



INTRODUCTION TO THE BUDGET

City of Portland Budget Introduction

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AGENDA

We'll cover:

- **Overview of City's budget process**
- **City's financial situation**
- **Community engagement opportunities**





NEW BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget development

Budget Preparation

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recommendations

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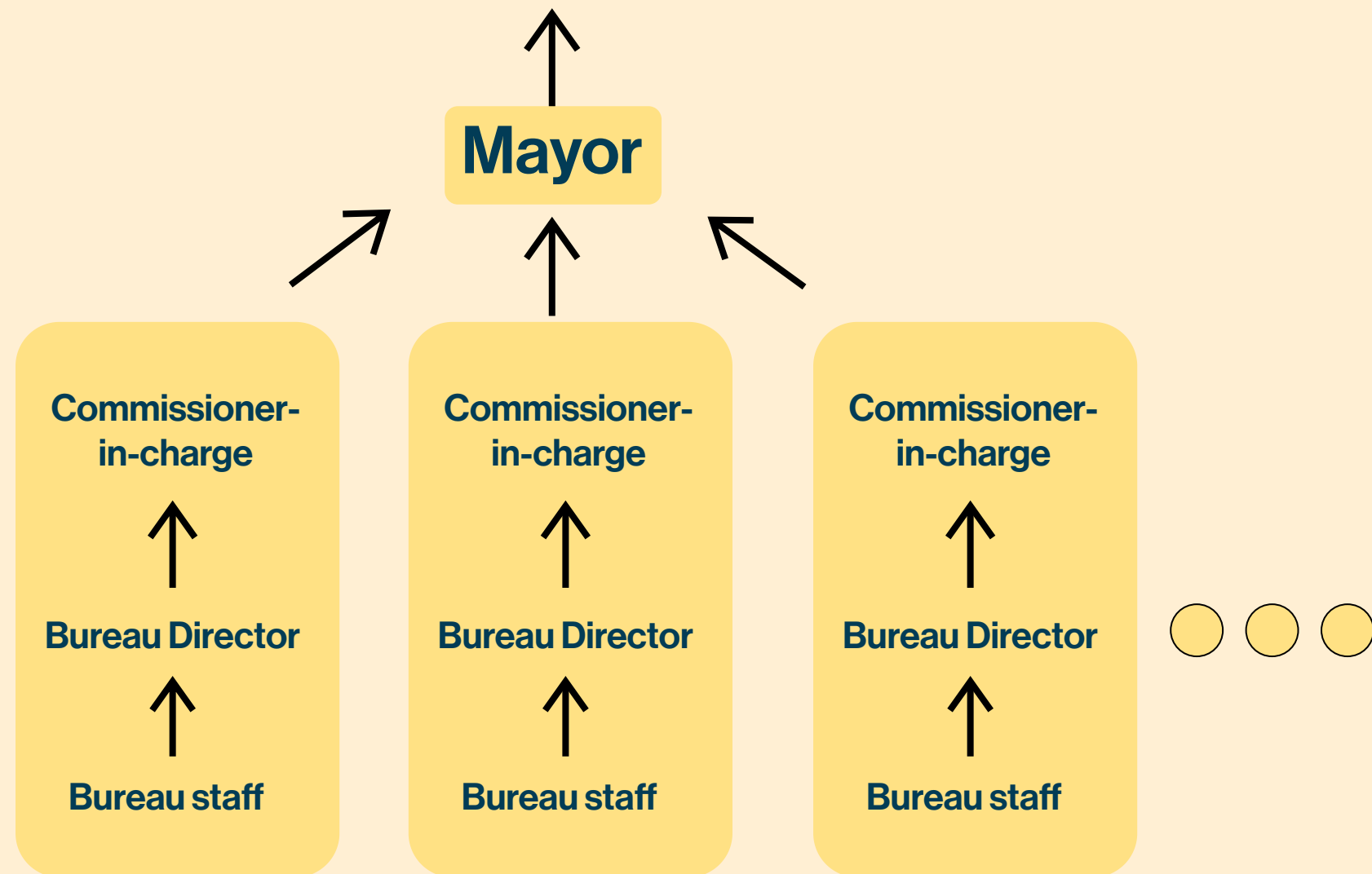
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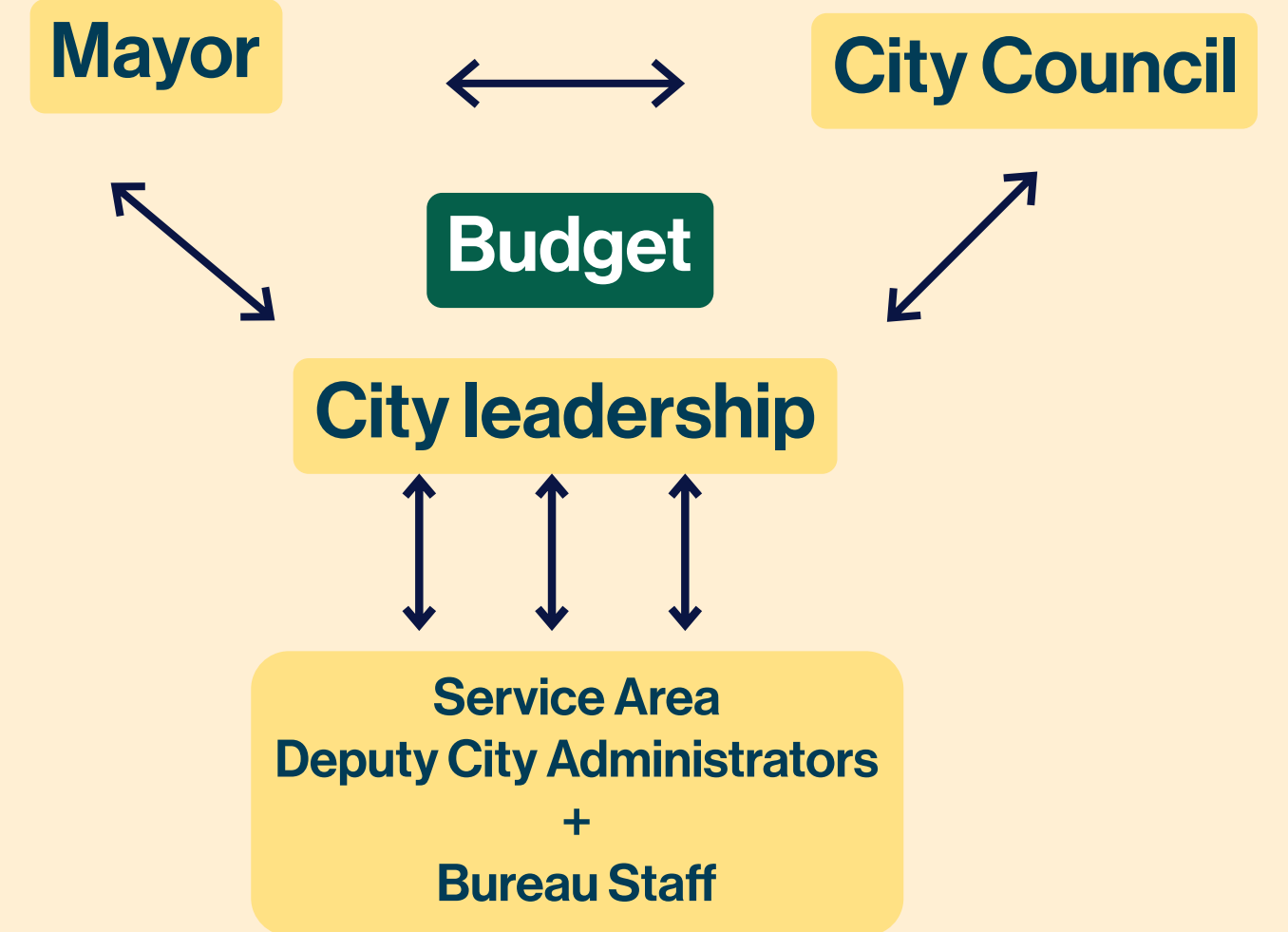
BUGET PROCESS CHANGES

