



CITY OF CLEVELAND
ANNUAL FISCAL YEAR BUDGET 2026/2027
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City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Overview

The proposed FY 2026-2027 budget builds toward a vision of a resilient Cleveland:

- Public Safety remains the top priority
 - Police and Fire remain as the largest part of budget (57.6%)
 - Continues the trend towards a full-time firefighters on each shift
- Sanitation is again funded at a self-sufficient/sustainable level
- Core functions of government are acknowledged and provides additional resources
- Funding better reflects current policies and procedures already in place
- Accountability and transparency for the residents and businesses
- Current population and future growth projections acknowledged



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CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027

Each annual budget has long term implications in maintaining the fiscal and physical condition of our City

- Prioritizes our most importance resource in City government
 - Acknowledges retention issues in critical areas
 - Provides a salary adjustment for all full-time employees effective first full paycheck in FY 2026-2027
 - Reflects investment in all other benefits
- Ensures all current obligations are met
- Anticipates uncertain revenue streams
- Adds one(1) additional Police Officer
- Adds one (1) additional Position in the Fire Department



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FY 2026/2027
Retention
Pay Increases

- Provides a salary adjustment for all full-time employees effective first full paycheck in FY 2026-27
- Due to the retention rates and critical needs, we are proposing a Cost of living raise for each individual full-time employee in the amount of 4 percent



City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Revenue

CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027

General Fund
Hotel/Motel Fund
Confiscated Cash Fund
Water/Sewer Fund



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Revenue**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Fund Revenue

| FY 25-26 | FY 26-27 | Difference | % Change |
|------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| \$ 4,797,777.00 | \$5,029,426.00 | \$231,649.00 | 4.83% |

- ✓ Property Tax (+\$114,000)
- ✓ Sales tax (+76k)
- ✓ Franchise Tax (+33,000)
- ✓ Premium and Financial Tax (+33,000)



City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Revenue

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FY 2026/2027

Confiscated Cash Fund Revenue (Police)

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 8,248.00 | \$ 6,260.00 | -\$1,988.00 | -24.20% |

Including Fund Balance

*Realistic

**FUND CAN ONLY BE USED FOR POLICE EQUIPMENT AND RELATED ITEMS



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Revenue**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

Hotel/Motel Fund Revenue

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 55,000.00 | \$ 45,338.00 | -\$9,662.00 | -17.56% |

Including Fund Balance



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Revenue

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FY 2026/2027

Water and Sewer Fund Revenue

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 3,135,175.00 | \$ 3,548,258.00 | \$ 413,083.00 | 13.17 % |

✓ Increase in new customers



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Fund Expenses

General Government (Administration, City Shop, Municipal Court)
Public Safety (Police and Fire Departments)
Street Department
Sanitation
Culture and Recreation



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Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

Expenses impacting all budget:

- Computer Software Support
- Salary increase of 4% for every full-time employee
- Liability Insurance
- Health Insurance

Additional Costs in general:

- Tires
- Electricity
- Gasoline
- Landfill rate increase



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CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027

General Government - Administration

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 913,700.00 | \$956,857.00 | \$ 43,157.00 | 4.72% |

- ✓ Increase in costs of health insurance and computer software support and electricity.
- ✓ Moved Mayor and Council to Legislative Department
- ✓ Adding new position
- ✓ Sponsorship of the Story Time/Craft Room at the New Library



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Expenditures

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FY 2026/2027

General Government – City Shop

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 101,534.00 | \$ 106,708.00 | \$ 5,174.00 | 5.09% |

- ✓ Increase in benefits.
- ✓ Increase in tires.
- ✓ Increase in electricity.



