

City of Willard

2025 Budget in Brief

Introduction

The 2025 budget reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility, strategic investments, and sustainability. This financial plan ensures the continued delivery of quality services to residents while addressing key priorities for growth and infrastructure.

Budget Overview

Total Budget: \$14,265,443.0

General Fund: \$3,608,094.91

Enterprise Funds (Water, Sewer): \$8,654,105.25

Parks Fund: \$1,834,816.85

Key Investments and Initiatives

General Government

- **New Assistant Financial Officer (AFO):** Supports succession planning to ensure continuity in financial leadership.
- **Proposed Code Enforcement/Building Inspector or Public Information Officer (PIO).**

Planning and Development

- **Support for Growth:**
 - Budgeted funds for surveying, engineering, and easements to guide and support growth and development efforts.
 - Proposed Code/Building Inspector to replace contracted services, though a PIO is recommended as an alternative for immediate communication needs.
- **Long-Term Planning:** Focus on infrastructure improvements to enable future development while resolving connection moratoriums.

Public Safety

- **Police Department:**
 - \$98,400 over 5 years for body and dash camera upgrades, ensuring reliable equipment and enhanced case management tools.
 - Equipment and technology upgrades for new cruisers and existing infrastructure.
- **Municipal Court:**
 - New laptops for court clerks and modest compensation adjustments.

Streets and Infrastructure

- **Pavement Management:**
 - Funding deferred for major road projects while awaiting results of a pavement management survey to guide future investments.
 - Shared equipment purchases, including a mini-excavator and asphalt tools, to enhance maintenance capabilities.
 - Lease of a new larger dump truck to support more efficient site work and clean up.
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Enterprise Funds

Water Fund

- **Investments:**
 - \$150,000 for cleaning and restoring a water tower.
 - \$140,000 for water line repairs and improvements.
 - \$60,000 for new meters to support growth (developer cost-shared).

Sewer Fund

- **Major Projects:**
 - \$230,000 for inflow and infiltration (I&I) and other repairs and improvements.
 - \$40,000 for B lift station rewiring.
 - \$417,250 for connecting the Meadows to the airport lift station.

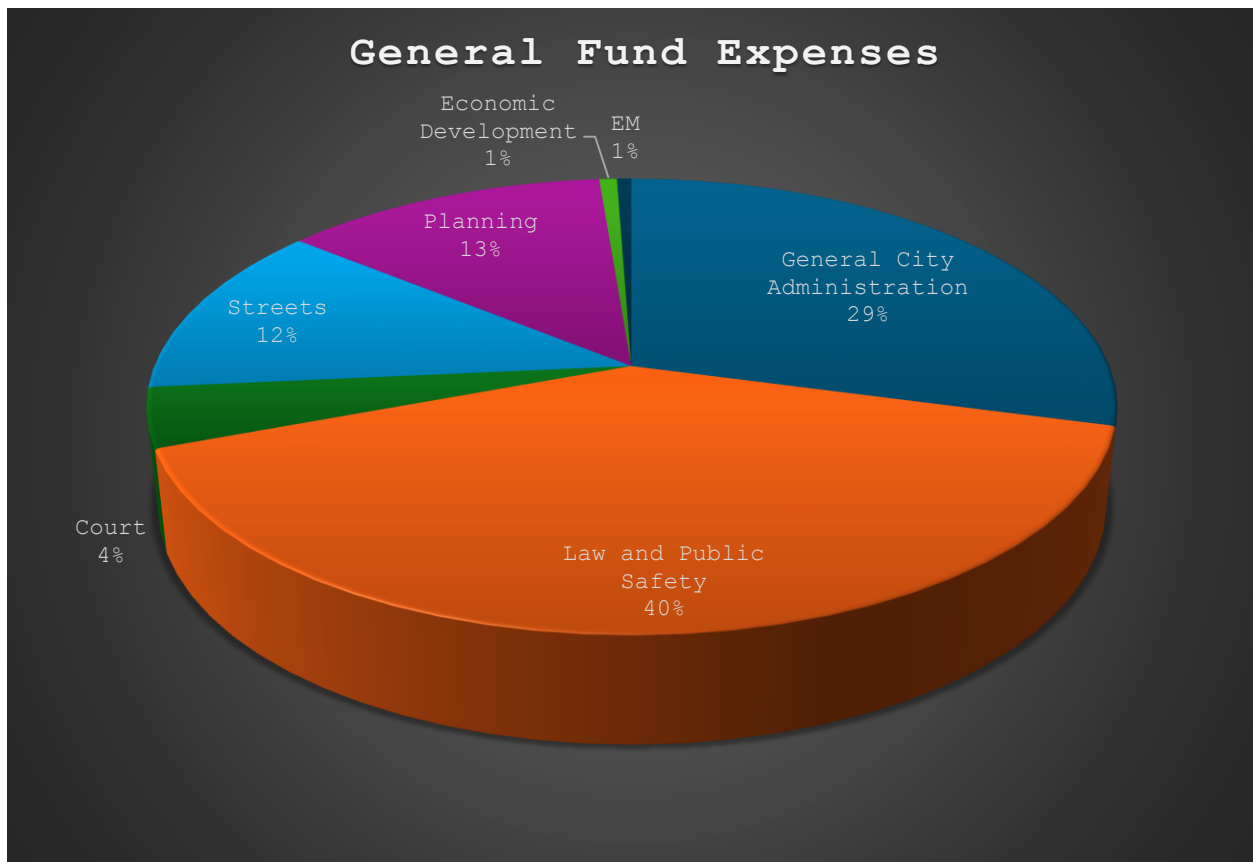
- \$2,984,980 for Springfield North connection upgrades, funded by ARPA, rate increases, and financing.

