



City of Grand Haven

BUDGET IN BRIEF FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027

The development of the budget is guided by City Council strategic initiatives, goals, budget policies, long-range fiscal sustainability plans, legal mandates, and service level prioritization.



EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT

Fiscally responsible, transparent, efficient, effective, and customer focused City services delivered by high performing staff with the knowledge, skills, and tools to deliver outstanding citizen service.



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Citizens, boards, commissions, and City staff are all mindful stewards of the environment and sustainability, and all planning and capital investment decision making reflects impacts on both financial and environmental goals and objectives.



COMMUNITY LIVABILITY

The unique charm of individual neighborhoods throughout the community is safeguarded through distinctive, attractive, and functional building and streetscape design, thoughtfully preserved historic resources, and access to key health and human services via alternate modes of sustainable transportation.



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & AFFORDABILITY

Residents and businesses alike have equitable opportunities for economic wealth and growth.



ENGAGED, INFORMED & CONNECTED COMMUNITY

Citizens (particularly the vulnerable and underserved) and all segments of our community (e.g., partners, businesses, etc.) are engaged, informed, equitably represented, and actively collaborating with City staff and one another.



HEALTH & SAFETY FOR ALL

A healthy and safe community in which to live, work, learn, and play.



RECREATION, CULTURE & LEARNING

Quality parks, recreation, and cultural facilities and programs are enhanced for future generations.



SQUARE MILES
6.251



MEDIAN INCOME
\$60,669



POPULATION
11,011



MEDIAN AGE
46.8

GRAND HAVEN AT A GLANCE



PARKS
26

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

CERTIFICATIONS



Fiscal Year 2026-27 BUDGET SUMMARY

The City is pleased to present its Budget in Brief for fiscal year 2026-27. This document is meant to provide a high-level overview of the City's Annual Budget. It includes a snapshot of where our finances come from, how they are spent, capital project highlights, and other important information. The Budget ultimately defines operations, how we serve our community, and reflects our priorities as established by City Council.

For the 2026-27 budget process, the City completed a Community Survey in the month of November 2025 to garner public input prior to City Council's strategic priority session in December. With direction from the City Manager, departmental budgets are then prepared based on anticipated available resources throughout the months of January and February. Staff utilizes City Council's strategic initiatives and goals as a guide when developing the budget as well as their internal priorities. A draft budget is then presented to City Council for review and input in April. Recommendations are incorporated, and a final budget is adopted in May before it takes effect on July 1.

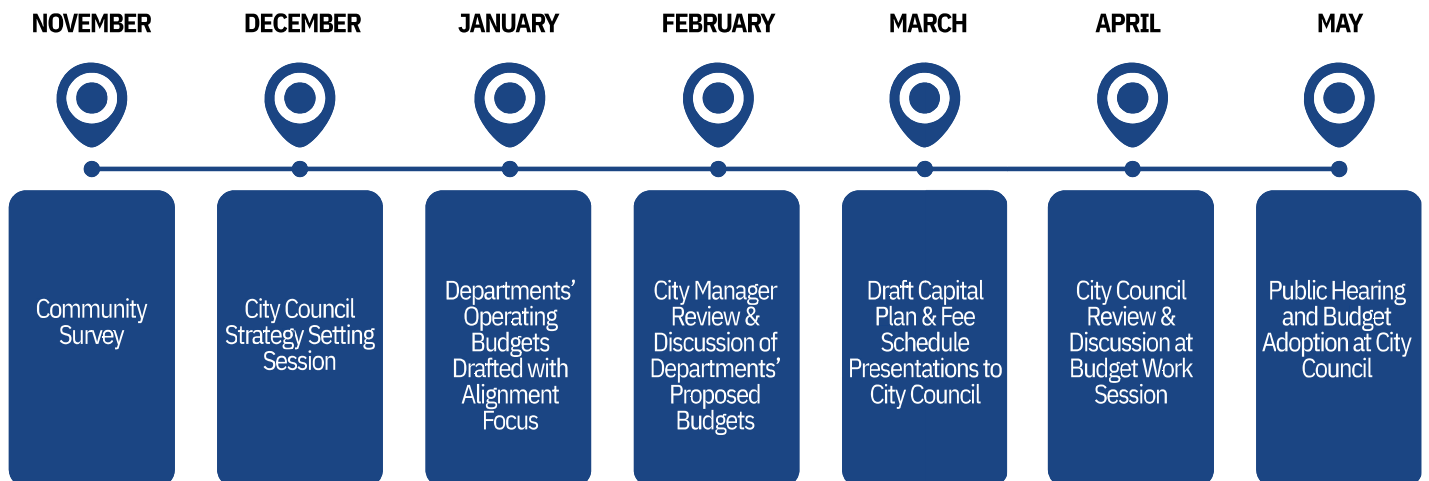
The City continues to see a positive trajectory in General Fund revenue. With an increasingly healthy fund balance in fiscal year 2024-25, the City passed a budget utilizing a portion of the fund balance to tackle a variety of priority capital projects that had been previously deferred. With regard to fiscal year 2025-26 and 2026-27, the City has presented a balanced budget still maintaining a healthy fund balance.

