



FY 2026 Proposed Budget

March 10, 2025

FY 2026 BUDGET - HIGHLIGHTS

Total Budgets:

- City Wide: \$317.9M (Decrease of \$13.8M / 4% over FY 2025)
- General Fund: \$137.0M (Decrease of \$6.1M / 4.3% over FY 2025)

Other Highlights:

- Capital Projects: \$81.1M (Decrease of \$7.4M / 8.4% under FY 2025)
- GF Fund Balance: +\$33.5M (2026 Projection with a \$3.3M use of fund balance— and pending FY 2025 Final)
- Cash for Equipment: \$7.4M (General Fund all cash - \$2.2M)

FY 2026 BUDGET – GROWTH REVIEW (\$ in millions)

	FY2017	FY2018	FY2019	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026
Total City Wide Budget	207.6	214.1	210.1	227.5	230.3	251.7	269.1	290.1	331.7	317.9
Capital Projects *	22.1	24.9	26.7	40.1	40.9	61.3	56.9	69.7	88.5	81.1
Strategic Addition **	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.8	2.9	3.0	3.0
Nonrecurring ***	-	-	-	-	-	-	12.7	8.7	8.2	0.8
Net Operating Budget	183.2	186.9	181.1	185.1	187.1	188.1	196.7	208.9	232.0	233.0
										Annualized 'Net' Growth from 2017
										2.71%
										Annualized 'Total' Growth from 2017
										4.85%
Population	78,368	77,962	77,330	78,680	78,680	78,680	78,680	78,680	78,680	78,680
Operating cost / person	2,338	2,397	2,342	2,353	2,378	2,391	2,500	2,654	2,949	2,962
										Annualized Growth from 2017
										2.67%
Actual + Encumbrances	189.4	191.2	189.0	193.6	198.9	253.5	223.2	277.3	N/A	N/A
Total Cost / person	2,417	2,452	2,444	2,461	2,528	3,222	2,837	3,524		
						21.2	Library Exp -not budgeted			
Salary and Benefits	66.5	69.4	70.9	70.2	71.6	72.1	75.3	80.0	87.2	94.3
										Annualized Growth from 2017
										3.96%

* Larger projects are paid from accumulated fund savings = can vary significantly year to year. In addition, some get rolled to the next year due to timing etc.

** Non-capital Strategic Addition since 2016 = HR Sales Tax increase for County Mental Health. (not including increase for Connect Transit, Pensions etc.)

***5.2M Contribution to Fund Balance-All Funds in FY25, +3M Equipment in FY 2025

***770K Contribution to Fund Balance-All Funds in FY26

FY 2026 CITY WIDE BUDGET – BY FUND

Fund	2025 Adopted	2026 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change	Notes
General Fund	143,089,385	136,969,051	(6,120,334)	-4.28%	+\$5.6M Sal/Ben, -\$5.7M Transfers Out, -\$7.3M Equip/Vehicles \$3.5M moved to FY 2027
Motor Fuel Tax Fund	32,952,358	34,257,853	1,305,495	3.96%	Capital Projects-Carryforward Hamilton & Fox Creek
Board of Elections Fund	884,327	758,649	(125,678)	-14.21%	Presidential Election in FY 2025 = increase in Election Judges needed.
Drug Enforcement Fund	274,098	604,450	330,352	120.52%	Police increase on utilization of Drug Funds
Community Development	1,990,693	1,034,900	(955,793)	-48.01%	Lead Grant not included in FY 2026-asking for extension would require a BUA
IHDA Fund	239,760	415,000	175,240	73.09%	Home Repair & Accessibility Program (HRAP) Round 2 Applications
Library Fund	7,855,653	8,235,956	380,303	4.84%	
Park Dedication Fund	403,715	34,533	(369,182)	-91.45%	2 Capital Projects in FY 2025 / None in FY 2026
TIF Funds	676,778	700,570	23,792	3.52%	
Debt Service Funds	8,181,374	5,544,522	(2,636,852)	-32.23%	Multi-project Bond paid off in FY 2025 / Equipment Leases rolling off
Capital Improvements Fund	10,951,851	11,962,735	1,010,884	9.23%	Increase in Capital Projects-funded via transfer from General Fund
Cap Improv Asphalt/Concrete	11,997,021	8,000,000	(3,997,021)	-33.32%	8M Streets/Sidewalks-funded via 10% HR Sales Tax & all Local Motor Fuel Tax
Water Fund	41,557,485	48,418,971	6,861,486	16.51%	Increase due to projects related to Water Mains/Lead line replacement
Sewer Fund	16,146,577	10,173,477	(5,973,101)	-36.99%	FY 2025 included budget for Locust Colton Phase 8/East Street Basin-both projects pushed
Storm Water Fund	12,223,578	6,156,911	(6,066,668)	-49.63%	FY 2025 included budget for Locust Colton Phase 8/East Street Basin-both projects pushed
Solid Waste Fund	8,848,000	9,442,082	594,082	6.71%	
Abraham Lincoln Parking	455,000	476,000	21,000	4.62%	
Golf Fund	2,917,666	4,007,812	1,090,147	37.36%	FY 2026 includes budgeted funds to construct a new clubhouse/cart building at Highland Park
Arena Fund	8,861,393	7,699,888	(1,161,505)	-13.11%	FY 2025 included larger equipment purchases due to adding Bloomington Bison
Insurance Internal Service Funds	20,373,516	22,110,977	1,737,461	8.53%	Increase in Health Premiums
J M Scott Healthcare Fund	788,764	850,000	61,236	7.76%	
TOTAL EXPENSE	331,668,992	317,854,336	(13,814,656)	-4.17%	

