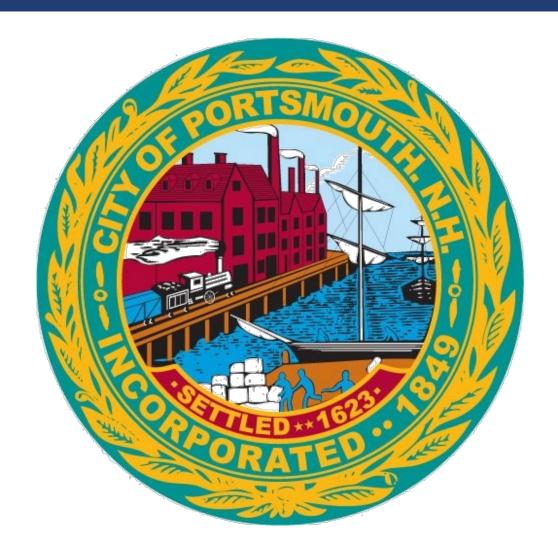
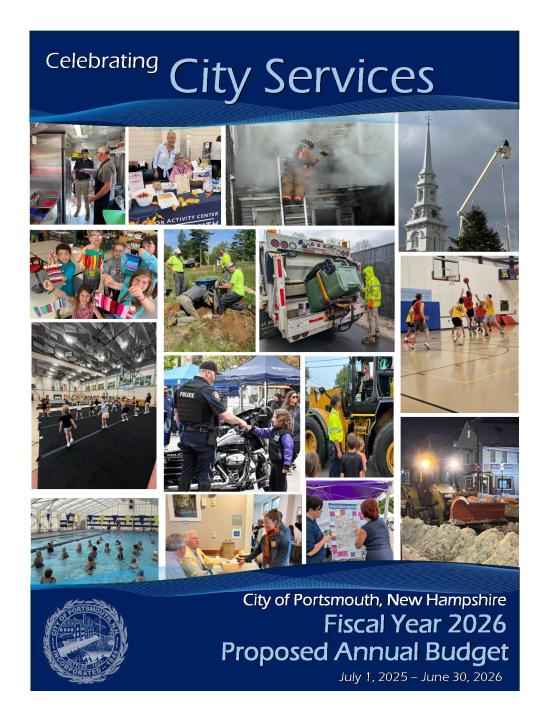
Presentation Recording



For the full presentation given by City staff please see the May 12, 2025 <u>City</u> <u>Council Work Session recording</u> on YouTube.



Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Annual Budget



Budget Work Session – Monday, May 12, 2025

Budget Timeline

Completed (Fall 2024 - Spring 2025)

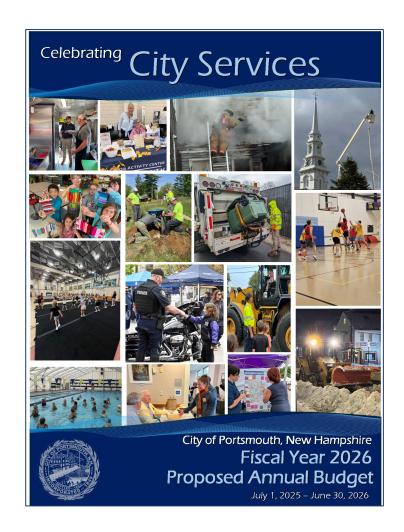
- ✓ Capital Improvement Plan
- ✓ Charter Departments Public Hearings
- ✓ City Council Budget Planning Work Session

Tonight (May 12)

Budget Work Session – General Fund
 (Department presentations with public input opportunities)

Upcoming

- May 14 Budget Work Session Enterprise and Special Revenues Funds (Department presentations with public input opportunities)
- May 19 City Council Meeting Public Hearing on the Budget
- May 28 City Council Work Session Budget Review
- June 9 City Council Meeting Continuation of Public Hearing on the Budget and adoption of the Proposed Budget



City Council Goals and Guidance

FY26 City Council Guidance

- Budget target of 2.9%
- Details on the impact of a 0.0% increase

City Council Goals



Enhance the supply of housing choices, especially the supply of below-market rate housing options.



Integrate sustainability, resilience, and climate change mitigation actions throughout City government and community.



Invite and engage the entire community, especially those traditionally unreached, to increase participation and transparency in government.



Support the needs of residents, businesses, nonprofits, arts, and cultural institutions by leveraging City and local resources.



Explore opportunities to support all modes of transportation options.

What is in the Budget?

Introduction and Background

- Budget Message & Highlights
- Citywide Goals & Initiatives
- Citywide Recognitions
- Community Profile
- A Guide to the Budget Document
- Financial Policies

Budget Financials

- Fund Summaries
- Revenues
- Debt Service
- Personnel Summary

General Fund Departments

- Funded by residents/ taxpayers
- Multiple Departments
 - General Administration
 - Financial
 Administration
 - Regulatory Services
 - Public Safety
 - Public Works
 - Community Services
 - School Department
 - Non-Operating

Enterprise Fund Departments

- Funded by rate payers
- Does not affect the tax rate
- Multiple Divisions
 - Water
 - Sewer

Special Revenue Fund Departments

- Funded by service utilizers
- Transfers from the General Fund
- Multiple Divisions
 - Stormwater
 - Parking
 - Prescott Park
 - Community Campus
 - Indoor Pool
 - Community
 Development Block
 Grant (CDBG)

FY26 Budget Impacts







Salaries and Benefits

Contractual Obligations
Collective Bargaining
Health Insurance
NH Retirement Rate Reduction
Reductions through Attrition

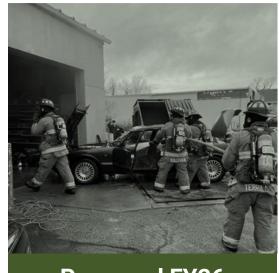
Revenues

Inspections
Motor Vehicle Permits
Ambulance Fees
End of ARPA Funding
Use of Fund Balance

Non-Operating

Property & Liability Coverage
Rockingham County Tax
IT Equipment
Police Body Cameras / Tasers

Executive Summary



Proposed FY26 Budget

\$149,894,940

+ \$5,033,593

3.47%



Proposed Change in Staffing (FTE)

Total -15.11

General Fund -10.71

Other -4.40



General Fund

FY26 PROPOSED	FY25	FY26	\$	%
TOTAL BUDGET	BUDGET	PROPOSED	CHANGE	CHANGE
		BUDGET	FROM FY25	FROM FY25
Operating	\$118,554,293	\$123,291,398	\$4,737,105	4.00%
Non-Operating	\$26,307,054	\$26,603,542	\$296,488	1.13%
Total Proposed Budget	\$144,861,347	\$149,894,940	\$5,033,593	3.47%