The fiscal year 2026-27 budget addresses a number of current City Council priorities. These include, but are not limited to: funding the treatment of invasive species that are threatening the City's urban tree canopy, a website overhaul to improve accessibility and information sharing, a tree canopy survey to assist in the City's forest management efforts, refurbishment of the overlook on Harbor Island among other park improvements, investment in aging infrastructure, reinstatement of sidewalk clearing, and a surplus contribution to reduce the City's pension liability.

The fiscal year 2026-27 budget is balanced, forward looking, and addresses the priorities and goals of the City Council. With this budget, the City can continue to provide a high level of quality service to its residents while maintaining a positive fiscal outlook.

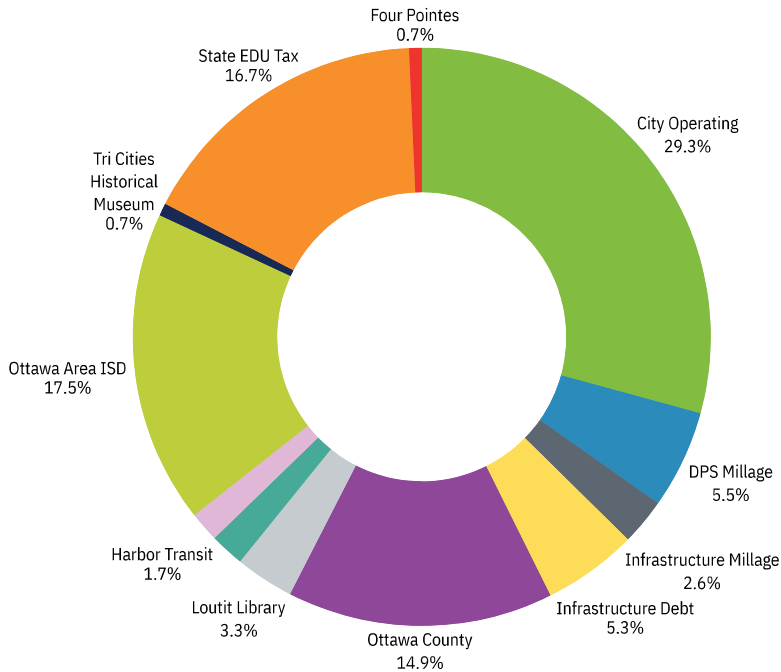
For additional detail on the City's budget, please see the fiscal year 2026-27 Annual Budget on our website at www.grandhaven.org or contact the Finance Department at **(616) 847-4893**.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE | FISCAL YEAR BEGINS JULY 1ST



Where do your property tax dollars go?

