



City of Bryant Budget in Brief

Annual Budget 2026

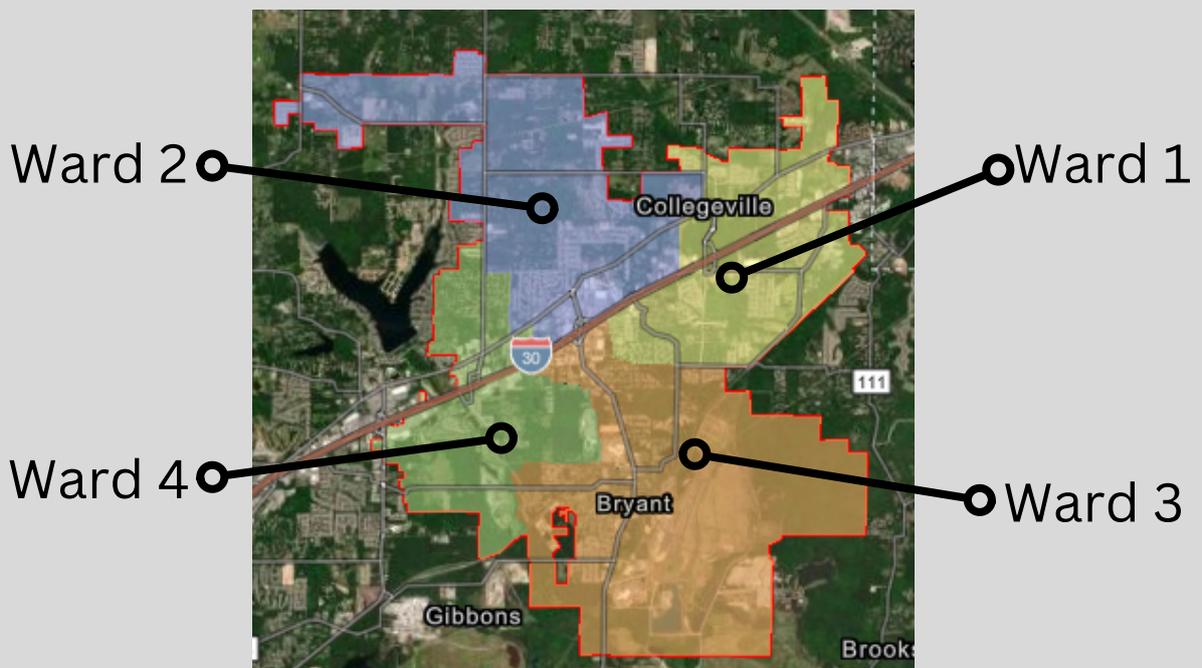
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City of Bryant Wards



From the Mayor

Every year during budget season, we host several public meetings and provide opportunities for input from residents. Our City Council works diligently to ensure the approved budget reflects your priorities.

We have condensed the hundreds of pages of the budget book into this brief statement so you can clearly see how your tax dollars are being spent. As always, our team is committed to maximizing every penny to serve you, the residents of Bryant.

As always please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Mayor Chris Treat



Mayor Chris Treat

Elected March 5, 2024

Mayor Treat served as the City's Parks Director from 2016 until elected in March 2024.

From the Finance Director

Working with our team on the 2026 Budget was a smooth and collaborative process. We began slightly earlier than usual, starting in late July, and spent the following six months refining details and finalizing priorities. This year, we processed General Fund and Street Capital requests concurrently with the regular budget during the December 16 Council meeting. While this differed from our approach in recent years, it has proven effective—allowing departments, particularly Parks, to begin critical projects sooner.

In the more than ten years I have served as Finance Director for the City of Bryant, we have remained committed to four key budgetary focus areas: Public Safety, Health and Quality of Life, Connectivity, and Smart Growth. During this time, I have seen steady and meaningful progress in each of these areas. Although our core priorities remain consistent, our efforts to secure grant funding have expanded significantly. Please take note of the grant-related sections in the 2026 Budget Book, as leveraging available grants is one of the many ways we work to identify cost-effective funding solutions for Bryant's residents.