FY 2026 BUDGET – CAPITAL PROJECTS – BY FUND

Fund	FY2025	FY2026	Change	FY 2025 Carry Forward
Capital Improvement	10,951,851	11,962,735	1,010,884	2,575,000
Asphalt and Concrete	10,000,000	8,000,000	(2,000,000)	-
MFT (State)	32,952,358	34,257,853	1,305,495	32,757,853
Water	18,592,082	21,466,086	2,874,004	-
Sewer	8,769,500	2,861,000	(5,908,500)	648,500
Storm Water	6,769,500	1,461,000	(5,308,500)	648,500
Arena	50,000	415,000	365,000	-
Park Dedication	373,715	-	(373,715)	-
Golf Fund	30,000	695,000	665,000	-
TOTAL	88,489,006	81,118,674	(7,370,332)	36,629,853

FY 2026 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ward	Arena Fund	
6	Upgrade Refrigeration in small HVAC Units (year 2 of 5)	\$ 50,000
6	Dasherboard and Glass Replacement	\$ 365,000
Ward	Golf Fund	
1	Highland Park Club House Design	\$ 125,000
1	Highland Park Shed 1 and Club House replacement	\$ 570,000

Capital Improvement Fund/General Fund

Ward	Parks Capital Improvement Projects	
1	Miller Park Zoo Katthoefer - Building Upgrade	\$ 500,000
7	Sunnyside Park Sustainability Initiative OSLAD Grant	\$ 3,270,400
Citywide	Unforeseen Major Repairs Throughout PRCA Department	\$ 50,000
2	Westwood Playground - Install playground and develop park	\$ 50,000
County	Route 66 Trail - Funk's Grove to McLean - Construction	\$ 130,000
County	Route 66 Trail-Towanda to Lexington-(Phase 1)	\$ 13,700
2	Trail-Resurfacing Morris Avenue to Bellas Landscaping 4,303'	\$ 193,635
1	Zoo - Kitchen Roof Replacement	\$ 200,000
7	O'Neil Aquatics Center - Concessions Shade Sail	\$ 25,000

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Capital Improvement Fund/General Fund

Ward	<u>Fire Capital Improvement Projects</u>	
1	Fire Station 4 Kitchen Remodel	\$ 100,000
3	Fire Station 3 HVAC Replacement	\$ 280,000
6	Fire Station 1 HVAC Replacement	\$ 825,000
6	Fire Station 1 Sprinkler Addition	\$ 50,000

Ward	<u>Administration Capital Improvement Projects</u>	
6	Purchase of a Downtown Parking Complex	\$ 3,950,000

Ward	<u>Facilities Capital Improvement Projects</u>	
Citywide	Unforeseen Major Facility Repairs	\$ 100,000
6	Police Department Elevator Improvements	\$ 300,000
6	Police Department HVAC System	\$ 500,000

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Capital Improvement Fund/General Fund		
Ward	<u>Engineering Capital Improvement Projects</u>	
8	Hershey & Hamilton Road Trail and Ireland Grove Road Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 500,000
1, 2	Constitution Trail Extension: Lafayette St to Hamilton Rd - Land	\$ 4,000
1, 2	Constitution Trail Extension: Lafayette St to Hamilton Rd - Construction Inspection (Phase III Services)	\$ 90,000
1, 2	Constitution Trail Extension: Lafayette St to Hamilton Rd - Construction (ITEP Grant City Share)	\$ 220,000
3	Airport Rd & Cornelius Dr Traffic Signal Improvements - Design	\$ 64,000
3	Airport Rd & Cornelius Dr Traffic Signal Improvements - Construction	\$ 547,000