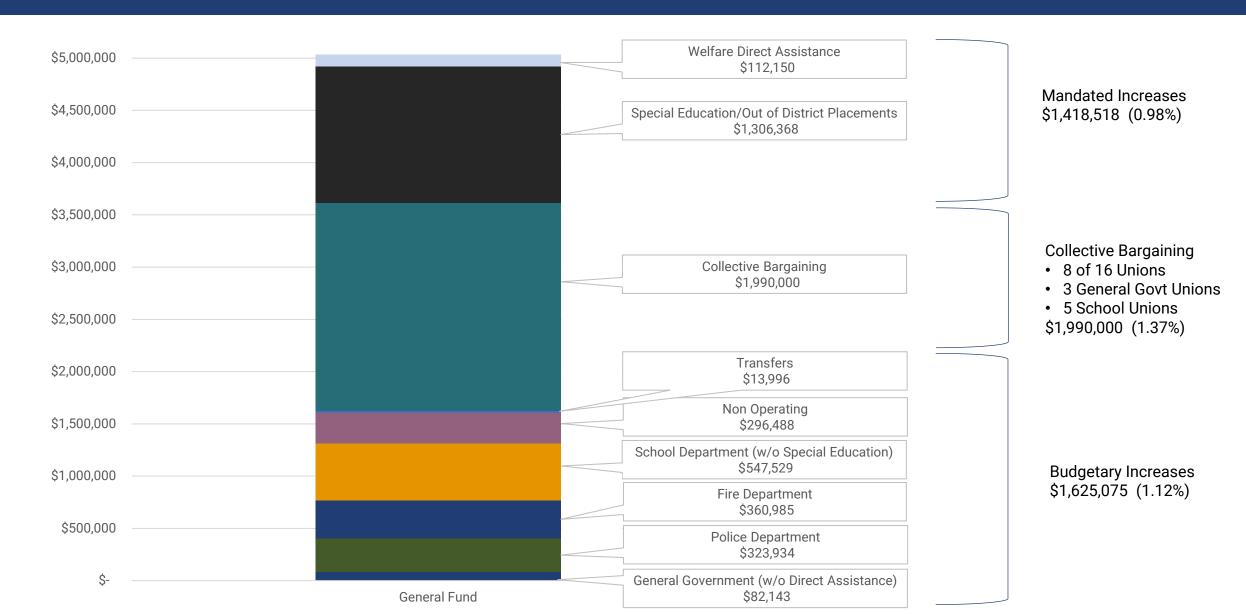
General Fund Personnel Change: (10.71) FTE





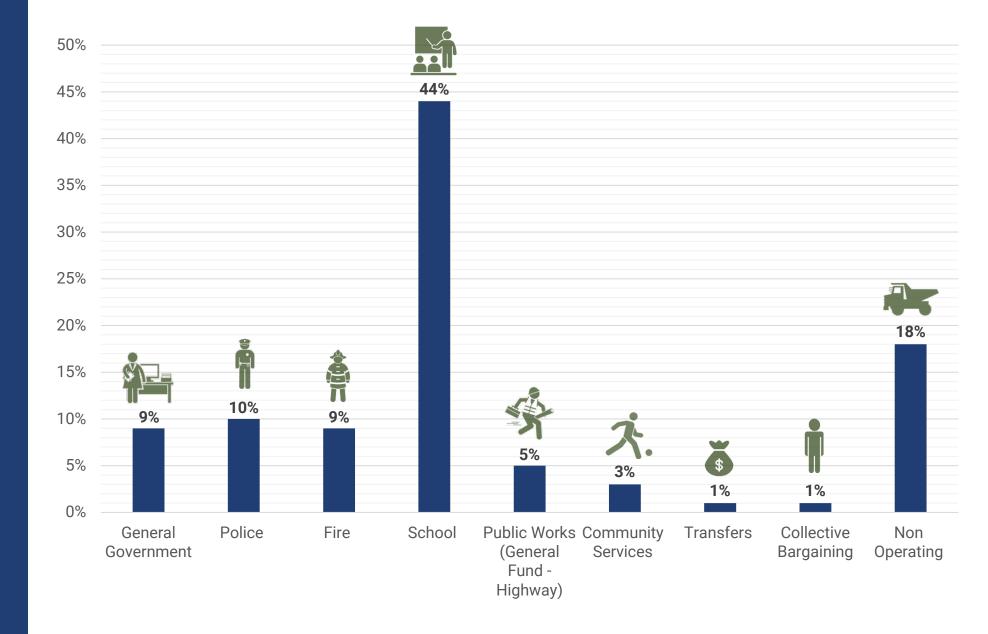


Breaking Down the 3.47%

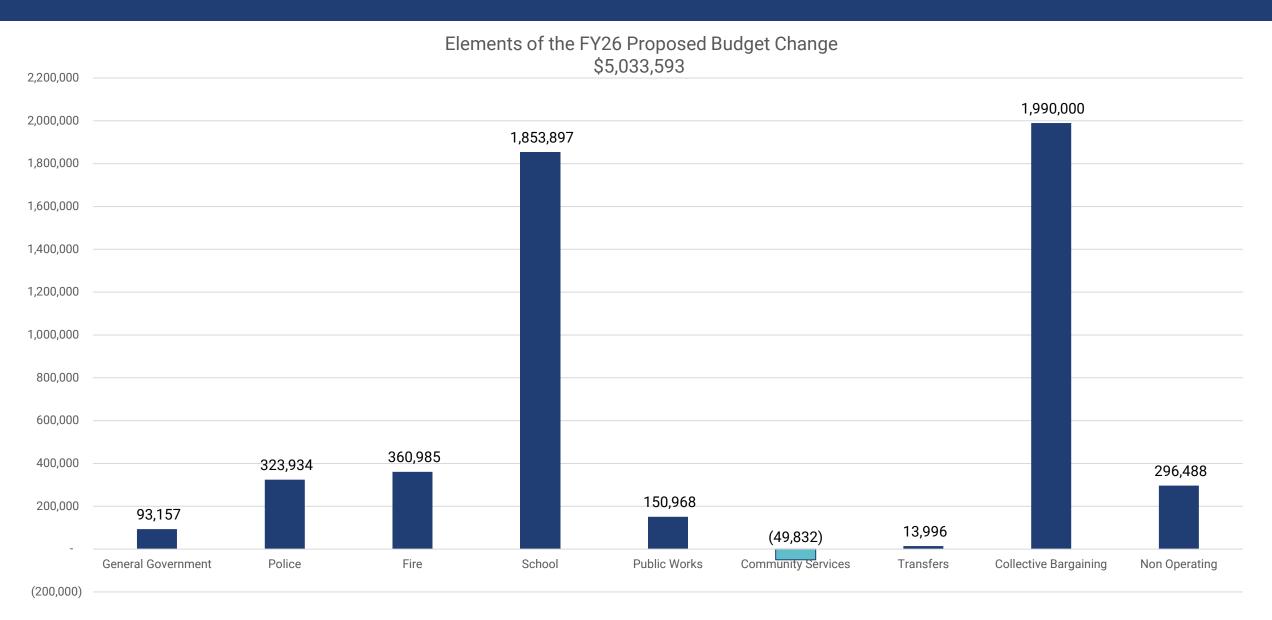


Where does the money go?