As costs continue to rise for everyone, we remain dedicated to being careful and responsible stewards of public funds. We also encourage you to participate in the Bryant Leap Forward surveys and share your vision for what Bryant should look like in the years ahead.



Joy Black

Director of Finance

Joy joined the City of Bryant in 2014.

The City won its first Distinguished Budget Presentation Award in 2018 and has consecutively been awarded for 8 years with the recent award for the 2025 budget.

Organizational Chart



Elected

City Council

Administration



Lisa Meyer
Ward 1
Position 1

Wade Permenter
Ward 1
Position 2



Mayor Chris Treat



Jon Martin
Ward 2
Position 1

Walter Burgess
Ward 2
Position 2



Judge Stephanie Casady



Butch Higginbotham
Ward 3
Position 1

Rob Roedel
Ward 3
Position 2



City Attorney Ashley Clancey



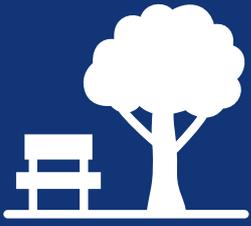
Jack Moseley
Ward 4
Position 1

Jordan O’Roark
Ward 4
Position 2



City Clerk Mark Smith

City of Bryant



At A Glance City of Bryant

Date of Incorporation: October 29, 1892
Form of Government: Mayoral/Council

Area in Square Miles:
20.5

Parks & Rec

Acreage: 300
Playgrounds: 5
Baseball/Softball Fields: 20
Soccer Fields: 4
Multi Purpose Fields: 2
Lacrosse Fields: 1

Public Safety

Police Stations: 1
Fire Stations: 3
Animal Shelters: 1

City Employees

Full-Time: 220
Part-Time: 78

Population:
20,663
Total Housing Units:
8,950
Total Households:
8,203
Median Household Income:
\$66,688
Average Family Size:
3.03

Demographics City of Bryant



Age of Population
Under 5 - 19 Years: 25%
20 - 59 Years: 54%
60 - 89 Years: 21%
Median Age: 38.5

Gender Composition
Male 49% Female 51%



Industry City of Bryant

City of Bryant - Top Ten Principal Employers (2024)

Limited Service Restaurants: 967
Elementary/Secondary Schools: 434
Warehouse Clubs & Supercenters: 331
Full-Service Restaurants: 310
Electrical Contractors: 281
Child Day Care Services: 256
Office of Physicians (except Mental Health): 210
Plumbing Heating & Air-Conditioning: 176
Office of Dentists: 175
Temporary Help Services: 160

Saline County Unemployment Rate (2024)
2.8%

City of Bryant Focus Areas



Public Safety strategic area primarily consists of the Fire Department, the Police Department, Animal Control, Water and Wastewater, and the Court System. These are departments primarily focused on maintaining the well-being of Bryant's citizens.