Old budget process...

Proposed budget



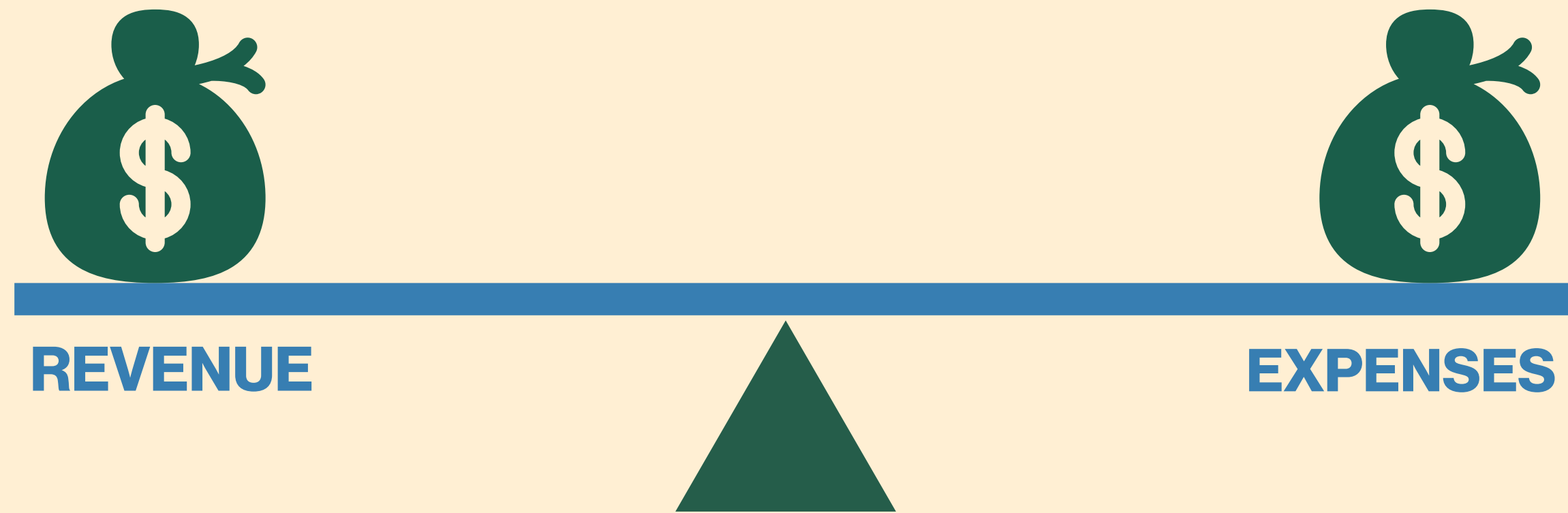
New budget process...