Parks and Recreation

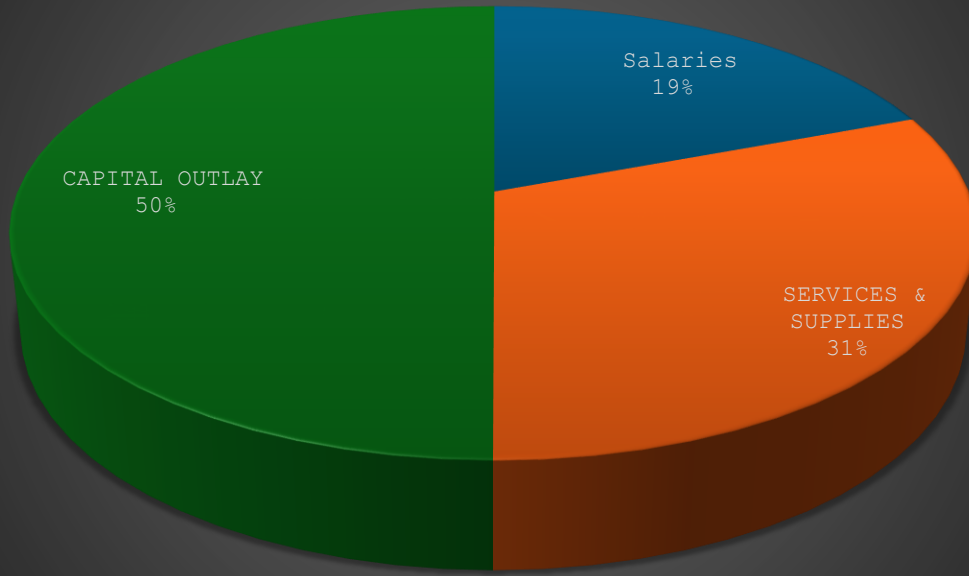
- **Operational Realignment:**
 - Programs tasked with finding 10% cost savings.
 - Review of seasonal employee expenses to reduce costs.
 - Focused on maintaining current programming and building reserves for long-term sustainability.

