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FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
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DATE: March 4, 2022

RE: **Legislative Policy Division Community Outreach Ordinance-
Community Budget Priorities Virtual Forum Report for Upcoming FY 2022-2023 Budget
Process**

On October 20, 2020, the City of Detroit enacted the Community Outreach Ordinance to demonstrate the city's commitment to community outreach that promotes transparency and accountability and ensures community awareness on legislation, contracts, agreements, and resolutions related to various City-Wide Proposals and Neighborhood Class A-D Proposals as defined by the ordinance. A "City-Wide Proposal" includes all initiatives considered by City Council relating to the Mayor's annual recommended budget, bond proposals, and City-Wide Non-Motorized Urban Transportation plan, and City-Wide Park Improvement Plan, and ballot initiatives that are led by either the administration or City Council.

Included in the City-Wide Proposals process is the requirement of the ordinance that prior to submitting a City-Wide Proposal to City Council for consideration, a representative of the administering department in collaboration with the Department of Neighborhoods, will hold one outreach meeting in each of the seven City Council districts. This report will detail the results of the community engagement from the City-wide Community Budget Priorities Forums held January 18 through 27, 2022 and February 8, 2022, in each City Council district¹.

¹ Per the Community Outreach Ordinance, the City Council will appoint a liaison from the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) to monitor the community outreach process set forth in the ordinance to provide updates to City Council.

Background

In accordance with the Community Outreach Ordinance passed in 2020, community meetings were held in each Council district. Hosted by the Department of Neighborhood's District Managers, City Council members representing each district and at-large City Council members met with their constituents virtually via Zoom. The purpose of these meetings was to discuss and determine constituents' priorities for the upcoming FY 2022 – 2023 budget. The meetings were facilitated by the District Managers and staff; in attendance were City Council Members, their staff and OCFO Office of Budget staff. Attendance at these district's zoom meetings averaged over 100 participants, inclusive of city personnel. The Administration used a power point presentation entitled "Council District Budget Priorities Forums" to facilitate the community meetings held in each Council district. A copy of the power point presentation is attached.

Using the power point presentation, the OCFO Office of Budget, Director/ Deputy Director presented an overview of the budget process and timeline, outlined pertinent details of the current FY 2022 budget, and fielded questions from the community. The District Managers facilitated an interactive discussion on priorities. The interactive discussion involved a poll and open discussion on a pre-selected topic.

Per the power point presentation, the OCFO Office of Budget is in process of "preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for the programs, services and activities in the upcoming fiscal year, July 1, 2022, thru June 30, 2023. The Recommended Annual Budget will be presented with the Four-Year Financial Plan to the Detroit City Council on March 7, 2022, for their review and adoption. The Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget is an estimated \$2 billion proposal, including an estimated \$1 billion of general fund activities."

Included in the presentation was the city's award of federal American Rescue Plan (ARPA) funds and how the city plans to utilize these funds: neighborhoods, housing, jobs, public safety, parks and recreation, digital divide, small businesses and city services and infrastructure projects.

The interactive segment of the meeting involved three types of priorities the city makes in developing the annual budget: 1. Priorities among service levels- allocation of funds among the various city services; 2. Weighing short-term spending against long-term investments- immediate/one-time expenditure for services compared to on-going, continuous funding of services; and 3. Translating a policy goal into a meaningful action- strategies to promote equity in providing city services. Two polling questions were presented with examples demonstrating priority 1 and 2. Priority 3 involved audience participation answering the question: "How would you use the City's Budget to promote equity." Each participant was given 1 minute to respond to the question.

Interactive Polling Question No. 3 introduced the Detroit Equity Council.² The Detroit Equity Council and its partners are "working to improve housing, entrepreneurship, jobs, and procurement opportunities as well as land access, and criminal justice for Detroiters."

² The mission of the council is "successful data-driven initiatives that drive toward demographic parity, are rooted in systemic change, remove barriers in city government, and catalyze change in institutions outside of city government for Detroiters". The council is comprised of directors from the following city departments: Buildings Safety, Engineering & Environmental, Civil Rights Inclusion Opportunity, Group Executive of Jobs, Economy and Detroit At Work, Health, Housing Revitalization Department, Human Resources, Law, Office of Sustainability, Associate Director of Equitable Planning and Development, Planning & Development, Police and the city's Chief Procurement Officer.

Results Overview

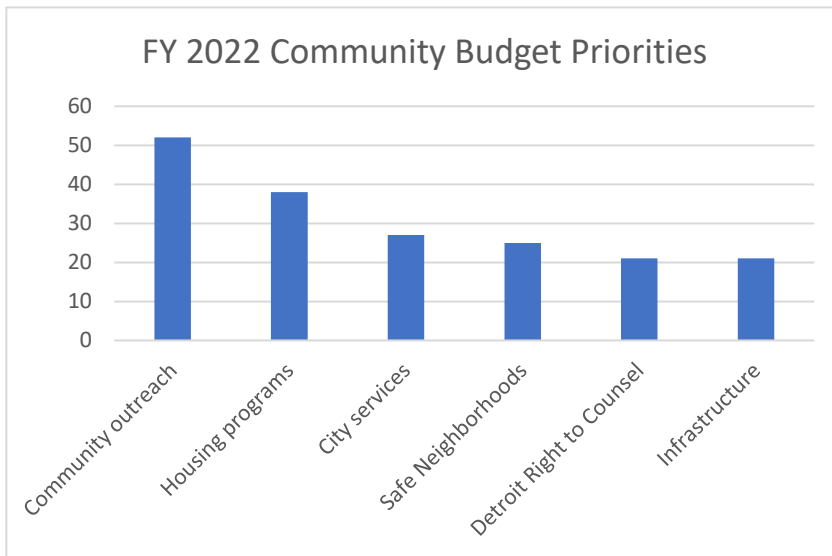
For the second year, concerns relating to housing: affordable housing, home repair grants, and home ownership opportunities ranked high in participants' priorities. Numerous comments focused on the need for assistance to secure and maintain home ownership for residents of the city of Detroit. Certain groups were specifically identified for assistance: disabled citizens, seniors and long-time Detroit residents. It was noted that increased funding in this area would stabilize neighborhoods, reduce blight, reduce homelessness and provide a better future for the children of Detroit. One concern raised at every district meeting- multiple times was the right to counsel for those facing evictions. Advocates for the Detroit Right to Counsel are seeking immediate change to city ordinance and funding for legal representation for tenants. Comments included statistics and stories on the impact of evictions on neighborhoods, families and children.

