

City of Evanston Budget Process Overview

Throughout the months of July, August and September, the City of Evanston prepares its budget for the upcoming year. The budget is then presented to City Council in early October for review and is finalized before December 31.

Budget Development Timeline

- **July-August:** Internal staff work to forecast revenue and expenses for budget year
- **September:** Community budget discussions
- **October:** Proposed Budget released on City website
- **October and November:** Budget Public Hearings and Discussions at City Council Meetings
- **December 31:** Deadline for Budget Adoption

Breaking Down the Budget

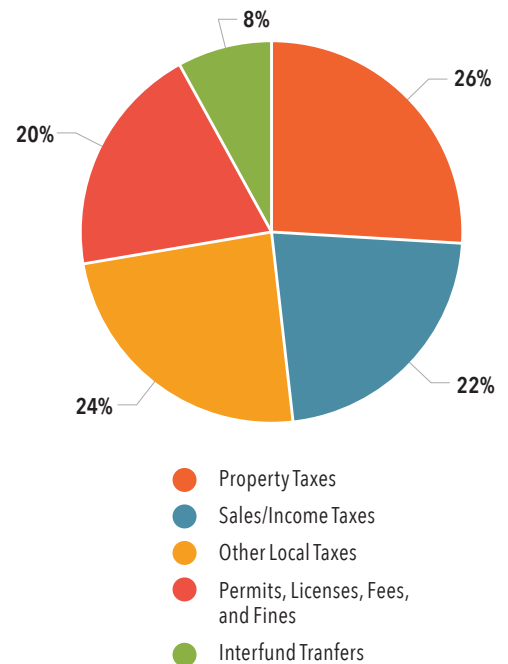
What Are the City's Revenue Sources?

The General Fund supports many of the City's core services. In addition to property taxes, it is financed by a combination of taxes, fees, permits, fines, and state and federal funding. Property taxes account for about 26 percent of General Fund revenue.

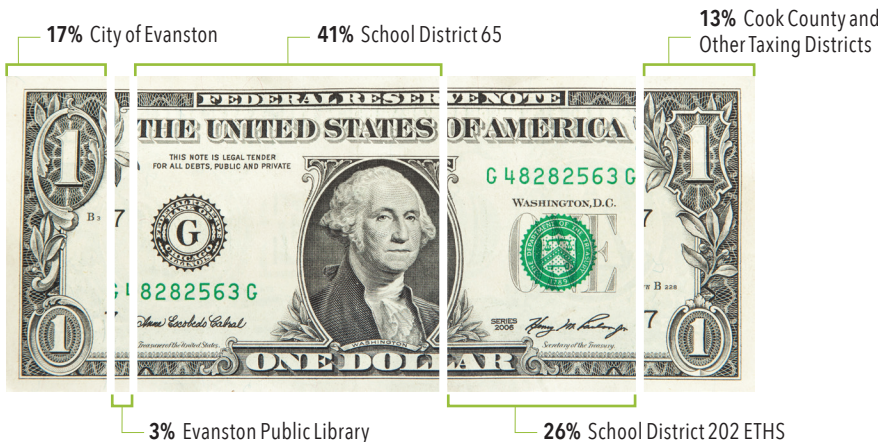
Where Do Your Property Taxes Go?

Your property tax bill covers several taxing districts (see chart below). The City of Evanston receives 17 cents of every dollar paid in property tax, or 17 percent of the total bill. This amount funds Police and Fire Pensions, debt payments for capital projects, and General Fund operations.