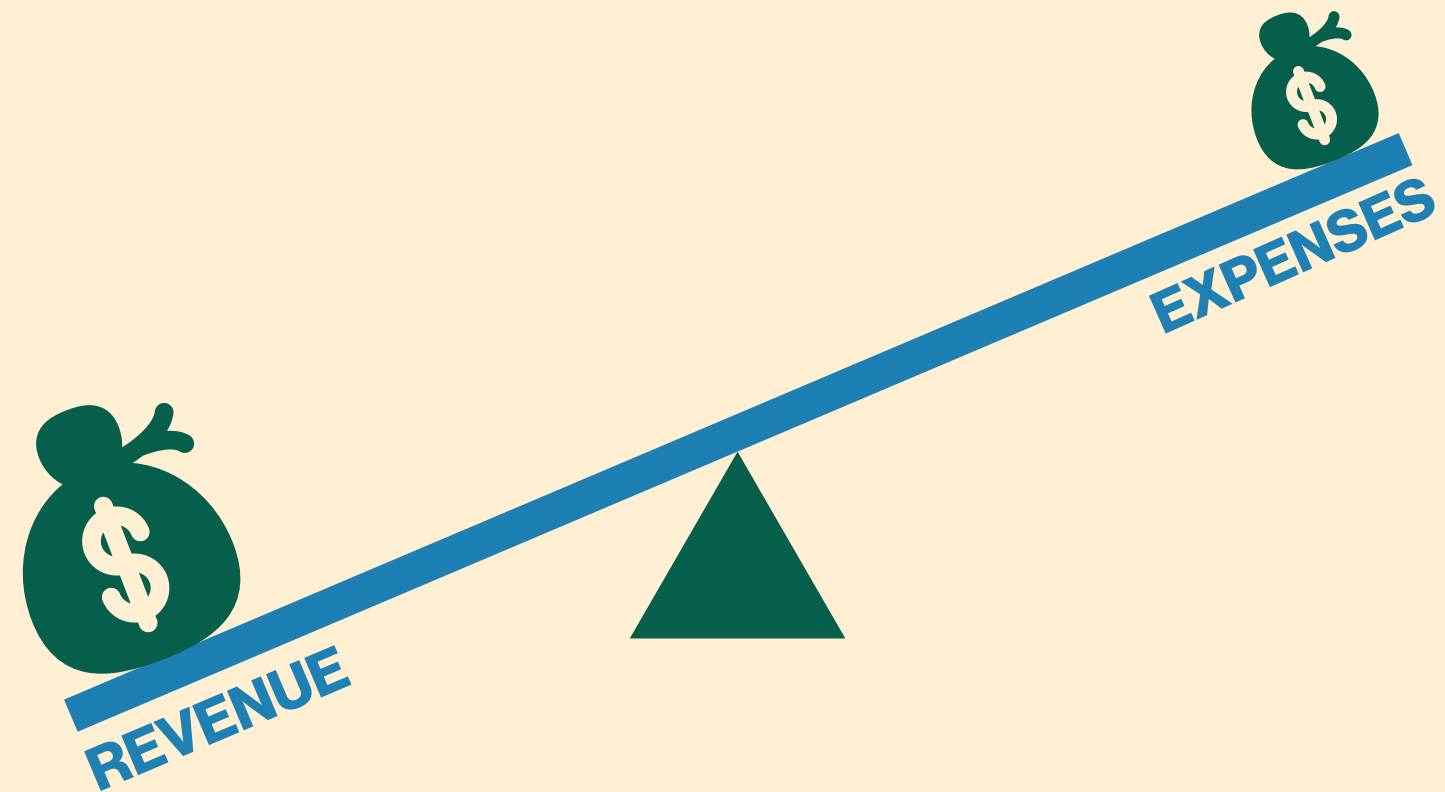
BUDGET BALANCING PROCESS

The budget must be balanced in any given year.



