

Budget in Brief

FY2025 MAY 1, 2024- APRIL 30, 2025



CITY MANAGER BUDGET MESSAGE

I am pleased to present the City of Bloomington's balanced budget as adopted for Fiscal Year 2025, a robust budget prioritizing Public Safety, Roads and Sidewalks, Dependable Infrastructure (clean water), and Public well-being (Parks/Rec, Culture, Entertainment). This forward-looking budget not only addresses the immediate needs of the coming year but also lays the groundwork for future community needs. Strong revenue streams have enabled the City to invest significantly in these critical areas while maintaining financial stability. With nearly \$89M allocated for capital projects, this budget is strategically designed to meet the needs of our residents and businesses, fostering a prosperous and growing community.

The FY2025 Budget totals \$331.7M, which is the largest budget the City has adopted. This budget incorporates many initiatives put forward by the Council and the community including funding public safety pensions at 100%, continued paying cash for equipment in the General Fund (removal of dependence on borrowing), increased emphasis on streets and sidewalks, accelerating sewer and storm water management projects, addressing other environmental concerns such as adding EV charging stations and improvements related to quality-of-life needs. These initiatives represent the continued execution of the future vision set forth by the community.

This is the final of six budgets that I have delivered to the City. During this time, financial positions have improved as evidenced by increased reserves and a bond rating upgrade. The City has made major strides in addressing the direct concerns of the community with additional dollars directed toward flood and storm water management, further allocation of resources toward public safety and agreeing as a community to support the costs needed to restructure the water distribution system. I am proud to have been a part of such great City enhancements as the Bloomington Public Library Expansion, the O'Neil Park and Pool Renovation and the pending Downtown Streetscape. All will have impacts on the quality of life of our residents for generations to come. We have taken these steps forward with an honesty and transparency to the community it deserves. While not all decisions were unanimous, I am proud that we found a way to come to consensus – and get the business of the City done.

I close this final budget with a gratitude and humility to have been a part of this great organization and great community. It is with all sincerity; I wish the City of Bloomington blessings and prosperity.

Thank you,

Tim Gleason
City Manager

FORECASTING THE FUTURE

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

- Rising prices related to inflation and supply chain issues.
- State imposed unfunded mandates and regulations impacting local governments.
- Stability of the City's large employers.
- Escalating housing crisis and the impacts of a growing unhoused population.

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	\$ 29,549,777	8.91%
Home Rule & State Sales Taxes	\$ 51,735,712	15.60%
Other Taxes	\$ 45,902,821	13.84%
License & Permits	\$ 1,684,776	0.51%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ 23,829,795	7.18%
Charges for Services	\$ 85,670,012	25.83%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 1,774,500	0.54%
Investment Income	\$ 4,485,851	1.35%
Misc. Revenue (Borrowing = \$19M)	\$ 22,942,686	6.92%
Sale of Capital Assets	\$ 52,675	0.02%
Capital Lease Proceeds	\$ 1,637,706	0.49%
Contribution Revenue	\$ 50,503	0.02%
Transfers In	\$ 18,797,982	5.67%
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 43,554,197	13.13%
Total:	\$ 331,668,992	100.00%

Revenues by Fund Type		
General	\$ 143,089,385	43.14%
Special Revenue	\$ 45,277,382	13.65%
Debt Service	\$ 6,543,668	1.97%
Capital Projects	\$ 24,586,578	7.41%
Enterprise	\$ 91,009,700	27.44%
Internal Service	\$ 20,373,516	6.14%
Fiduciary	\$ 788,764	0.24%
Total:	\$ 331,668,992	100.00%

WHERE THE MONEY GOES (Full Budget Expenditures)

Expenditures by Class Code		
Salaries	\$ 69,540,214	20.97%
Benefits	\$ 17,726,285	5.34%
Contractuals	\$ 67,203,767	20.26%
Commodities	\$ 21,398,002	6.45%
Capital Expenditures	\$ 96,313,356	29.04%
Principal Expense	\$ 8,350,281	2.52%
Interest Expense	\$ 2,018,057	0.61%
Intergovernmental	\$ 20,246,070	6.10%
Other (Contr. To FB-\$5.2M, CDBG/IHDA Grants)	\$ 10,074,979	3.04%
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Intergovernmental		
Police & Fire Pensions	\$ 14,722,621	
McLean County Mental Health	\$ 3,030,571	
Public Transportation	\$ 1,700,610	
Other (At Risk Youth, Township, etc.)	\$ 365,268	
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$ 327,000	
B-N Economic Development Council	\$ 100,000	
Total:	\$ 20,246,070	

Transfers Out		
Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 7,000,000	
Bond & Interest Funds	\$ 3,585,154	
General Fund Charges to Enterprise Funds	\$ 3,309,456	
Arena Fund	\$ 2,000,000	
SOAR	\$ 183,760	
Community Enhancement	\$ 175,300	
Capital Improvement (Asphalt & Concrete) Fund	\$ 2,500,000	
Recreation	\$ 25,000	
Sister City	\$ 13,311	
Library Fixed Asset	\$ 6,000	
Total:	\$ 18,797,981	