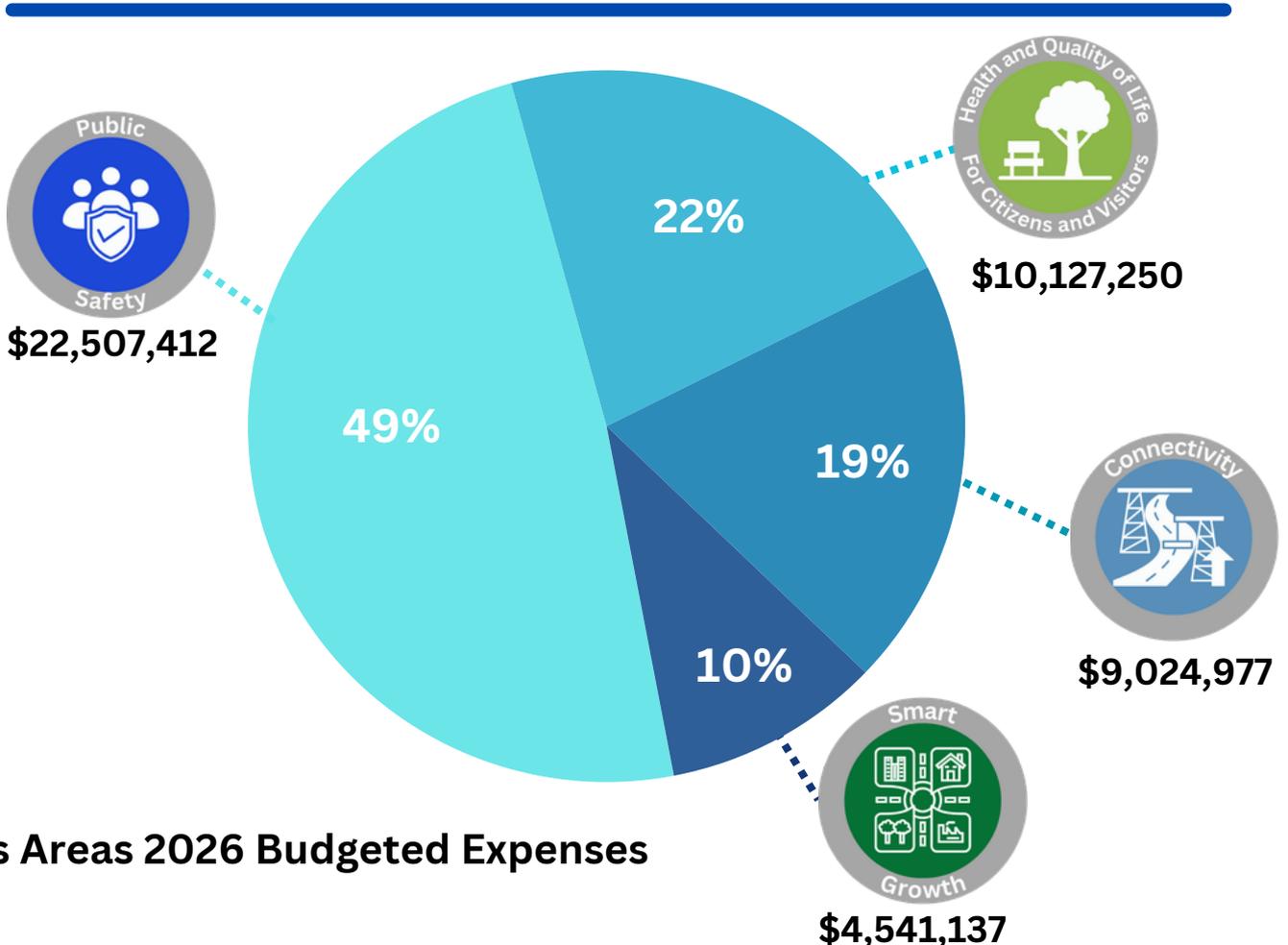
Health and Quality of Life for Citizens and Visitors strategic area is primarily focused on the Parks Department. Bryant has 6+ parks scattered around the city and this strategic area of the budget is spent on maintenance and improvements to these facilities. This also includes 50% of water and wastewater costs.



Connectivity has Public Works primarily in charge of connecting Bryant. Public Works is split into multiple sub-departments that maintain various pieces of Bryant's infrastructure like streets, sidewalks, drains, and so much more.



Smart Growth is dedicated to the administration departments like Planning and Development, IT, and Planning. This Strategic area is about planning for Bryant's Future.



Focus Areas 2026 Budgeted Expenses

Budget Process



Budget is opened for Department Heads and discussions begin	Weeks	08/20/2025 - 09/10/2025
Attended Fall Fest with Budget Pamphlets & Materials for Citizen Input & Education	Saturday	10/04/2025
Budget Workshops	Tuesdays	10/07/2025 10/14/2025
Fulfilling 14-58-201 Mayor to give Budget to Council by December 1st	Tuesday	11/18/2025
Budget Adopted by Resolution at Council Meeting	Tuesday	12/16/2025

What is the Budget in Brief?

