



# CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE NEIGHBOR'S GUIDE TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET



## City of Fort Lauderdale Fast Facts About the Budget

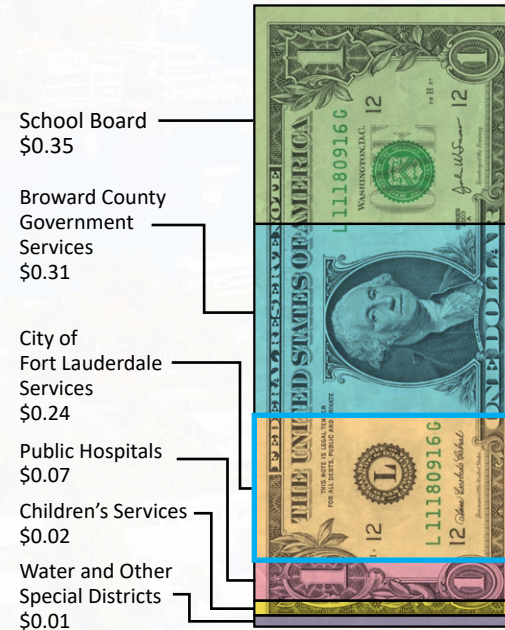
The Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 Adopted Budget will address the City's highest priorities for the upcoming fiscal year, with some key highlights below:

- ✓ For the nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) consecutive year, the City has set a maximum operational millage at a rate of 4.1193
- ✓ Taxable property values have increased by 8.50% based on the July estimates from the County Property Appraiser
- ✓ The fire assessment fee per residential dwelling unit is approved to increase from \$328 to \$403 per year
- ✓ Over \$501 million in funding for the Community Investment Plan (CIP), some key highlights are below:
  - \$52.3 million in water and sewer and wastewater infrastructure projects
  - \$10.8 million for the completion of Fire Station #13, Emergency Medical Station #88, and the Heron Garage Substation
  - \$8.6 million for the repair, enhancement and replacement of roadways and sidewalks
  - \$5.7 million for the replacement of NE 1st Street Bridge
  - \$1.9 million for the repair and maintenance of existing City facilities
  - \$1.5 million for seawall restoration and replacement

*"The City You Never  
Want to Leave"*

## Property Taxes City of Fort Lauderdale's Share of your Property Tax Bill

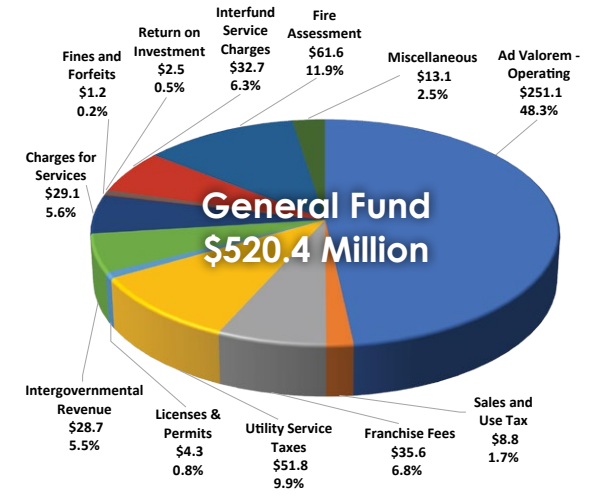
Of each property tax dollar paid by a Fort Lauderdale resident, approximately \$0.24 funds City services. The remaining \$0.76 goes to other agencies including the School Board, Broward County, public hospitals, Children's Services, and other special districts (based on FY 2026 adopted millage rates).



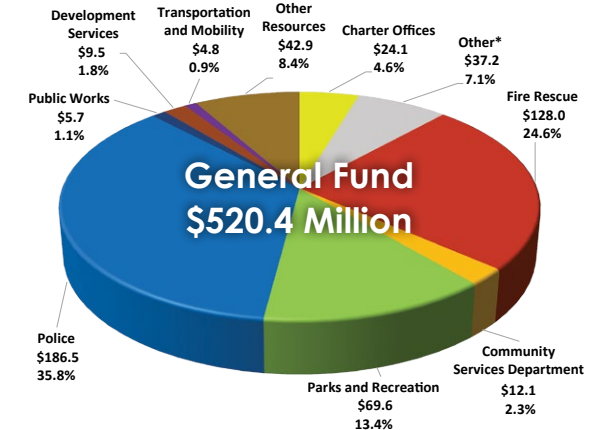
## Your Dollars at Work

- **Comprehensive Public Safety Services:** Protecting your home and family through comprehensive public safety services including fully accredited Police and Fire Rescue Departments.
- **World-Class Recreation Opportunities:** Cultivating the vibrant parks, world-class marinas, and iconic events that make Fort Lauderdale the place you never want to leave!
- **Modernized Infrastructure and Mobility:** Enhancing your daily commute and neighborhood connectivity by investing in well-maintained roadways and improved sidewalks.