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 Type		
Taxes	\$ 108,675,960	75.95%
Licenses	\$ 711,276	0.50%
Permits	\$ 913,500	0.64%
Intergov Revenue	\$ 1,369,318	0.96%
Charges for Services	\$ 15,965,399	11.16%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ 742,500	0.52%
Investment Income	\$ 1,801,000	1.26%
Misc Revenue	\$ 420,032	0.29%
Sale of Capital Assets	\$ 50,500	0.04%
Transfer In	\$ 3,706,828	2.59%
Use of Fund Balance	\$ 8,733,072	6.10%
Total:	\$ 143,089,385	100.00%

General Fund Expenditures by Department		
General Fund Transfers	\$ 11,513,311	8.05%
Information Technology	\$ 7,421,747	5.19%
Fleet Management	\$ 4,461,236	3.12%
McLean County Mental Health	\$ 3,030,571	2.12%
Economic Development	\$ 2,198,784	1.54%
Human Resources	\$ 2,369,813	1.66%
Non Departmental	\$ (2,500,000)	-1.75%
Legal	\$ 1,566,270	1.09%
Public Transportation	\$ 1,700,610	1.19%
Finance	\$ 1,656,831	1.16%
Administration	\$ 1,773,508	1.24%
Facilities Maintenance	\$ 1,427,403	1.00%
Billing	\$ 1,148,478	0.80%
City Clerk	\$ 508,895	0.36%
Gov Center Bldg Maintenance	\$ 1,518,199	1.06%
Collections	\$ 484,371	0.34%
Sister City	\$ 38,600	0.03%
Total General Government:	\$ 40,318,627	28.18%
Public Safety	\$ 73,754,051	51.54%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	\$ 15,541,119	10.86%
Highways & Streets	\$ 12,808,978	8.95%
Governmental Parking	\$ 666,610	0.47%
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General Fund Total Expenditures:	\$ 143,089,385	100.00%

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 2022 tax rate payable in 2023 is 1.08937. Therefore, City taxes collected in FY24 on a \$165,000 home total \$599.09 based on the adopted tax rate. The total amount of property taxes paid based on a \$165,000 home is \$4,673.91, as seen below:

Taxing Body	Certified Tax Rate	Percentage	Amount Collected
District 87	5.17699	61.94%	\$ 2,847.06
City of Bloomington	0.99285	11.88%	\$ 546.01
McLean County	0.91684	10.97%	\$ 504.21
Heartland Community College	0.58632	7.02%	\$ 322.44
Bloomington Library	0.29269	3.50%	\$ 160.96
B-N Water Reclamation District	0.16465	1.97%	\$ 90.55
Central Illinois Regional Airport	0.12297	1.47%	\$ 67.63
City of Bloomington Township	0.10465	1.25%	\$ 57.55
Total:	8.35796	100.00%	\$ 4,596.42