General Fund Revenue

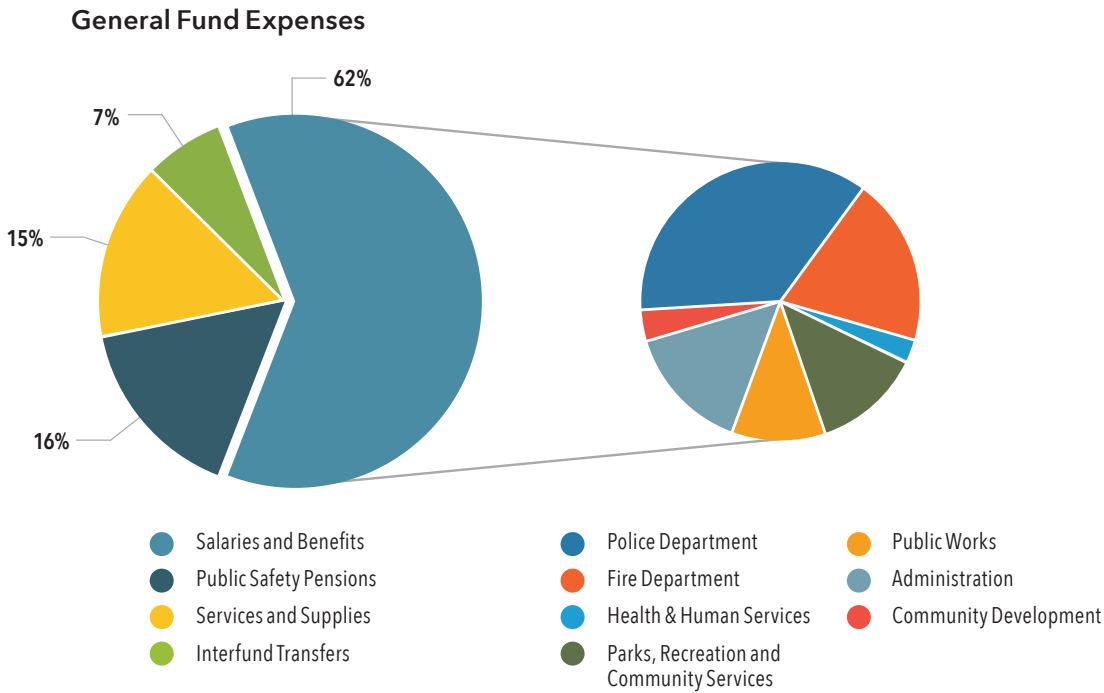


Evanston Property Taxes

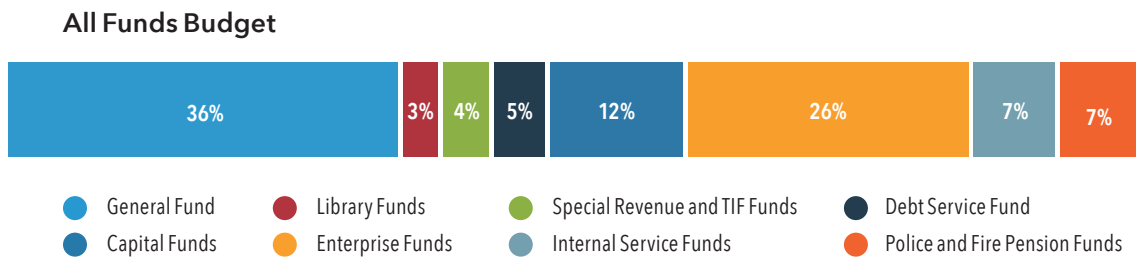


What Are the City's Expenses?

The budget is broken into multiple funds. The General Fund is the largest, making up 40 percent of the total budget. Services supported by the General Fund include public safety, recreation, health and human services, community development, public works, and administration. The 2020 Adopted Budget for the General Fund is \$117,200,492.



Additional funds include: Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer, Parking, Solid Waste), Capital Improvement Funds, Debt Service Funds, Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds, and Public Safety Pension Funds. The 2020 Adopted Budget for all funds is \$320,709,230.



Revised 2021 Proposed Budget

In November 2019, the Evanston City Council adopted a budget for the 2020 calendar year. During this process, a projected budget for the 2021 calendar year was also created and is included in the 2020 budget document. Given the changes caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, a revised 2021 Proposed Budget will be presented to City Council in October 2020. City Council discussions and other public hearings on the 2021 budget will be held in October and November 2020. The City will be developing opportunities for virtual engagement on the 2021 budget in August and September 2020. More information on those engagement opportunities will be shared to the City's website at cityofevanston.org/budget, as well as news and social media sources.