

YOUR TAXES AT WORK

A BREAKDOWN OF THE NUMBERS

2025/2026 BUDGET

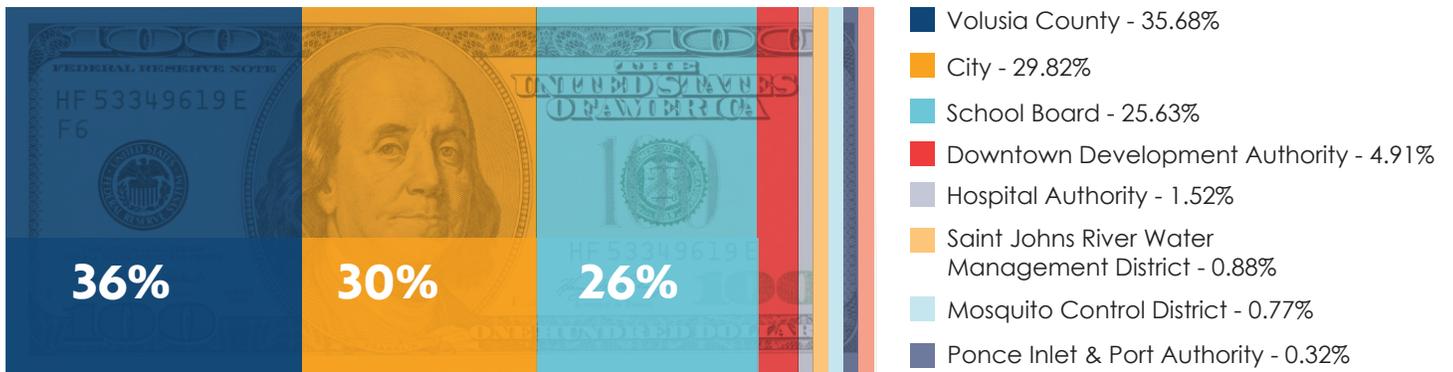


The city's new fiscal year began Oct. 1, and the adopted **\$379.8 MILLION BUDGET** provides a comprehensive and balanced approach to funding the city's operations. It is a responsible spending plan, a testament to our commitment to providing citizens with exceptional service.

The adopted budget is balanced at a millage rate of 5.9300 mills. Increased valuations and record new growth, mainly from single-family residential construction, have provided for sustained budget conditions.

TAX BILL DISTRIBUTION

When you pay your annual property tax bill, the revenue is divided among several local agencies that provide essential public services. About 30% stays with the City of Daytona Beach to support police and fire protection, parks & recreation, road maintenance and other city operations. The remaining goes to Volusia County government, the School Board and other regional agencies that provide countywide services such as public education, libraries, environmental conservation and water management.

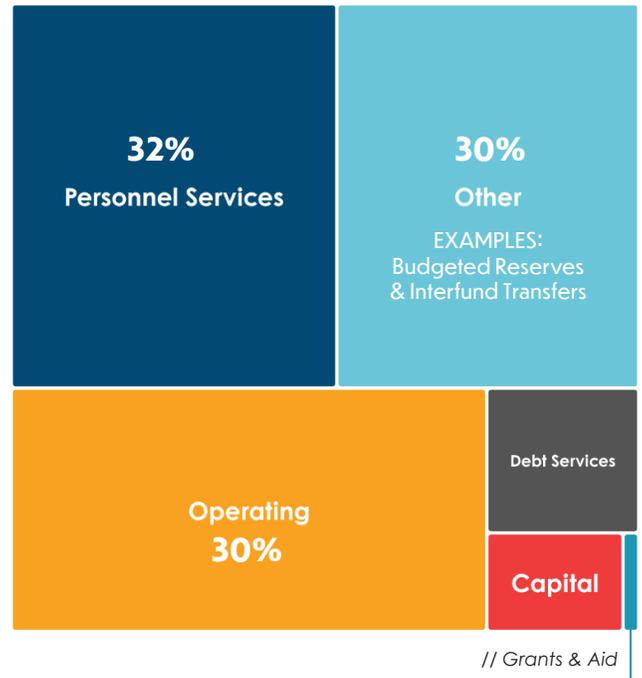


\$379.8 MILLION 2025/2026 ADOPTED BUDGET

Personnel Services represent the largest portion of expenditures at 31.8%, reflecting the city's investment in its workforce to deliver essential services. Operating costs and other expenses, which include budgeted reserves and interfund transfers, account for a combined 58.9% of the budget.