Capital Improvement (Asphalt & Concrete) Fund		
Ward	<u>Engineering Capital Improvement Fund (Asphalt & Concrete) Projects</u>	
Citywide	Multi-Year Street & Alley Resurface Program	\$ 2,750,000
Citywide	High Pressure Slurry Seal	\$ 1,500,000
Citywide	Reclamite	\$ 250,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sidewalk, Curb & Gutter Replacement	\$ 2,800,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Street, Alley & Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 700,000

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Ward	State Motor Fuel Tax	
2	Fox Creek Road Bridge & Road Improvements: Danbury Drive to Beich Road - Construction	\$ 16,478,720
2	Fox Creek Road Bridge & Road Improvements: Danbury Drive to Beich Road - Inspection	\$ 1,507,872
Citywide	Street Lighting Charges	\$ 500,000
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Morrissey Drive) - RR	\$ 5,467,207
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Morrissey Drive) - RR Phase III Engineering	\$ 118,563
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway Phase 2) - Construction	\$ 7,080,441
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Commerce Parkway Phase 2) - Construction Engineering	\$ 1,605,050
Citywide	IL Route 9 Corridor Improvements (Locust) - Hinshaw to Center (City Share)	\$ 500,000
Citywide	IL Route 9 Corridor Improvements (Empire) - Lee to Towanda (City Share)	\$ 1,000,000

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Ward	Sewer Fund	
Citywide	Mutli-Year Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 2,000,000
6	Downtown Streetscape Phase 1 Construction-Sewer Separation	\$ 212,500
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Design	\$ 91,000
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Land Acquisition	\$ 22,500
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Construction	\$ 535,000

Ward	Storm Water Fund	
6	Downtown Streetscape Phase 1 Construction-Sewer Separation	\$ 212,500
6	Downtown Streetscape Phase 1 Construction-Underground Detention	\$ 600,000
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Design	\$ 91,000
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Land Acquisition	\$ 22,500
1	East Street Basin Phase 5 Construction	\$ 535,000

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Ward	Water Fund	
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street to Morrissey Drive) - Construction (City Share)	\$ 1,066,836
Citywide	Multi-Year GIS Consultant Services	\$ 38,750
Citywide	Multi-Year Consultant Leak Detection for Water Loss Prevention	\$ 50,000
Citywide	Census Tract 59 Water Main & Lead Service Line Replacement Project Phase 1 - Design	\$ 200,000
Citywide	Census Tract 59 WMR & LSLR Project - Phase 1 - Construction	\$ 4,500,000
Citywide	US 51 Water Main Replacement - Design	\$ 980,500
Citywide	US 51 Water Main Replacement - Construction	\$ 9,805,000
6	Downtown Streetscape Lead Service Line & Water Main Replacement	\$ 750,000
Citywide	Water Main Replacement and Upgrades - Design	\$ 1,000,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) Storage & Feed Facility - Design	\$ 75,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant Powdered Activated Carbon (PAC) Storage & Feed Facility - Construction	\$ 750,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant Hydrated Lime Design	\$ 500,000
Citywide	Lake Parks Maintenance Building - Construction	\$ 750,000
Citywide	Water Treatment Plant / Lake Evergreen Electrical Rehabilitation Design	\$ 1,000,000

FY 2026 BUDGET - RESOURCES

The Proposed Budget can be viewed in detail on the City's website at: www.cityblm.org/budget

Detail information is provided in 2 Budget Books:

- Book 1 - Budget Overview and General Fund: Of note - includes Year over Year Summary of Revenues / Expenditures
- Book 2 - Other Funds, Debt and Capital Improvement: Of note - includes Summary and Details on Infrastructure Projects
- Both Books - Department - Fund Narratives: Department - Fund description and highlights

Additional Resources: Budget Video Series, City Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, Statistical Section, which describes assets and services supported by the Budget. All can be located on the City's website at: <https://www.cityblm.org/departments/finance>

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Next Steps

Remaining FY 2026 Budget Schedule:

- Council - Budget Public Hearing: March 24, 2025
- Council - Final Budget Adoption: April 14, 2025

*This presentation can be found on the City's website at:
Departments - Finance – Annual Budget – Budget Documents -
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Questions - Comments