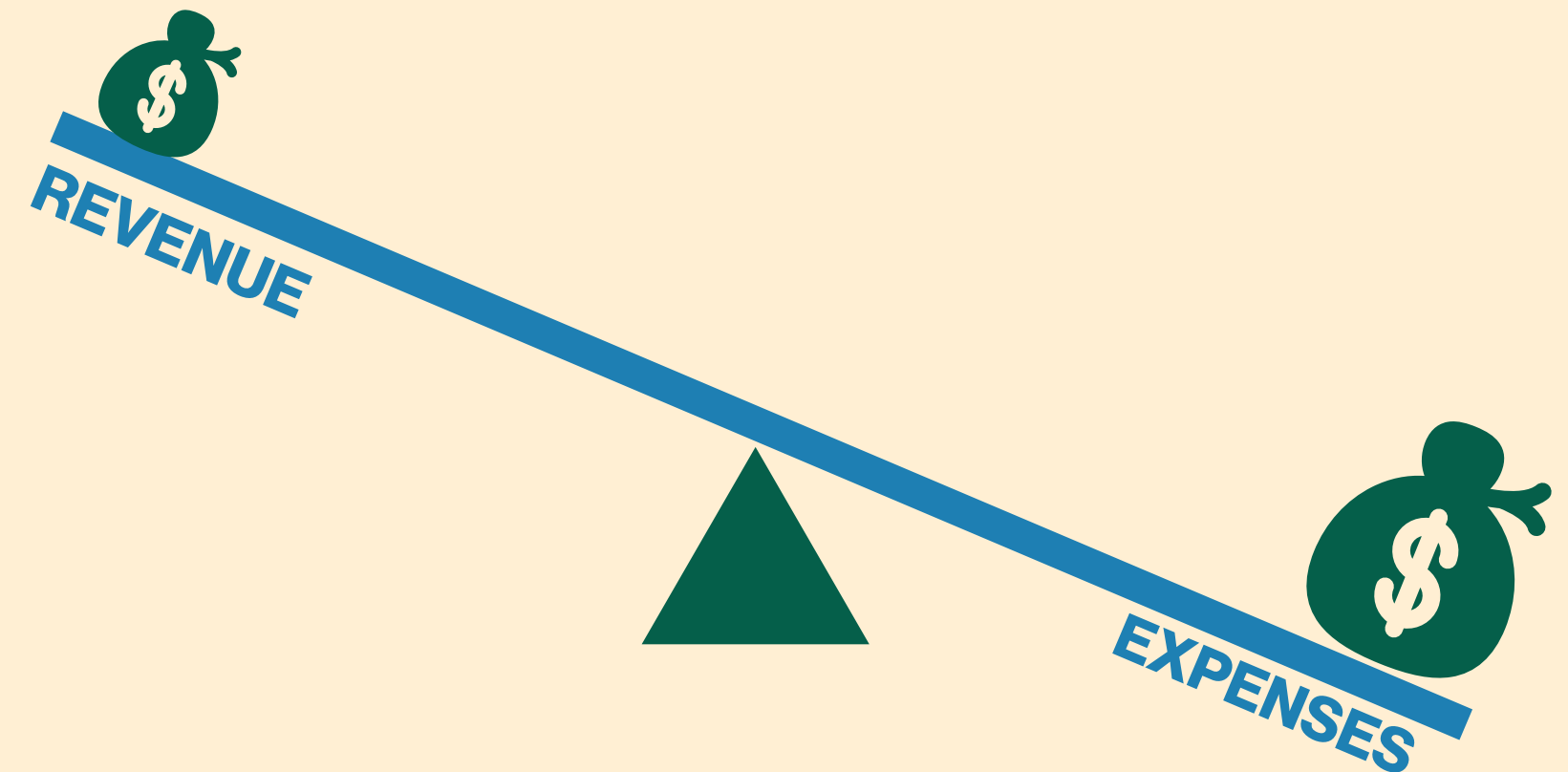


BUDGET BALANCING PROCESS



MORE \$\$ to...

- Add new programs
- Expand existing programs



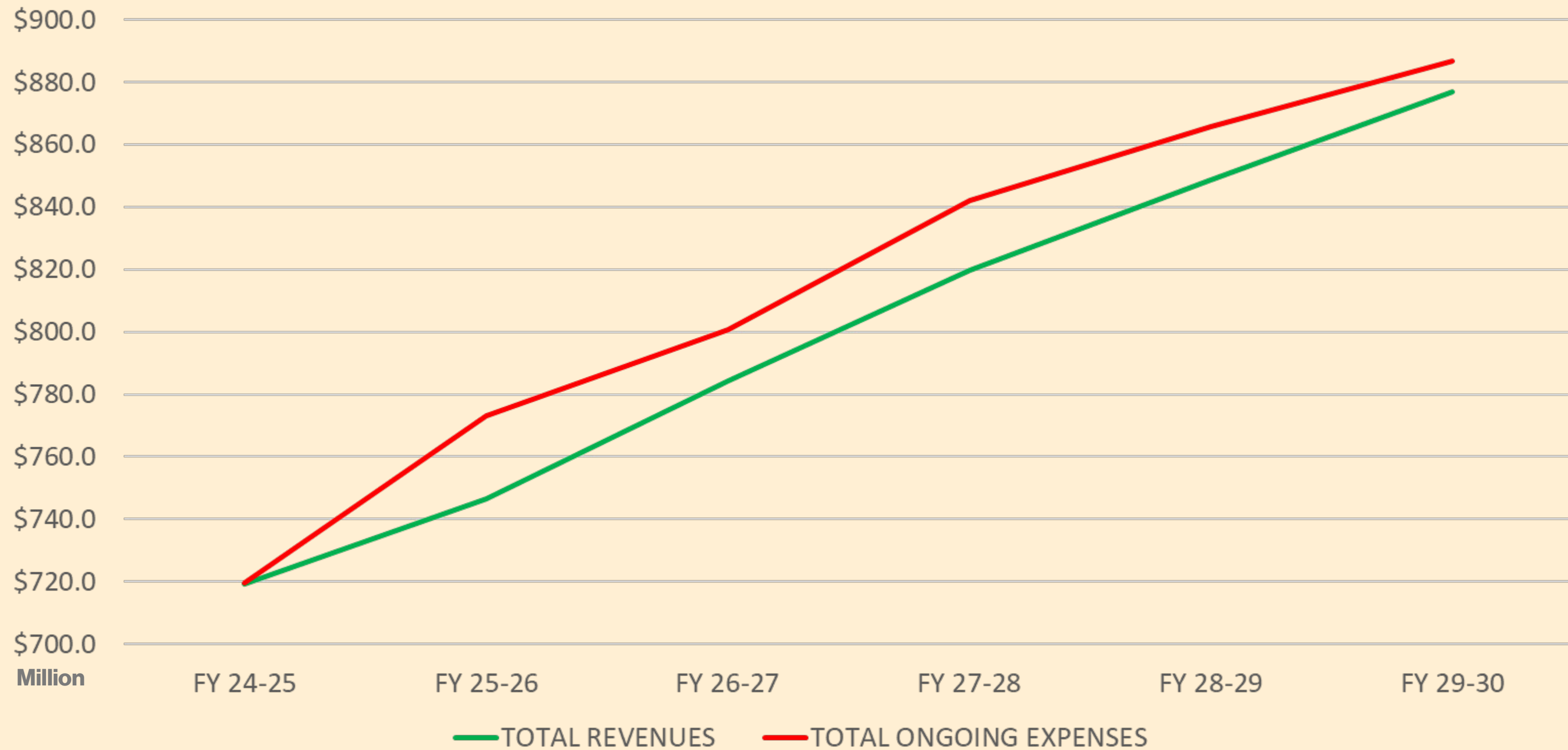
LESS \$\$...