Conclusion

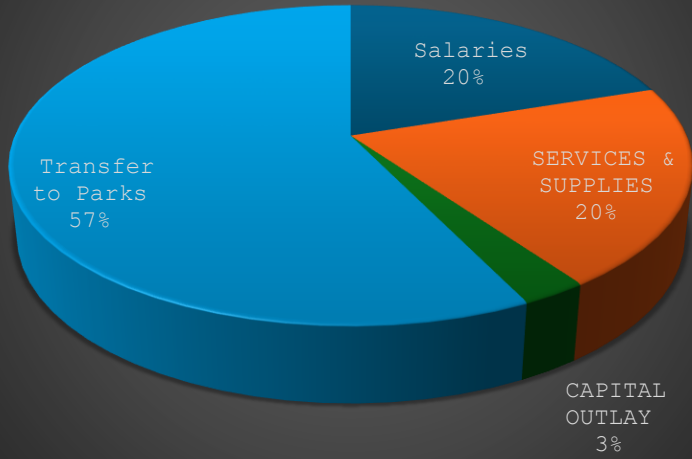
The 2025 budget balances fiscal discipline with strategic investments. It prioritizes sustainability, continued service delivery, and lays the foundation for future growth. Together, these efforts ensure the continued prosperity and well-being of the City of Willard and its residents while preparing to rebuild reserves and position the City for considerable enterprise efforts over the next decade.