PROPERTY TAX DISBURSEMENT



Homesteaded (PRE) Millage Rates

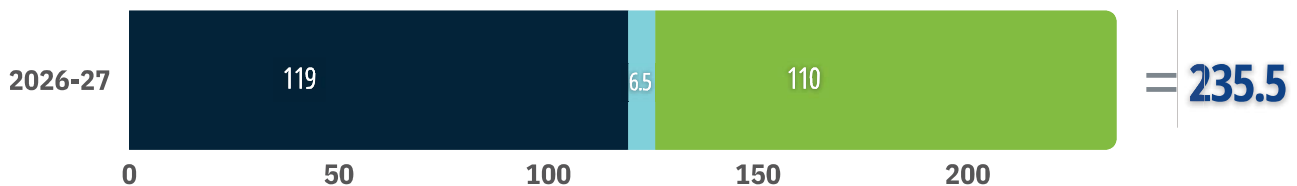
GHAPS Debt	0.6960 mills
City of GH	10.5535 mills
Ottawa Area ISD	6.3164 mills
State EDU Tax	6.0000 mills
Ottawa County	5.3685 mills
Loutit Library	1.1923 mills
Harbor Transit	0.6000 mills
Tri-Cities Historical Museum	0.2429 mills
Four Pointes	0.2429 mills
DPS Millage	1.9742 mills
Infrastructure Millage	0.9266 mills
Infrastructure Debt	1.9000 mills