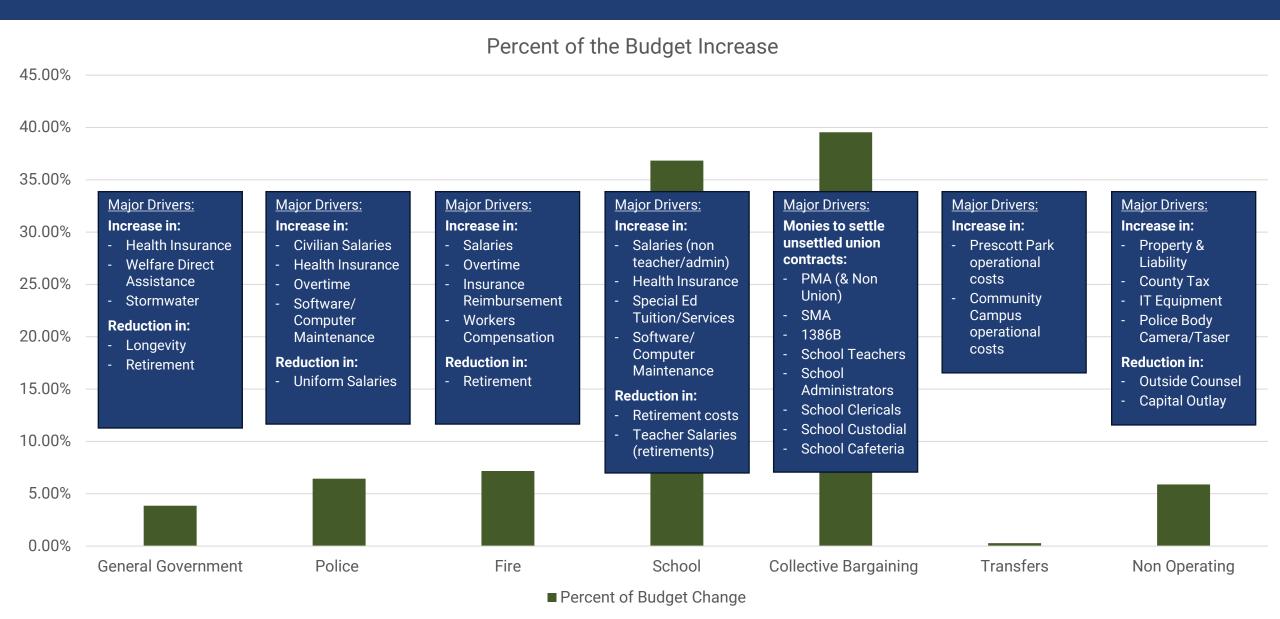
(Budgeted Expenditures)



Elements of the Budget Change



Drivers of the Budget Change



Salaries and Benefits (68% of the total budget)

Health

Dental

Life & Disability











Workers' Compensation

Retirement

Contractual Obligations

Salaries/Step Increases

Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)

General Government	COLA
Professional Management Association (PMA)	In negotiations
Supervisory Management Alliance (SMA)	In negotiations
AFSCME Local 1386B Library & Clericals	In negotiations
AFSCME Local 1386A Public Works	2.84%

Police	COLA
Ranking Officers Association	2.84%
Portsmouth Patrolman Association	2.84%
Civilians	2.84%

Fire	COLA
Fire Officers	No COLA -
Association	2% Wage
Association	Adjustment
Firefighter	No COLA -
1	2% Wage
Association	Adjustment

Note for comparable period: Social Security COLA = 2.50% Consumer Price Index = 3.09%

School	COLA
Administrators	In negotiations
Association of Portsmouth Teachers	In negotiations
Clerical Employees	In negotiations
Custodial Employees	In negotiations
Cafeteria Employees	In negotiations
Paraeducators	3.00%
Custodial Supervisors	2.84%

Note: The City's 10-year rolling average of CPI for FY26 is 2.84%



Staffing Changes

(Full Time Positions Only)

FY26

• General Fund: (10.71) FTE

• Parking & Transportation: (1.40) FTE

• Stormwater: 0.50 FTE

• Grants/Other: (4.80) FTE

• Water: (0.35) FTE

• Sewer: 1.65 FTE

Overall: (15.11) FTE

Purple Highlighted = Unfunded Position

Blue Highlighted = New Position

Red Highlighted = Position Eliminated or Changed to Part Time

	General
	Fund
Department/Position	
Information Technology	***************************************
Cybersecurity Analyst	0.20
Total Information Technology	0.20
<u>Finance</u>	~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~~
Office Manager II (Transfer to Water/Sewer)	(1.00)
Total Finance	(1.00)
<u>Police</u>	
Cybersecurity Analyst	0.20
Patrol Officers (Unfunded)	(3.00)
Dispatcher (Unfunded)	(1.00)
Total Police	(3.80)
Public Works-All Divisions	
Director of Public Works	(0.45)
Project Manager	0.05
Administrative Assistant II	0.15
Special Projects Coordinator	(0.25)
Construction Technician Supervisor	(1.00)
Project Manager for Engineering & Operations	0.25
Facilities Project Manager	0.25
Custodian	1.00
Total Public Works	-
Library	
Library Assistant III (Unfunded)	(1.00)
Total Library	(1.00)
School Department	
Teachers:	
Classroom & Regular Program Instructor	(5.25)
Pupil Support Programs	(3.25)
Other School Staff:	
Clerical	1.01
Paraprofessional	2.18
Cybersecurity Analyst	0.20
Total School Department	(5.11)
Total General Fund	(10.71)

General
Government
(1.80)

