

Summary: The City of Novi general fund fund balance policy is have greater than 3 months (25%) and less than 4 months (33%) of unassigned fund balance in reserves, with the the high 20% area as the 'target'. Should the expected balance drop to 25% or below, corrective actions must take place immediately. If the balance is expected to be 33% or higher, council shall discuss the purpose and consider if the elevated balance is appropriate and any futher steps.

Savings in Month Equivalent	FB as % of expenses	
3 months	25% or below	Action Required (1)
	26%	
	27%	
	28%	
	29%	Target Range
	30%	
	31%	
	32%	
4 months	33% or greater	Action Required (2)

(1) if fund balance is expected to fall to 25% or lower the following corrective action is required:

the City will immediately create a plan such that fund balance is >25% within three years by:

- (a) controlling operating expenditures, adjusting operations and/or dedicating excess or specific revenue sources
- (b) adjusting operations and/or
- (c) dedicating excess or specific revenue sources
- (d) any other means as recommended by staff and approved by City Council

(2) if fund balance is expected to be 33% or greater, the following action is required:

the City Council shall discuss elevated fund balance level, and shall consider:

- (a) moving a portion of fund balance from unassigned to assigned
- (b) lowering taxes
- (c) appropriating funds over the next three fiscal years to one time/capital projects and/or
- (d) articulating reason for elevated balance (saving for pension paydown, anticipated economic downturn, etc)
- (e) other option as council deems appropriate