget maintains a projected \$627,008 ending balance in the General Fund, exceeding our 10% reserve minimum.

Exploration should also be given to how the city can grow the Emergency Response Reserve Fund that was established last year in response to the increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters. Establishing a stable revenue stream or fee structure would help to ensure readiness for disaster response, emergency staffing, and recovery needs.

In my Veterans Day remarks, I reflected on a truth that applies not only to military service but to civic life: citizenship itself is an act of service.

Veterans remind us that **strong communities are built not by wealth or size, but by relationships and shared purpose**. The same is true of local government. When we show up for one another with good faith, honesty, and care, we reinforce the very ideals that bind a society together.

This budget is built in that spirit. It funds the mandatory services we rely on every day. It supports the people who deliver them. It invests in continuing to build trust: between City Hall, Council, and the community.

And it calls us to remember that government is not an adversary to defeat, but a partnership we participate in.

The challenges ahead require us to work together. But the opportunities ahead: to strengthen our streets, lift our parks, modernize our infrastructure, empower our staff, and deepen our community bonds, are real.

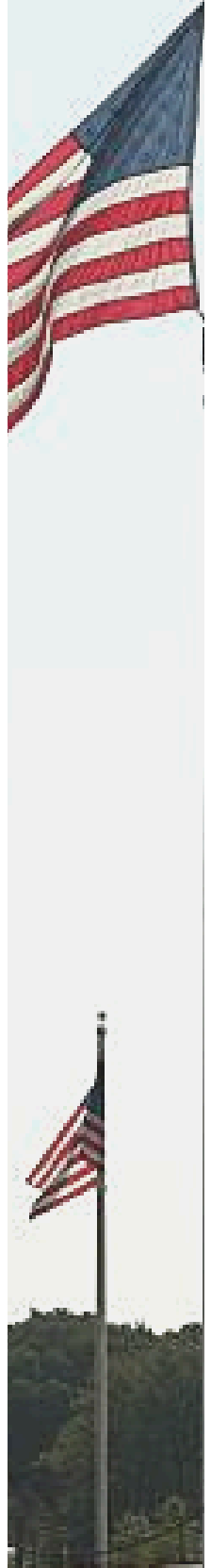
This budget positions White Salmon to meet those challenges and seize those opportunities with clarity, integrity, and a renewed commitment to one another.

Thank you for your service—to this community, to this city, and to the shared future we're building together.

Respectfully,



Mayor Marla Keethler



COMMUNITY PROFILE

Nestled on the north bank of the Columbia River within the heart of the Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, the City of White Salmon is a small, vibrant community known for its natural beauty, strong civic spirit, and balanced blend of rural character and modern amenities. Incorporated in 1907, White Salmon is a non-GMA code city operating under a strong-mayor form of government, providing essential services including water, wastewater, streets, parks, public safety, planning, and general governmental operations.


White Salmon is home to approximately 2,533 residents, with a broader service area that includes regional commuters, recreational visitors, and neighboring jurisdictions. The community is characterized by its stunning geography; steep hillsides, panoramic river views, and proximity to world-class outdoor recreation such as hiking, mountain biking, kayaking, fishing, and wind sports. This unique location fuels a diverse local economy comprising small businesses, hospitality and tourism, health services, agriculture, and remote workers who choose the Gorge for its high quality of life.


2,533 
Population

 **1.1%**
Annual Population
Growth since 2022

145  **1.36**
Land Area Square Miles Water Area Square Miles

\$ 728,132,118
2026 Assessed
Property Value 

\$ 73,406
Median
Household
Income 

71.9%
Home Ownership 

 **1907**
Incorporated

23%
Work
From
Home 

 **50.8**
Median Age

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

The Council's annual priorities build on the 2040 Comprehensive Plan vision of a connected, inclusive, and resilient White Salmon. By centering Housing, Youth, and Wildfire Preparedness, the City directs its investments toward strengthening neighborhoods, supporting families, and safeguarding the community's long-term wellbeing.



COUNCIL INVESTMENT

Budget investments reflect prior years Council priorities: housing, wildfire preparedness, and youth.

HOUSING

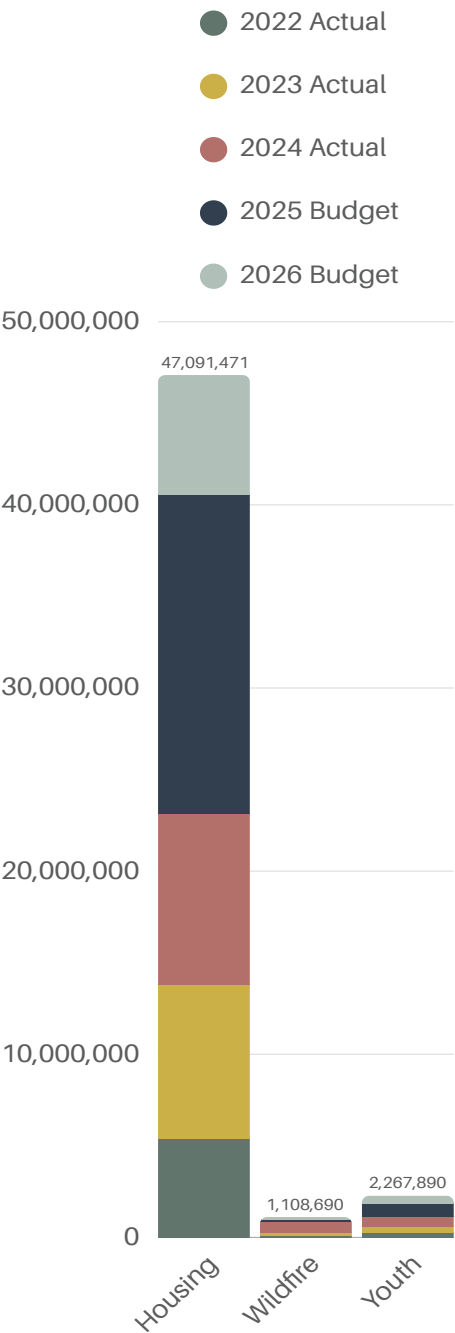
The City continues its largest and most transformative investment in Housing and Land Use. More than \$47 million allocated across the 2022–2026 period supports water and wastewater system upgrades, planning capacity, and infrastructure needed to accommodate future housing. These investments ensure White Salmon can grow sustainably while protecting neighborhood character and aligning development with our Comprehensive Plan.

WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS

Wildfire resilience remains a critical priority. Investments fund defensible-space work, evacuation and communications planning, and partnerships that enhance community protection. These targeted allocations strengthen our readiness for a changing climate and safeguard life, property, and essential City infrastructure.