The Budget in Brief provides a quick and easier view of the City of Bryant's 2026 budget!

This document highlights the City's major funds which are described below.

More in-depth information of all of the City's funds can be found in the full 2026 Budget Book, located on the City of Bryant's website!



General Government

General Government consists of Administration, Planning and Development, Animal Control, Courts, Parks, Fire, and Police departments. These departments are primarily funded by Fund 001 General Fund.

Fund 001 is the City's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government except for those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Public Works

Public Works consists of the Water, Wastewater, Street, and Stormwater departments. These departments are funded by Fund 500 Utility Revenue, Fund 510 Utility Operating, Fund 080 Street, and Fund 515 Stormwater Utility funds.

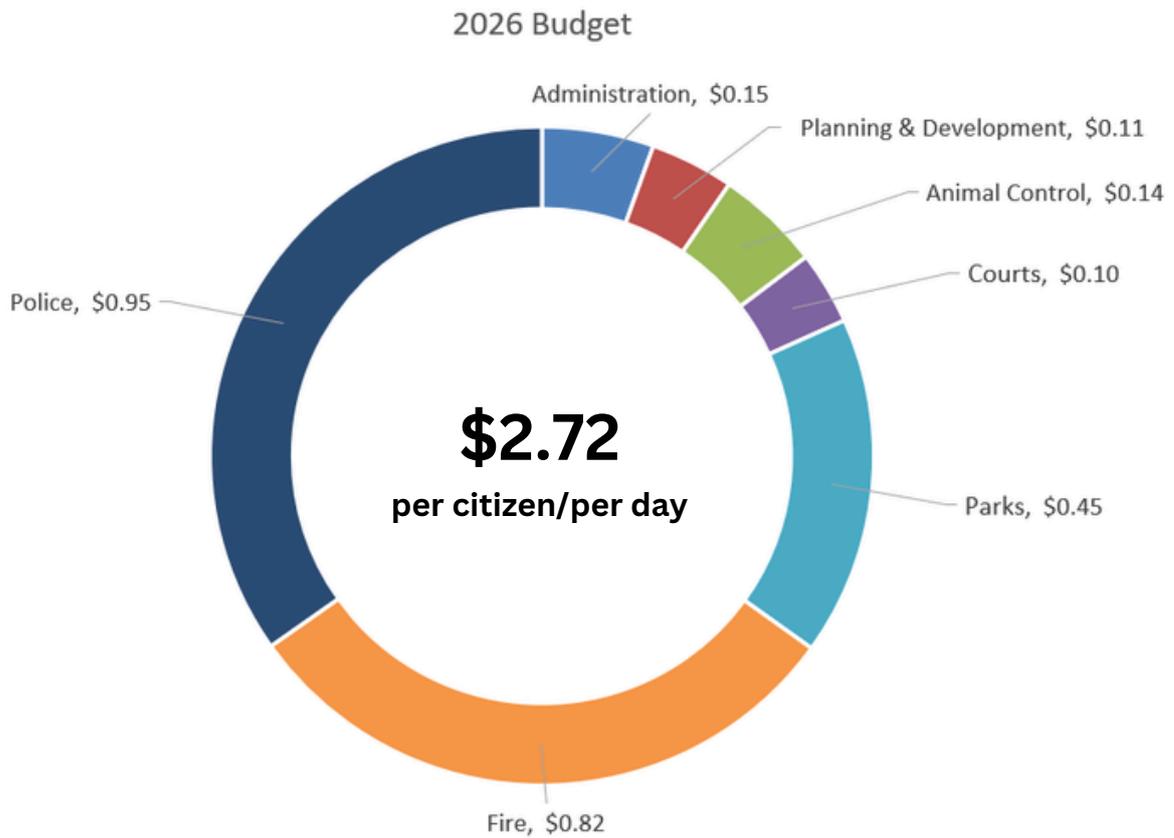
Fund 500 is used to account for activities associated with collecting the revenues of water, wastewater, and stormwater via the monthly bill collections and the treatment and distribution of drinkable water to customers. This is the Water Department's primary fund.

