



It is my pleasure to present Bloomington's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget In Brief, a high-level overview of the FY 2018 Budget. The Budget is the City's business plan, reflecting the community's priorities & values through the funding of services, programs & projects.

The Mayor & Council made a concerted effort to tackle many of the City's financial challenges in recent years. In FY 2015, the City started to address capital maintenance needs for roads by issuing a \$10M bond & adopting a local motor fuel tax earmarked for road repair. Two years ago, the Council passed a 1% sales tax that, combined with holding the line on expenses, went a long way in addressing the City's structural deficit.

The FY 2018 Budget is balanced, & the City's current financial health is strong. Still, the City faces many continued challenges, including those from deferred capital maintenance, rising labor costs, stagnant retail sales & unpredictable state-shared revenue. It is vitally important to continue to formulate a long-term fiscal sustainability plan.

I hope all stakeholders find this document informative. On behalf of the City Council & staff team, I look forward to implementing your FY 2018 financial plan.

Sincerely,

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David A. Hales, City Manager

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 citizen 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 citizens of Bloomington. The budget process is continual year-round.



WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM Full Budget Revenues

Revenues	Combined	by Source

Charges for Services	\$64,321,033	30.04%
Home Rule & State Sales Taxes	\$38,176,125	17.83%
Other Taxes	\$31,843,245	14.87%
Property Tax	\$24,744,495	11.56%
Transfers In	\$17,293,684	8.08%
Use of Fund Balance	\$17,153,814	8.01%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$11,757,629	5.49%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$5,265,167	2.46%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$1,559,812	0.73%
Licenses & Permits	\$1,258,143	0.59%
Investment Income	\$753,563	0.35%
TOTAL	\$214,126,710	100.00%

Revenues by Fund Type

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General	\$105,314,471	49.18%
Enterprise	\$46,666,390	21.79%
Internal Service	\$21,654,970	10.11%
Special Revenue	\$17,722,419	8.28%
Capital Projects	\$15,008,276	7.01%
Debt Service	\$7,260,184	3.39%
Fiduciary	\$500,000	0.23%
TOTAL	\$214,126,710	100.00%

WHERE THE MONEY GOES Full Budget Expenditures

Salaries	\$53,758,853	25.11%
Contractual	\$47,794,088	22.32%
Capital Expenditures	\$30,838,826	14.40%
Transfers Out	\$17,293,684	8.08%
Benefits	\$15,566,014	7.27%
Commodities	\$15,508,315	7.24%
Intergovernmental	\$14,880,254	6.95%
Principal Expense	\$9,977,733	4.66%
Other	\$5,668,643	2.65%
Interest Expense	\$2,840,299	1.33%
TOTAL	\$214,126,710	100.00%

Expenditures by Fund Type

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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, Coliseum & 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 future emergencies.

Taxes	\$86,274,740	81.92%
Charges for Services	\$11,864,306	11.27%
Transfers In	\$3,866,628	3.67%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$888,775	0.84%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$870,962	0.83%
Permits	\$802,351	0.76%
Licenses	\$414,950	0.39%
Intergovernmental	\$228,383	0.22%
Investment Income	\$85,375	0.08%
Sale Capital Assets	\$18,000	0.02%
Use of Fund Balance	\$0	0%
TOTAL	\$105,314,471	100.00%

General Fund Revenues

UNDERSTANDING PROPERTY TAX

Property tax is based on the fair cash value of your home as identified by the City of Bloomington 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 2016 tax rate payable in 2017 is 1.08363. Therefore, City taxes collected in FY 2018 on a \$165,000 home total \$595.94 based on the adopted tax rate. The total amount of property taxes paid based on a \$165,000 home is \$4,629.66, as seen below:

General Fund Expenditures		
General Fund Transfers	\$9,800,965	9.31%
Fleet Management	\$3,281,232	3.12%
Information Services	\$3,058,571	2.90%
McLean County Mental Health	\$2,440,762	2.32%
Economic Development	\$1,979,639	1.88%
Human Resources	\$1,660,158	1.58%
Finance	\$1,537,108	1.46%
Legal	\$1,391,591	1.32%
Administration	\$1,201,281	1.14%
Public Transportation	\$1,188,050	1.13%
Facilities Maintenance	\$1,117,370	1.06%
Government Center	\$784,980	0.75%
City Clerk	\$437,705	0.42%
Non-Departmental	\$94,202	0.09%
Sister City	\$29,201	0.03%
TOTAL General Government	\$30,002,814	28.49%
Public Safety	\$54,957,743	52.18%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	\$12,058,665	11.45%
Highway & Streets	\$7,551,552	7.17%
Governmental Parking	\$743,695	0.71%
TOTAL	\$105,314,471	100.00%

For every \$1 of property tax...



Taxing Body	Tax Rate	\$ Collected	% of Tot
District 87	5.13998	\$2,826.71	61.06%
City of Bloomington	1.08363	\$595.94	12.87%
McLean County	0.91399	\$502.64	10.86%
Heartland Comm. College	0.58840	\$323.59	6.99%
Bloomington Library	0.25296	\$139.11	3.00%
B-N Water Reclamation	0.17931	\$98.61	2.13%
B-N Airport Authority	0.12442	\$68.42	1.48%
Bloomington Township	0.13572	\$74.64	1.61%
TOTAL	8.41841	\$4,629.66	100%

QUICK REFERENCE

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Legal	309-434-2213
Library	309-828-6091
Parks, Rec. & Arts	309-434-2260
Public Works	309-434-2225
Water	309-434-2426

POTHOLE HOTLINE

309-434-BUMP (2867)

CRIME MAPPING

www.cityblm.org/RAIDSonline

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

www.cityblm.org/OffenderWatch

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SOCIAL MEDIA



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BLOOMINGTON 101

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