The law requires the City to reduce expenses through budget cuts to balance the budget.



BUDGET BALANCING

5-YEAR BALANCED FORECAST





REVENUE CONSTRAINTS AND BRIGHT SPOTS

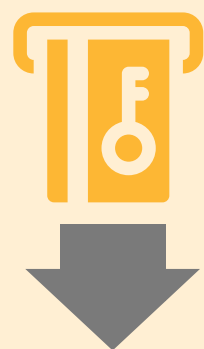


SLOWED
PROPERTY
TAX
GROWTH

PARKING REVENUE
DECLINE
↓ **45%**
From pre-pandemic levels



**BUSINESS
LICENSE TAX
FY 2023-34
DECLINE**



**LODGING
TAXES
DOWN**

Hotel, Airbnb taxes have not
recovered to 2019 levels

PORTLAND CLEAN
ENERGY FUND
REVENUE
↑ **4X** higher
than 2018
projections



**UTILITY
LICENSE
REVENUE
INCREASING**



EXPENSE PRESSURES

High inflation over the past 3 years drove increases in all expenses. Further increases in some areas include:

HEALTH CARE AND BENEFITS

12% increase in FY 2024-25 with more expected

PUBLIC SAFETY OVERTIME

High overtime in Police, Fire, 911

LEGAL OBLIGATIONS

Dept. of Justice settlement, flood safety benefit fee, ADA compliance settlement

LABOR AGREEMENTS