Fund 510 is used to account for activities associated with collecting, treating, and disposing sewage from customers. This is the Wastewater Department's primary fund.

Fund 080 is a special revenue fund to account for all activities associated with maintaining and constructing streets. Arkansas statutes that provide funding for street and drainage projects require that these activities be accounted for separately. The Street fund is financed by state turnback funds, and a portion of a state-wide 1/2 cent sales tax approved by the voters in July 2013.

Fund 515 is used to account for activities associated with completing major capital stormwater projects.

The cost per day per citizen for General Government Services



Administration consists of the Mayor's office, Finance, Human Resources, IT, City Attorney's office, and City Clerk's office. These offices are responsible for the day-to-day planning management of the City. This ranges from hiring of staff, payroll, financial duties, management of IT infrastructure, legal, and much more.

Planning and Development combines planning and code enforcement.
Mission Statement: To help plan, build, and maintain a great city.

Animal Control's mission is to provide compassionate, timely and effective response to domestic animal situations in order to ensure the safety of all citizens and animals through the consistent enforcement of state and local laws relating to the humane treatment, control of domestic animals, support and secure the human-animal bond.

Court's mission is to serve the people by efficient and accessible administration of justice for all, to treat everyone with integrity, fairness and respect.

Parks & Recreation exists to provide exceptional opportunities to enjoy the beauty of nature, the wonder of relationships, and experiences that remind us what it means to be human.

Fire Department's mission is to reduce and prevent the loss of life and property damage through adequate, efficient, and timely response, continue to strive for excellence by providing the highest quality of customer service through continued training and education, provide timely and effective life and fire safety education throughout our community and schools, adapt to the ever changing needs of our community, and adequately plan and have a vision for progressive growth of our Fire Department within the community

Police Department's mission is to work in harmony with all citizens of the community to create a safe and secure environment and to improve the quality of life for our residents with an emphasis on equality, fairness, integrity and professionalism.