Personnel

PROJECTED FULL TIME EMPLOYEES

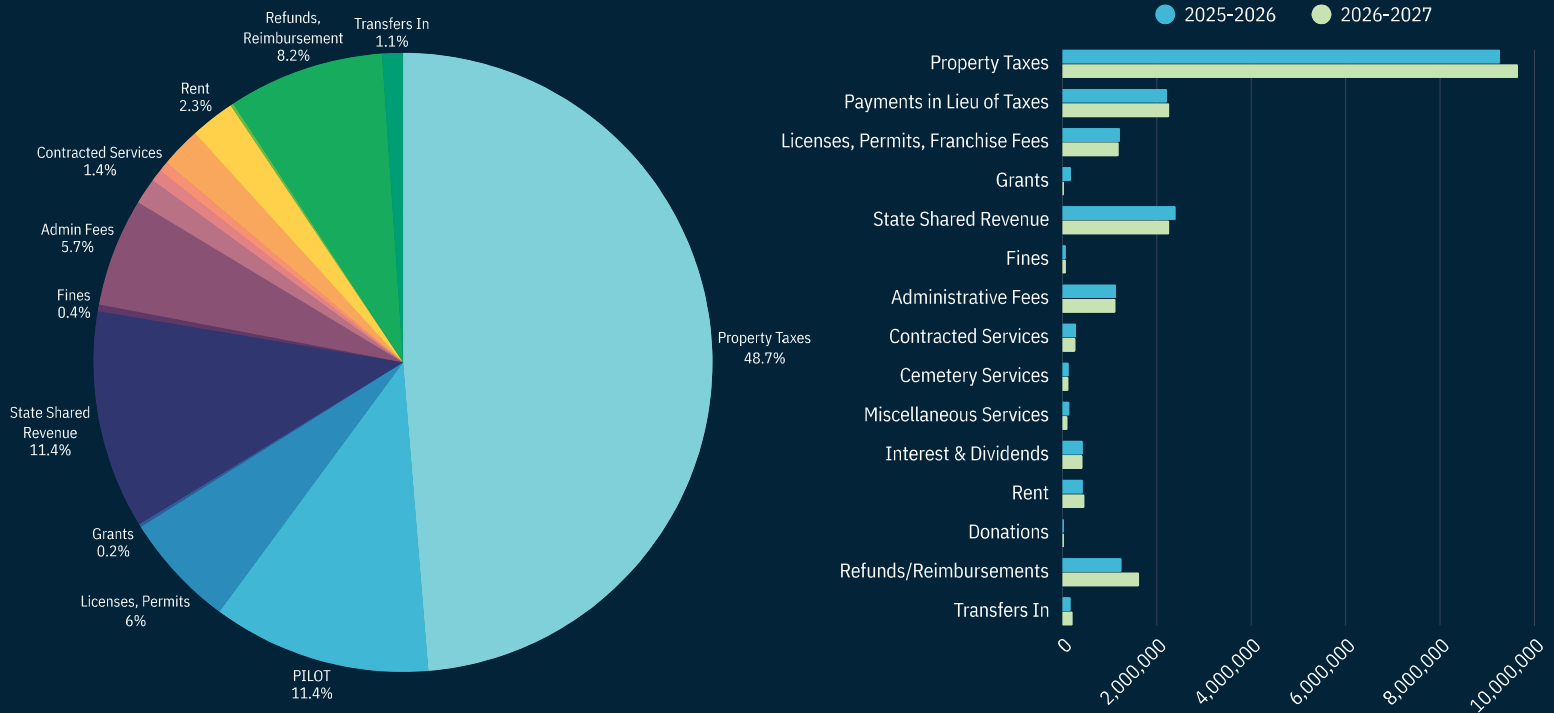


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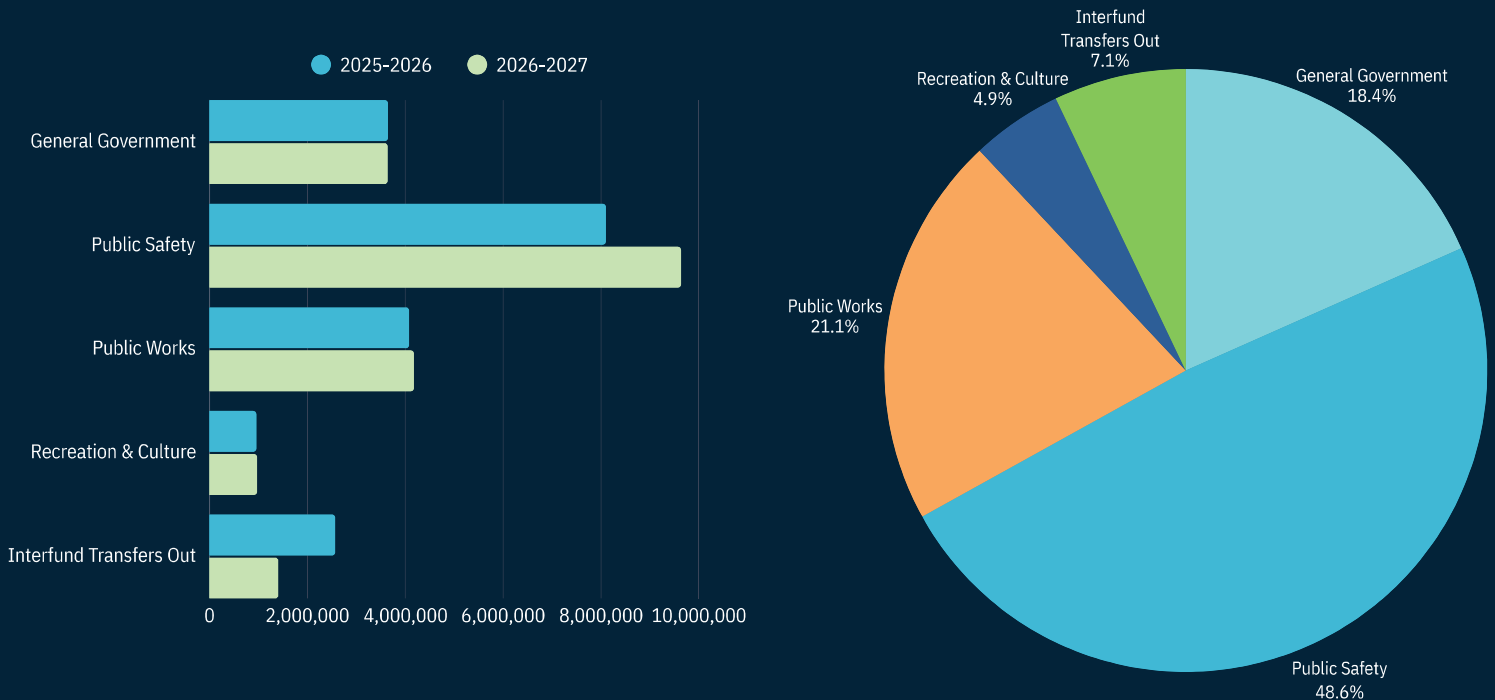
Where does the money come from?

