

**May 13**

Department budget requests due

**May to  
September**

Executive Budget development

**July 9**

Mayor's Public Budget Hearing

**September 23**

Mayor submits Proposed Budget

**September 23  
to October 17**

Finance & Personnel Committee  
reviews Proposed Executive Budget

**Early October**

Joint Public Hearing on the Budget

**November 7**

Estimated date for Budget Adoption

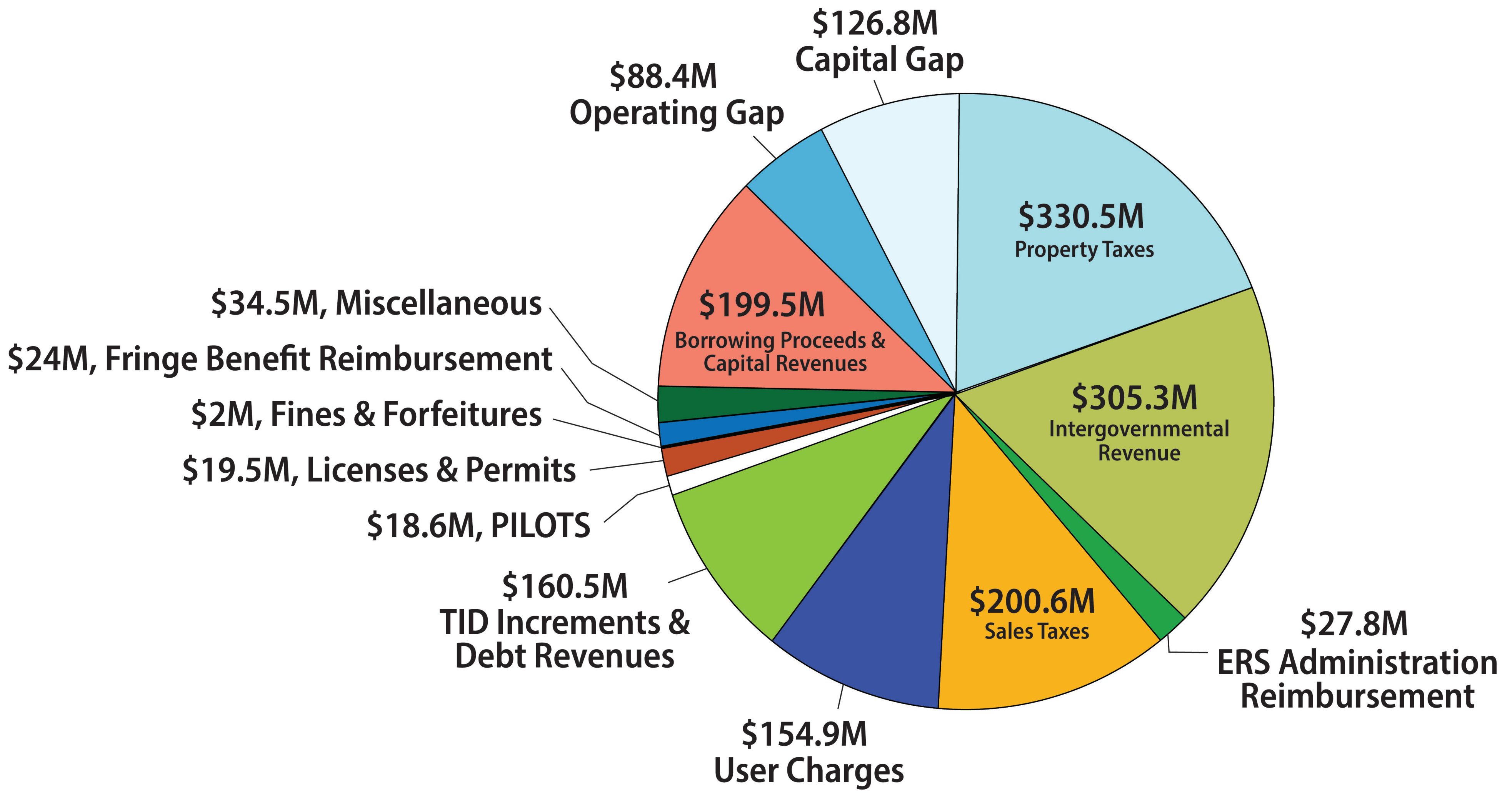
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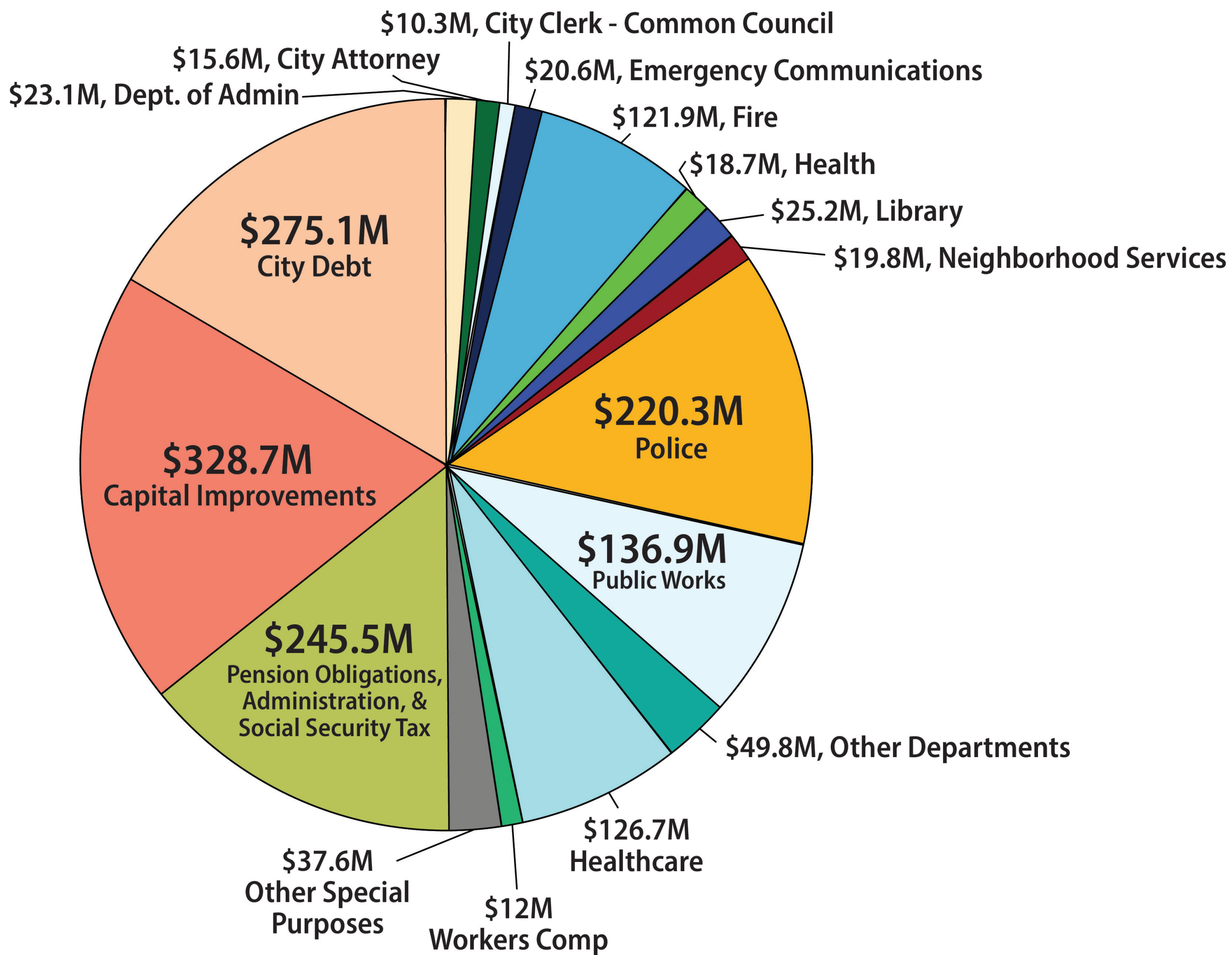


