

# FY24 Budget at a Glance

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## Message from City Manager: Marchell Adams-David



Dear Raleigh residents. I am pleased to present to you the Manager's Proposed Budget for the Fiscal Year 2024. The budget maintains the City's commitment to financial resiliency and stewardship, the provision of quality services, and continued support toward our workforce. It also echoes resident preferences and priorities expressed in the Community Budget Priorities Survey and heard during community engagement sessions around the budget process.

As Raleigh continues to feel the impact of the global pandemic, which gravely impacted residents from all walks of life as well as members of the City's business community, this budget doubles down on the commitment toward ensuring that our focus remains on **Connecting Our Community**.

## Key Highlights and Statistics

- \$647.2 million General Fund Budget (9.6% higher than FY23)
- New proposed tax rate of 43.30 cents per \$100 valuation Parks Bond
- Over \$30 million investment in employees and service delivery enhancements
- \$11.8 million to advance affordable housing in the city through the Housing Bond
- \$7.8 million to continue the City's commitment to streets resurfacing
- GoRaleigh continues to suspend transit fares through FY24



373

Number of Electric Vehicle charging stations



280

fires investigated



542,567

911 calls processed



8,250

new households enrolled in rec programs



1,148

Center Lane Miles Maintained



28,827

tons of recycling collected

## Cover Artwork

The cover for the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 is a visual representation of **Connecting Our Community**. Created by potter and illustrator Laura Caroline Casas, the cover showcases the bilateral nature of City services emphasizing the importance of services easily accessible to residents as opposed to those that may not be readily visible. The accessible and the invisible nature of both services mirrors the duality of city government. In both cases, the City remains committed to providing excellent customer services regardless to where and how a service is offered to residents.



# Equity and Community Engagement

*The Fiscal Year 2024 proposed budget process began in Fall of 2022 with equity and engagement at its core.*

## Equity and Inclusion

This year staff were challenged to demonstrate how City programs and services advanced equity in the FY2024 proposed budget. A group of City of Raleigh Equity Team members reviewed each new funding request and evaluated them based on their potential equity impact. To address a critical gap in day-to-day operations and service delivery, the FY2024 budget proposes funding for:

- **An Assistant Director for the Department of Equity and Inclusion** to advance leadership for equity work organization wide.
- **An Inclusive Accessibility liaison** to develop, lead and advance issues related to the City's community with disabilities.
- Funding for an **interactive software system** allowing for greater accessibility, transparency, and storytelling around the City's budget for residents citywide.

*The FY2024 Proposed Budget seeks to advance race and social equity initiatives throughout Raleigh.*



BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT SERVICES

**Hey Raleigh!**  
Share your thoughts about the City Budget

City Council and City staff want to hear from you! Complete the survey by February 28, 2023.

Five lucky winners will have an opportunity to win a \$50 gift card! Take the poll at [engage.raleighnc.gov/budget](https://engage.raleighnc.gov/budget)

Scan for English Survey



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## Engagement and Outreach

Community engagement remains a high priority for the community, staff, and City Council. The FY24 budget proposes funding for two staff members for the Office of Community Engagement and provides additional support the Community Engagement Board (CEB) to build authentic relationships between the City and the Raleigh community. And, to ensure that we continue to engage with as many residents as possible, the Proposed FY24 budget includes funding for continued engagement around the budget process, which will allow the City to reach out to community members across Raleigh about their priorities for City spending.

### COMMUNITY BUDGET PRIORITIES SURVEY

The City received 3,107 responses to its Survey: a 275% increase from the prior year. Residents shared their preference for wanting **more affordable housing, transportation safety, and community engagement**. For a full recap of the City's efforts, check out the Engagement Report. The FY24 budget considers these voices along with departmental needs that have a high equity impact in our community.

# Financial Data

## FY24 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Revenues	FY23 Adopted	FY24 Proposed	% Change
Property Taxes	313,036,000	353,411,000	12.9%
Sales Tax	130,000,000	148,000,000	13.8%
Intergovernmental	49,206,069	50,970,711	3.6%
User Fees	22,383,004	24,430,665	9.1%
Licenses	14,834,000	15,034,000	1.3%
Fees & Misc.	10,501,066	14,516,606	37.1%
Transfers from Other Funds	29,606,912	23,602,497	(20.0%)
Fund Balance and Special Reserves	20,865,333	17,241,500	(17.4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$590,432,384</b>	<b>\$647,206,979</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

## REVENUE HIGHLIGHTS

- Four (4.0) cent property tax increase due to the 2022 Parks Bond approved by Raleigh voters.
- New proposed tax rate of 43.30 cents per \$100 valuation.
- \$18 million anticipated increase in sales tax due to inflation and increased economic activity.
- Growth in fee revenues due to increased development and a return to near normal programming in Parks and Recreation.

