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2026 Proposed Plan and Executive Budget Review

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Mayor

\$2,108,535

Proposed 2026 Budget

+\$366,509

Overall Change from 2025

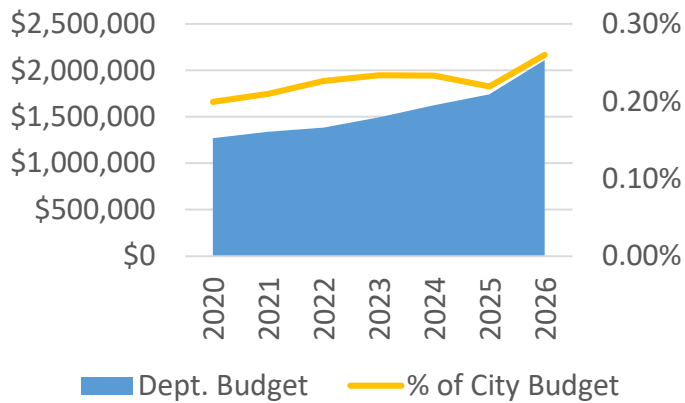
-\$41,869

Difference from Requested

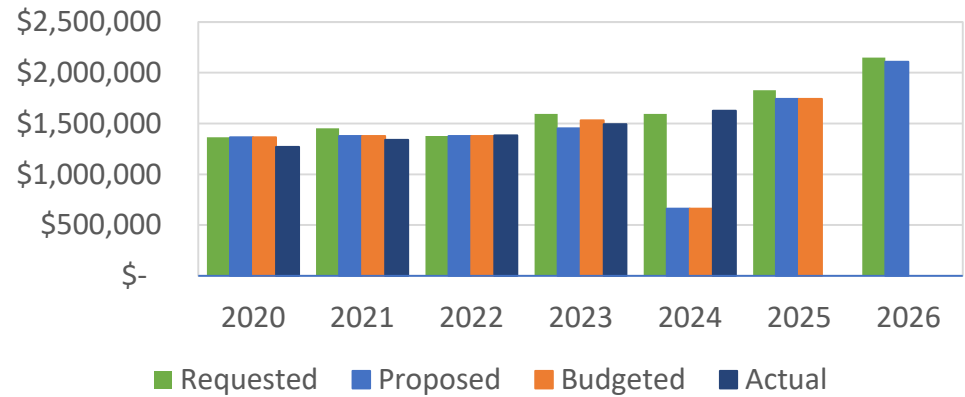
\$2,150,404

Requested 2026 Budget

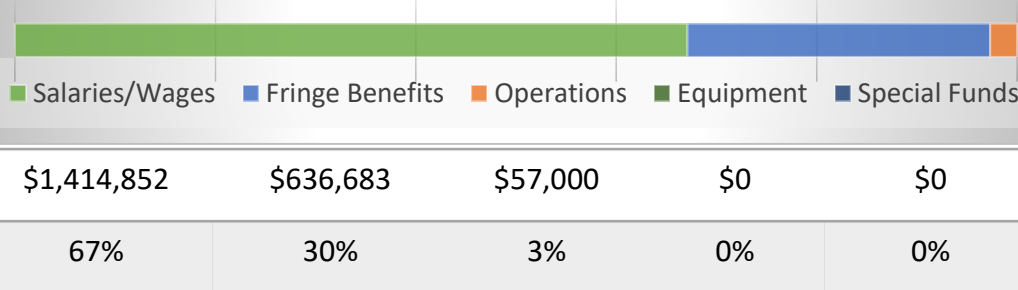
Total Departmental Budget



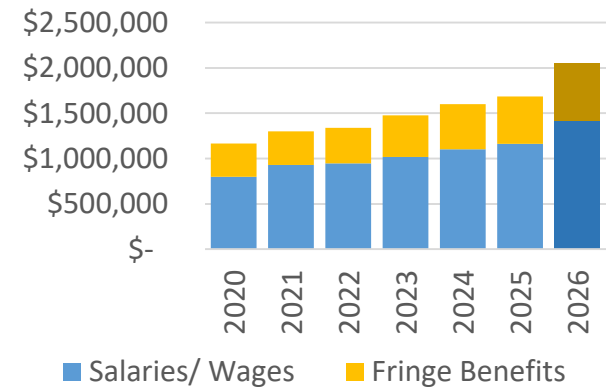
Comparative Funding



Levy Departmental Budget Appropriation by Category



Personnel Budget



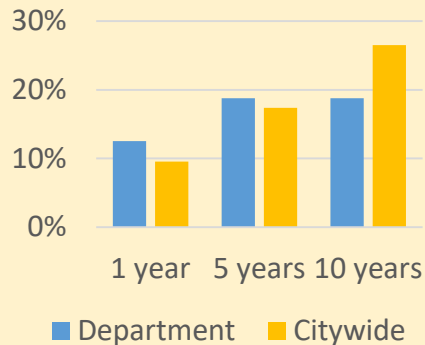
+21.8%

% change in Salaries and Wages
from 2025 Budget.