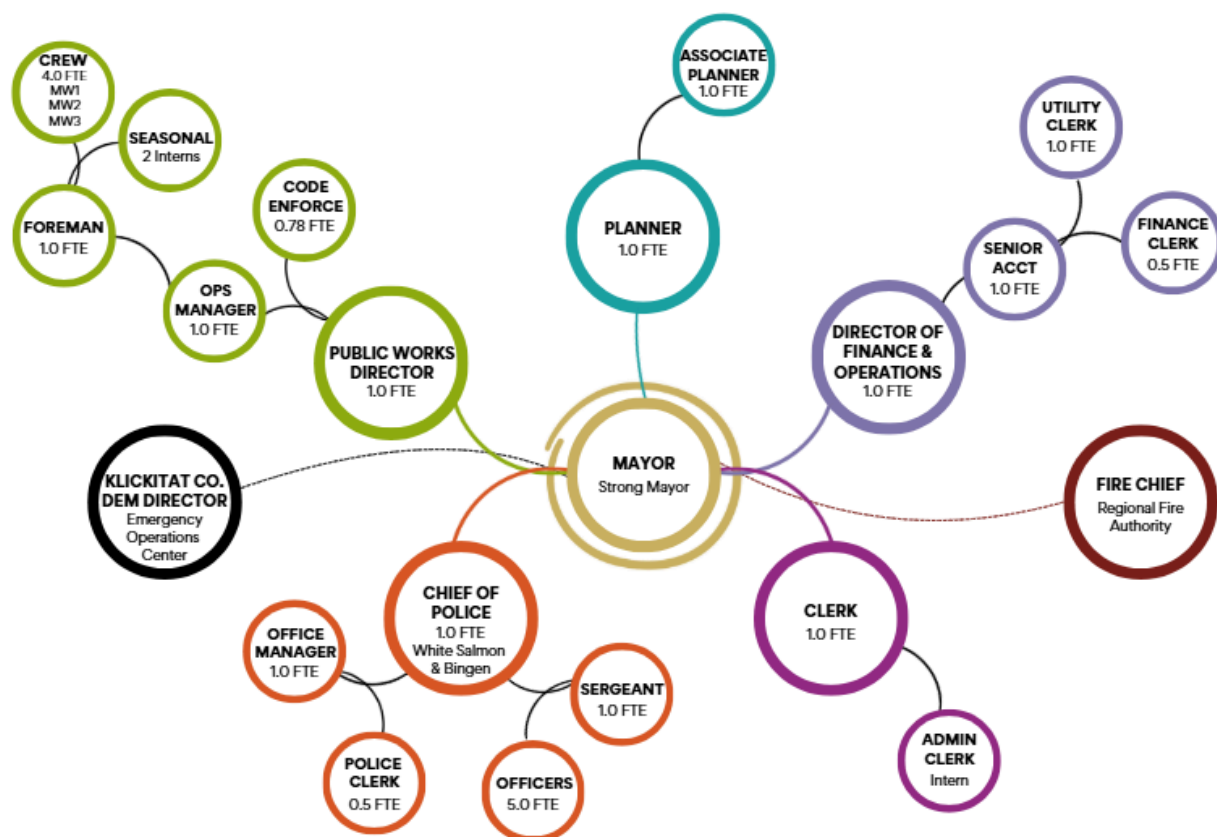
YOUTH

Council continues to expand opportunities for young people by funding recreation partnerships, safe walking routes, community programs, and emerging internship pathways. Youth investments are designed to build connection, support wellbeing, and ensure that local youth see White Salmon as a place where they can grow, participate, and thrive.



ORGANIZATION CHART

The City of White Salmon operates under a Mayor–Council form of government, one of the most common structures for cities in Washington State. In this system, the Mayor is elected at-large and serves as the City’s chief executive officer, responsible for directing daily operations and implementing policies. The City Council, elected at-large, serves as the legislative body responsible for adopting ordinances, setting policy, and providing oversight. This structure maintains a clear separation of executive and legislative powers similar to federal and state models.



STRONG MAYOR

White Salmon operates under a strong mayor form of government, with the Mayor serving as the chief executive responsible for daily operations, fiscal oversight, and policy implementation. The Mayor works directly with department directors and the City Council to deliver services and advance community priorities. The City does not utilize a City Administrator.

LEADERSHIP

Our leadership team is committed to serving the people of White Salmon through transparent governance, responsible financial management, and collaborative decision-making that supports a thriving community.

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Mayor

Marla Keethler

City Council

Patty Fink	Position 1
David Lindley	Position 2
Jason Hartmann	Position 3
Jim Ransier	Position 4
Ben Giant	Position 5

2026 Newly Elect

Doug Rainbolt	Position 3
Morella Mora	Position 4

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

Clerk

Erika Castro-Guzman

Finance & Operations

Jennifer Neil

Planning

Rowan Fairchild

Police

Chief Mike Hepner

Public Works

Chris True



SERVING OUR
COMMUNITY WITH
INTEGRITY,
TRANSPARENCY,
AND A
COMMITMENT TO
LONG-TERM
RESILIENCE.

REVENUE

City revenues come from a diverse mix of taxes, utilities, grants, intergovernmental funding, and service fees. These sources provide the financial foundation for daily operations and capital investment. In alignment with guidance from the Washington State Auditor's Office (SAO), the City clearly distinguishes recurring operating revenues, such as utility charges and sales tax, from one-time or restricted revenues, including grants and fund balance. Maintaining a balanced and transparent revenue structure allows White Salmon to deliver reliable services, plan for future needs, and support long-term financial sustainability.

FUND BALANCE

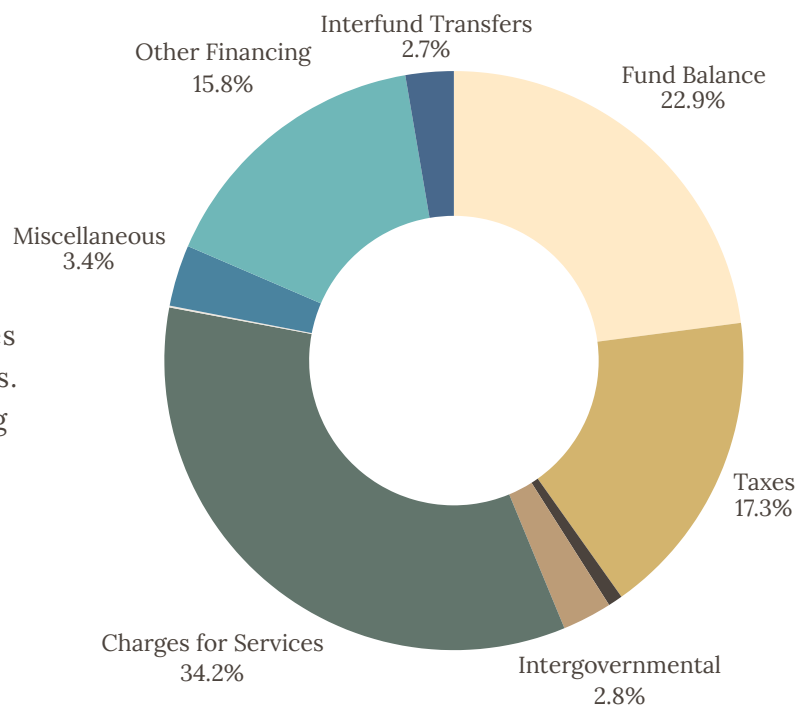
Resources carried forward from prior years, used to support planned projects, stabilize operations, or meet required reserves.

OTHER FINANCING

Loan proceeds and bond issuances used to fund large capital projects. These are not recurring operating revenues.

CHARGES FOR SERVICES

Primarily water and wastewater fees collected to operate and maintain utility systems. These revenues must be used for the services that generate them.

