



# BUDGET IN BRIEF

FY 2023 MAY 1, 2022-APRIL 30, 2023



## CITY MANAGER BUDGET MESSAGE

While the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting the world, the strength of the local economy has proven resilient with revenues that have rebounded beyond pre-pandemic levels, robust residential and commercial development and a determination to succeed by members of the community. With the benefit of new revenue streams related to sales taxes on online purchases and recreational cannabis, investment in the community by large local employers such as State Farm, Ferrero, and Rivian, the FY2023 budget reflects an emphasis on investing in the City's infrastructure; delivering improvements in services our residents need and deserve. The nearly \$57M in capital projects budget will provide improvements to the City's roads, water, sewer and storm water management systems, and address the quality of life needs that will allow our community to prosper and grow.

The FY2023 Budget totals \$269M. This is one of the largest budgets the City has adopted, however, adjusting for projects, strategic additions, and nonrecurring items, the City's operating expenses have grown at a moderate 2% to 2.5% growth rate over the last seven years. City staff recognizes it has a fiduciary responsibility to manage the public's funds appropriately for the benefit of the community. The Budget is an allocation of the City's available resources to services, programs and projects, given the community's priorities and values. It is the financial roadmap for this allocation and provides the associated guidance to City Staff.

On behalf of the City Council and Staff, we present this Budget in Brief. FY2023 will be an important year with finalizing impactful projects such as the Library and O'Neil Pool expansions and renovations, addressing storm water management needs, applying available resources to fixing our roads, and providing the support and means for our community to continue to thrive.

Thank you,

Tim Gleason  
City Manager

## FORECASTING THE FUTURE

While every attempt is made to accurately project the City's finances and set aside an appropriate level of reserves, the City continually monitors both internal and external financial activities, with a special emphasis on:

- Rising prices related to inflation and supply chain issues.
- State imposed unfunded mandates and escalation of State imposed municipal service fees.
- Stability of the City's large employers.

These issues pose potential obstacles to the growth and prosperity of the City. However, through the unified efforts of the City's Council, Staff and Residents, courses of action will be determined that will keep the City on a solid path of success and fulfillment for its members.

# THE BUDGET PROCESS

The City of Bloomington adopts its budget in accordance with Chapter 65 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. The City's Fiscal Year runs from May 1-April 30. Formulation of the budget is a critical & difficult process that involves analyzing resident input & data, projecting available revenue sources, identifying priorities, allocating resources & expenditures, reviewing City performance data, negotiating & anticipating department budgets, & establishing the fees, charges, & taxes necessary to provide adequate levels of services to the residents of Bloomington. The budget process is continual year-round.



## WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM (Full Budget Revenues)

Revenues Combined by Source		
Property Taxes	\$ 27,254,285	10.13%
Home Rule & State Sales Taxes	\$ 44,810,298	16.65%
Other Taxes	\$ 37,509,716	13.94%
License & Permits	\$ 1,581,545	0.59%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 21,111,998	7.85%
Charges for Services	\$ 73,195,933	27.20%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 1,177,500	0.44%
Investment Income	\$ 1,308,111	0.49%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 9,774,748	3.63%
Sale of Capital Assets	\$ 43,549	0.02%
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ 3,628,844	1.35%
Transfers In	\$ 14,614,664	5.43%
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 33,090,695	12.30%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 269,101,886</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

Revenues by Fund Type		
General	\$ 122,311,750	45.45%
Special Revenue	\$ 39,031,411	14.50%
Debt Service	\$ 6,485,013	2.41%
Capital Projects	\$ 14,859,210	5.52%
Enterprise	\$ 65,438,337	24.32%
Internal Service	\$ 19,975,829	7.42%
Fiduciary	\$ 1,000,335	0.37%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 269,101,886</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES (Full Budget Expenditures)

Expenditures by Class Code		
Salaries	\$ 58,034,667	21.57%
Benefits	\$ 17,335,530	6.44%
Contractuals	\$ 51,371,561	19.09%
Commodities	\$ 18,627,947	6.92%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 62,692,654	23.30%
Principal Expense	\$ 10,018,828	3.72%
Interest Expense	\$ 1,577,645	0.59%
Intergovernmental	\$ 17,845,149	6.63%
Other	\$ 16,983,240	6.31%
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Intergovernmental		
Police & Fire Pensions	\$ 12,751,622	
McLean County Mental Health	\$ 2,781,030	
Public Transportation	\$ 1,486,265	
Other (At Rick Youth, Township, etc.)	\$ 376,232	
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 350,000	
B-N Economic Development Council	\$ 100,000	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 17,845,149</b>	

Transfers Out		
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 2,630,366	
Bond & Interest Funds	\$ 4,589,588	
General Fund Charges to Enterprise Funds	\$ 3,170,298	
Arena Fund	\$ 3,181,735	
SOAR	\$ 165,862	
Community Enhancement	\$ 142,450	
Park Dedication	\$ 30,846	
Library	\$ 30,000	
Recreation	\$ 25,000	
Abraham Lincoln Parking Deck	\$ 635,719	
Sister City	\$ 12,101	
Planning	\$ 700	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 14,614,664</b>	