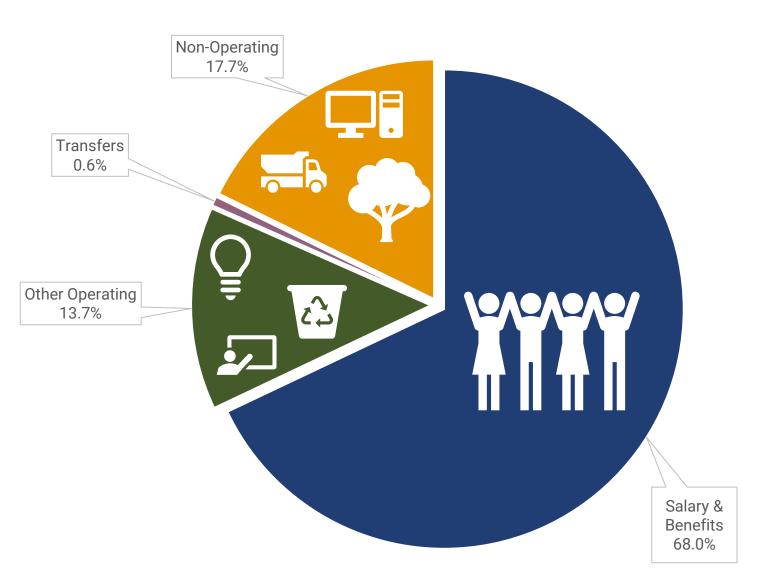
Police (3.80)

School (5.11)

Budgeted Staffing Changes (FY22 – FY26 Proposed)

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
Staffing changes (all funds)	(3.80 FTE)	27.01 FTE	9.06 FTE	0.32 FTE	(15.11 FTE)
Staffing changes (General Fund only)	(2.20 FTE) Staffing changes included: • 0.80 City Manager • 1.00 Finance • 0.95 Inspection • 0.50 Health • 1.00 Recreation • (5.80) Schools	22.41 FTE Staffing changes included: • 5.00 Information Technology • 1.00 Economic Development (moved from a Special Revenue Fund to a General Fund Department) • 3.00 Police • 10.41 Schools	8.16 FTE Staffing changes included: • 1.00 Legal • 2.00 Information Technology • 1.00 Finance • 1.00 Recreation • 2.00 Police	0.48 FTE Staffing changes included: • 1.00 Inspection	(10.71 FTE) Staffing changes included: • 0.60 Information Technology (add'I 0.40 in W/S) • (1.00) Finance • (1.00) Library • (4.00) Police • (5.31) School

Budget Breakdown (salary vs non-salary items)



Salary & Benefits are contractual obligations including:

- Salaries & stipends
- Health & dental insurance
- Life & disability/workers compensation
- Professional development
- Collective bargaining

Other Operating items include:

- Utilities (electricity, natural gas, gasoline)
- Direct assistance (welfare) & Outside Social Services
- Software/computer maintenance
- Public Works services (road work/recycling/solid waste)
- Special Education services

Transfers from the General Fund to Special Revenue Funds for operational costs of the:

- Indoor Pool
- Prescott Park
- Community Campus

Non-Operating items include:

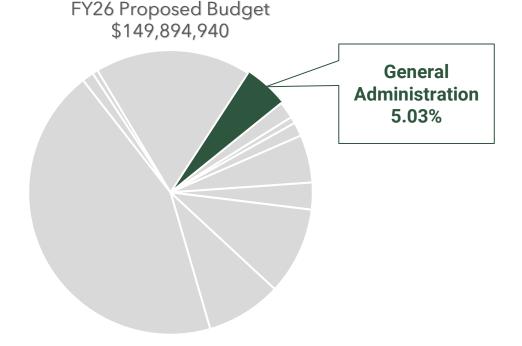
- Debt & Debt related expenses
- Capital Outlay
- County Tax
- Rolling Stock
- IT Equipment Replacement

General Administration

Request: \$7,536,194

Change: \$ 130,381

- City Council
- City Manager
- Human Resources
- General Government Benefits
- City Clerk & Elections
- Legal
- Information Technology
- Economic & Community Development



- Net savings from staffing changes
- Health insurance increase







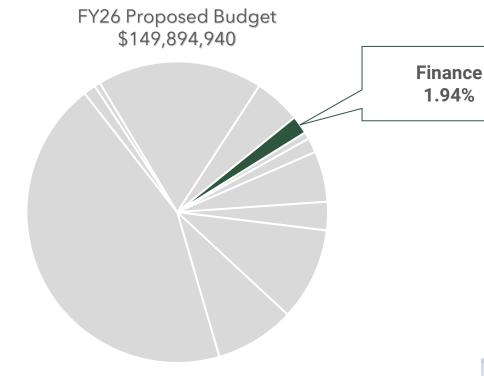
Financial Administration

Request: \$2,911,927

Change: (\$ 45,657)

Accounting

- Procurement
- Water/Sewer Billing
- Payroll
- Treasury
- Assessing
- Tax & Revenue Collection



1.94%

- Billing staff to Water/Sewer
- Assessing Technician
- Audit Costs





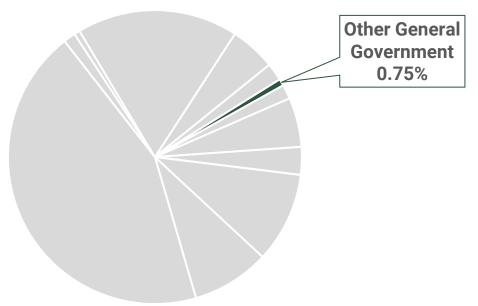
General Government

Request: \$1,121,721

Change: (\$ 3,794)

- Telephone
- Printing/Copying Supplies/Postage
- Internships
- Leave at Termination
- Government Access Channel
- Electricity
 - City Streets Lights
 - School Athletic Field Lights
- Parades





- 4th of July Fireworks sponsor needed
- Internships





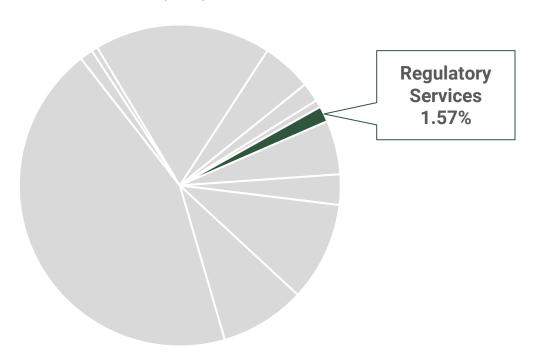


Regulatory Services

Request: \$2,359,520

Change: \$ 12,227

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- Planning & Sustainability
- Inspection
- Health