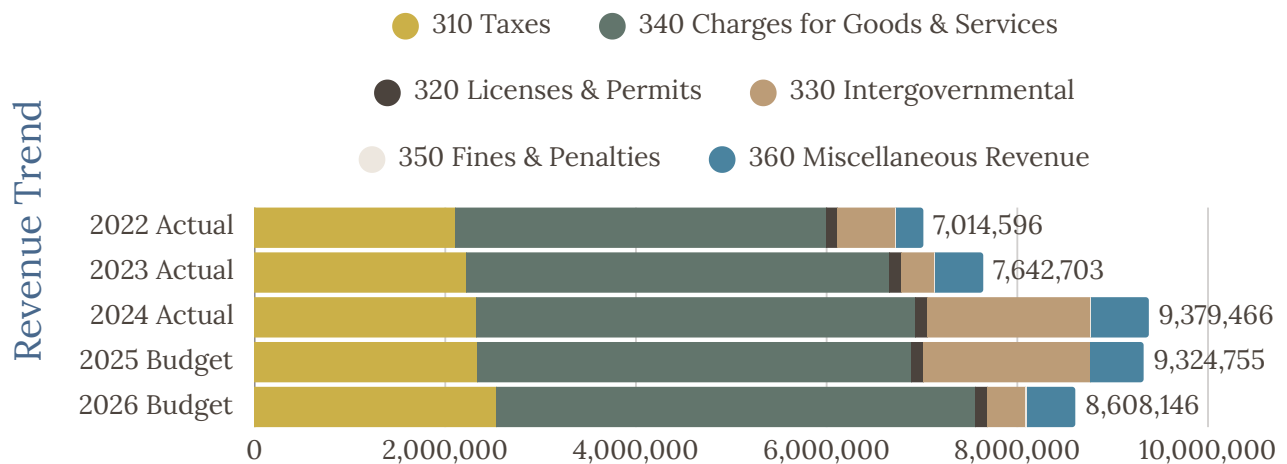


\$14,691,996

All Funds Combined
Revenue & Funding
Sources

REVENUE

City revenues vary from year to year based on taxes, grants, project timing, and interfund activity. This chart highlights where the City's funding comes from and how it has changed over time.



All Funds	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
308 Beginning Fund Balance	5,641,810	5,819,803	5,732,432	4,778,303	3,363,654
310 Taxes	2,103,330	2,227,585	2,327,925	2,335,465	2,533,383
320 Licenses & Permits	120,568	128,707	131,813	120,900	119,600
330 Intergovernmental	602,738	343,801	1,712,102	1,747,185	406,775
340 Charges for Goods & Services	3,895,160	4,432,641	4,599,490	4,559,008	5,031,038
350 Fines & Penalties	6,895	8,982	11,536	9,800	14,850
360 Miscellaneous Revenue	285,905	500,987	596,600	552,397	502,500
380 Non Revenue	5,986	6,345	12,429	2,000	0
390 Other Financing Sources	364,539	2,333,000	2,679,322	11,029,490	2,325,792
397 Interfund Transfers	652,018	970,204	1,028,679	894,618	394,404
Revenue Total	13,678,949	16,772,055	18,832,328	26,029,166	14,691,996

YOUR TAX DOLLARS

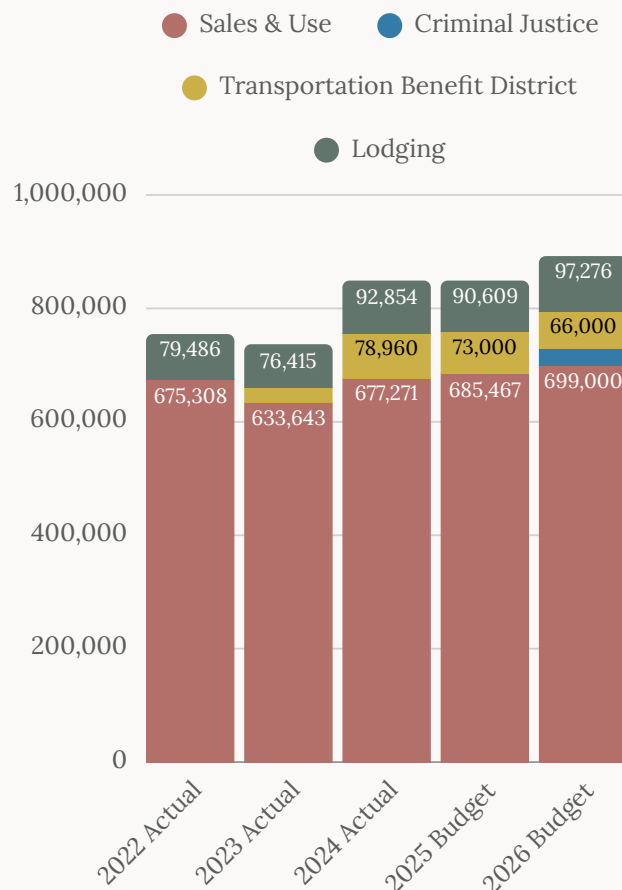
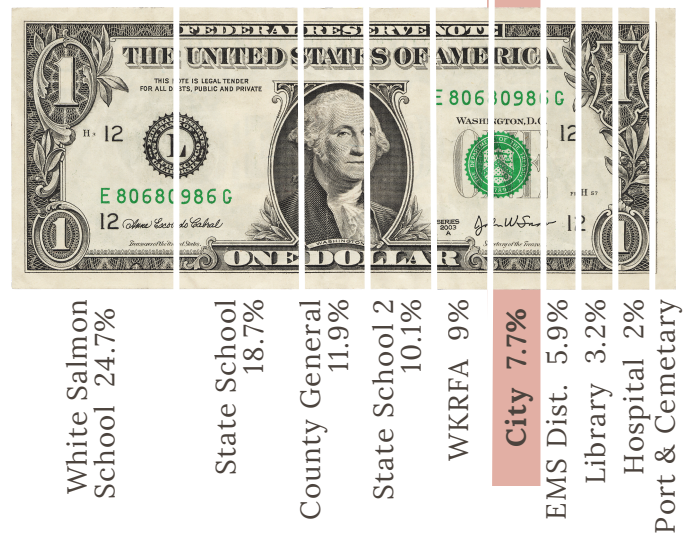
PROPERTY TAX

Property tax remains the City's most stable revenue source. While it provides predictable funding, annual growth is limited by state law to a 1% increase. Property tax revenue is shared across multiple taxing districts, including the State, County, City, and junior districts.

\$4,583

2026 - 1% property tax increase

How Your \$1 in Property Tax is Distributed



SALES & USE TAX

Sales tax revenue reflects the strength of local commerce, tourism, and regional consumer activity.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE TAX

A new countywide 0.1% sales tax will provide sustained, population-based funding for local criminal justice and public safety services.

TRANSPORTATION BENEFIT TAX

The Transportation Benefit District's 0.1% sales tax provides dedicated funding to maintain and improve the City's streets, sidewalks, and transportation infrastructure.

LODGING TAX

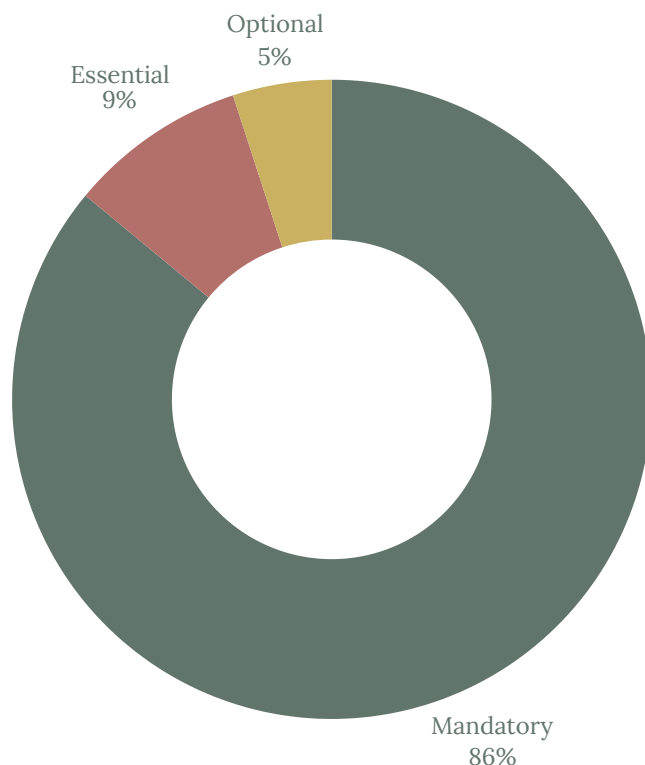
Lodging tax revenue, generated from overnight stays, supports tourism-related facilities, events, and marketing.