Last year's community budget forums heavily reflected the response of residents to the nation-wide protests on police brutality and misconduct. Numerous comments were made relating to the proper amount of police funding; and the reallocation of police funding to invest in other city services, such as beautification projects, parks, recreation centers, mental health initiatives and job creation programs. This year's comments focused less on the shifting of police funding and more on increasing safety in the district and with providing safe spaces for children to play. Funding to assist residents with flooding issues took center stage this year, with residents requesting funding for long-term infrastructure and other solutions to reoccurring residential flooding. Residents are seeking monetary assistance as well as assistance in completing the necessary applications.

Residents continue to voice a level of dissatisfaction and disconnect between how their issues and concerns are addressed by the city. Several respondents commented on the redundancy of meetings, studies and other programs requesting community input. Like last year's report, some residents who participated in the survey had difficulty understanding the survey's format and language, in addition to, how the listed outcomes would impact them. This issue existed in varying degree across the districts. They expressed concerns that there is a lack of alignment between citizen's priorities and the budget. There was also a sense there is unequal distribution of "good" city services among the districts.

As residents considered the question of equity and the city budget, a convergence of concerns centered on more services for the most vulnerable of the city's population: children, the disabled and seniors. Respondents also felt equity means providing preference to long-time residents- first in line for services and programs.

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This year’s top 5 priorities- all districts

Community outreach priorities top residents’ concerns include issues with the budget/communications, services for the disabled, seniors, benefits preference for long-time residents and other equity issues.

Housing programs: affordable housing, home repairs, home modifications and other housing support.

City services: vacant lot clean-up, grass cuttings, code enforcement, blight/trash and other services.

Safe Neighborhoods: cameras, speeding issues, noise complaints, increased police patrols/visibility, missing children notification, mental health concerns

Detroit Right to Counsel requests to change city ordinance and funding for legal services for tenants facing eviction.

Infrastructure: address flooding issues and other DWSD concerns, streets and roads improvements

Results by District

District 1- Thursday, January 27, 2022

Hosted by: Karla Williamson, District Manager; City Council Member: James Tate, President-Pro Tem
 OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Janani Yates, Deputy Budget Director
 Attending: 92

Polling Questions

Attendees of District 1 Budget Forum had a variety of opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities. In the interactive examples given, participants were non-committal/neutral in their priorities, except for Police spending.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on this question were 29 people (including comments in chat), some had more than one issue/concern. Primary issues of concern were funding for home modifications- accessibility issues, housing support, right to counsel for those facing evictions, increased police funding, more recreation facilities and safe outdoor free space for children. The Right to Counsel for those facing evictions is seen as a housing support issue. Advocates believe providing residents with legal representation in eviction proceedings keeps residents in their homes, helps stabilize neighborhoods, and reduces homelessness. Others responding to this question are seeking safer neighborhoods, with higher visibility of police in the community. However, some commented that the police force was over bloated. Proposals were made for creating an empowerment center; bike park- children’s area that is animal free; universal design for all new construction, and stocking community centers with free baby items and feminine products. One person commented on the lack of resources for middle class residents and the challenges this presents. A question was raised on the Equity Counsel, who sits on the committee/what is their purpose. The digital divide and the challenges seniors are facing in utilizing technology is a concern. One resident defined equity as safe communities for children and families.

In comparing year over year results, we find that the priorities moved from shifting Police funding to other programs to housing issues. Affordable, accessible, properly maintained homes, as well as keeping people in their homes was the primary concern this year.

District 1 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-22 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-21 Issues-Concerns
1	Housing: Affordable housing, home repair programs, accessible housing and home modification programs	1	Shift Police Funding to other programs/End facial recognition program/Disband the Green Light Program
2	Safe Neighborhoods, increase visibility of police	2	Increase Parks and Recreation funding
	Safe outdoor space for children	3	Job programs/Workforce Training
3	Community Outreach	4	Police Training
4	Housing: Detroit Right to Counsel		Senior Accessibility/services
5	Parks and Recreation improvements		Sidewalk repairs
			Transit Improvements
		5	Public Health Initiatives/ Mental Health Facilities and /or programs
			Compensation for Property Tax Over Assessments
			Home Repair grants/ Affordable Housing

District 2- Tuesday, February 8, 2022:

Hosted by: Kim Tandy, District Manager; City Council Member: Angela Whitfield- Calloway
 OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Steve Watson, Budget Director
 Attending: 98

Polling Questions

Attendees of District 2 Budget Forum had a variety of opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities. In the interactive examples given, participants leaned to other alternatives or found the choices equally important, except for Police spending.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on this question were 21 people, some had more than one issue/concern. Advocates for right to counsel continued to advance legal representation for tenants facing evictions and a change to city ordinance. Implementing this initiative is an investment in children, stabilizes neighborhoods/home ownership and eliminates blight. Other initiatives proposed were a missing children notification system, guarantee minimum income program to eliminate poverty, establish mental health response teams, programs to eliminate property speculation, establish safety/community policing program that equips residents to maintain safety in their own community, and prioritize long-time residents in receiving city services. Property over-taxation, accessible public transportation and housing programs remain at the top of the list of resident’s concerns. Specific questions were raised on the budget process and current city services: 1. Does the city track expenditures to budget allocations; is there a mechanism to track overages in expenditures; 2. Tax abatements -visibility in the budget (how much/where located); 3. How does the city use community input to make budget decisions; 4. How does the city determine budget priorities; where were the funds for COVID, Proposal N bonds budgeted; 5. Why do city employees get raises when city services are poor; 6. Do City Council members wait for resident calls /complaints or do they ride through their community; 7. The city website is not user friendly, can’t find data; 8. Transparency in government; 9. Funding for more vacant

lot cuts, and radio patrols; and 10. Potential cost savings from out sourcing of city services, consolidations of city departments and reduce top heavy management staff. District 2 residents also commented on feeling city services are not equitably distributed among the districts. Equity should be a higher priority.