Fiscal Year 2026-27 **GENERAL FUND BUDGET REVENUE**



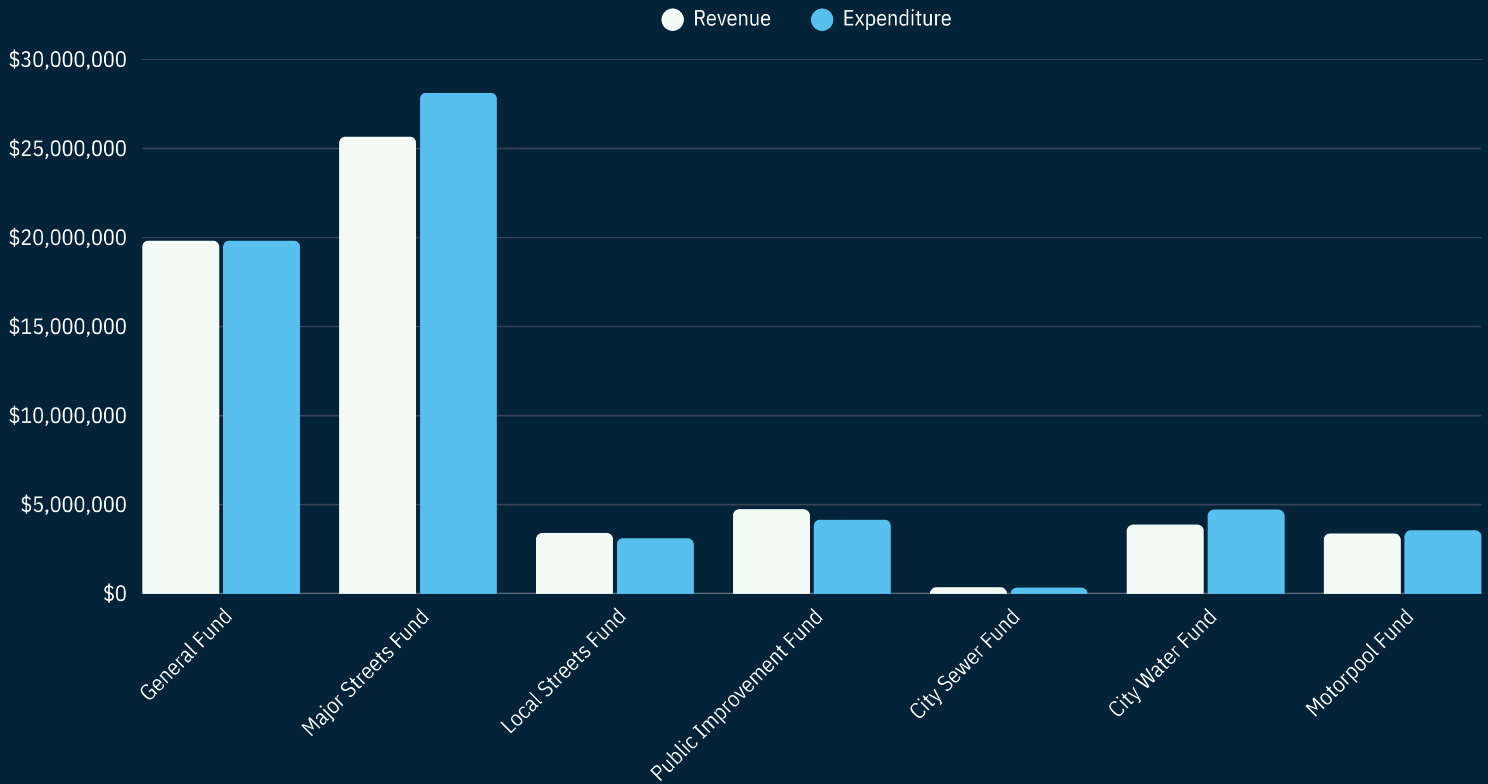
Where does the money go?