EXPENSE

Grounded in Responsibility, Growing with Purpose

The City's 2026 Preliminary Budget reflects the reality that most of our resources are already committed to services that are required by state law.

This breakdown illustrates how little discretionary flexibility the City has within the overall budget, and underscores the importance of strategic decision-making within the small portion of funding that is not tied to legal or operational requirements.



MANDATORY SERVICES

State and federally required services, non-discretionary. Including law enforcement, utilities, emergency management, finance, public records, and other statutory obligations. A vast majority of the budget is dedicated to meeting essential, regulatory, safety, and operational requirements.

ESSENTIAL SERVICES

Council has flexibility but could require code changes. These services are necessary for operations, compliance, and current city code. Supporting core city operations such as planning, permitting, building inspections, IT, facilities, and administrative support. These services, while not mandated by statute, are necessary to safely and effectively run the City.

OPTIONAL SERVICES

The programs and initiatives that reflect local priorities, such as parks, recreation, youth programming, beautification, community engagement, and tourism.



\$14.6 M

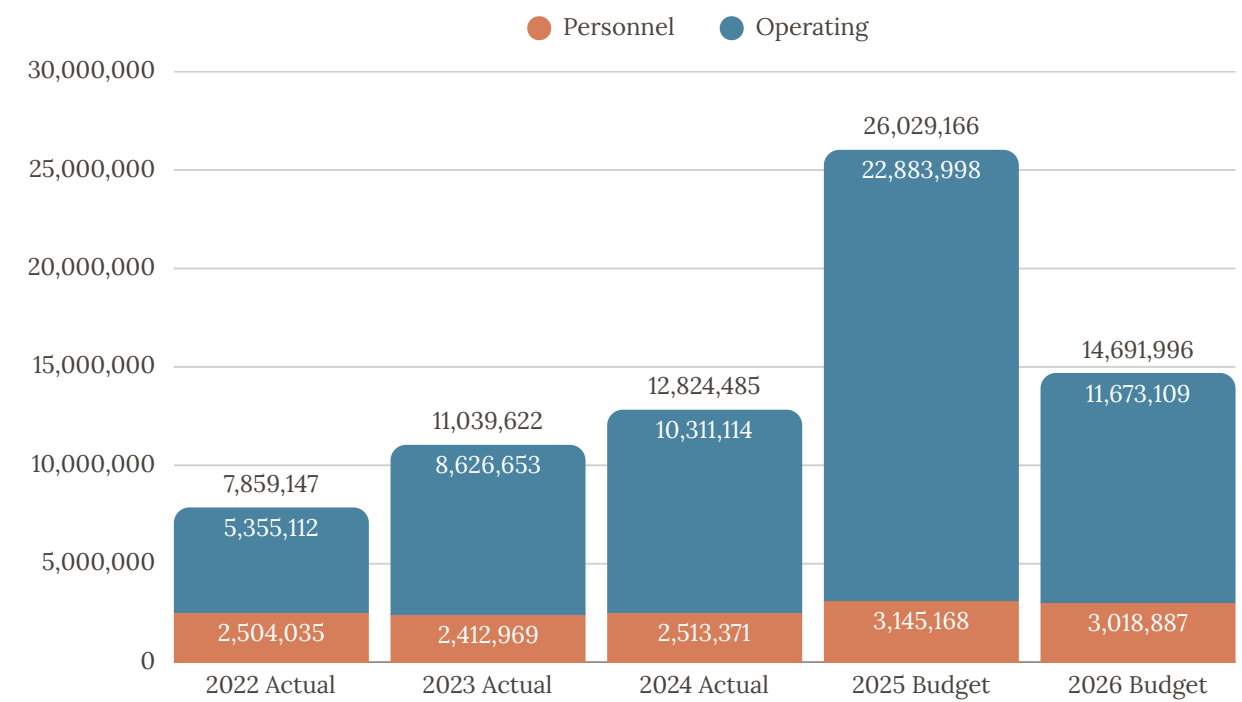
All funds

EXPENSE

City spending is organized and reported by fund to reflect distinct purposes and legal requirements.

EXPENSE TREND

The expense trend shows growth over time, driven by operating and personnel costs associated with service demands, inflation, and planned investments.



FUNDS

Operating and Maintenance (O&M) funds support the City’s day-to-day services and include the majority of personnel and operating costs. These funds are where most ongoing service delivery occurs.

Non-operating funds support capital, reserve, debt, and other restricted purposes rather than day-to-day operations.

O&M Funds	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
001 General Fund	2,870,195	3,510,115	3,148,848	3,892,919	4,175,895
101 Streets Fund	524,352	957,237	392,945	461,881	811,341
401 Water Fund	2,392,633	2,180,463	2,290,552	3,013,439	4,924,597
402 Wastewater Collection	1,117,087	125,157	1,236,723	1,351,239	1,595,086

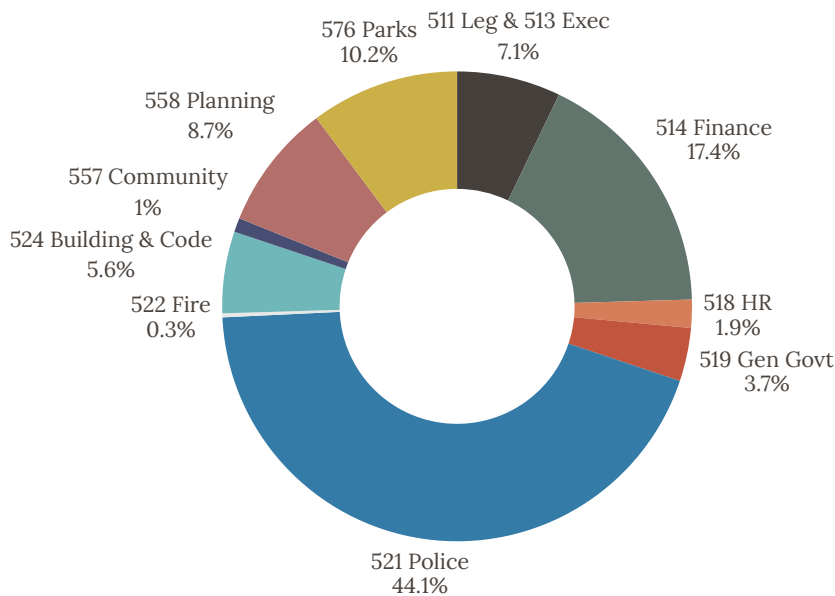
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Non-Operating Funds	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Proposed
108 Municipal Capital Imp.	52,342	9,326	211,342	446,588	103,000
110 Fire Reserve Fund	0	0	392,951	0	0
112 General Fund Reserve	0	0	100,000	292,924	11,000
115 Emergency Response	0	0	0	106,876	4,000
121 Police Vehicle Reserve	0	70,117	133,240	85,917	82,806
122 Police General Reserve	0	0	0	85,400	3,000
204 Local Bond Fund	0	0	102,269	13,034	53,000
302 Transportation Imp.	0	0	0	338,122	295,500
303 Hotel/Motel Taxes	22,463	95,537	80,500	288,528	80,000
307 Park and Recreation	0	0	30,767	110,383	35,600
341 General PW Vehicle	0	0	0	10,277	100
342 Street Fund PW Vehicle	0	0	0	10,554	200
408 Water Reserve Fund	74,402	143,155	133,057	3,243,669	2,101,000
409 Wastewater Reserve	201,818	126,708	414,216	494,321	15,500
412 Water Rights Acquisition	123,984	123,984	155,741	639,508	167,500
413 Water Bond Redemption	111,516	111,516	163,108	367,007	143,000
414 Wastewater Bond Red.	0	0	0	11,526	
415 Water Bond Reserve	0	0	0	174,761	16,809
416 Wastewater Bond	0	0	0	85,615	3,000
417 Treatment Plant	255,977	0	0	443,632	23,000
418 Water Short Lived Asset	107,890	102,888	254,225	59,821	32,195
419 Water Construction	0	0	57,826	9,872,700	0
420 USDA Rural Dev	0	2,480,739	3,517,728	0	0
428 Water Fund Vehicle	0	0	0	106,876	0
429 Wastewater PW Vehicle	0	0	0	21,376	0