In comparing year over year results, we find Safe Neighborhoods replaced Community Outreach efforts as the primary concerns for District 2.

District 2 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-22 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-21 Issues-Concerns
1	Safe Neighborhoods/ Missing Children notification program/ Mental health services	1	Community Outreach concerns
2	Community Outreach- transparency, allocation of services, district equity/tax abatement data/ Prioritize Long-time residents in programs		Parks and Recreation funding
3	City Services	2	Effective City Services/Social Workers
4	Housing: Detroit Right to Counsel	3	Investment outside of Downtown/Midtown
5	Housing Issues- affordable housing, home repairs	4	Home Repair Grants
	Infrastructure improvements	5	Youth and Senior Services
	Poverty Elimination programs		Shift Police Funding to other programs
	Transit Improvements		Transit Improvements

District 3- Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

Hosted by: Kayana Sessions, District Manager; City Council Member: Scott Benson
 OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Janani Yates, Deputy Budget Director
 Attending: 53

Polling Questions

Regarding the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities, District 3 Budget Forum attendees had strong opinions on the allocation of funding for Police services. In the interactive examples given, participants were evenly split between funding for immediate - one-time and on-going services.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on this question were 15 people, some had more than one issue/concern. Comments began with representatives for Detroit Right to Counsel promoting legal representation for those facing eviction. This was followed by support for affordable housing and home repair programs (resident believe funding is inadequate). One resident felt that promises were broken regarding the Farwell Recreation Center improvements, work pending for over 20 years. Suggest that the Advisory Council should be included on any discussions involving the Farwell center improvements. A participant identifying himself as a landlord, want education programs for renters on home maintenance. Another resident wants counseling and assistance for tenants to help retain families in Detroit. Investing funds in the Detroit Public Libraries, education, youth programs and beautification programs are important to the district. One proposal discussed was funding for a program to pay neighborhood kids to keep up the parks in their community; can the city’s Youth Summer Employment funds be used for this purpose. Also asked, can ARPA funds be allocated to districts to fund registered neighborhood block clubs. Residents are utilizing their own funds to maintain their blocks and

would like to partner with the city in this effort. Safety in the neighborhood is a concern and residents would like funding for cameras. Inquiries were made as to how non-profits can apply for ARPA and other grant funds. Resources for those without access to technology is a concern. Also requested was that the Budget Office share information on the budget; can the Budget forum slides be emailed to attendees; and what happens to questions emailed to the Budget Office. One resident voiced concern that the city does not have enough money to fund legacy pension costs.

In comparing year over year results, we observed Community outreach issues to be the primary concern for District 3. Increasing affordable housing and home repair funding continue to rank in the top 5.

District 3 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	Community Outreach- updates, transparency, block club funding	1	Home Repair Grants/Increasing Home Ownership
2	Parks and Recreation	2	Community Outreach concerns/Updates
3	Detroit Right to Counsel	3	Mental Health facilities/programs
	Housing programs- landlord/tenant education, assistance, affordable housing, home repair		Jobs Programs/Workforce training
4	Safe Neighborhood programs- safety, cameras		Investment outside of Downtown/Midtown
5	Jobs/Workforce		City services: speed bumps/Community clean-ups/Alleyways/Vacant homes
	Detroit Public Library funding		Library Investment/Internet Access
		4	Shift Police Funding to other programs
			Youth Programs
		5	Parks and Recreation funding

District 4- Tuesday, January 25, 2022:

Hosted by: Rod Liggon, District Manager; City Council Member: Latisha Johnson
 OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Steve Watson, Budget Director
 Attending: 100+

Polling Questions

Like District 1 and 2 Budget Forum attendees, District 4 had a variety of opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities. In the interactive examples given, participants leaned to other service alternatives, except for Police spending, rather than the examples given.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on the question were 18 people, some had more than one issue/concern. In District 4, several people spoke in favor of the right to counsel for those facing evictions. Flooding in the district was a major concern, residents requested better infrastructure and a flooding action plan to prepare for flooding and power outages. Citizens spoke of the inability to get commercial buildings demolished, specifically mentioning one abandoned senior home in the area that needs demolition. Several residents requested cleaner and safer parks. Other residents expressed concerns regarding blight remediation and overall beautification of the district by

eliminating trash and debris. Additionally, there were requests to stop vehicles from speeding in the residential neighborhoods and near parks.

District 4 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	City services including commercial buildings demolition/trash/blight	1	Home Repair Grants/Affordable Housing
2	Community outreach- understanding the budget	2	Parks and Recreation funding
3	Flooding and Infrastructure issues	3	Transit Improvements
4	Detroit Right to Counsel		Shift Police Funding to other programs/ End the Green Light Program
	Parks and Recreation		Blight and litter clean-up
5	Housing issues		Speed bumps/speed cameras/speed signs
	Safe Neighborhoods- speeding issues	4	Health related initiatives
			Stop foreclosures, evictions and water shut offs
		5	Sidewalk repair

District 5- Tuesday, January 18, 2022:

Hosted by: Melina Howard, District Manager; City Council Member: Mary Sheffield, President
 OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Steve Watson, Budget Director
 Attending: 134

Polling Questions

District 5 Budget Forum attendees had clear opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities. In the interactive examples given, participants wanted funding for Police and funding for on-going services.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on this question were 29 people, some had more than one issue/concern. Some of the respondents focused on the term “Equity” as it related to the polling questions 1 and 2, which led to several comments/questions on grass cuttings, floriculture and vacant lots. A few people noted that the examples were poor comparisons, one felt it was insulting. Once past this discussion, the concerns were primarily on housing: affordable housing, home repairs- for all, for long-time residents, for seniors; and increase home ownership programs. Infrastructure issues related to the 2021 flooding- improvements and assistance (for flood damages), other DWSD improvements and street/roads problems were discussed. Over taxation of property rounded out the top 5 issues. Also mentioned was elimination of the Detroit Land Bank Authority and the need to bring back the Human Services Department. There was a sense that there is a lack of equity between the districts in the distribution of city services- some districts get “more or better services”. There was also a feeling these meetings were redundant, that citizens have already addressed their concerns in other meetings, studies or forums. Citizens voiced their frustration that their concerns were not in alignment with the city’s budget. There was support for the right to counsel initiative to change city ordinance on evictions and to provide funding for attorney representation in eviction legal proceedings.