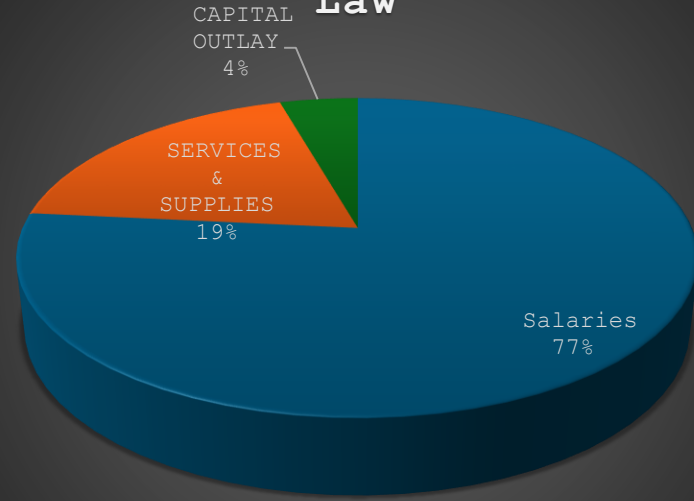
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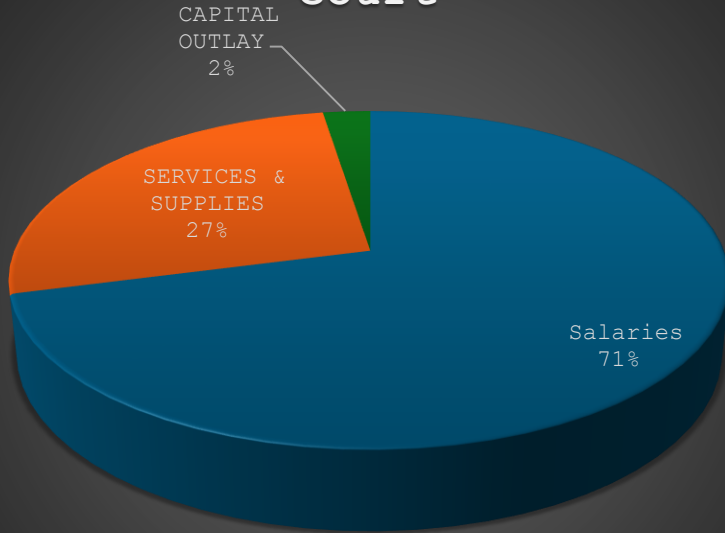
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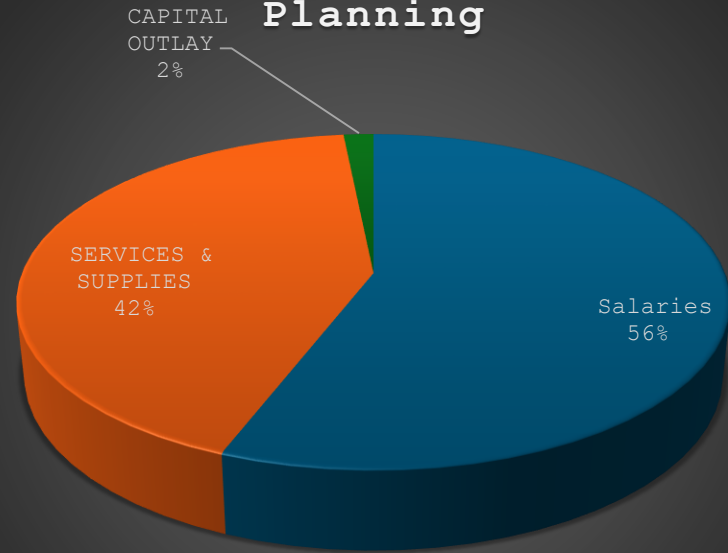