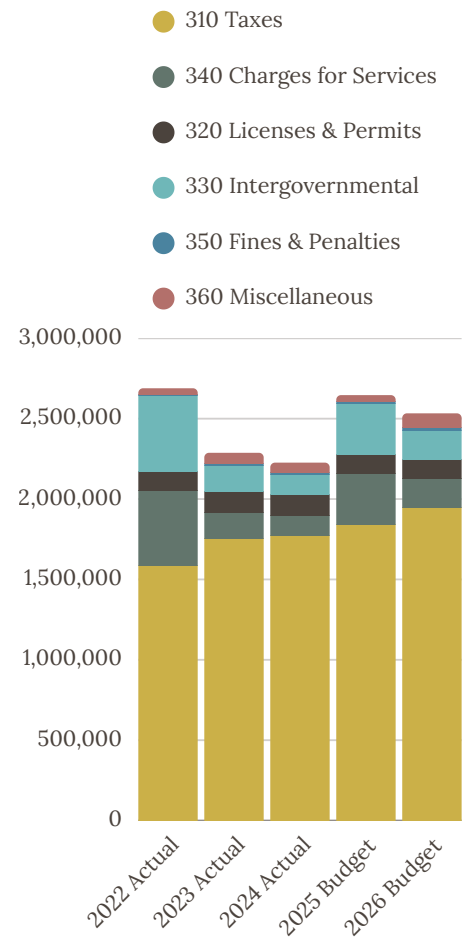
GENERAL FUND

The General Fund is the City's primary operating fund, supporting core services, most personnel costs, and day-to-day operations. It accounts for resources not required to be reported in another fund and receives the majority of property tax revenue.

EXPENSE



REVENUE



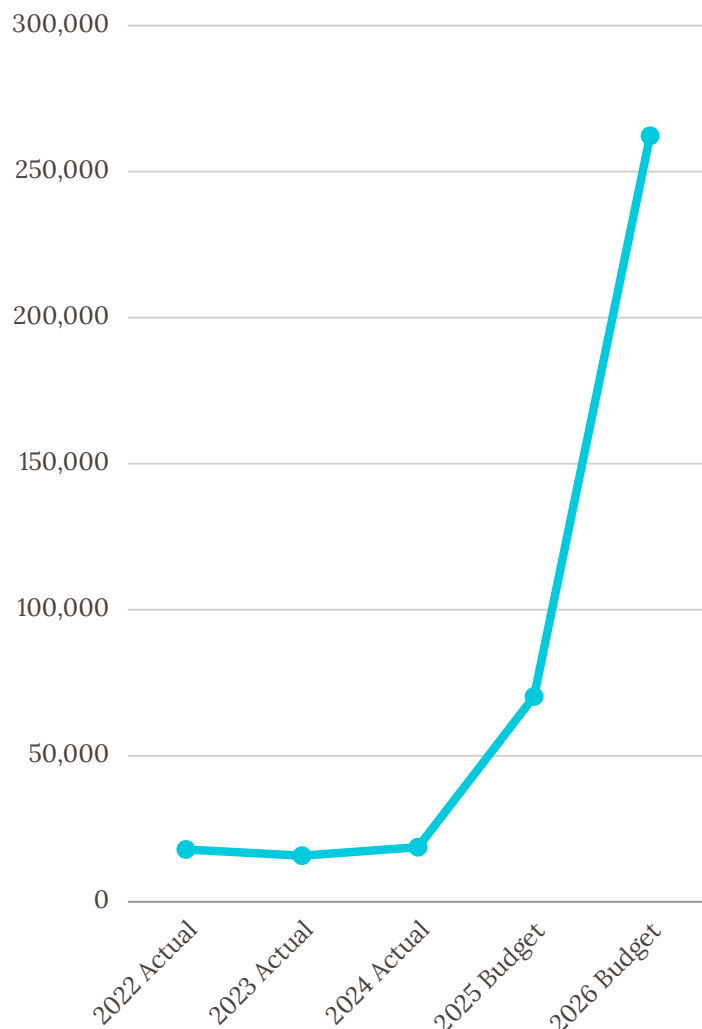
\$4,190,762

Total General Fund
Budget

EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATIVE

The Executive and Legislative function supports the City's core governance responsibilities and ensures compliance with state and federal requirements. These activities are essential to the lawful operation of the City and are non-discretionary in nature.

This function includes the Mayor's role as the City's chief executive, the City Council's legislative authority, and the administrative support necessary to carry out official actions. Responsibilities include budget adoption, ordinance and resolution processing, public meetings, and compliance with public records and transparency laws.



WHAT'S NEW

Clerk functions are budgeted within the Legislative function in accordance with the State Auditor's Office BARS manual. Additional funding supports council engagement, committee work, and community outreach.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Compliance with OPMA and PRA requirements
- Accurate and timely agenda, recordkeeping, and legislative documentation.