Fiscal Year 2026-27 **GENERAL FUND BUDGET EXPENDITURES**



Major City Funds

Fiscal Year 2026-27 Major Funds Revenue & Expenditures



Fiscal Year 2025-26 Completed Capital Projects

Mulligan's Lodge HVAC Replacement

Urban Forest Invasive Species Remediation

Sluka Field Playground Equipment Replacement

Wireless System Upgrade

Elevator Updates at City Hall

Fulton Street Reconstruction

Charter Dock Replacement

5-Mile Hill Communication Tower Replacement

Deer Management

Harbor Island Remediation

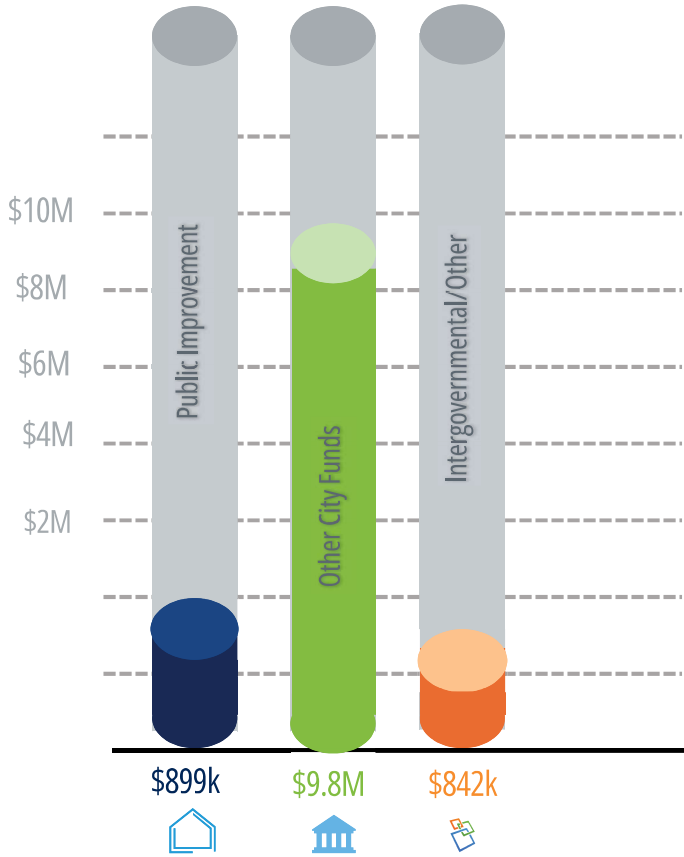
East Grand River Bathroom Update

Tri-Cities Connector Park Path Repaving

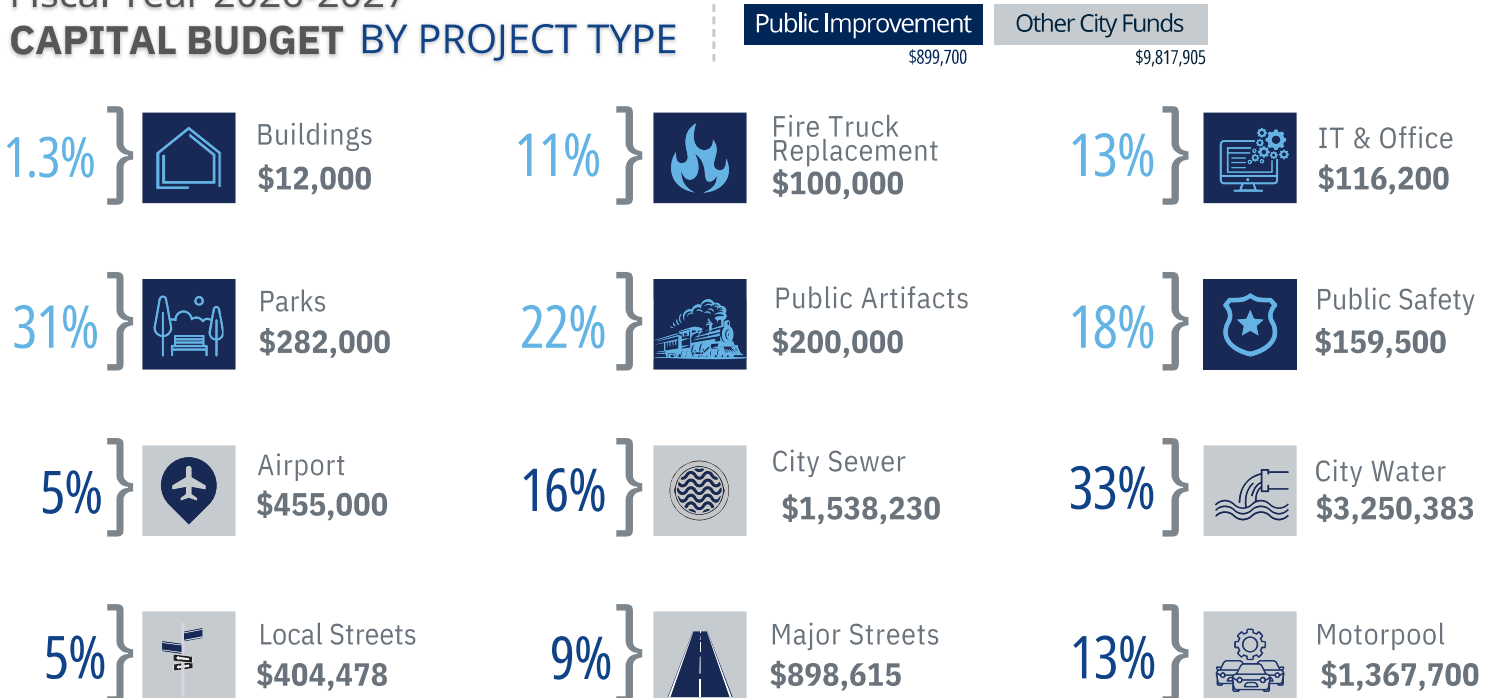
Lighting Upgrades at Central Park Place

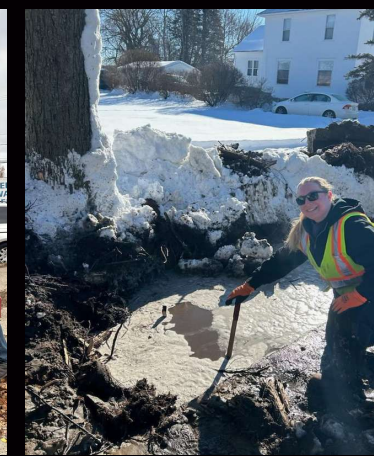
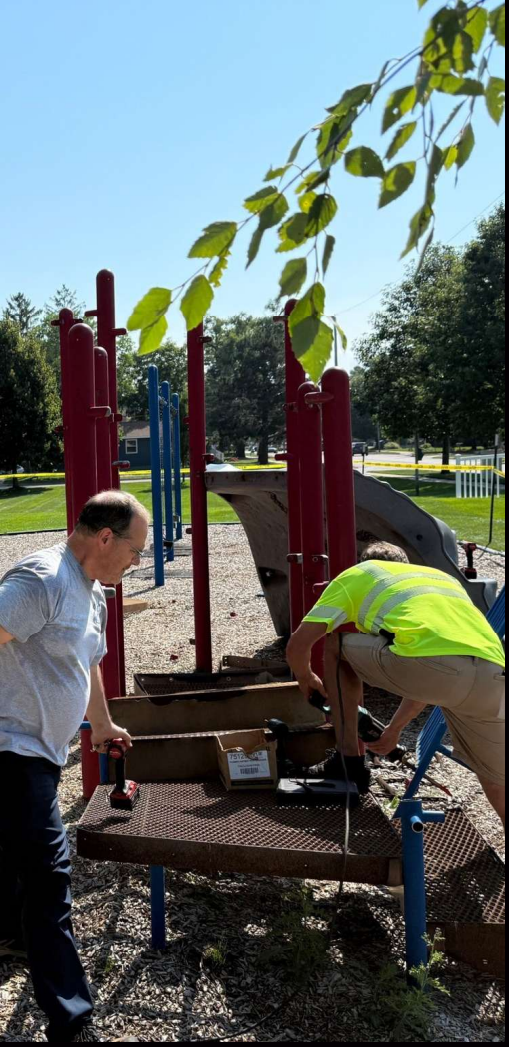
What is the money being used for?

Fiscal Year 2026-27 **CAPITAL BUDGET BY FUND TOTAL \$11,559,605**



Fiscal Year 2026-2027 CAPITAL BUDGET BY PROJECT TYPE





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