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Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – City Court

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 180,211.00 | \$ 189,487.00 | \$ 11,272.00 | 5.14% |

- ✓ Training and dues
- ✓ Personnel and benefits
- ✓ Professional services



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**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – Public Safety - Police

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 2,112,856.00 | \$ 2,262,478.00 | \$149,622.00 | 7.08% |

- ✓ Personnel and benefits
- ✓ Training
- ✓ Clothing Allowance
- ✓ Additional officer
- ✓ Computer Software Support



**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

Confiscated Fund (Police Equipment)

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| \$ 8,248.00 | \$ 6,260.00 | -\$1,988.00 | -24.10% |

This reflects the current fund balance

**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Expenditures**



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Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – Public Safety - Fire

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 790,085.00 | \$ 967,753.00 | \$ 177,668.00 | 22.48% |

- ✓ Fourth full-time position
- ✓ Increase in operational costs
- ✓ Implement medical services



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FY 2026-2027
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**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – Streets

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 203,257.00 | \$ 204,776.00 | \$1,519.00 | .07% |

- ✓ Repairs
- ✓ Personnel and benefits



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Expenditures

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FY 2026/2027

General Government – Sanitation

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 421,847.00 | \$ 404,226.00 | -\$ 17,621.00 | -.41% |

- ✓ Increase in tipping fees
- ✓ Decrease in repairs
- ✓ No Capital Outlay this fiscal year



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – City Park

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 25,100.00 | \$ 24,000.00 | -\$ 1,100.00 | -.43% |

- ✓ Increase in insurance
- ✓ Increase in electricity
- ✓ Increased investment in CIP playground equipment



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
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Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

General Government – Economic Development

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 380,836.00 | \$ 379,326.00 | -\$ 1,510.00 | -0.03% |

- ✓ Personnel and Benefits
- ✓ Completion of initial year allows for more accurate cost projections



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FY 2026-2027
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Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

Hotel/Motel

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 55,000.00 | \$45,338.00 | \$ 9,662.00 | -17.56% |

- ✓ Transferring money to DDA
- ✓ Increase budget for Property Maintenance
- ✓ Increase budget for Operating Expenses
- ✓ Decrease in hotel/motel tax received



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Expenditures**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FY 2026/2027**

Water Department

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 1,968,049.00 | \$ 2,320,809.00 | \$ 352,760.00 | 17.92% |

- ✓ Increase in water rate
- ✓ Increase Electricity
- ✓ Increase Chemicals
- ✓ Increase New Line Material



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FY 2026/2027

Sewer (Waste Water) Department

| <u>FY 25-26</u> | <u>FY 26-27</u> | <u>Difference</u> | <u>% Change</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| \$ 1,167,126.00 | \$ 1,227,449.00 | \$ 60,323.00 | 0.52% |

- ✓ Increase in Electric
- ✓ Increase in Repairs
- ✓ Added Small Equipment line item
- ✓ Includes wastewater plant loan from GEFA



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Budget
Summary**

**CITY OF CLEVELAND
FYs 2025/2026 and 2026/2027**

FY 2026-2027
General Funds
\$5,598,423.00
Enterprise Funds
\$3,548,258.00
Total FY 2026-2027
\$9,146,681.00

FY 2025-2026
General Funds
\$5,129,426.00
Enterprise Funds
\$3,135,175.00
Total FY 2025-2026
\$8,264,601.00



**City of Cleveland
FY 2026-2027
Capital Budget
Summary**

| | Estimated Revenue | Received YTD | Revenue to be received |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|
| FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027 | | | |
| 320 SPLOST - REVENUE | | | |
| SPLOST 5 REVENUE | \$1,690,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,690,000.00 |
| SPLOST 5 INTEREST INCOME | \$20,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| FUND BALANCE | \$1,068,747.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,068,747.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,778,747.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,778,747.00 |

| | Original Appropriation | Committed YTD | Available Appropriation |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 320 SPLOST - PROJECTS | | | |
| NEW CITY HALL | \$2,000,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,000,000.00 |
| TALON PLAYGROUND | \$200,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| DIAMONDBACK REAR LOAD | \$155,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$155,000.00 |
| FIRE - AIR PACKS | \$250,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$250,000.00 |
| BODY & CAR CAMERA | \$70,000.00 | \$0.00 | \$70,000.00 |
| COMPUTER REFRESH | \$103,747.00 | \$0.00 | \$103,747.00 |
| TOTAL | \$2,778,747.00 | \$0.00 | \$2,778,747.00 |