In comparing year over year results, we find housing issues: home repair, home ownership and affordable housing are the primary concerns for District 5. Concerns on Budget transparency and city functions remain in the top 5.

District 5 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	Home repair, home ownership programs, affordable housing	1	Education on city functions/Budget
2	Community outreach- city budget function, transparency	2	Parks and Recreation
3	Improve city services, grass cutting, demolition		Shift Police Funding to other programs/ End facial recognition
4	Infrastructure improvements, assistance for flooding, other DWSD issues, streets/roads		Home repair grants/ Affordable Housing/ land trusts
5	Property Over taxation- compensation	3	Survey clarity and bias issues
		4	Youth Programs
			Transit improvements
			Sidewalk repairs
		5	Public Health Initiatives /Mental Health facilities/programs

District 6- Thursday, January 20, 2022:

Hosted by: Eva Torres, District Manager; City Council Member: Gabriela Santiago-Romero

OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Janani Yates, Deputy Budget Director

Attending: 85

Polling Questions

District 6 Budget Forum attendees had strong opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities; In a departure from the other Districts, respondents preferred to allocate funding for beautification projects. In the interactive examples given, participants wanted funding for park projects as an ongoing budget activity.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

Commenting on this question were 17 people, some had more than one issue/concern. In District 6, there was a wide range of concerns with some familiar sentiments. The primary issues in District 6 were: right to counsel; transportation, housing and blight/dumping. Concerns were raised regarding property over taxation, flooding issues, public safety and parks and recreation funding. Again, there was a belief that there is a lack of equity between the districts in the distribution of city services; one commenter thought it was due to the FRC. Residents voiced their support for services for seniors, disabled residents, living wages and health care benefits for seasonal city employees, and giving preference to long-time city residents in city programs. One resident described a partnership between their neighborhood association, corporations and universities regarding development. Entities should ask the residents what they would like to see in development in their neighborhood. Community groups such as Transit Riders United, Detroit Budget Justice Coalition, Detroit People Platform and those representing the Detroit Right to Counsel spoke on issues that mattered most to them.

In comparing year over year results, we observed Community outreach concerns: addressing inequity in services to district residents, providing services for seniors, the disabled and long-time residents are the primary concerns for District 6. Shifting Police funding to other programs fell out of the top 5 concerns this fiscal year.

District 6 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	Community outreach- services for seniors, disabled; benefits for long-time residents, disproportionate benefits	1	Shift Police Funding to other programs/ End the Green Light Program
2	Affordable housing, home repair programs	2	Transit Improvements
3	Detroit Right to Counsel	3	Affordable Housing/home repair/vacant home fix ups
4	Transit improvements	4	Homelessness
5	City services - blight, dumping	5	Jobs Programs/Workforce training
			Educate on city functions/Budget
			Public Health Initiatives

District 7- Wednesday, January 26, 2022:

Hosted by: Mona Ali, District Manager; City Council Member: Fred Durhal, III

OCFO- Office of Budget Presenter: Steve Watson, Budget Director

Attending: 106

Polling Questions

District 7 Budget Forum attendees had differing opinions on the Interactive polling questions 1 and 2 regarding services and short-term vs. long-term spending priorities. In the interactive examples given, participants wanted funding for Police and were less decisive on funding for on-going services vs. one-time services.

Polling Question- Interactive No. 3: How do we use the City Budget for Equity?

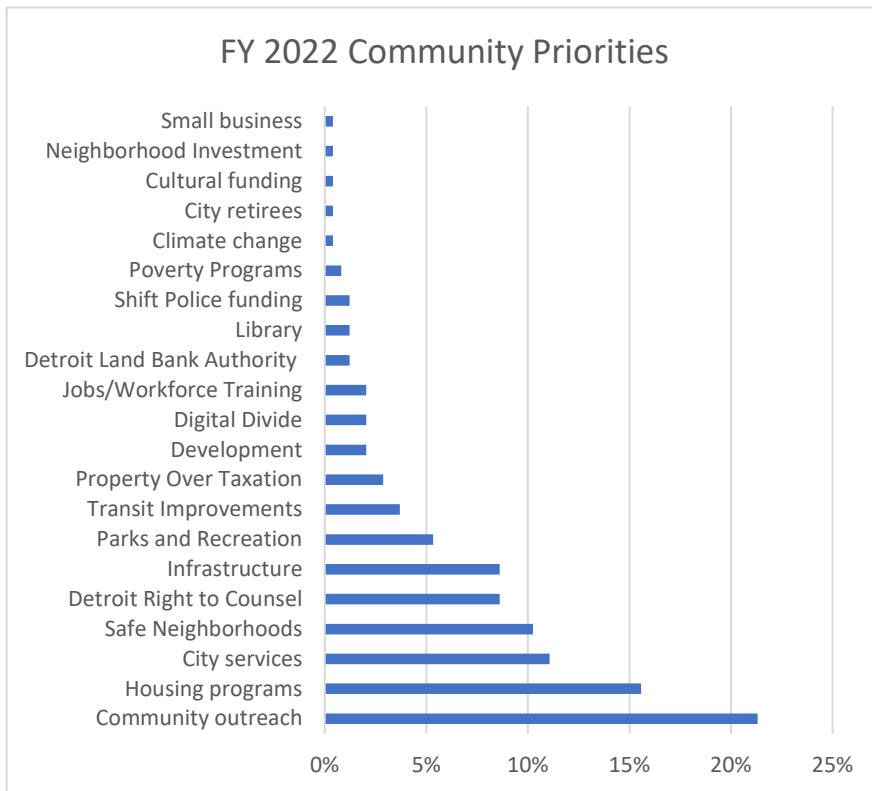
District 7 took a different approach to this polling question and decided to have 10 people to share their thoughts on what Equity means to them. Overall, 15 people responded to this question, some had more than one issue/concern. Resident comments started with funding for disabled Detroiters by increasing the Office of Disabilities budget by \$1.4 million. Another resident wanted funding to make homes handicap accessible for the disabled and seniors. One resident proposed lowering the eligibility requirements for senior and disabled residents to receive adaptive resources. Assistance for flooding victims, rental assistance for both renters and landlords and low interest loans for landlords to rehab their property rounded out the top concerns. Abandoned vehicles is a concern of district residents with calls for increase enforcement and the installation of cameras in areas with abandoned cars and blight issues. Residents also called for more investments in parks, and tree plantings. The Detroit Right to Counsel proponents were again represented to voice their support for an ordinance change and funding for legal counsel for those residents facing eviction. One resident thought public transportation should have been listed in the budget interactive examples. Another thought pension and health care cuts should be restored for City of Detroit retirees. Initiatives proposed include establishing teams to help people in completing paperwork for assistance; workforce training should be changed to Education for Independence; establish a data base for landlords who do not maintain their