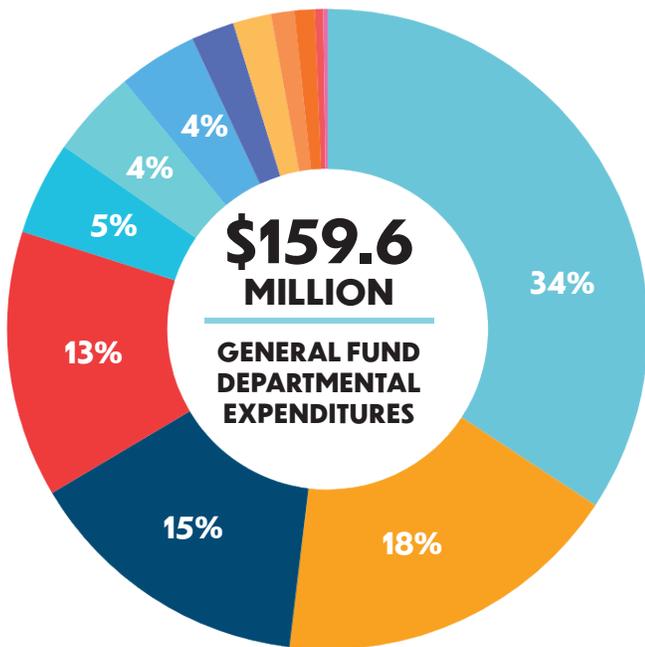
- Personnel Services - 31.81%
- Other Expenses - 29.48%
- Operating - 29.36%
- Dept Services - 5.59%
- Capital - 3.38%
- Grants & Aid - 0.36%

* Other expenses are budgeted reserves (Including fiscal integrity reserves) & interfund transfers



\$159.6 MILLION GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

The General Fund is a government's primary operating fund. It accounts for city services such as public safety, street maintenance, community services, parks & recreation, cultural activities and general government activities.



- Police - 34.2%
- Central Charges - 17.61%
- Public Works - 14.53%
- Fire - 13.45%
- City Manager's Office - 4.71%
- Arts & Entertainment - 4.41%
- Parks & Recreation - 3.99%
- Business Enterprise Management - 2.17%
- Finance - 1.92%
- City Attorney's Office - 1.17%
- Growth Management & Planning - 1.02%
- City Clerk's Office - 0.42%
- Internal Auditor's Office - 0.22%

2025/2026 BUDGETED PROJECTS & CAPITAL ITEMS

PUBLIC SAFETY PROJECTS

- ✓ Patrol Rugged Laptop Replacements \$920,000
- ✓ Patrol Hand Gun Trade-In \$186,150



OTHER BUDGETED PROJECTS & CAPITAL ITEMS

- ✓ Road Resurfacing Program (Roads & Sidewalks) \$4,000,000
- ✓ East ISB Streetscape \$3,052,803
- ✓ Utilities Vehicle Replacement \$1,478,300
- ✓ Air Conditioners - City Wide \$422,390
- ✓ Beach Street Redevelopment \$267,159
- ✓ Recreation Court Resurfacing \$202,000
- ✓ Roof Repair & Replacement - City Wide \$153,874
- ✓ Land Acquisition - Ballough \$105,411
- ✓ South Atlantic CRA Streetscape \$73,747
- ✓ School Zone Signs \$50,000
- ✓ Atlantic Room Door Replacement \$22,000

CITY WORKFORCE

+14 Personnel expenditures are generally one of the largest and most essential components of any annual budget. As such, they represent 32% of the city's total expenditures. **Sixteen new positions have been added and two have been removed from the city's workforce, bringing the number of budgeted employees to 1,025.**

NEWLY ADDED POSITIONS ARE:

- + Equipment Operator II (4) + Firefighters (3)
- + Telecommunications Specialist (2)
- + Irrigation Technician (2)
- + Audit Staff (1)
- + Heavy Equipment Operator (1)
- + Equipment Operator III (1) + Fire Inspector (1)
- + GIS/Applications Specialist (1)

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Personnel expenditures make up 31.8% of the city's total budget and 54.3% of the General Fund, underscoring the city's commitment to investing in its workforce. The adopted budget includes a 3% salary increase effective October 2025 and an additional 2% increase effective April 2026 for all eligible employees. In addition to these increases, the city has taken steps to establish a minimum living wage of \$35,360 annually (\$17 per hour) for entry-level positions.

To enhance the recruitment and retention of sworn public safety personnel, those employees will receive a 3% increase effective October 2025 and an additional increase of 4% in April 2026. Further, the city agreed to enhancements to the Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension Plan, including an increase to the maximum pension benefit and extending the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) to eight years.

These adjustments ensure competitive pay and continued recognition as an employer of choice.



CONGRATULATIONS TO DEPUTY CHIEF JESSICA MATTHEWS

Daytona Beach Fire Department Deputy Chief Matthews recently completed the Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce Leadership Daytona Program, an 11-week leadership development experience that connects participants with local leaders and community operations through interactive sessions and presentations.

As part of the program, participants collaborated on a capstone community project to showcase their leadership growth and teamwork.