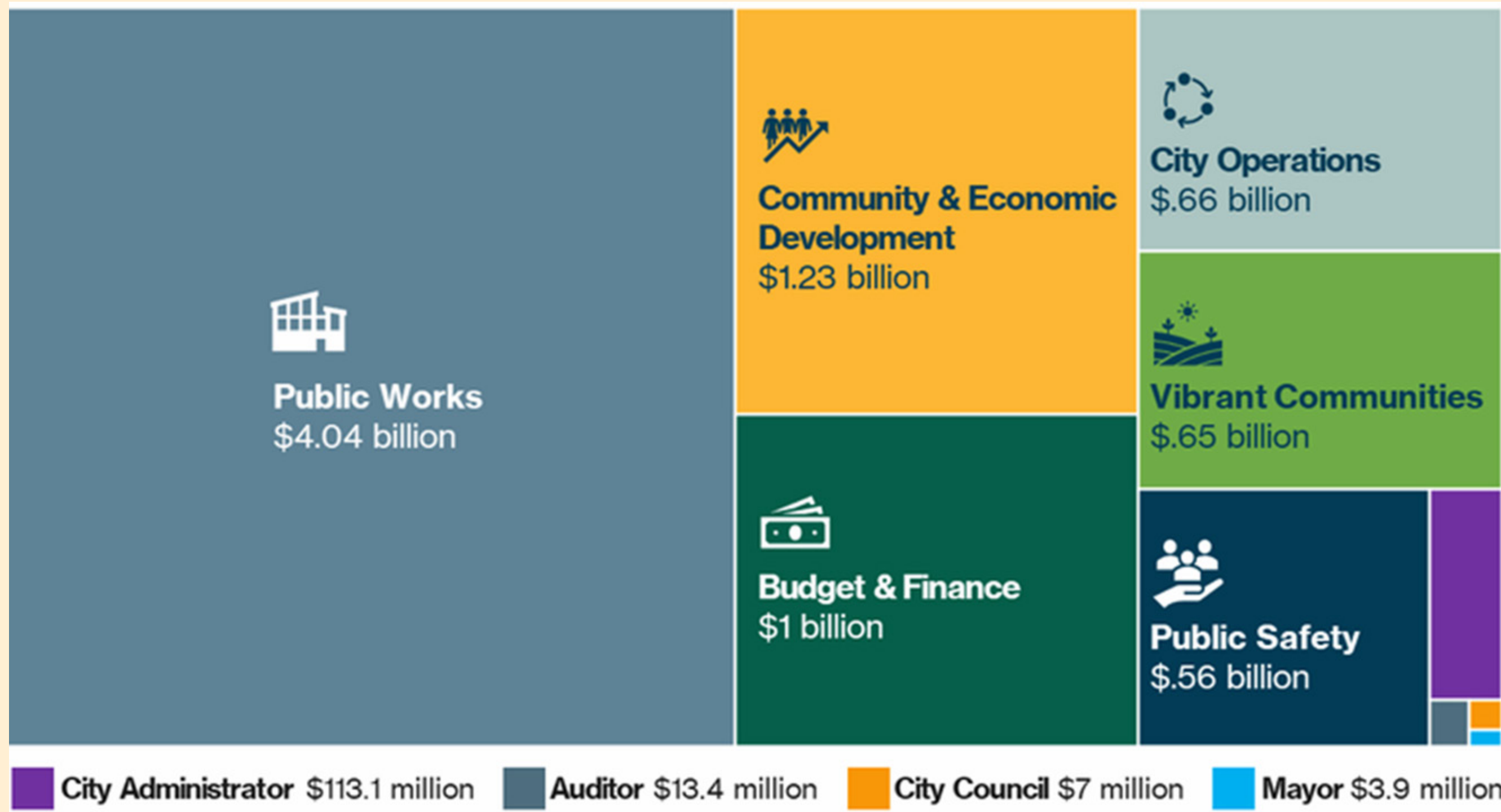
CHARTER REFORM



OVERVIEW

FY2024-25 ADOPTED BUDGET

FY 2024-25 Expenses Across All Funds by Service Area





CITY FUNDING EXAMPLES

Two types of funding
(revenue sources)

90%
Legally Restricted



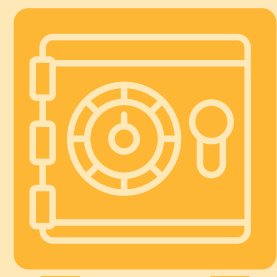
Utility Rates



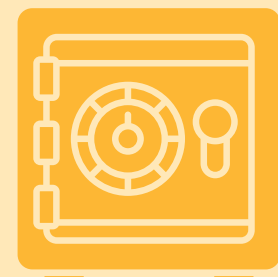
Transportation



Debt Repayment

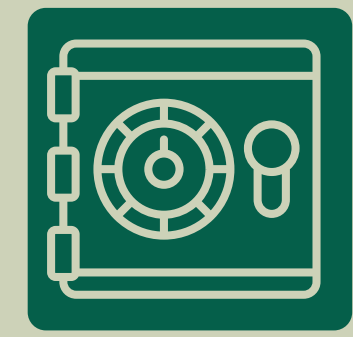


Federal Funds



Other....

10%
Unrestricted



General Fund

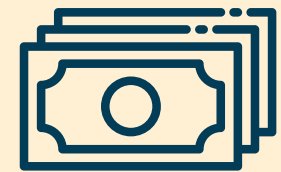


RESTRICTED FUND

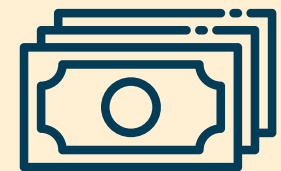
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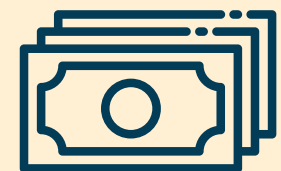
Restricted Funds examples



Water/Sewer bills



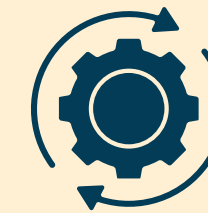
**Parking/vehicle
registration**



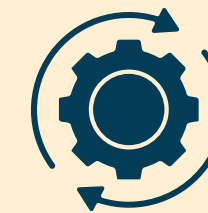
Permits fees



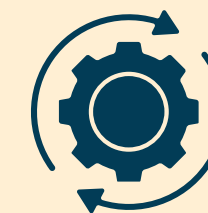
EXPENSES (Services)