property; and clean property that has been dumped-on for neighborhood reuse. Last, one resident proposed a community agreement with a job training component to combat community neglect.

In comparing year over year results, we find District 7 primary concerns focused on the city’s most vulnerable population: the disabled and seniors. Providing housing support and other needed city services for this population ranked high. Concerns on educating district residents on the budget, a top concern last year fell out of the top 5 priorities this year.

District 7 Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	Community outreach- funding for disabled resident services, community agreements	1	Educate on City Budget activities/notification
2	Housing support for seniors and disabled	2	Affordable Housing/home repair/illegal foreclosures
3	Safe Neighborhoods- add cameras, abandoned vehicles	3	Shift Police Funding to other programs/End facial recognition program
4	Parks and Recreation		Transit Improvements
5	Infrastructure - flood assistance		Senior services/Accessibility; Mental Health facilities/programs
			Job programs/Workforce Training
		4	Youth Programs/ Parks and Recreation
		5	Homeless/veterans
			Library upgrades/internet/technology

CONCLUSION



Results All 7 Districts

The virtual Community District meetings held this fiscal year were well attended, averaging 100 participants. Compiled from these meetings were 245 (1 not applicable- Detroit Public School concern) concerns/ issues/ priorities segmented into 21 categories. This chart shows the percentage of concerns for each category (ranked from lowest to highest priority).

In reviewing year over year results, we observed overall concerns remain similar with a shift in the top 5 priorities. Less focus was directed at Shifting Police Funding and more concerns were raised related to infrastructure improvements due to city-wide flooding in 2021.

ALL DISTRICTS Year over Year Comparisons			
Rank	Jan-2022 Issues-Concerns	Rank	Jan-2021 Issues-Concerns
1	Community outreach	1	Affordable housing/housing programs
2	Housing programs	2	Shift Police Funding to other programs
3	Safe Neighborhoods	3	Community outreach
4	Detroit Right to Counsel	4	Parks and Recreation
5	Infrastructure improvements	5	Transit Improvements

In accordance with the Community Outreach Ordinance, the Administration will provide City Council a report detailing the itemized concerns raised by the impacted neighborhoods during the community outreach process and a proposed method to address each of those concerns. LPD understands this report will accompany the Mayor’s proposed Fiscal Year 2022- 2023 Budget and FY 2023 – 2026 Four Year Financial Plan scheduled to be presented to City Council on March 7, 2022.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

Attachment

- cc: Auditor General’s Office
- Jay B. Rising, Chief Financial Officer
- Tanya Stoudemire, Chief Deputy CFO
- Steve Watson, Deputy CFO/Budget Director
- Janani Yates, Deputy Budget Director
- Jan Anderson, Project Manager- Outcome Budgeting/Special Projects
- Gail Fulton, Council Liaison, Mayor’s Office



Council District Budget Priorities Forums

January 2022

**Honorable City Council
Office of the Chief Financial Officer-Office of Budget
Department of Neighborhoods**

Introduction

- Welcome to 1 of 7 Budget Priorities Forums
- We are preparing the Mayor's Recommended Annual Budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022
- The Mayor will present his recommended budget to City Council on March 7, 2022
- Today we will provide an overview of the City budget and provide you an opportunity to provide feedback on your priorities for the coming year

CITY OF DETROIT

Notice of Public Outreach

You are invited to give input on the following proposal:

PROPOSAL

The Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY2022-2023

OUTREACH DETAILS

FY2022-2023 Budget Priorities Virtual Forums will occur for each City Council District. Join your District meeting via Zoom:


District 5 - Jan 18, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/87898914341>
District 6 - Jan 20, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/3631409738>
District 3 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/93947894155>
District 4 - Jan 25, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/89532011115>
District 1 - Jan 27, 2022- 5:30pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/92945572636>
District 7 - Jan 26, 2022- 5:00pm - <https://cityofdetroit.zoom.us/j/85682928727>
District 2 - Feb 08, 2022- 6:00pm - Zoom Meeting ID: 99861905552 pass: 222222