# THE GENERAL FUND OVERVIEW

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the City. Included are police & fire protection, parks & recreation, legal, planning, economic development, general administration of the City, & any other activity for which a special fund has not been created. The water, solid waste, sewer, storm water, golf operations, Arena, & Abraham Lincoln parking funds are expected to be self-supporting, so the revenue from & expenses incurred by these funds are excluded from the General Fund. Revenues that exceed the cost of providing General Fund services are added to the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance. This excess revenue can be used to finance future capital improvements & provides a reserve for emergencies.

General Fund Revenues by Class Code		
Taxes	\$ 92,634,065	75.74%
Licenses	\$ 710,045	0.58%
Permits	\$ 813,500	0.67%
Intergov Revenue	\$ 6,968,904	5.70%
Charges for Services	\$ 13,403,037	10.96%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 736,000	0.60%
Investment Income	\$ 160,529	0.13%
Misc Revenue	\$ 540,687	0.44%
Sale of Capital Assets	\$ 24,374	0.02%
Transfer In	\$ 3,516,411	2.87%
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 2,804,200	2.29%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 122,311,750</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

General Fund Expenditures by Department		
General Fund Transfers	\$ 7,288,798	5.96%
Information Technology	\$ 5,761,308	4.71%
Fleet Management	\$ 3,860,002	3.16%
McLean County Mental Health	\$ 2,781,030	2.27%
Economic Development	\$ 2,153,271	1.76%
Human Resources	\$ 1,772,815	1.45%
Non Departmental	\$ 1,593,462	1.30%
Legal	\$ 1,578,494	1.29%
Public Transportation	\$ 1,486,265	1.22%
Finance	\$ 1,425,298	1.17%
Administration	\$ 1,255,270	1.03%
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,165,647	0.95%
Billing	\$ 1,044,254	0.85%
City Clerk	\$ 606,630	0.50%
Gov Center Bldg Maintenance	\$ 531,947	0.43%
Collections	\$ 370,667	0.30%
Sister City	\$ 27,720	0.02%
<b>Total General Government:</b>	<b>\$ 34,702,879</b>	<b>28.37%</b>
Public Safety	\$ 64,386,625	52.64%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	\$ 13,675,484	11.18%
Highways & Streets	\$ 8,549,372	6.99%
Governmental Parking	\$ 997,390	0.82%
<b>General Fund Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$ 122,311,750</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY TAX

Property tax is based on the fair cash value of your home as identified by the Township Assessor. The Property Tax Code states that each property shall be assessed at 33.33% of fair cash value. The City of Bloomington's 2021 tax rate payable in 2022 is 1.08589. Therefore, City taxes collected in FY23 on a \$165,000 home total \$597.18 based on the adopted tax rate. The total amount of property taxes paid based on a \$165,000 home is \$4,673.76, as seen below:

Taxing Body	Certified Tax Rate	Percentage	Amount Collected
District 87	5.17242	60.86%	\$ 2,844.55
City of Bloomington	1.08589	12.78%	\$ 597.18
McLean County	0.91404	10.76%	\$ 502.67
Heartland Community College	0.57635	6.78%	\$ 316.96
Bloomington Library	0.30457	3.58%	\$ 167.50
Blm-Normal Water Reclamation Dist	0.18052	2.12%	\$ 99.28
Central Illinois Regional Airport	0.12213	1.44%	\$ 67.16
City of Bloomington Township	0.14267	1.68%	\$ 78.46
<b>Total:</b>	<b>8.49859</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$ 4,673.76</b>



