

# BUDGET IN BRIEF

FISCAL YEAR 2019 • MAY 1, 2018 - APRIL 30, 2019



The City of Bloomington's Budget in Brief is an overview of the City's Fiscal Year 2019 Budget, which totals \$210M. The Budget is an allocation of the City's resources to services, programs & projects, given the community's priorities & values. It is a financial roadmap & provides the associated guidance to City staff.

The FY19 Budget was balanced with a combination of operating cuts and targeted City Council action items, the most notable addressing the recurring need for a \$1.1M annual subsidy to the Solid Waste Fund. Through the combined efforts of the City Council, staff & residents, actions were evaluated & tough decisions were made with a focus on the long-term benefit of city businesses & residents.

While the FY19 Budget is balanced & cash reserves are strong, financial concerns still exist in the way of rising costs, flat revenues & uncertainty related to changes with the City's private employers. While addressing these issues will be challenging, we are certain that the dedication of the Council, staff & residents will enable us to overcome them.

On behalf of the City Council and staff, we look forward to continued service to our great community & making FY2019 a year of progress & growth for all.

Sincerely,

Steve Rasmussen, Interim 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	\$68,538,476	32.62%
Home Rule & State Sales Taxes	\$37,408,347	17.80%
Other Taxes	\$31,883,000	15.17%
Property Tax	\$24,914,988	11.86%
Use of Fund Balance	\$17,293,834	8.23%
Transfers In	\$13,223,782	6.30%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$7,832,441	3.73%
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$4,916,559	2.34%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$1,621,689	0.77%
Licenses & Permits	\$1,355,194	0.64%
Investment Income	\$1,129,545	0.54%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,117,855</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Revenues by Fund Type

General	\$104,242,509	49.61%
Enterprise	\$50,183,708	23.88%
Internal Service	\$18,522,761	8.82%
Special Revenue	\$17,301,277	8.23%
Capital Projects	\$12,519,807	5.96%
Debt Service	\$6,593,266	3.14%
Fiduciary	\$754,527	0.36%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,117,855</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

## WHERE THE MONEY GOES FULL BUDGET EXPENDITURES

### Expenditures by Classification

Salaries	\$54,462,130	25.92%
Contractual	\$48,187,556	22.93%
Capital Expenditures	\$28,817,037	13.71%
Benefits	\$16,357,144	7.79%
Commodities	\$15,641,757	7.44%
Intergovernmental (2)	\$15,079,890	7.18%
Transfers Out (1)	\$13,223,783	6.30%
Principal Expense	\$10,633,030	5.06%
Other	\$5,103,662	2.43%
Interest Expense	\$2,611,866	1.24%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$210,117,855</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

#### Transfers Out (1)

Capital Improvement Fund	\$6,436,000
Bond & Interest Funds	\$2,929,607
General Fund Charges to Enterprise Funds	\$1,673,450
Arena Fund	\$1,435,576
Water Fund Charges to Enterprise Funds	\$407,128
Abraham Lincoln Garage Fund	\$169,098
SOAR	\$160,823
Sister City	\$12,101
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#### Intergovernmental (2)

Police & Fire Pensions	\$10,767,290
McLean County Mental Health	\$2,425,000
Public Transportation	\$1,207,500
Convention & Visitors Bureau	\$475,000
Other (At-risk youth, Township)	\$105,100
B-N Economic Development Council	\$100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$15,079,890</b>

# 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 future emergencies.

## General Fund Revenues

Taxes	\$85,590,420	82.11%
Charges for Services	\$12,657,043	12.14%
Transfers In	\$1,846,374	1.77%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$1,250,834	1.20%
Permits	\$870,351	0.83%
Fines & Forfeitures	\$814,000	0.78%
Licenses	\$444,000	0.43%
Use of Fund Balance	\$314,110	0.30%
Investment Income	\$220,425	0.21%
Intergovernmental	\$216,952	0.21%
Sale Capital Assets	\$18,000	0.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,242,509</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

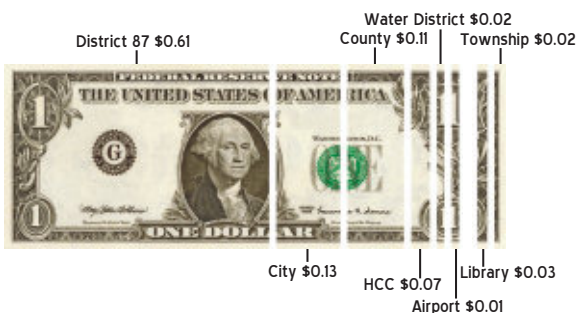
## General Fund Expenditures

General Fund Transfers	\$8,272,118	7.94%
Fleet Management	\$3,360,096	3.22%
Information Services	\$3,290,385	3.16%
McLean County Mental Health	\$2,270,000	2.18%
Economic Development	\$2,034,898	1.95%
Finance	\$1,636,308	1.57%
Human Resources	\$1,579,158	1.51%
Legal	\$1,578,757	1.51%
Public Transportation	\$1,207,500	1.16%
Administration	\$1,148,242	1.10%
Facilities Maintenance	\$1,082,503	1.04%
Government Center	\$835,505	0.80%
City Clerk	\$471,391	0.45%
Sister City	\$26,501	0.03%
Non-Departmental	\$(500,000)	-0.48%
<b>TOTAL General Government</b>	<b>\$28,293,362</b>	<b>27.14%</b>
Public Safety	\$56,352,611	54.06%
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts	\$11,797,842	11.32%
Highway & Streets	\$7,075,820	6.79%
Governmental Parking	\$722,874	0.69%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$104,242,509</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

# 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 2017 tax rate payable in 2018 is 1.07967. Therefore, City taxes collected in FY 2019 on a \$165,000 home total \$593.76 based on the adopted tax rate. The total amount of property taxes paid based on a \$165,000 home is \$4,629.99, as seen below:

Taxing Body	Tax Rate	Collected	%
District 87	5.15321	\$2,833.98	61.21%
City of Blm	1.07967	\$593.76	12.83%
McLean County	0.91052	\$500.74	10.82%
Heartland College	0.58538	\$321.93	6.95%
Blm Library	0.25959	\$142.76	3.08%
Water District	0.18466	\$101.55	2.19%
Blm Township	0.1266	\$69.62	1.50%
Airport Authority	0.11937	\$65.65	1.42%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8.419</b>	<b>\$4,629.99</b>	<b>100%</b>



# FORECASTING THE FUTURE



While every attempt is made to accurately project the City's financial performance, areas of concern remain. They include:

- Declining retail presence in the City
- State-imposed unfunded mandates & escalation of state-imposed municipal service fees
- Stability of the City's large employers

These issues, along with increasing costs, pose obstacles to the growth & prosperity of the City. However, through the unified efforts of the City Council, staff, & citizens, solutions will be found & the community will continue to thrive.



## QUICK REFERENCE

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Finance	309-434-2233
Human Resources	309-434-2215
Info. Technology	309-434-2264
Legal	309-434-2213
Library	309-828-6091
Parks, Rec. & Arts	309-434-2260
Public Works	309-434-2225
Water	309-434-2426

## CRIME MAPPING

[www.cityblm.org/RAIDSOnline](http://www.cityblm.org/RAIDSOnline)

## POTHOLE HOTLINE

309-434-BUMP (2867)

## SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION

[www.cityblm.org/OffenderWatch](http://www.cityblm.org/OffenderWatch)

## BLOOMINGTON 101

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