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

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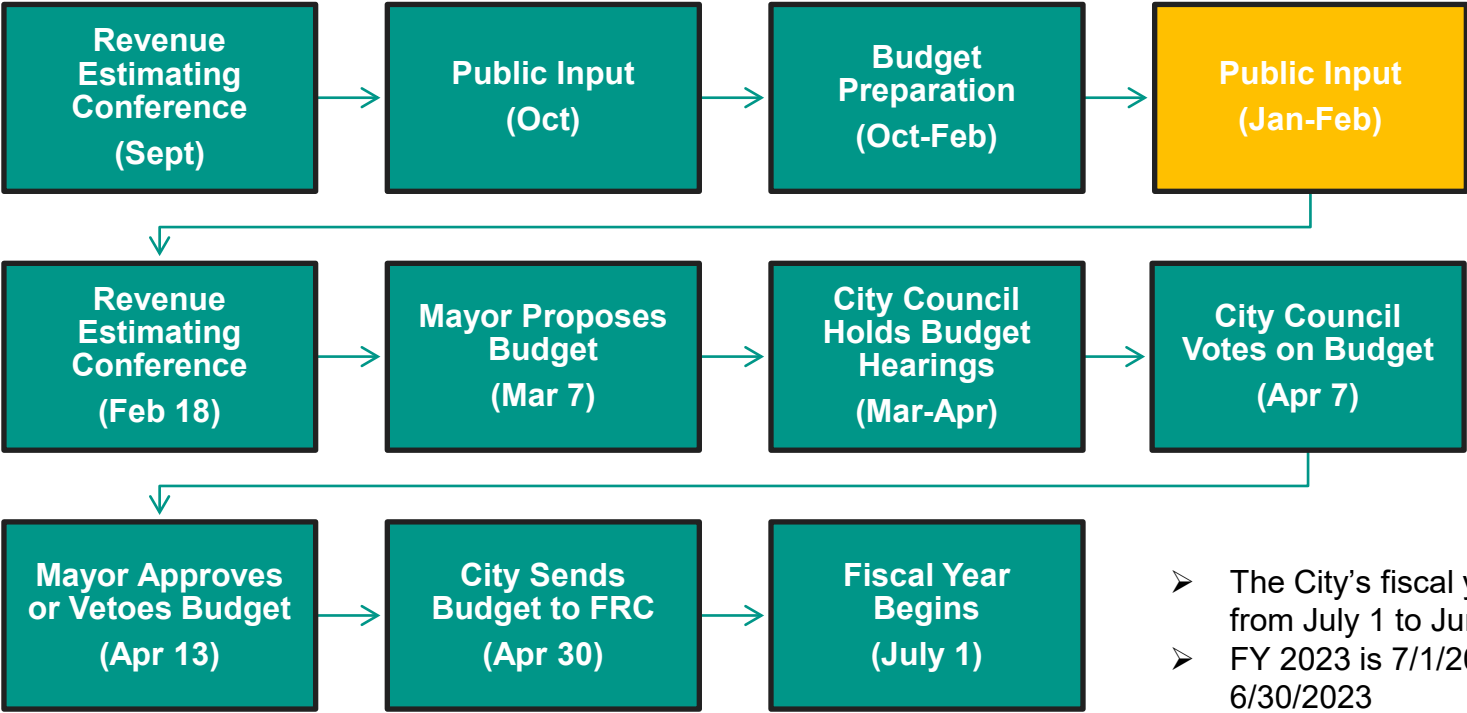
ONLINE FEEDBACK

The OCFO-Office of Budget will receive feedback, comments and documents through the inbox: yourbudget@detroitmi.gov

 With advance notice of when calendar days, the City of Detroit will provide interpretation of public meetings, including language translation and reasonable accommodations. Please contact the Civil Rights, Inclusion and Opportunity Department at (313) 224-4664, through the TTY number 711, or email info@detroitmi.gov to schedule these services.



How is the budget built?



- The City's fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30
- FY 2023 is 7/1/2022 to 6/30/2023



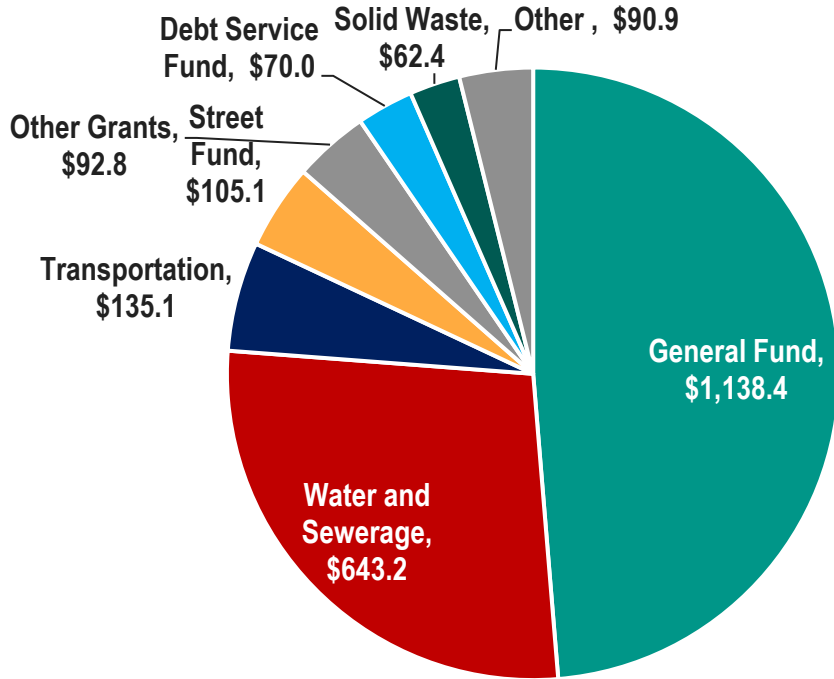
Public Input on the Budget Every Year

- Email us any time: **YourBudget@detroitmi.gov**
- **October**, 3rd Thursday: Annual Public Budget Meeting
- **Jan-Feb**: 7 Community Budget Priorities Forums, one in each Council District
- **Feb and Sept**: Revenue Estimating Conferences
- **March and April**: Mayor's Budget Address and City Council budget hearings
- Look for more information at:

[Detroitmi.gov/Budget](https://detroitmi.gov/Budget)



Where does the money come from? (All Funds)