- Salary obligations net of savings from new hires after retirement
- Books & printed materials







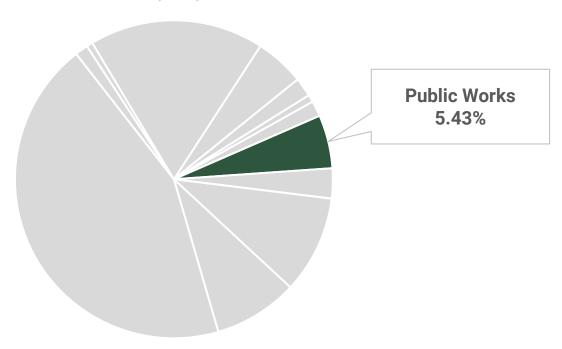
Public Works - Highway

Request: \$8,141,485

Change: \$ 150,968

- Engineering
- Building Administration
- Solid Waste Removal & Disposal
- Highway & Street Maintenance
- Snow Removal
- Sidewalks
- Bridge Repairs
- Equipment Maintenance
- Tree Program
- Mosquito Control
- Parks & Cemeteries

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- Salary obligations net of staffing changes
- 45% of Increase is Stormwater transfer





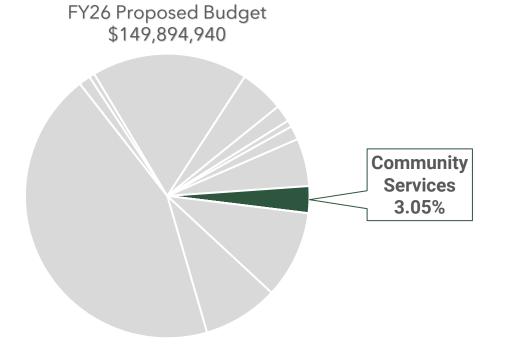


Community Services

Request: \$4,575,430

Change: (\$ 49,832)

- Library
- Recreation
- Senior Services
- Welfare
- Outside Social Services



- Library Retirement Unfunded
- Books & Media
- Recreation PT Staff to Special Rev
- Direct Assistance







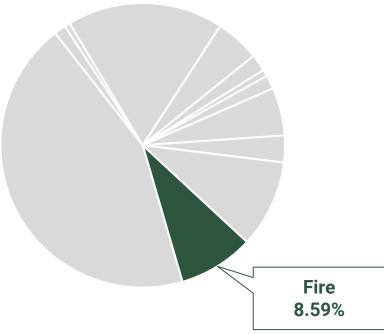
Fire

Request: \$12,868,512

Change: \$ 360,985

- Fire Protection and Suppression
- Emergency Medical Services
- Hazardous Materials and Disaster Response
- Marine and Waterfront Fire and Medical Response
- Community Services
- Community Risk Reduction
- Emergency Management
 - Request \$18,080 (no change from FY25)





- Salaries per settled contracts
- Adjusted plans for transition/succession







Police

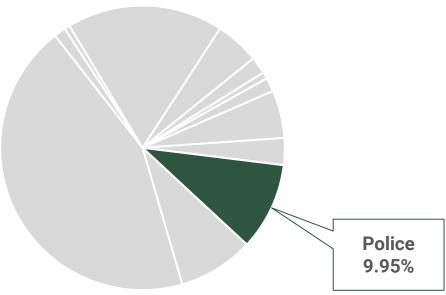
Request: \$14,910,638

Change: \$ 323,934

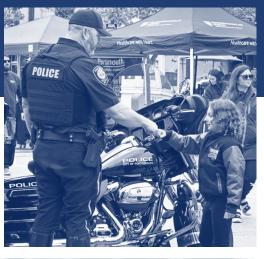


- Community Safety
- Emergency Communications Center
- Records





- Salaries per settled contracts
- Delayed hires restored to 100%
- Four (4) positions unfunded







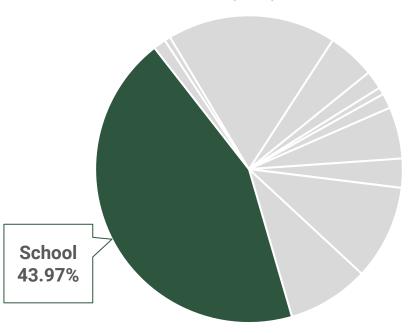
School

Request: \$65,915,610

Change: \$ 1,853,897

- Portsmouth Early Education Program (PEEP)
- Dondero Elementary School
- Little Harbour Elementary School
- New Franklin Elementary School
- Portsmouth Middle School
- Portsmouth High School
- Career Technical Education Center
- Robert J. Lister Academy

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- Retirement Incentive offered
- Reductions through attrition







Collective Bargaining

Request: \$1,990,000

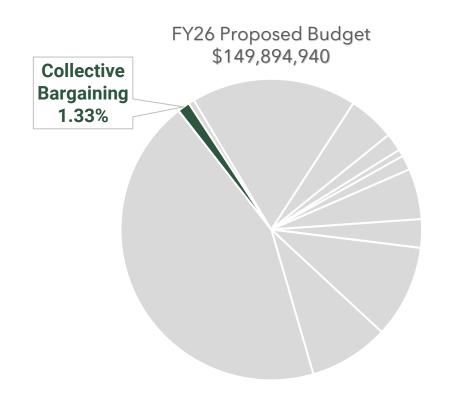
Change: \$1,990,000

General Government Unions

- PMA (and Non-Union)
- SMA
- 1386B (Library)

School Unions

- Administrators
- Teachers (APT)
- Clerical (PACE)
- Custodial
- Cafeteria (Special Rev)