# 2026 Requested Budget Revenues vs. Expenditures

## Where the Money Comes From (Revenues)



## Where the Money Goes (Expenditures)

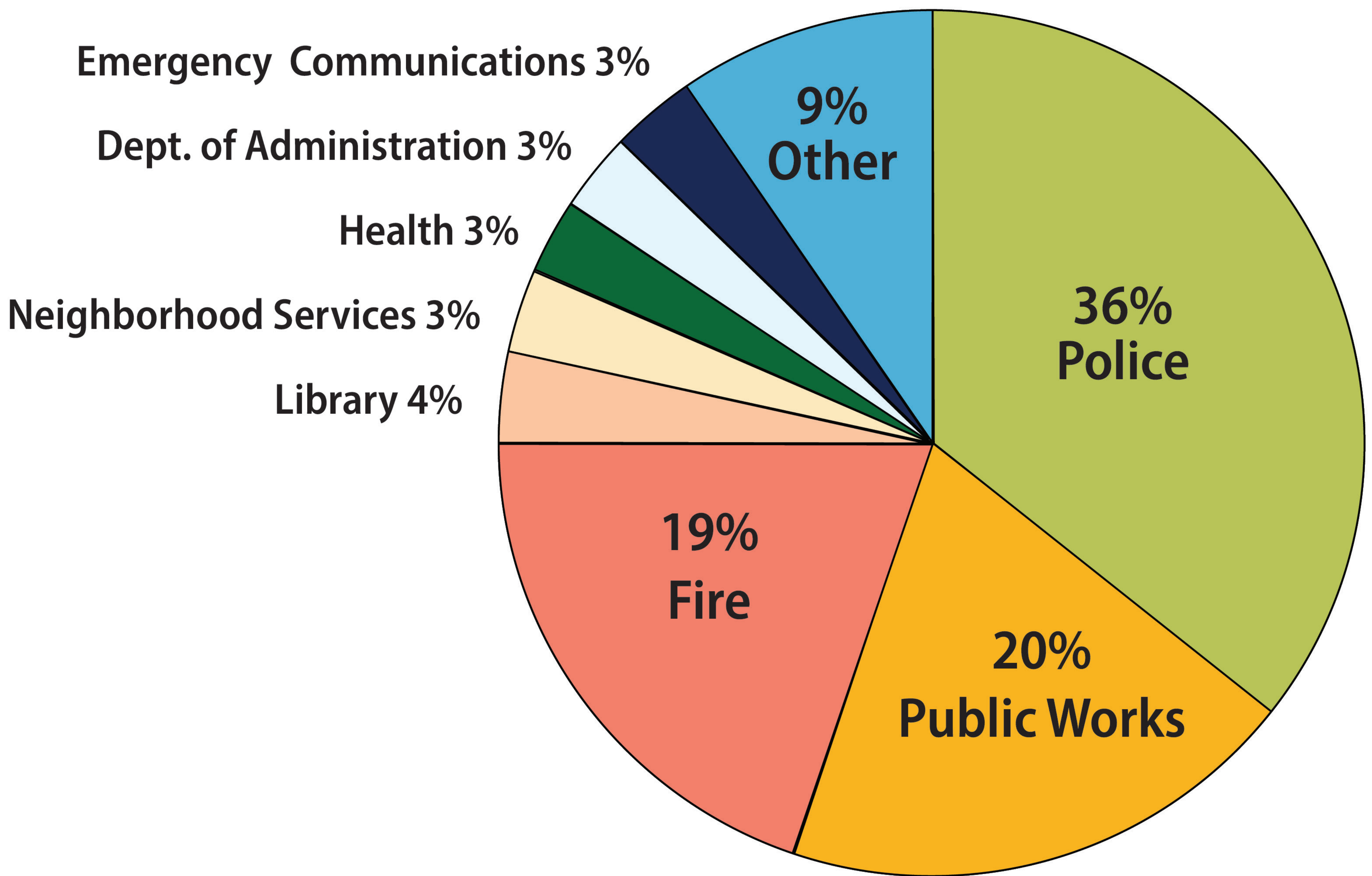


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# 2026 Departmental Requests



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\* Estimated fringe costs per department included in these expense totals

The following is a summary of key budgetary challenges the City of Milwaukee will face in the upcoming fiscal year. This list highlights major issues but is not intended to be all-encompassing.

## 1. Federal Grant reductions

- 2026 requests reflected \$3,000,000 less in federal operating grants than 2025 requests
- Further reductions have come since requests were submitted in May, and Congress and the President may cut even more

## 2. Increasing pension obligations

- Act 12 increased annual costs, and subsequent actuarial variations are higher than anticipated

## 3. Ongoing inflationary pressure

- Contract, equipment, and wage costs are all increasing at higher than historical levels

## 4. Deferred maintenance

- Despite increased borrowing and cash-financing for capital improvements in the last several budgets, the backlog of needed maintenance for streets, buildings, and major equipment continues to increase

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