\$262,252

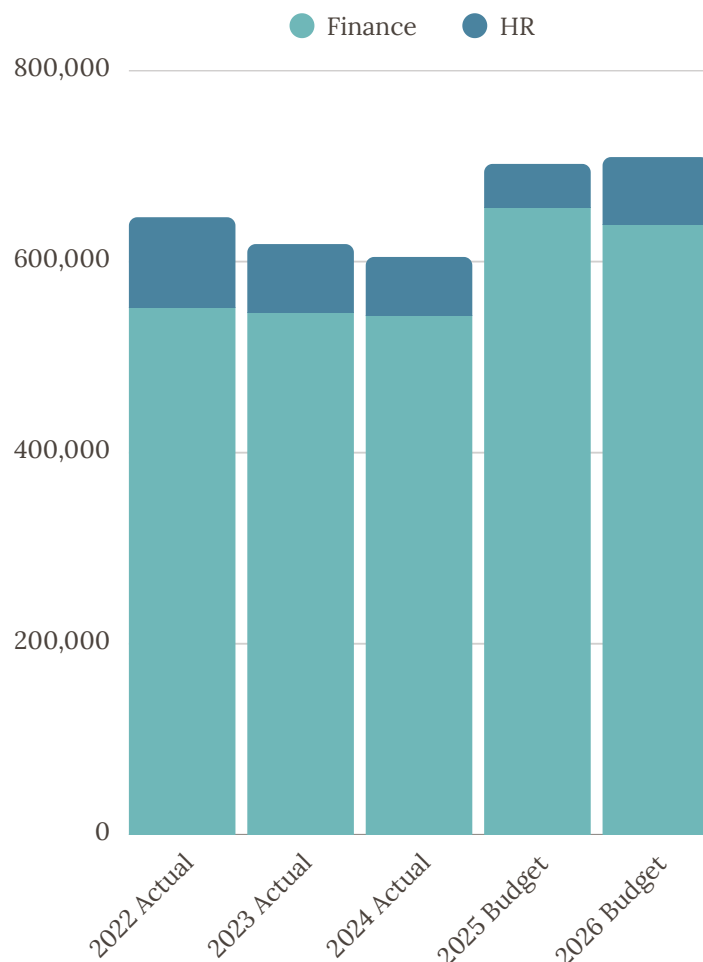
Mandatory Service

FINANCE & OPERATIONS

The Finance & Operations function supports the City's required financial, administrative, and human resources responsibilities that ensure lawful operations and fiscal accountability. This includes budgeting, financial reporting, auditing, payroll, internal controls, levy certification, and citywide financial systems.

Human Resources functions are housed within Finance & Operations and support recruitment, employee relations, benefits administration, and compliance with employment laws and labor agreements.

This budget also includes centrally managed citywide services such as liability insurance, information technology, and building supplies.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget reflects strengthened core operations, including a Senior Accountant position and planned audit and HR support.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Balanced budget adoption and on-time financial reporting
- Accurate payroll, accounts payable and receivable, and internal control processes
- Compliance with audit, employment, and financial reporting requirements

\$709,404

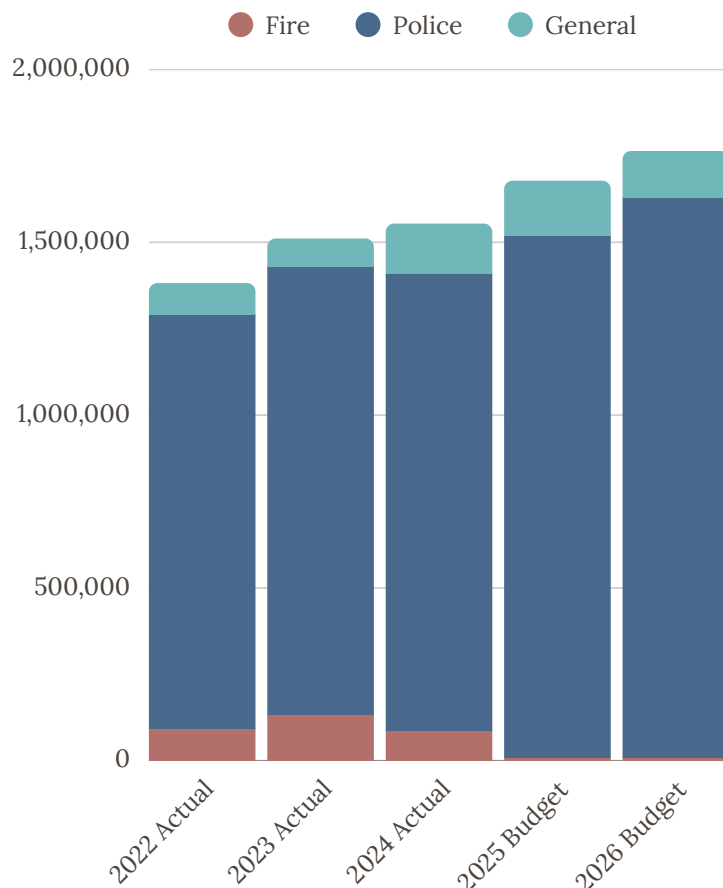
Mandatory Service

PUBLIC SAFETY

The Public Safety function supports the City's required law enforcement and emergency management responsibilities and ensures compliance with state and regional public safety requirements. These services are essential to protecting public health, safety, and welfare and are non-discretionary in nature.

This function includes police services, court services provided through interlocal agreement with Klickitat County West District Court, jail housing services through the Klickitat County Department of Corrections, and emergency management coordination.

Cost pressures within this function include increased jail interlocal costs and anticipated increases to emergency management services as federal funding is reduced and local cost responsibility increases.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes a police vehicle replacement, training equipment, and technology investments.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Effective delivery of police, court, jail, and emergency management services
- Compliance with training standards, and reporting requirements
- Readiness to respond to emergencies and public safety incidents

\$1,764,074

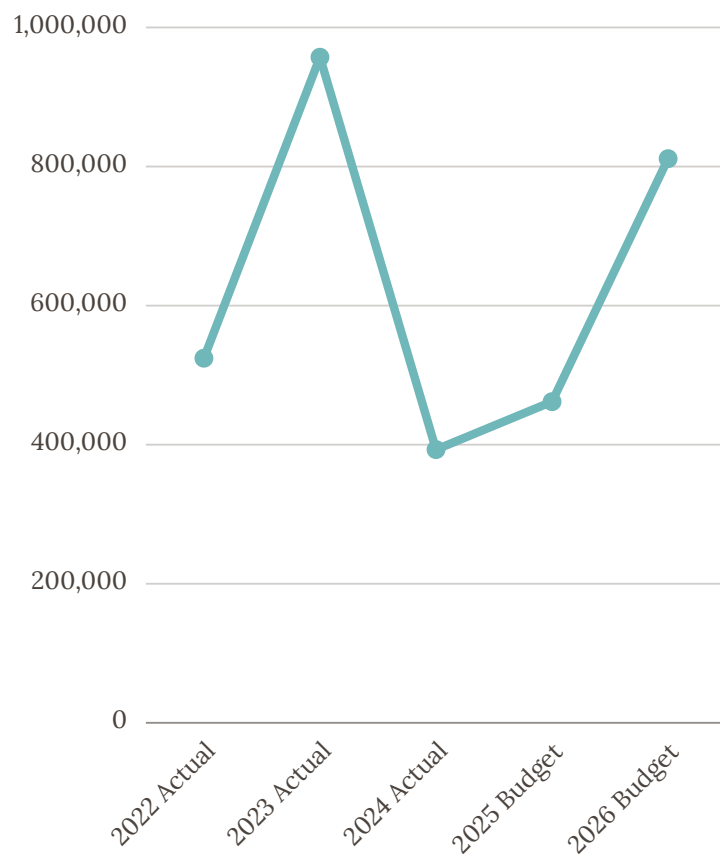
Mandatory Service

STREETS

The Streets function is responsible for the operation, maintenance, and preservation of the City's street and right-of-way infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable travel for residents, businesses, emergency services, and visitors.

Core responsibilities include routine maintenance, traffic control and signage, snow and ice response, and upkeep of city-owned rights-of-way. The department also coordinates with other City departments and external partners to support utility work, capital improvements, and regional transportation projects.