FY26 Budget Comments

• 8 of 16 Unions



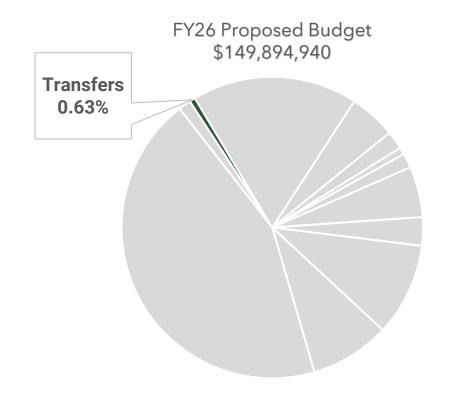




Transfers

Request: \$ 942,281

Change: \$ 13,996



- Indoor Pool
- Prescott Park
- Community Campus



Wages per Master Agreements





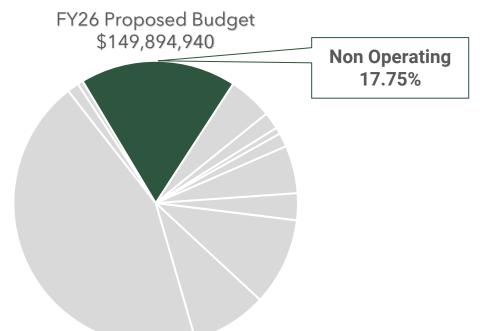


Non-Operating

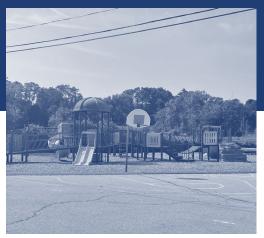
Request: \$26,603,542

Change: \$ 296,488

- Debt Service & Related Expenses
- Overlay Interest Expenses
- Property & Liability
- County Tax
- Contingency
- Rolling Stock
- IT Equipment Replacement
- Capital Outlay
- Other General Non-Operating



- Debt is flat year over year
- Property & Liability increase
- County Tax increase
- Reduction of Outside Counsel
- Body Cameras & Tasers







Total FY26 Proposed Operating Budget

FY26 PROPOSED	FY25	FY26	\$	%
OPERATING BUDGET	BUDGET	CITY MANAGER	CHANGE	CHANGE
		RECOMMENDED BUDGET	FROM FY25	FROM FY25
General Government	\$26,470,064	\$26,664,357	\$194,293	0.73%
Police Department	14,586,704	14,910,638	323,934	2.22%
Fire Department	12,507,527	12,868,512	360,985	2.89%
School Department	64,061,713	65,915,610	1,853,897	2.89%
Collective Bargaining Contingency	-	1,990,000	1,990,000	N/A
Total of Departments	\$117,626,008	\$122,349,117	\$4,723,109	4.02%
Transfer to Indoor Pool	200,000	200,000	-	0.0%
Transfer to Prescott Park	262,930	271,370	8,440	3.2%
Transfer to Community Campus	465,355	470,911	5,556	1.2%
Total Other	\$928,285	\$942,281	13,996	1.5%
TOTAL OPERATING	\$118,554,293	\$123,291,398	\$4,737,105	4.00%

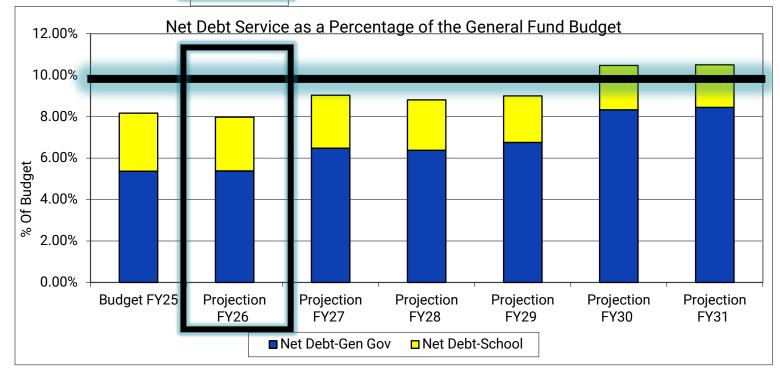
Total FY26 Proposed Non-Operating Budget

FY26 PROPOSED	FY25	FY26	\$	%
NON-OPERATING BUDGET	BUDGET	CITY MANAGER	CHANGE	CHANGE
		PROPOSED BUDGET	FROM FY25	FROM FY25
Debt Service and Related Expenditures	14,284,300	14,311,948	27,648	0.19%
Overlay Interest Expenses	60,000	60,000	-	0.00%
Property & Liability (excluding School)	424,292	508,005	83,713	19.73%
Rockingham County Tax	5,730,000	6,000,870	270,870	4.73%
Contingency	300,000	300,000	-	0.00%
Rolling Stock	783,650	789,000	5,350	0.68%
IT Equipment Replacement	992,180	1,091,250	99,070	9.99%
Capital Outlay	1,638,000	1,560,000	(78,000)	-4.76%
Other Non-Operating	1,594,632	1,982,469	387,837	24.32%
Prof Service - Outside Counsel	500,000	-	(500,000)	-100.00%
TOTAL NON-OPERATING	26,307,054	26,603,542	296,488	1.13%

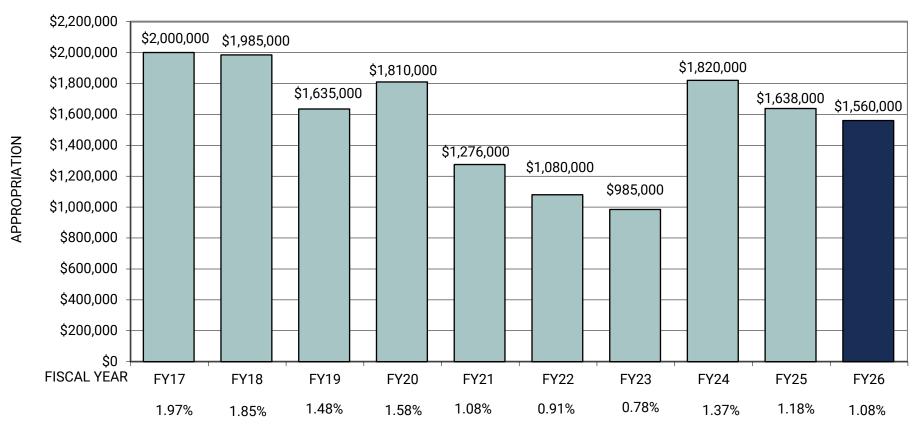
Debt Service

City Policy
Use no more than
10% of annual
appropriations
towards net debt
service