## Where the Money Comes From In Millions



## Where the Money Goes In Millions



\*Other includes Finance, Procurement, Human Resources, Debt Services, Office Management and Budget, Office of Capital Projects, Office of Strategic Communications, and Other General Government Departments.

## Strategically Developed Budget

The Annual Operating Budget is the City's fiscal roadmap to prioritizing resources and allocating funding in alignment with the City's long-term Vision Plan, *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035*, the five-year Strategic Plan, *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029*, and the FY 2026 Commission Annual Priorities. Funding for these investments is carefully considered and assessed in partnership with City leadership, staff, and community members.



# FY 2026

# City Commission Priorities Targeted Funding

The following funding enhancements support the City Commission Priorities and are included in the Adopted Budget for FY 2026.

## Public Safety

The FY 2026 Adopted Budget includes:

- \$1.9 million in additional public-safety overtime funding to support security services at City events
- \$427,000 for the operation and maintenance of the new state-of-the-art police headquarters, which is scheduled to open in the new fiscal year
- \$299,246 for a new two-year Officer Development Training program for Fire Rescue personnel, focusing on emergency response, incident command, and leadership skills
- \$161,859 to fund a new Forensic Specialist position, enabling the Police Department to process DNA samples in-house

## Bolster Thriving Communities

The City's Adopted Budget includes funding to support economic development projects and to support neighbors in the City through programs such as:

- \$300,000 in funding for the Summer Youth Employment Program
- \$216,000 in funding for the creation of the Airport Workforce Training Program
- \$150,000 in funding for a Municipal Services Affordability Program to assist households with paying for their water, sewer, and sanitation services.

The City benefits from entitlement grant funding to support strengthening community programs, such as:

- \$7.6 million from the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program to assist with facility-based housing, rent programs, mortgage assistance, and utilities
- \$907,000 to provide internet access in low-income neighborhoods

- \$400,000 to support affordable housing initiatives through the HOME Investment Partnerships program

## Homelessness Response

The FY 2026 Budget funds a multipronged approach to address homelessness, including:

- \$330,000 for a Shelter Bed Access Program, which provides temporary shelter for neighbors experiencing homelessness for a period of up to 60 days
- \$315,000 in ongoing funding to continue the Housing Navigation Program in partnership with the Taskforce Fore Ending Homelessness
- \$250,000 for the continuation of mental health and substance abuse treatment programs with two (2) condition-specific housing service providers
- \$200,000 for a new Safe Parking Program, providing individuals living in their vehicles a safe place to park and sleep overnight

Additionally, the City receives entitlement funding that supports ongoing homelessness initiatives, including:

- \$1.5 million in anticipated funding from the State Housing Initiative Partnership to assist with and prevent homelessness
- \$227,000 from Community Development Block Grant (CDGB) funding to assist those experiencing homelessness

## Infrastructure and Resilience

The FY 2026 Budget includes funding to support initiatives aimed at improving the City's infrastructure including:

- The CIP includes \$3.8 million in funding for the City's Watershed Asset Management Plan to enhance the \$7.5 million of available funding
- \$2.9 million in funding to staff and operate the new Prospect Lake Clean Water Center
- \$2.1 million in ongoing funding for the City's Microtransit program, providing residents with affordable, flexible transportation options
- \$200,000 to enhance the City's traffic calming program, making neighborhoods safer for drivers, cyclists, and pedestrians

- \$100,000 in funding for the installation of solar panels to lower utility costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions
- The CIP includes \$77,000 in funding for the Riverside Park Traffic Calming Program, alongside \$64,600 in unspent project balance for traffic flow improvements

## Public Places and Cultural Initiatives

Fort Lauderdale is a City on the move. The FY 2026 Budget reflects the City's investment in public places and community initiatives with the following funding appropriations:

- \$185,000 for permanent and temporary art installations, permitting, and advertising
- \$184,000 for the installation and maintenance of signage and dog waste stations in all City parks
- \$125,000 to sponsor programming, art activations, and art events
- \$101,500 for a staff member to assist with the implementation of cultural programming, public art initiatives, and arts-related policy development
- The Parks and Recreation Department budget includes \$112,000 to enhance median beautification and resilience efforts through smart irrigation controllers

## Public Enjoyment of Waterways

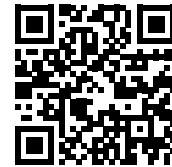
The City remains committed to investing in public enjoyment of the City's waterways with the following funding appropriations:

- \$3.5 million for the maintenance of the City's stormwater system
- \$2.2 million for the establishment of a new Marine Facilities Fund, which ensures neighbors have access to clean, well-maintained public boat ramps and marinas
- \$864 thousand for ongoing canal cleaning
- \$362 thousand for waterway quality monitoring
- \$122 thousand to expand waterway sampling to track potential urban sources of bacteria



## Want More Information?

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