## FY24 PROPOSED GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Expenditures	FY23 Adopted	FY24 Proposed	% Change
Personnel	229,118,451	239,121,006	4.4%
Employee Benefits	106,522,704	114,038,940	7.1%
Operating Expenditures	106,039,745	119,027,047	12.2%
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>	<b>441,680,900</b>	<b>472,186,993</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
Transfer to Other Funds	33,141,265	37,165,954	12.1%
Transfer to Debt Service	67,539,691	101,483,360	50.3%
Transfer to Capital Funds	48,070,528	36,370,672	(24.3%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$590,432,384</b>	<b>\$647,206,979</b>	<b>9.6%</b>

## EXPENSE HIGHLIGHTS

- Over \$9.5 million in merit increases for staff.
- Eliminate employee retirement contribution match Citywide to boost equity among lowest paid workers.
- Over \$2.8 million in new funding for operational efficiencies in public safety departments.
- \$298,000 for Wi-Fi in all the City's parks and rec facilities to help bridge the digital divide between the City's communities.
- \$200,000 in emergency preparedness and crisis communications capacity building.

## Enterprise Funds Fee Changes

### RALEIGH WATER

4% rate increase on base charges – a \$0.80 increase in the average residential customers' monthly utility bill

### STORMWATER

a 2.5% rate increase, equivalent to \$0.18 per month per Single Family Equivalent Unit

### SOLID WASTE SERVICES

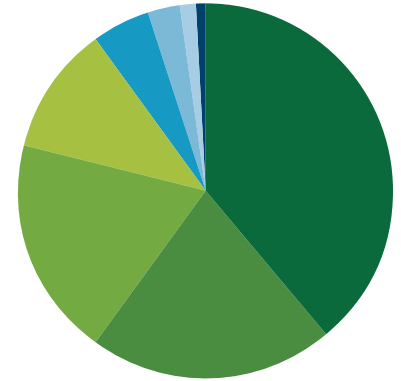
a \$2.10 fee increase per month for garbage collection equivalent to \$22.40 per month in FY2024

# Capital Improvement Plan










In Fiscal Year 2024, the City of Raleigh proposes \$490.1 million in investments supporting a variety of projects for housing, transportation, water and stormwater projects, technology, parks and recreation, public safety, and lastly, public improvements. Over five years, the City proposes nearly \$1.7 billion to maintain and modernize existing infrastructure and develop new facilities.

## Summary of the FY2024 Capital Budget

- Raleigh Water: 39%
- General Public Improvements: 21%
- Transportation: 19%
- Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources: 11%
- Housing: 5%
- Stormwater Management: 3%
- Convention and Performing Arts Complex: 1.2%
- Technology: 0.8%



## Key Projects/Highlights

-  **PARKS, RECREATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES** - \$72 million in 2022 Parks Bond improvements to include parks, greenway, aquatics, and recreation facilities uplifts
-  **HOUSING** - \$11.8 million in housing assistance programs
-  **TRANSPORTATION** - \$3 million for bridge inspections, sidewalk and ADA transition plan, new traffic signals, and the Vision Zero Spot Safety program
-  **RALEIGH WATER** - \$189.3 million in plant and pump station maintenance, interceptors, and other asset rehabilitation
-  **STORMWATER** - \$12 million in water quality, street stormwater, stream restoration, neighborhood stormwater improvements, and lake preservation
-  **CONVENTION CENTER** - Over \$6 million in Performing Arts Complex, Convention Center, and Walnut Creek maintenance
-  **BUS RAPID TRANSIT (BRT)** - \$80 million in BRT plan projects to include Southern Corridor implementation, ADA facility construction, and bus shelter improvements
-  **PUBLIC SAFETY** - Over \$40 million to fund additional public safety facilities
-  **GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE** - \$500,000 for solar and EV investments for the City's buildings and electric fleet.
-  **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY** - A \$3.9 million commitment to enhance the City's technology infrastructure, including an update to the City's critical disaster recovery system.