Water & Sewer



Transportation



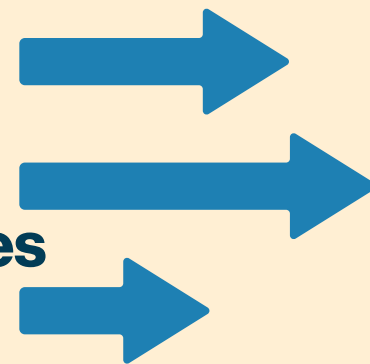
**Building inspections,
permitting**



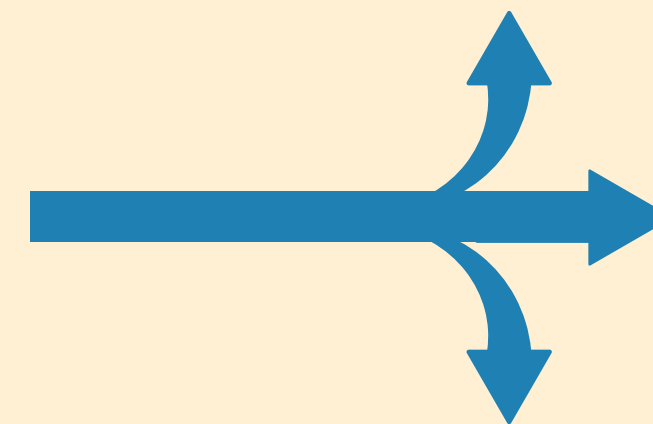
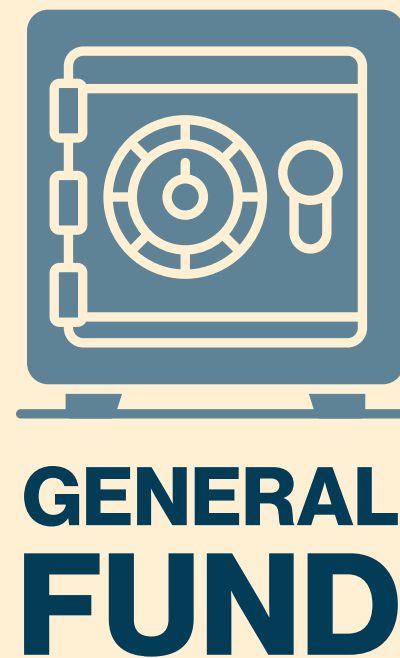
GENERAL FUND

General Fund revenue examples

-  Property Taxes
-  Business Taxes
-  Utility & Lodging Taxes
-  State & Federal Revenue



UNRESTRICTED
≠ AVAILABLE



EXPENSES (Services)

-  **Public Safety (Fire, Police, 911)**
-  **Parks**
-  **Central City services**
-  **Housing**
-  **Other...**



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Intro to Budget January 2025

- Financial context and budget education
- In-person, virtual & video

Draft Budget Recommendations Engagement March-April 2025

- Gather feedback to help inform Proposed Budget
- In-person & virtual

Budget Comment Form

- Written comments online
- Year-round

Public Testimony

- During City Council hearings in May and June

Insights Survey & Focus Groups Biennial

- 2024 survey results - available spring 2025
- 2025 focus group discussions - dates to be determined

Budget Advisory Committees

- Process being reevaluated
- Potentially service area-based and/or Citywide





COMMUNITY ADVISORS RECOMMENDATIONS

Government Transition Advisory Committee (GTAC) made recommendations to the budget engagement process in 2024:

Recommendations	Status	Notes
Start engagement earlier and offer multiple avenues for input	Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Budget at community events• Draft Budget engagement in March/April• Budget Comment Form
Provide budget education to ensure meaningful engagement	Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Budget presentations• Website, summary reports, other education materials
Have an executive-level office oversee budget engagement	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coordination between Budget office, Engagement Officer, Communications Officer
Host in-district engagement events	Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner with District Coalition Offices and Council offices
Rethink Budget Advisory Committees (BACs)	Planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Transition from bureau-specific BACs to service area and city-wide models
Partner with community-based organizations (CBOs)	Implementing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Partner with CBOs for Insights Survey and future engagement events



THANK YOU!

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