In addition to daily operations, the Streets function focuses on extending the useful life of existing infrastructure through preventative maintenance and targeted reconstruction. Given the age of the City's street system and the lack of a dedicated street funding source, careful prioritization and coordination are essential to maintaining public safety and accessibility while managing limited resources.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes Church Street reconstruction and the Youth Internship Program.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Streets maintained in safe, driveable condition
- Timely response to snow, ice, and traffic control needs
- Completion of planned maintenance and reconstruction activities

\$811,341

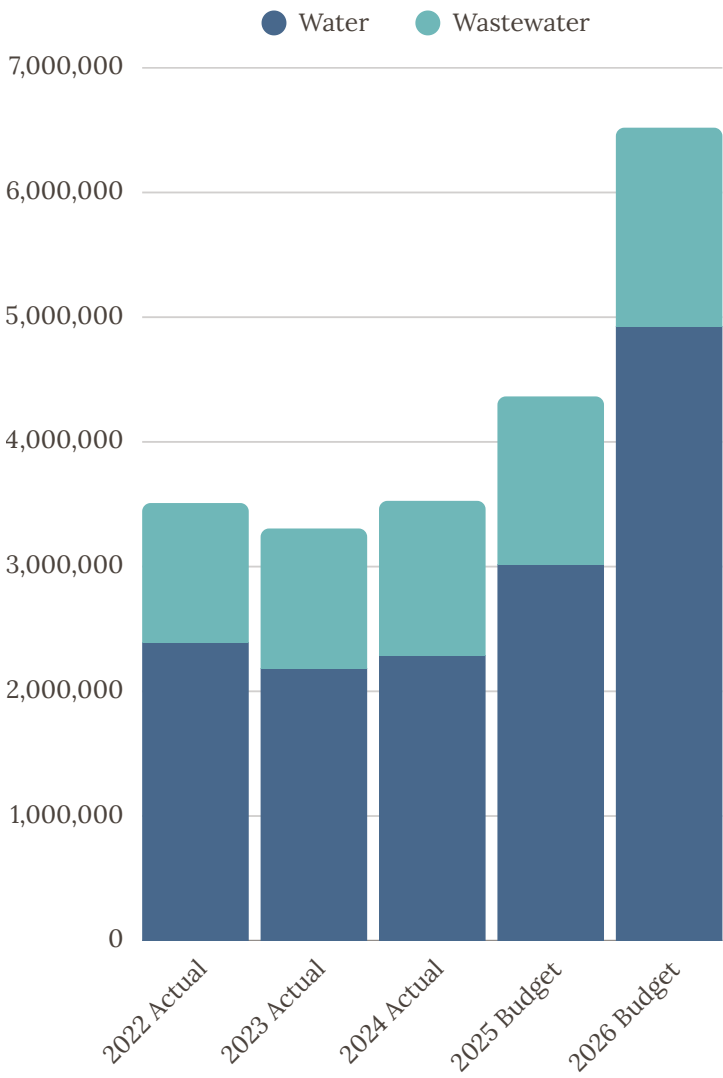
Mandatory Service

UTILITIES

The Utilities function is responsible for providing safe, reliable drinking water and wastewater collection and treatment services in compliance with state and federal regulatory requirements. These services are essential to public health, environmental protection, and the City’s ability to operate and grow.

Core responsibilities include operation and maintenance of the water and wastewater systems, regulatory testing and reporting, and staffing by state-certified operators. The department manages daily system operations while ensuring compliance with Department of Health and Department of Ecology standards.

In addition to routine operations, the Utilities function supports capital improvements and long-term system sustainability through infrastructure replacement and system upgrades.



WHAT’S NEW

The 2026 budget includes N. Main and Spring Street improvements, vehicle replacement, and the Youth Internship Program.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Delivery of safe drinking water and compliant wastewater treatment
- Compliance with state and federal testing, reporting, and certification requirements
- Reliable system operations and timely response to maintenance needs

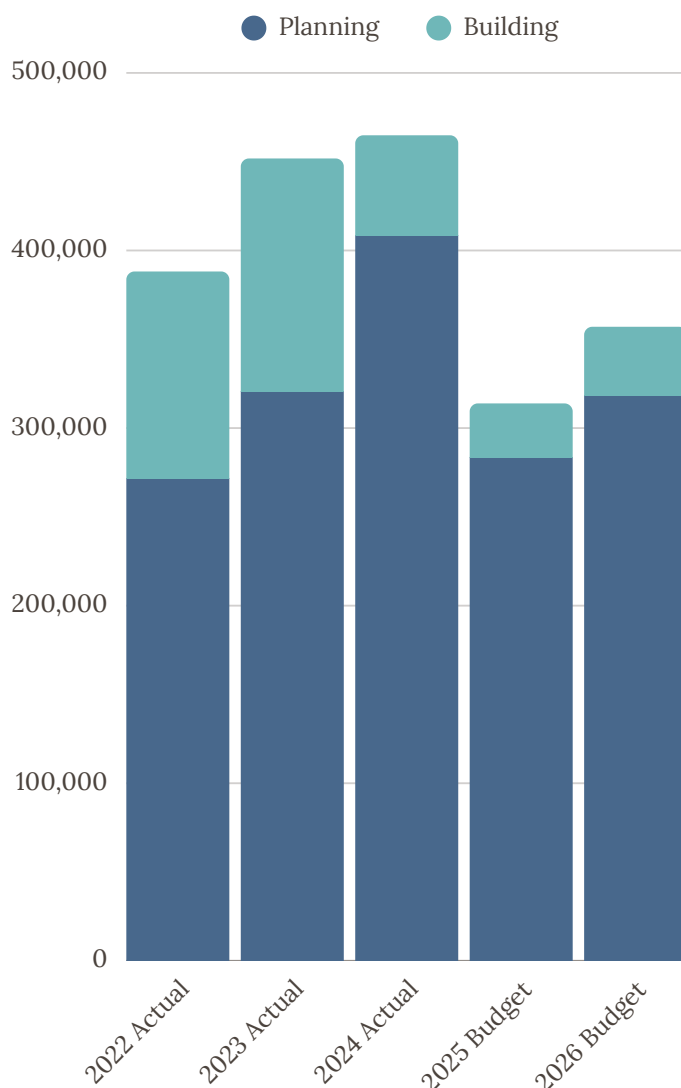
\$6,519,683

Mandatory Service

PLANNING & BUILDING

The Planning & Building function supports orderly development by administering the City's zoning, land use regulations, permitting, and building inspections. While the City is a non-GMA jurisdiction, it is still responsible for maintaining adopted plans, ordinances, and development regulations.

This function ensures development complies with adopted codes and safety standards, supports long-range planning efforts such as Comprehensive Plan updates, and relies on a combination of staff and contracted services to respond to changing workloads.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes a periodic update grant along with a comprehensive plan and critical areas ordinance update

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Timely permit review and inspection services
- Development reviewed and approved in compliance with adopted codes and regulations
- Completion of required planning and code updates

\$357,044

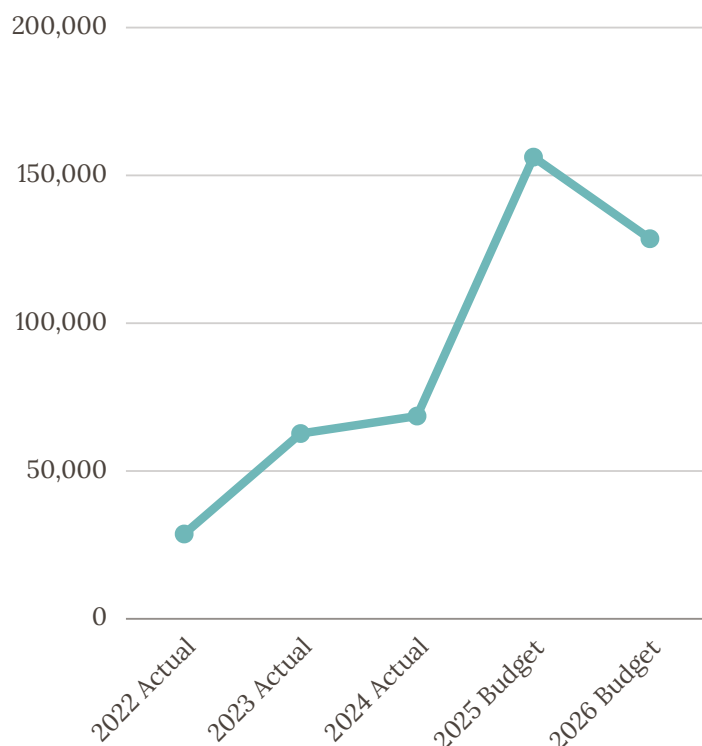
Essential Service

CODE COMPLIANCE

The Code Compliance function supports community health, safety, and livability by enforcing adopted municipal codes and addressing nuisance conditions that pose risks to people, property, and the environment. This includes responding to violations related to unsafe structures, property maintenance, and other conditions that affect neighborhood safety and quality of life.