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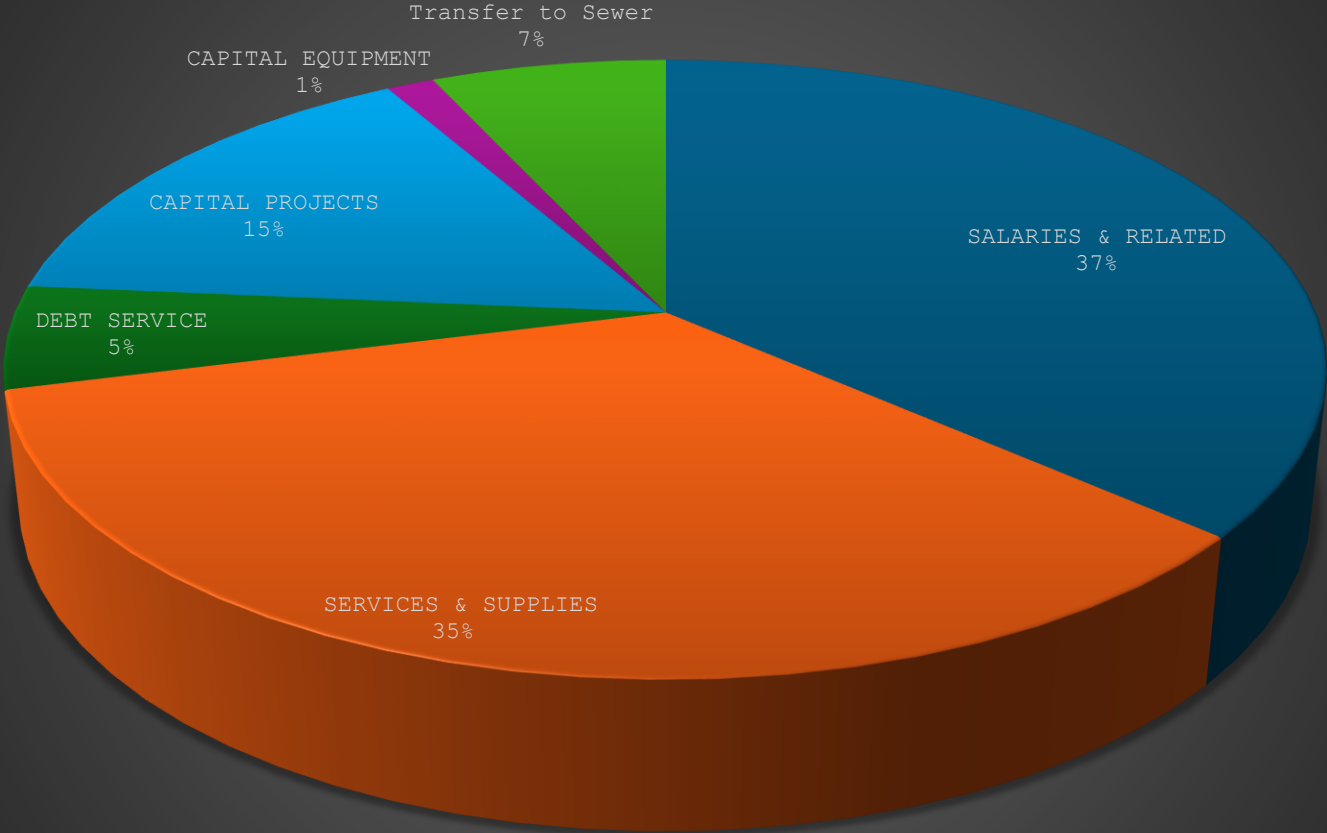
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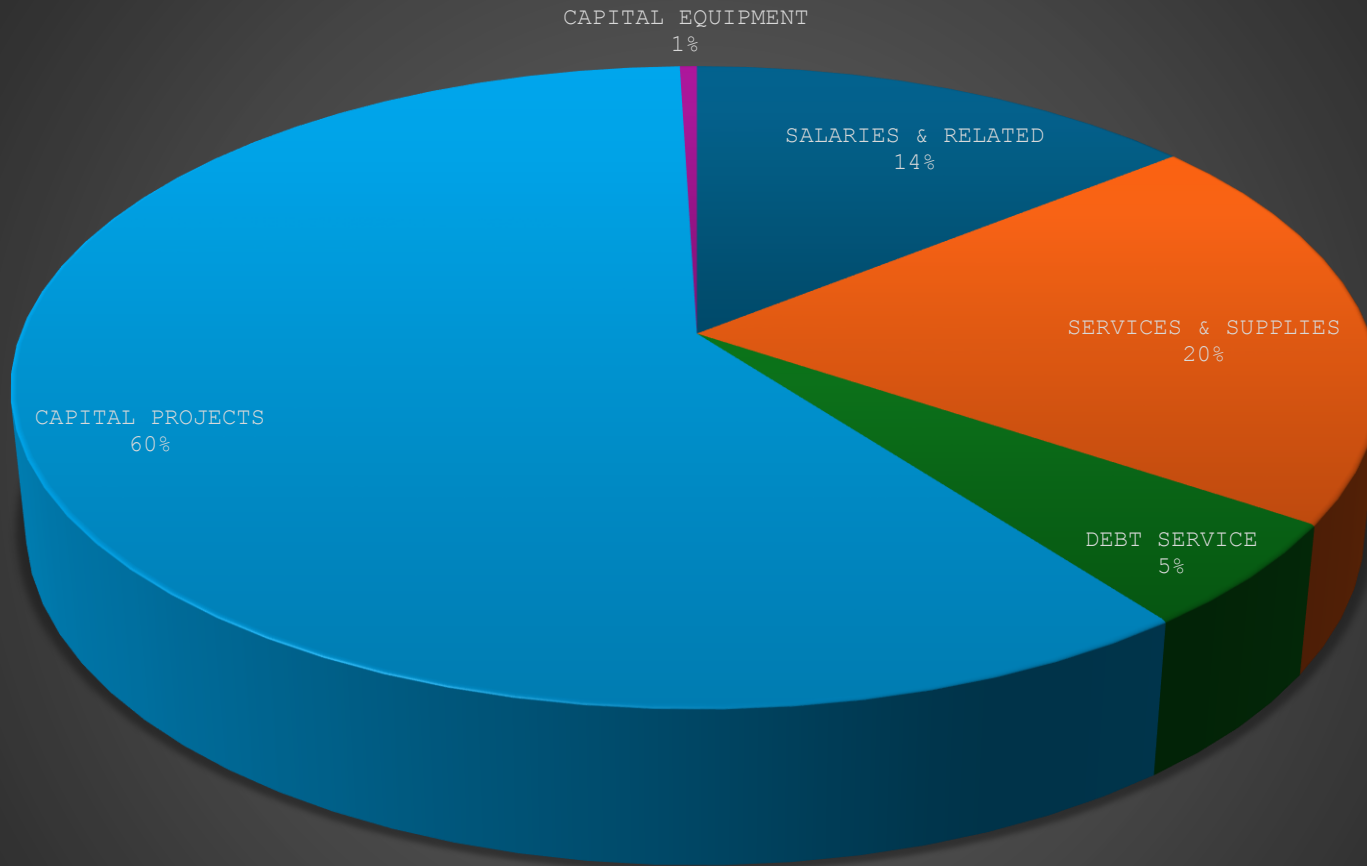
Planning



Water Utility Expenses



Sewer Expenses



Parks Expenses