Net Debt Service as a Percentage of the General Fund Budget							
	Budget FY25	Projection FY26	Projection FY27	Projection FY28	Projection FY29	Projection FY30	Projection FY31
Existing Debt Service-School	4,788,603	4,564,803	4,362,028	4,225,628	4,021,703	3,860,840	3,092,665
Existing Debt Service-Gen Gov	8,499,546	7,859,711	6,666,621	5,686,496	4,635,296	3,953,556	3,816,581
Projected Debt Service-School	-	60,255	443,572	572,374	651,624	867,788	1,403,065
Projected Debt Service-Gen Gov	876,151	1,707,179	5,038,116	6,332,186	8,501,584	12,924,081	13,930,859
Total Gross Debt Service	14,164,300	14,191,948	16,510,337	16,816,684	17,810,207	21,606,266	22,243,171
Net Debt-School	4,047,629	3,884,084	4,064,626	4,057,028	3,932,352	3,987,654	4,029,467
Net Debt-Gen Gov	7,775,697	8,066,890	10,304,738	10,618,683	11,836,880	15,577,637	16,547,440
Total Net Debt	11,823,326	11,950,974	14,369,363	14,675,710	15,769,233	19,565,292	20,576,908
Total Percentage Net Debt Ser	8.16%	7.97%	9.03%	8.81%	9.00%	10.46%	10.50%



Capital Outlay



10-Year Average Capital Outlay Expenditure

\$1,578,900

FY23 \$405,600 of Capital Outlay funding was funded by ARPA FY24 \$455,000 of Capital Outlay funding was funded by ARPA

City Policy

Appropriate no more than 2% of the prior year's General Fund Budget for annual Capital Outlay projects

FY26 Capital Outlay

FY26 Capital Outlay

Personal Protective Clothing Replacement Elementary School Playground Upgrade Permanent Records Storage Facilities Permanent/Historic Document Restoration, Preservation and Scanning Disposition of Municipal Records Public Art City of Portsmouth Master Plan Update Solar/Battery Study and Opportunities Existing Outdoor Recreation Field and Facility Improvements Pierce Island Recreation Improvements Community Campus Facility Needs Citywide Trees and Public Greenery Program Prescott Park Facilities Capital Improvements **Historic Cemetery Improvements** Citywide Traffic Signal Upgrade Program Citywide Intersection Improvements Citywide Bridge Improvements State Street Two-Way Redesign Capital Contingency



Details in Appendix II - 24

Rolling Stock









Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Plan - \$789,000

	FY25 General Fund	FY26 Department Request	\$ Change from FY25	% Change from FY25
Public Works				5
F-150 Pick-up		48,000		
Ranger		40,000		
7400 Dump w/plow and salter (Year 1 of 3)		133,000		
Freightliner 10 Wheel Dump (Year 1 of 3)		83,000		
F-600 w/hook lift, chip body, and salter (Year 1	of 2)	100,000		
Ranger		40,000		
Total Public Works	405,000	444,000	39,000	10%
<u>Police</u>				
SUV - Tahoe		72,000		
SUV - Explorer		60,000		
SUV - Escape		47,000		
SUV - Escape (funded by prior year surplus roll	ing stock funds)	0		
Off-Road 4X4 Polaris Ranger (alternative fund	ing source)	0		
Total Police	202,650	179,000	(23,650)	-12%
<u>Fire</u> Pick-up Ford		35,000		
Total Fire	70,000	35,000	(35,000)	-50%
<u>School</u>				
F350 1 ton 4x4 with plow (Year 1 of 2)		35,000		
Cargo Van (Food Service)		45,000		
WHAM 1600 Turbo Series II 12'		39,000		
Grounds Utility Vehicle AMT 626		12,000		
Total School	106,000	131,000	25,000	24%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$783,650	\$789,000	\$5,350	1%
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Estimated Tax Rate FY26 (TY25)

Median Single Family Residential Home

\$772,100

Tax Rate	Annual	Monthly
Increase	Increase	Increase
\$0.39	\$301.12	\$25.10

FY26 Estimated Tax Rate → \$11.57

Department Presentations

City Manager

- Responsibilities:
 - Budget preparation
 - City Council policy implementation
 - Leadership of City staff
 - Management of City-owned property
- Focus for FY26: Efficiency and Innovation
 - Planned transition of the Deputy City Manager role
 - o THANK YOU, SUZANNE!

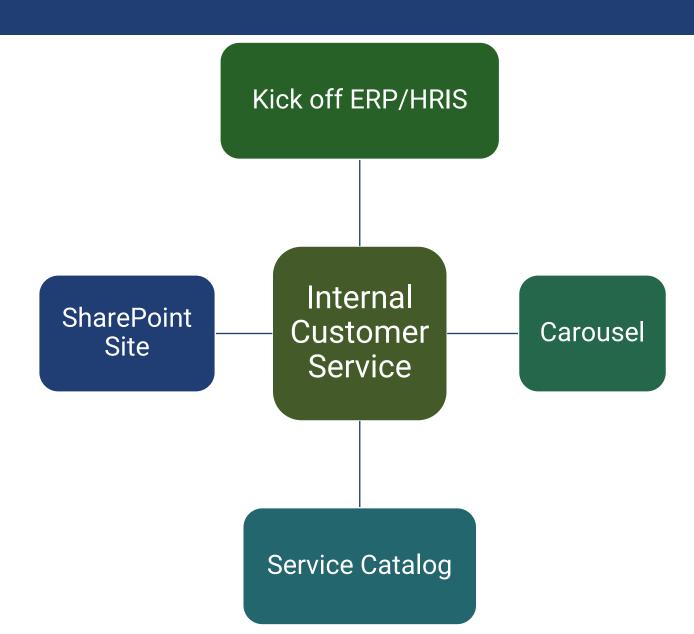




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Human Resources — The Year Ahead





City Clerk & Elections

New Voting Technology

New Election Tabulator for the November 4, 2025 Municipal Election

- Flexible
- Efficient
- Simple
- Secure



New Initiatives

Top Dog Contest



Legal

On-going initiatives

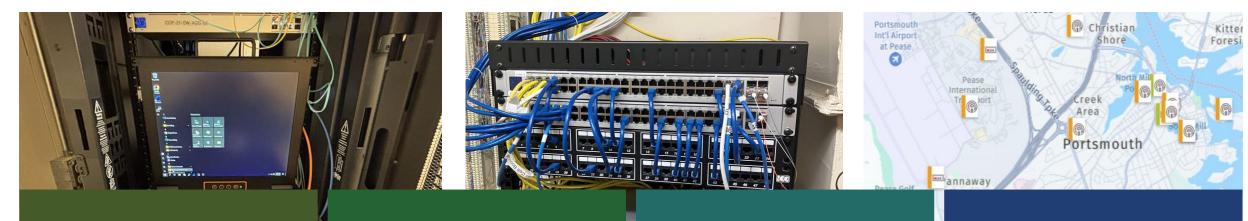
- HighQ Digital Case Management
 System
 - Right-to-Know portal
- Review of Charter and City Ordinances
- Legacy Project



The year ahead

- Code Enforcement Ticketing System
- Continued Al usage
- Digitizing stored records
- DWI testimony and Victim Witness Advocate training for PD
- Right-to-Know training