## FISCAL YEAR 2023 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ward	Project	Adopted FY 2023
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Morrissey Drive)	\$ 13,180,000
2	Fox Creek Bridge & Road Improvements: Danbury Drive to Beich Road	\$ 9,825,000
4 & 8	Locust Colton CSO Elim & Water Main, Phase 4+5 Land Acquisition & Construction	\$ 6,900,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Street & Alley Resurface Program	\$ 5,650,000
6	Arena RTU & Ice Center Dehumidification Improvements	\$ 4,300,000
5	Jersey Avenue Bridge Replacement - Construction	\$ 1,800,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 1,270,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sidewalk Repair Program	\$ 1,150,000
1	Locust Colton CSO Elim & Water Main, Phase 8, Design, IEPA SRF	\$ 1,150,000
Citywide	Ft Jesse Generator Replacement	\$ 1,000,000
6	City Hall ADA & Life Safety Improvements (HVAC & Elevator)	\$ 850,000
8	The Grove on Kickapoo Creek Subdivision Pavement Oversizing	\$ 815,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant Chlorine Gas Scrubber - Construction	\$ 750,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant Ammonia System - Construction	\$ 750,000
6	Abraham Lincoln Garage Improvements	\$ 600,000
7	Wylie Dr & Maple Hill Rd Intersection Improvement - Construction	\$ 599,651
Citywide	Lake Bloomington Maintenance Facility Construction & Construction Observation	\$ 565,000
Citywide	Street Lighting Charges	\$ 500,000
4	BCPA Creativity Center Design	\$ 500,000
7	Cottage Avenue Bridge Replacement Design	\$ 400,000
Citywide	Public Works Residents Convenience Center Land Acquisition	\$ 350,000
6	Van Schoick St Water Main Replacement - Construction	\$ 347,000
6	Police Administration HVAC Controls Upgrade	\$ 300,000
3	Sweeney Park Playground and amenities	\$ 300,000
Citywide	Hydraulic Modeling Phase I	\$ 300,000
6	Market Street Garage Structural Repairs	\$ 275,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Reservoir Shoreline / Stream Erosion Control Imp.	\$ 225,000
3	McGraw Tennis Court Resurface	\$ 220,000
County	Route 66 Trail Funk's Grove to McLean 4.8 miles, Section 6	\$ 205,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Street, Alley & Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 200,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Consultant Leak Detection for Water Loss Prevention	\$ 200,000
Citywide	Watershed Improvements	\$ 200,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sanitary Sewer Assessment	\$ 200,000
2	Den Irrigation Pump Station & Building	\$ 195,000
6	Fire Headquarters Parking Lot	\$ 150,000
6	Jackson St. Building Remodel - Phase 2	\$ 150,000
Citywide	Facilities Unforeseen Major Facility Repairs	\$ 100,000
Citywide	Lake Bloomington Seawall Replacement	\$ 100,000
Citywide	Boiler Replacement Division St Admin Building	\$ 65,000
6	City Hall Genset Replacement	\$ 60,000
Citywide	WTP Lime Grit Removal System - Design	\$ 60,000
9	Tipton Trails Park and Constitution Trail on GE Repair	\$ 50,000
2	Prairie Vista Ancillary Shed Demo & Replacement with Rinsate Pad	\$ 40,000
Citywide	Multi-Year GIS Consultant Services	\$ 38,750
County	Route 66 Trail-Towanda to Lexington-(Design Phase 1 & 2, Construction & CE)	\$ 20,715
	<b>Total All Funds Projects Funded:</b>	<b>\$ 56,906,116</b>

# ADDITIONAL BUDGET RESOURCES

In addition to the Budget in Brief, the City produces 2 larger budget books. The 1st titled "Budget Overview & General Fund" gives a brief overview of the City including: a narrative about the City, City Council information, total revenues and expenditures for all city funds and a narrative and budget reports for all General Fund Departments. The 2nd book titled "Other Funds & Capital Improvement" speaks to non-general fund department budgets, capital equipment and capital projects that have been budgeted for the upcoming fiscal year. The link to this page on the city website is:

<https://www.cityblm.org/government/departments/finance/annual-budget>.

The screenshot shows the City of Bloomington website's navigation and content for the Annual Budget page. At the top is the city logo and a navigation menu with links for Jobs, News, Events, Documents, Contact Us, and Translate. Below this is a secondary navigation bar with categories: I Want To..., Government, Residents, Visitors, Doing Business, and Services, along with a search icon. A left sidebar menu lists various finance-related items, with 'Annual Budget' selected. The main content area features a breadcrumb trail (Government » Departments » Finance »), the title 'Annual Budget', and utility links for font size, sharing, feedback, and printing. A descriptive paragraph explains the budget document's scope and legal status. Below this, a list of items found in the documents is provided. At the bottom, there are links to the FY 2023 Budget In Brief, two adopted budget books (General Fund and Other Funds & Capital Improvement), video and PDF series for Budget 101, and previous annual budget reports.

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## Annual Budget

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The budget document is the annual budget for all operations and capital improvements for the fiscal year. The City prepares a budget by fiscal year which is May 1 through April 30. The legally adopted portion of the budget is for the current fiscal year. The four subsequent years are for planning purposes only and are not legally binding.

In these documents you will find:

- discussion of major activities and projects;
- a summary of budgeted revenues and expenses;
- the allocation of employees by department;
- the goals, mission and service of each department;
- the detail budget for all funds and departments;
- the capital improvements that are planned.

[FY 2023 Budget In Brief](#)

[FY 2023 Adopted Budget Book 1](#)  
*Budget Overview & General Fund*

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*Other Funds & Capital Improvement*

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You can reach us at [\(309\)434-2509](tel:3094342509), Option 0, or [TheHub@cityblm.org](mailto:TheHub@cityblm.org)

## Here are a few examples of what you can do at The Hub:

- Make Payments, such as Utility Bills and Ordinance Violations
- Submit a FOIA Request
- Register for a Parks Program
- Apply for a License or Permit
- And so much more!