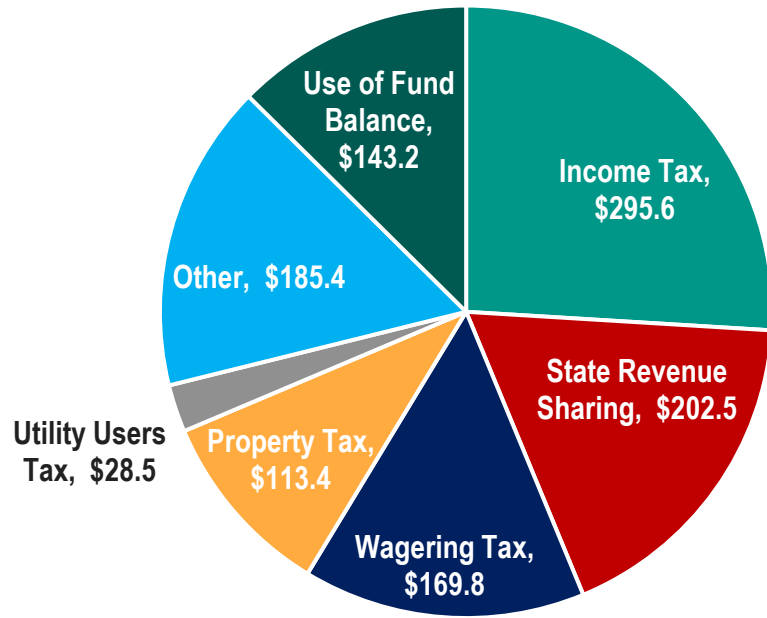


FY22 Adopted Budget (\$ in millions)

Over 10,000 City employees

- Detroit's city budget totals **\$2.3 billion**
- The General Fund is supported by general taxes and pays for most City services, including public health and safety, parks and recreation, and government operations
- The other funds are supported by grants and fees that are restricted for specific purposes, such as water and sewerage, public transportation, public health, street maintenance, and housing programs
- Schools and state/county services are separate

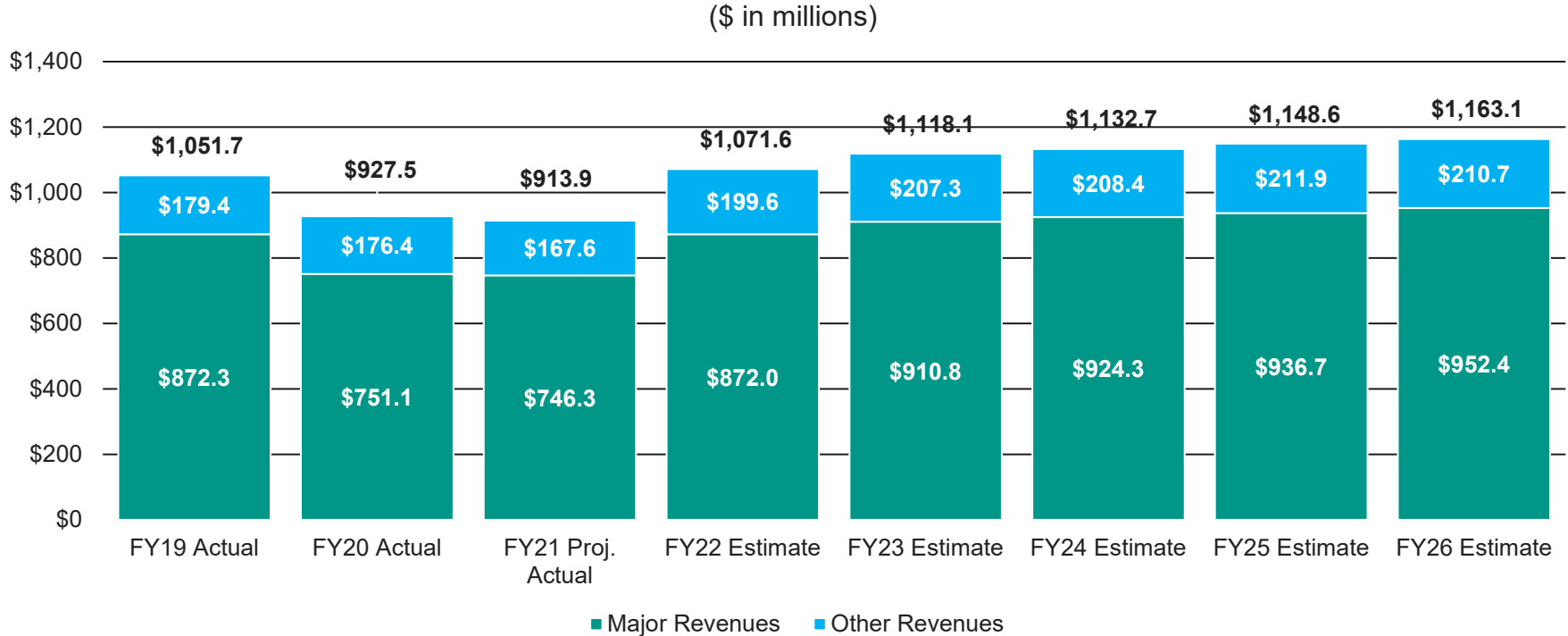
Where does the money come from? (General Fund)



FY22 Adopted Budget (\$ in millions)

- Detroit's General Fund is **\$1.1 billion**
- Most of it comes from 5 major tax revenues
- Other includes various fees and fines, (e.g., parking, courts, EMS, licenses, permits, and inspections)
- Use of fund balance includes spending one-time surpluses on non-recurring costs like beautification programs, emergency demolitions, and public improvement projects