Information Technology



Infrastructure

Support Services

Digital Services

Cybersecurity

Network Modernization:

DPW

Foundry Garage Spinnaker Point Outdoor Pool

Direct Internet Access:

DPW

Fire Stations

Technical support

Application training

Project management

IT procurement

Change management

Payment processing

Cloud migration

ERP

SharePoint migration

Security Information and Event Management

National Institute of Standards and Technology Cybersecurity

Framework

Cybersecurity Analyst

Economic & Community Development

- Cultural Plan Implementation
- Customer Relationship Management
- Community Development Block Grant Administration





Finance

OpenGov Procurement Software

- Implementation ongoing
- New public portal for RFP, RFQ, Bid solicitations

New Financial Management Software

- Selection process wrapping up
- Anticipate two-year implementation project
- Measurable advances in functionality

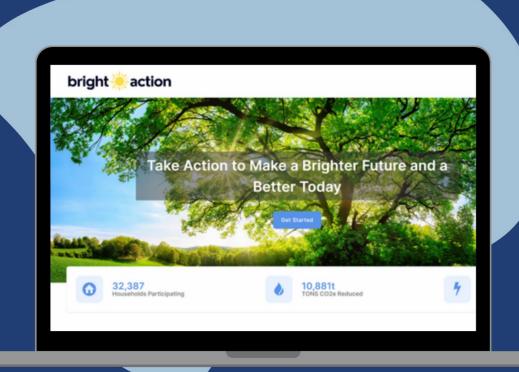
Managing Transition

Working through generational staffing changes



Planning & Sustainability

- Citywide Master Plan
- Climate Action Plan Implementation
- Housing Blue Ribbon Committee Support







Inspection









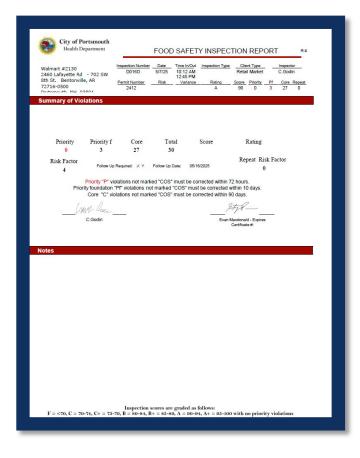
Enforcement

Health

Increased Shelter Capacity



Electronic Inspection Reports



Community Health Improvement Plan



Public Works - Highway Division

- Facility Operations
- Solid Waste Management
- Street Maintenance
- Green Space & Grounds Care











Library



Ongoing Services

- 1000+ programs for all ages
- Books, magazines, and materials for everyone – including downloads
- The Third Space in Portsmouth

- Homebound delivery
- Community outreach
- Business support
- Lifelong learning
- Research & technology help

Coming Soon

- Courtyard
- Bookmobile
- New hours

Recreation



ACE Program

Full-time afterschool care coming in Fall 2025



Summer Camp & Teen Camp

Summer care for hundreds of children



STEAM Afterschool Classes

Multiple sessions with transport from schools



No School Care

Exciting activities and field trips for days when school is not in session

Senior Services



Community Meals & Events

Social events yearround that create community and help combat loneliness



Highlighting the Arts

Concert series, special event performances, art installations, dances, music lessons, art instruction, and more



Aging Services

Resource for services, including wellness, mental health, transportation, and meals



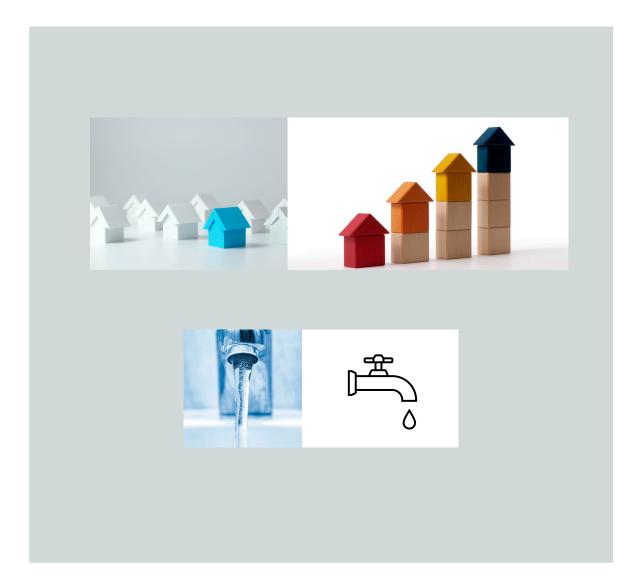
Veteran Support

Veteran-focused programs, support groups, special events, and services

Welfare

Reducing barriers to accessing services by providing on-site delivery and continued case management

- Rehousing families
- Coordinating emergency water service programs
- Building networks across service agencies



Outside Social Services

Funding given to 23 local agencies

















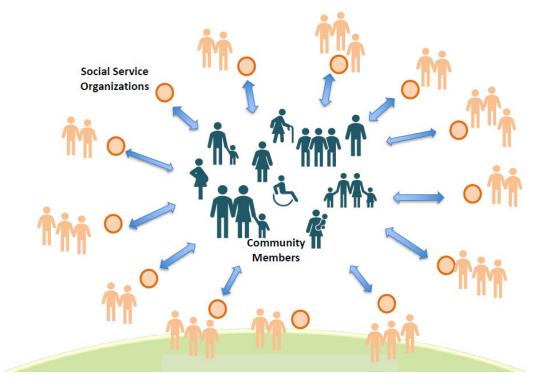












Fire Initiatives









Maintain Staffing

- Consistent operation across facilities
- Training and community engagement
- Increasing efficiencies

Continued Service

- Risk reduction code enforcement and public education
- Collaboration with IT
- Health and safety focused innovation

Police Initiatives

- Body Cameras
- Tasers
- Dispatch/RecordsManagement System



♦ CENTRALSQUARE

CentralSquare Public Safety Pro Suite



School Initiatives

- Curriculum Alignment
- Employee Evaluations & Feedback
- Districtwide Counseling Support





Budget Schedule – Upcoming Dates

May 14, 6 pm



Budget Work Session – Enterprise and Special Revenue Funds (Department presentations with public input opportunities)

May 19, 7 pm



City Council Meeting – Public Hearing on the Budget

May 28, 6 pm



City Council Work Session – Budget Review

June 9, 7 pm



City Council Meeting – Continuation of Public Hearing on the Budget and adoption of the Proposed Budget