FISCAL YEAR 2025 CAPITAL PROJECTS

Ward	Project	Adopted FY 2025
1, 2, 8	Hamilton Road (Bunn Street - Morrissey Drive) - Phase II Design	\$ 16,816,608
2	Fox Creek Road Bridge & Road Improvements: Danbury Drive to Beich Road - Land	\$ 16,165,750
Citywide	Systemwide Potable Water Distribution Improvements - Construction Project 5 & 6	\$ 11,475,000
1, 8	Locust Colton CSO Elim & WMR, Phase 8 Construction	\$ 9,511,000
1, 4	East Street Basin Phase 1 Construction	\$ 8,000,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Street & Alley Resurface Program	\$ 6,180,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sidewalk Repair Program	\$ 2,000,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation	\$ 2,000,000
Citywide	City Central Fire Station Land Acquisition	\$ 1,500,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Concrete Subdivision Repair Program	\$ 1,000,000
Citywide	Water Main Replacement and Upgrades - Design	\$ 1,000,000
Citywide	Emergency Multi-Year Street, Alley & Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 820,000
Citywide	City Central Fire Station Architectural Fees	\$ 750,000
1	Miller Park Zoo Katthoefer - Building Upgrade	\$ 750,000
3	Airport Rd & Cornelius Dr Traffic Signal Improvements - Design & Construction	\$ 700,000
6	BCPA Roof Replacement	\$ 650,000
7	Wylie Dr & Maple Hill Rd Intersection Improvement - Construction	\$ 629,633
Citywide	Police HVAC Improvements	\$ 550,000
1, 2	Const. Trail Extension: Lafayette St to Hamilton Rd - Const. & Const. Insp. (Phase III Services)	\$ 528,000
Citywide	Street Lighting Charges	\$ 500,000
Citywide	Fire Station 1 Roof Replacement	\$ 500,000
4	BHS Tennis Courts	\$ 500,000
8	Hershey & Hamilton Road Trail and Ireland Grove Road Sidewalk Improvements	\$ 500,000
Citywide	Hamilton Zone Pump Station - Land Acq.for Systemwide Potable Water Distribution Impr.	\$ 500,000
1	Zoo Katthoefer Roof and HVAC Replacement	\$ 375,000
Citywide	Fire Station #4 Architectural Fees	\$ 350,000
Citywide	Reservoir Shoreline/Stream Erosion -Planning & Construction	\$ 325,000
Citywide	Hydraulic Modeling	\$ 300,000
6	Parking Garage Security Cameras	\$ 295,000
6	BCPA Upgrade Old HVAC Unit	\$ 275,000
Citywide	EV Charging Installations	\$ 250,000
1	Zoo - AZA Concerns/provision identified during site inspection at Miller Park Zoo	\$ 248,715
9	North Pointe Playground	\$ 200,000
Citywide	Watershed Improvements - Grant Matching	\$ 200,000
8	The Grove on Kickapoo Creek Subdivision Pavement Oversizing	\$ 187,168
4	Empire Street & Colton Avenue Culvert - Design	\$ 150,000
2	Route 66 Trail & Pepper Ridge Sidewalk Improvements - Construction	\$ 150,000
Citywide	Route 66 Trail Funk's Grove to McLean 4.8 miles, Section 6-Construction	\$ 134,550
1	Miller Park Feasibility Study- Road Resurfacing, Curb & Gutter, Theatre, Recreational Amenities, and Restrooms	\$ 125,000
1	Miller Park Zoo Master Plan	\$ 125,000
8	The Grove on Kickapoo Creek Subdivision Pavement Oversizing	\$ 106,332
Citywide	Facilities Unforeseen Major Facility Repairs	\$ 100,000
4, 6	Butler and Douglas Parking Lot Improvements	\$ 100,000
1	Const. Trail Extension: Lincoln St to Lafayette St - Design	\$ 100,000
7	White Oak North Playground - North	\$ 75,000
3	McGraw Park Sister Cities Wall Cap Replacement	\$ 75,000
4	Dog Park - Ewing 3	\$ 75,000
Citywide	WTP Lime Grit Removal System - Design	\$ 75,000
1	Miller Park Theatre Shade Structure	\$ 60,000
8	Trail – Resurfacing Bunn Street to State Farm Park	\$ 60,000
1	Lincoln Leisure Center - Gym painting	\$ 55,000
Citywide	Unforeseen Major Repairs Throughout Parks & Recreation Department	\$ 50,000
8	Trail-Stone Roller Cir to Benjamin School Trail	\$ 50,000
Citywide	Multi-Year Consultant Leak Detection for Water Loss Prevention	\$ 50,000
6	Arena-Upgrade Refrigeration in small HVAC Units (Year 1 of 5)	\$ 50,000
Citywide	Multi-Year GIS Consultant Services	\$ 38,750
6	BCPA Outside stairs and Awning	\$ 37,500
Citywide	Cart Path Maintenance/Upgrade Consultation for all three courses	\$ 30,000
1	Zoo - Addition of Wolf Habitat/Perimeter Gates- Installation of two sets of double gates	\$ 25,000
5	Jersey Avenue Bridge Replacement - Engineering	\$ 20,000
1	Trail – Resurfacing Locust St. to Chestnut St.	\$ 20,000
1, 2	Const. Trail Extension: Lafayette St to Hamilton Rd - Land	\$ 20,000
	Total Projects all Funds:	\$ 88,489,006

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.bloomingtonil.gov/departments/finance/annual-budget>

The screenshot shows the City of Bloomington website's "Annual Budget" page. The header includes the city logo and navigation tabs for "HOW DO I...", "GOVERNMENT", "COMMUNITY", "BUSINESS", and "DEPARTMENTS". A search icon is also present. The left sidebar lists various budget-related items: "Annual Budget", "Bills and Payroll Reports", "Financial Statements", "Local Tax Information", "Pension Reports", and "Hub Utility Billing". The main content area features the title "Annual Budget" and a breadcrumb trail "Departments » Finance ». Below the title are utility icons for "Print", "Feedback", "Share & Bookmark", and "Font Size". The text explains that the budget document covers all operations and capital improvements for the fiscal year (May 1 to April 30). A list of contents includes: 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; and the capital improvements that are planned. At the bottom, there are three columns of links: "FY 2025 Adopted Budget Book 1" (Budget Overview & General Fund), "FY 2025 Adopted Budget Book 2" (Other Funds & Capital Improvement), and "FY 2025 Budget In Brief". Below these are "Budget 101 Video", "Budget 101 Series", and "Budget Documents". A "STAY CONNECTED" button is located in the bottom right corner.

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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 2025 Adopted Budget Book 1
Budget Overview & General Fund

FY 2025 Adopted Budget Book 2
Other Funds & Capital Improvement

FY 2025 Budget In Brief

Budget 101 Video
Video: More information regarding the budgeting process

Budget 101 Series
PDF: More information regarding the budgeting process

Budget Documents

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You can reach us at [\(309\)434-2509](tel:3094342509), Option 0, or 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!