A core focus of this function is hazard abatement and wildfire mitigation, particularly where unmanaged vegetation, debris, or unsafe conditions increase community risk. Code Compliance works with other City departments and external partners to identify hazards and carry out corrective actions in accordance with adopted ordinances and due process.

The department also emphasizes education and public outreach to encourage voluntary compliance, resolve issues early, and reduce repeat violations while promoting shared responsibility for a safe and resilient community.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes a large scale abatement action as well as a vehicle maintenance.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Timely response to code enforcement and abatement needs
- Reduction of identified hazards and code violations
- Improved community awareness of code requirements

\$128,574

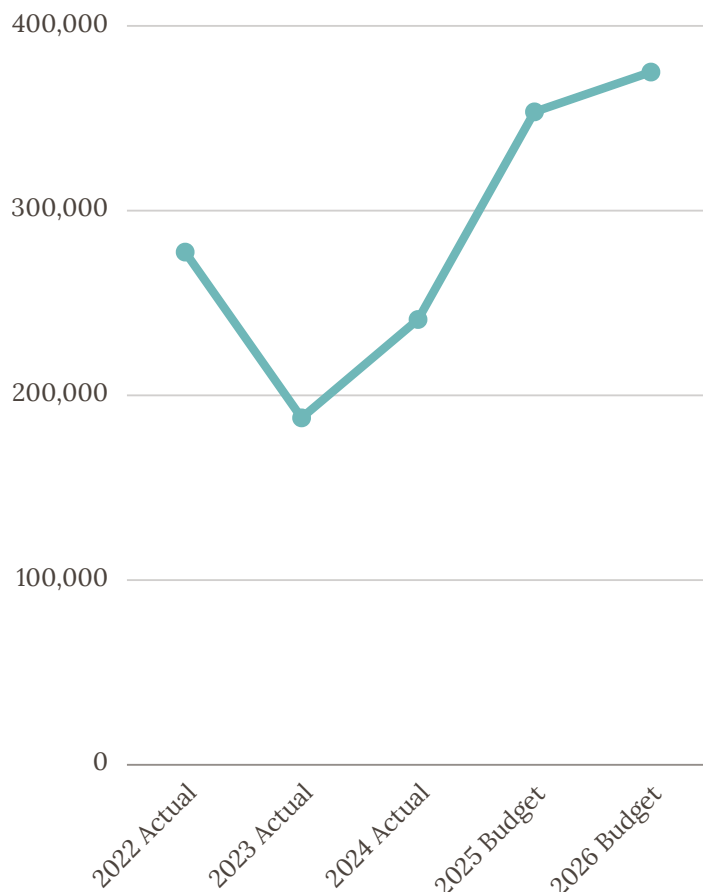
Essential Service

PARKS

The Parks & Facilities function supports community well-being by maintaining public parks, open spaces, and City-owned facilities. These services enhance quality of life, provide recreational opportunities, and support safe, accessible spaces for residents and visitors.

Core responsibilities include playground and equipment maintenance, grounds maintenance and landscaping, and upkeep of park amenities and City facilities. The department focuses on preserving existing assets, addressing safety concerns, and maintaining clean and functional public spaces, particularly those serving youth and community gatherings.

While these services are not mandated by law, they reflect community priorities and require ongoing investment to maintain safe and welcoming environments.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes equipment replacement, removal of the park reservation program, targeted sidewalk repair, and demolition of the former youth center.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Safe, clean, and functional parks and facilities
- Timely maintenance of playgrounds, grounds, and equipment
- Completion of planned park and facility improvements

\$375,020

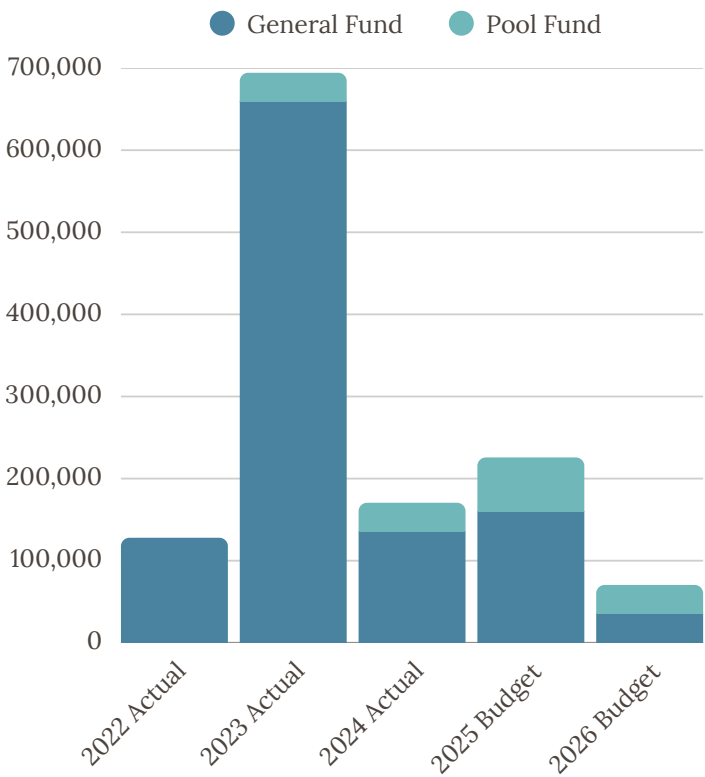
Optional Service

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The Community Service function supports small-scale programs and activities that enhance community character, engagement, and quality of life. These services are discretionary and reflect local priorities rather than mandated requirements.

This function includes limited funding for community beautification efforts, support for community events, and assistance related to youth-focused activities. While modest in scale, these programs help foster civic pride, support volunteer involvement, and strengthen connections among residents.

Prior-year budgets are higher than 2026 due to one-time investments. From 2022–2025, funding supported a Community Center study and the Regional Housing Rehabilitation Grant. In 2022–2023, additional ARPA funds were used for land, transit, and infrastructure. With these efforts largely complete, the 2026 budget reflects ongoing, program-level community services.



WHAT'S NEW

The 2026 budget includes the close-out of the Housing Rehabilitation Grant program, continued support for youth center activities, final one-time funding related to the community pool, and mural funding that enhances community character and public spaces.

MEASURES OF SUCCESS

- Support for community events and youth-focused initiatives
- Responsible closeout of grant-funded programs

\$70,500

Optional Service

GROUNDING IN RESPONSIBILITY.

GROWING WITH PURPOSE.

This Budget in Brief reflects the City's commitment to providing essential services, maintaining fiscal responsibility, and investing in priorities that support the community today and into the future.

Through a tiered approach to services and a focus on long-term sustainability, the 2026 budget balances required obligations with strategic investments that align with community values and available resources.

QUESTIONS?

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