We are proud of Deputy Chief Matthews for her dedication to professional excellence and her commitment to serving the Daytona Beach community.

DRUG ABUSE RESPONSE TEAM'S STREETWALK

More than 100 people accepted assistance offered during the Daytona Beach Drug Abuse Response Team's (DART) Streetwalk last week, which focused on combating drug abuse and the mental health crisis along the Ridgewood corridor. Community Paramedicine Officer Travis Anderson coordinated the outreach effort, which coincided with a Resource Fair at 316 North St., offering health screenings, recovery programs, basic necessities and mental health support. Dozens of people representing more than 15 community partners canvassed Ridgewood Avenue from Beville Road to Mason Avenue.

Community partners included the Daytona Beach Fire and Police departments, SMA Healthcare, Halifax Health, Volusia-Flagler Homeless Coalition, ReNew Recovery Café, Florida Department of Health in Volusia County, Foundations 2 Freedom, Volusia Recovery Alliance, One Voice for Volusia, Flagler Cares, Oxford House, Flagler OARS, Helping Hands (Our Lady of Lourdes), CAN Community Health, White Sands and Speak Up Tomorrow Needs You.



FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

Daytona Beach firefighters visited schools across the city to teach students about fire safety and prevention. Crews shared hands-on demonstrations and important lessons on how to stay safe at home and in the classroom.

The Fire Department also promoted fire safety on their social media accounts, focusing on lithium-ion battery safety.

Through education and community engagement, the Daytona Beach Fire Department continues its mission to keep residents informed, prepared and fire safe.

IN THE WORKS



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CYPRESS PARK PLAYGROUND: Progress continues with crews wrapping up the final stages of construction. Drainage improvements have been completed, and installation of the ribbon curbing around the playground is now underway. Once the curbing is complete, crews will install a pour-in-place surface, which will create a smooth, safe play area. The surfacing installation is expected to take about a week once work begins. The project is on track to be completed by the end of November.



PROJECT COMPLETE

LENOX PARK PLAYGROUND FALL ZONE: The new fall zone at Lenox Park Playground is now complete. Crews have installed a new safety surfacing designed to provide a softer, more durable play area for children. With the upgrades now finished, Lenox Playground is fully open daily from dawn to dusk.



UNDER CONSTRUCTION

BOARDWALK BEACH ACCESS STAIRS: Work continues on the Boardwalk Stairs project, though recent king tides and seaweed have slowed progress. While the tides have limited access to some areas, crews are moving forward as conditions allow. Crews are currently focused on ramp construction, with plans to complete three of the four ramps before beginning work on the new stair sections.



UPCOMING PROJECT

SICKLER PARK REPAIRS: Restoration of the damaged observation pier at Sickler Park is expected to begin by the end of the year. While the existing timber piles are in good condition and will remain in place, all new structural components will be securely reattached. Additional repairs include rebuilding a 102-foot concrete seat wall, restoring five parking spaces that were undermined and improving the surrounding upland area with new grading, sod and erosion protection. A new aluminum handrail along the seawall will be added as well.

UPCOMING EVENTS



BIKETOBERFEST

Oct. 16 through Oct. 19

Various locations throughout Daytona Beach.



FREE TO ATTEND ARTISAN MARKET AT YSG

Saturday, Oct. 18
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

1000 Vine St., Daytona Beach
Presented by Zone 5 City
Commissioner Dannette Henry



FREE TO ATTEND COMMUNITY MEETING & DINNER

Thursday, Oct. 23
6 p.m.

129 Valor Blvd.
Presented by Zone 5 City
Commissioner Dannette Henry



FREE TO ATTEND BCU HOMECOMING PARADE

Saturday, Oct. 25 at 8:30 a.m.
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune Blvd.



FREE TO ATTEND COASTAL FEASIBILITY STUDY MEETING

Thursday, Oct. 30 at 4 p.m.

Ocean Center, 101 N. Atlantic Ave.



FREE TO ATTEND HALIFAX ART FESTIVAL

Nov. 1 through Nov. 2

Beach Street and from Orange Ave. to Bay Street

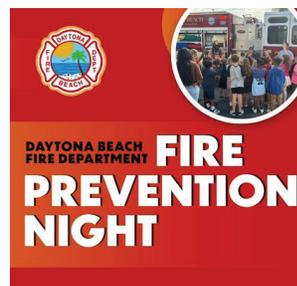
Presented by The Guild of the Museum of Arts and Sciences



FREE TO ATTEND HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY

Saturday, Nov. 1
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Public Works facility,
950 Bellevue Ave.



FREE TO ATTEND FIRE PREVENTION NIGHT

Friday, Nov. 7 at 5 p.m.

Beach Street and Magnolia Ave.

Presented by the Daytona Beach Fire Department