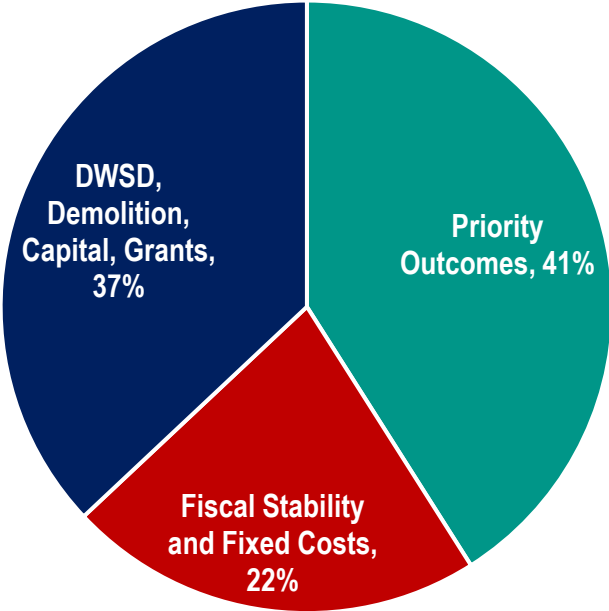
Annual revenue growth is limited



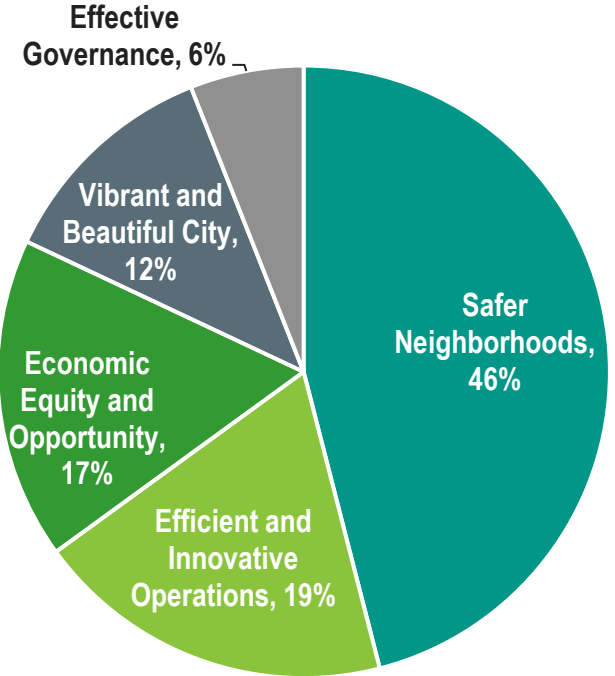
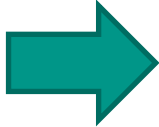
Note: Excludes non-recurring revenues, such as bond proceeds, asset sales, and one-time tax payments.



Where does the money go in the current budget?



FY22 Adopted Budget (\$2.3 billion)



Remaining Budget by Priority Outcome (\$960 million)



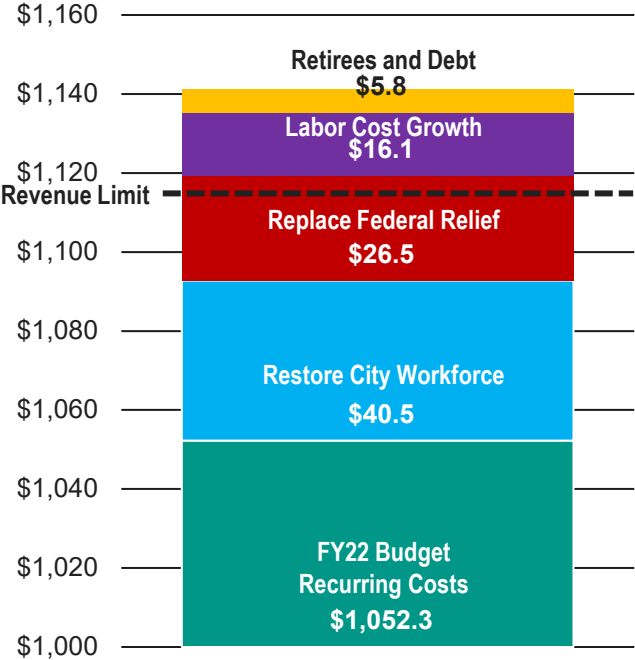
Where does the money go?

- The budget supports the costs of public services and programs investing in Detroiters and the physical landscape of the City
- Revenues have begun to recover, but modest growth limits our ability to add new ongoing costs
- We will need to prioritize among existing spending and proposed service enhancements to maintained fiscal balance
- But we have other sources that supplement the budget from grants and philanthropy:

American Rescue Plan
 Strategic Neighborhoods Fund
 Affordable Housing Leverage Fund
 Detroit Housing for the Future Fund

FY23 Preliminary Budget Growth

(\$ in millions)



American Rescue Plan – Detroit Future Fund



NEIGHBORHOODS
\$168.5 million



HOUSING
\$67 million



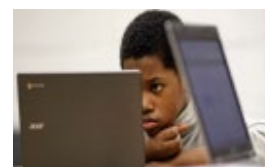
JOBS
\$105 million



PUBLIC SAFETY
\$50 million



PARKS AND RECREATION
\$41 million



DIGITAL DIVIDE
\$45 million



SMALL BUSINESS
\$40 million

City Services & Infrastructure \$250.2 million
Match Funding \$30 million

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District Forum interactives

3 Types of Prioritizations the City makes in the budget development process:

- 1. Priorities among service levels**
- 2. Weighing short-term spending against long-term investments**
- 3. Translating a policy goal into a meaningful action**



District Forum interactive #1: Service Priorities

Beautification and Public Safety are City priorities that will guide the budget.

12 additional Police Officers serving our neighborhoods



COSTS THE SAME AS



2 Floriculture Crews (15 positions)
beautifying our neighborhoods

Which of these is your priority?

District Forum interactive #2: Long-Term vs Now

The budget process creates the next annual budget as well as 4-year financial plan.

20% more effort every year to maintain neighborhood parks



COSTS THE SAME AS



one more cut of 100,000 vacant lots

Which of these would you fund?

District Forum interactive #3: Equity

The City is guided by equity for Detroiters. The Mayor appointed an Equity Council to inform city policy, with the following mission:

“In America, talent has been evenly distributed, opportunity has not.

As your City of Detroit government, we believe it’s our responsibility to fight that inequality.

We believe Detroit government can be a springboard for opportunity, helping Detroiters, no matter their neighborhood, achieve their dreams.”

City of Detroit Equity Council

Examples:

- **Housing Support**
- **Jobs for Detroiters**
- **Workforce Training**
- **Closing the Digital Divide**
- **Business Support**

How would you use the City Budget to promote equity?



What are Your Priorities?

**Public Comment:
“Raise Hand” function in Zoom (60 seconds each)**

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