

2026 Preliminary Revenue Estimates – Current Expense Fund

Per RCW, preliminary revenue estimates for the Current Expense Fund must be provided to Council on or before the first Monday in October. These preliminary estimates may be updated throughout the budget process.

Total Current Expense revenues are projected to increase 4.3% from the 2025 budget to the 2026 budget. Revenues are projected to decrease from 2025 to 2026 actuals, primarily due to an expected decrease in interest revenue. Additional detail by category is provided below.

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	2022 Actual	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget	2025 Projected	2026 Budget
						Change 2025 budget to 2026 budget
Property tax	360,218	354,514	328,421	353,000	338,576	342,000
Sales tax	338,643	343,615	355,039	302,700	362,081	362,100
Utility tax	435,664	463,386	474,436	541,900	521,876	545,200
Licenses and permits	31,283	20,484	12,606	15,200	13,046	13,000
Intergovernmental	364,454	116,161	117,792	78,200	117,536	122,300
Charges for services	6,818	7,249	8,361	9,300	8,283	8,300
Fines and penalties	41,074	38,336	33,658	39,700	24,106	24,200
Interest income	7,730	18,229	12,045	71,560	131,184	64,100
Miscellaneous revenues	54,286	39,268	63,615	73,900	67,913	68,000
Total	1,640,170	1,401,242	1,405,973	1,485,460	1,584,601	1,549,200
Total w/out ARPA	1,393,721	1,401,242	1,405,973	1,485,460	1,584,601	1,549,200
Year over year change w/out ARPA		0.5%	0.3%	5.7%	12.7%	-2.2%

Property tax

2026 property tax is projected to be to be 1% higher than the 2025 actual, but 3.1% lower than the 2025 budget. This is due to repayment of previously over-levied fire property tax which was not identified in the 2025 budget. The City's actual property tax levy was reduced by approximately \$16,000 in 2024 and 2025 to refund taxpayers for the previously over-levied amounts. The 2026 levy will also be reduced by \$16,000. This will fully repay the amount owed.

Sales tax

2026 sales tax revenue is projected to remain consistent with 2025 actuals. The increase from 2025 budget to 2026 budget is reflective of overly conservative estimates used in the 2025 budget rather than any projected actual increase from 2025 to 2026.

Utility tax

Utility tax is expected to remain consistent with 2025. The increase from 2024 to 2025 actuals reflects the 1% increase in utility tax rates, as approved by Council during the 2025 budget process.

Licenses and permits

Revenue is projected to decrease slightly, based on 2025 year to date actuals.

Intergovernmental

Intergovernmental revenue is projected to increase due to an increase in expected city assistance distributions received from the State. Estimates are as per MRSC and the Department of Revenue.

Charges for Services

Revenue is projected to decrease slightly, based on 2025 year to date actuals.

Fines and penalties

This represents revenue related to court fines and fees. The decrease is based on 2025 year to date actuals.

Interest income

Projected interest revenue is based on a rate of return of 2%. Interest rates are currently above 4%, however, it is likely that rates will decline. Even if rates were to remain at or above 4%, revenue should be budgeted conservatively so that the Current Expense budget does not become overly reliant on this revenue source.

Miscellaneous revenues

This includes community center and cell tower rental income, sales of surplus, and contributions. The 2026 budget is slightly lower than the 2025 budget based on 2025 year to date actuals.