+\$252,765

Change in Salaries and Wages
from 2025 Budget.

Retirement Eligible



0	0%
Change in Positions	% Change in Positions
1	1
Current Vacancies	Voluntary Separations In 2025

Staffing Vacancies

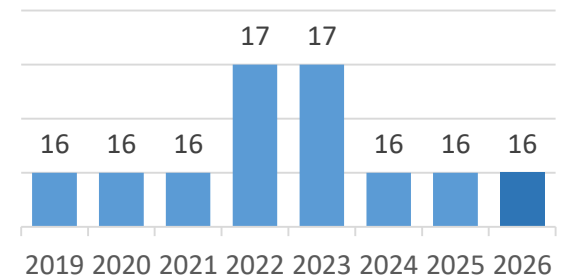
There is currently 1 vacancy, which the Mayor's Office intends to fill in the coming months. 1 of the 3 Intern positions is currently vacant.

Staffing Update

- The Policy and Administration Director is reclassified as Senior Policy Director.
- The Staff Assistant – Manager is reclassified as Director of Community Relations and Partnerships.
- The Administrative Services Specialist is reclassified as Administrative Specialist – Senior.
- The Office Assistant III is reclassified as Program Assistant I

Some positions in the Mayor's Office recently received salary increases based on market-rate studies, reclassifications, and a matrix study. As a result, total salaries in the department are proposed to increase by 21.8% in 2026.

Department Positions



96.3%

Percent of 2026 Proposed Budget allocated for salaries and benefits.

18,500

Number of constituents the department plans to respond to within 48 hours (calls, emails, letters) in 2026.

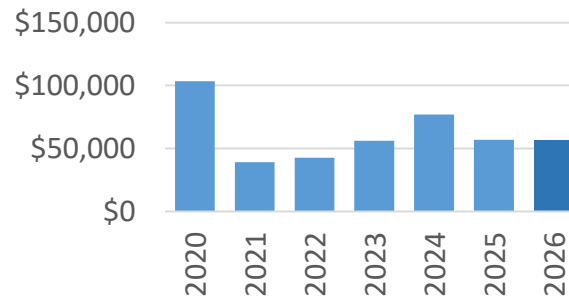
4,500

Number of young people the department plans to serve in 2026 through signature mayoral initiatives such as Camp RISE, Play Ball, and Earn and Learn.

50

The total number of miles of protected bikeways that the City will have under development by 2026.

Operating Expenditures Budget



Equipment Budget



Revenue

No revenue is generated by the Mayor's Office.

Special Purpose Accounts

The department has no Special Purpose Accounts.

Grants & Aids

The department receives no grant funding.

Capital Programs and Projects

The department has no capital funding for 2023.

Special Funds

The department has no Special Funds.

Public Safety

With public safety representing the administration's top priority, the Mayor has pursued investing in young people to divert paths that could lead to criminal or violent behavior, violence interruption efforts to promote peace, and traffic calming road improvements to reduce roadway crashes. Activities include:

- Visiting over 50 schools throughout the 2024-2025 school year and launching the third annual "Hello Summer" to highlight youth opportunities.
- Camp RISE, which supports building work ethic among young people 10 to 13 years old, engaged 337 participants this year.
- Hosting the third annual MKE Peace Week to promote peace and unity across the city.
- The Play Ball initiative allowed 2,000 youths from 25 community agencies to attend a free Milwaukee Brewers baseball game, an activity to promote safe behaviors.
- Expanding the Adopt-A-Neighborhood pilot program, which combines the work of various City departments to focus on beautifying public spaces, improving safety, and boosting resident engagement.
- In July, the Mayor signed the Vision Zero Action Plan, a community-driven roadmap with 100 actions to eliminate traffic deaths by 2037.

Climate and Equity Plan

To implement the Climate and Equity Plan and in working with the Environmental Collaboration Office, activities of the Mayor include:

- Joining the national Better Climate Challenge to reduce greenhouse gas emissions across City operations 50% by 2035.
- Developing a public electric vehicle charging network in partnership with the private sector to install EV chargers at 13 sites in 2026 and a total of 53 sites by 2030.
- Launching the Mayor's Food Waste Challenge.
- Integrating renewable energy and energy efficiency into the City's housing strategy for both existing homes and new development.
- Supporting Milwaukee Public Schools in converting five schoolyards per year from asphalt to nature-based, green play spaces.
- Integrating green infrastructure into major City projects.

Economic and Community Development

The Office has focused on a number of key initiatives, such as:

- Signing the Housing Element of Milwaukee's Comprehensive Plan, establishing a long-term framework to expand housing supply, improve affordability, and align neighborhood development.
- Helping launch Raze & Revive, an initiative to double the rate of demolition of vacant, nuisance properties and reduce the backlog of properties that need to be demolished.
- Announcing the grand opening of Milwaukee's Financial Empowerment Center, which will provide professional, one-on-one financial counseling and coaching as a free public service to local residents.