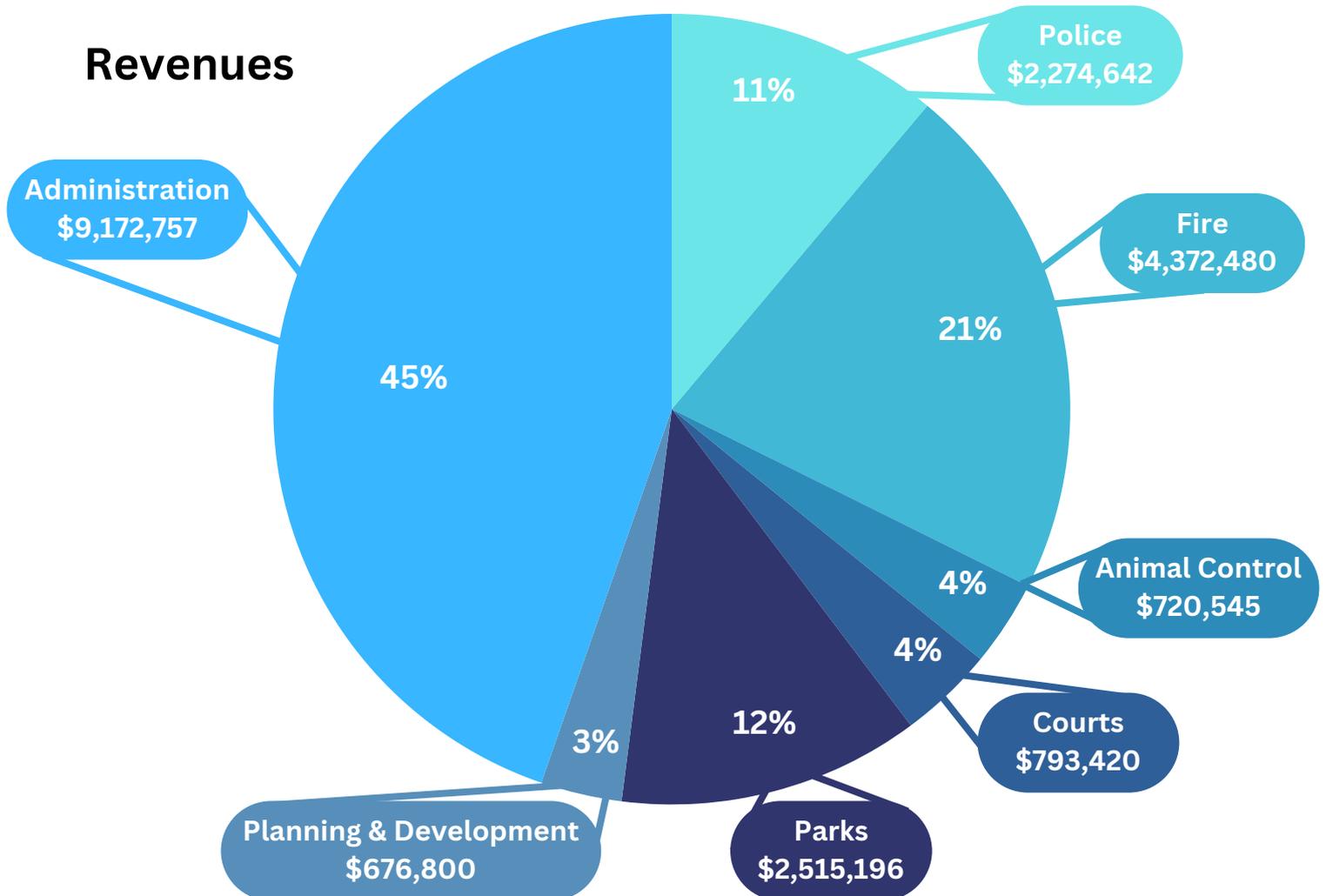
General Government Overview

Revenues		
Category	2026 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxes - Sales	\$125,000	\$125,000
Taxes - Property	\$1,694,920	\$1,694,920
Licenses Permits & Fees	\$576,680	\$576,680
Membership Fees	\$277,475	\$277,475
Rental Fees	\$174,450	\$172,450
Park Program Fees	\$162,200	\$156,000
Fines & Forfeitures	\$589,680	\$539,680
Sale of Services	\$220,750	\$221,500
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$61,460	\$58,770
Intergovernmental Tsfrs	\$15,372,325	\$15,175,985
Reimbursement	\$610,000	\$547,000
Sale of Equipment	\$15,000	\$20,000
Grant Revenue	\$111,200	\$26,700
Sponsorships	\$154,700	\$154,450
Interest Revenue	\$380,000	\$300,000
Total	\$20,525,840	\$20,046,610

Expenses		
Category	2026 Budget	2025 Budget
Personnel Expense	\$15,309,923	\$14,917,222
Building & Grounds Exp	\$1,305,923	\$1,244,186
Vehicle Expense	\$583,141	\$546,680
Supply Expense	\$349,050	\$379,010
Operations Expense	\$410,062	\$402,520
Professional Services	\$379,470	\$367,620
Miscellaneous Expense	\$507,598	\$559,019
Reimbursement	\$128,000	\$ -
Donation Expense	\$95,550	\$95,550
Grant Expense	\$101,700	\$33,700
Bond Expense	\$801,866	\$812,601
Capital Assets	\$439,914	\$498,000
Interest Expense	\$113,495	\$190,497
Total	\$20,525,692	\$20,046,605

General Government Revenues By Department

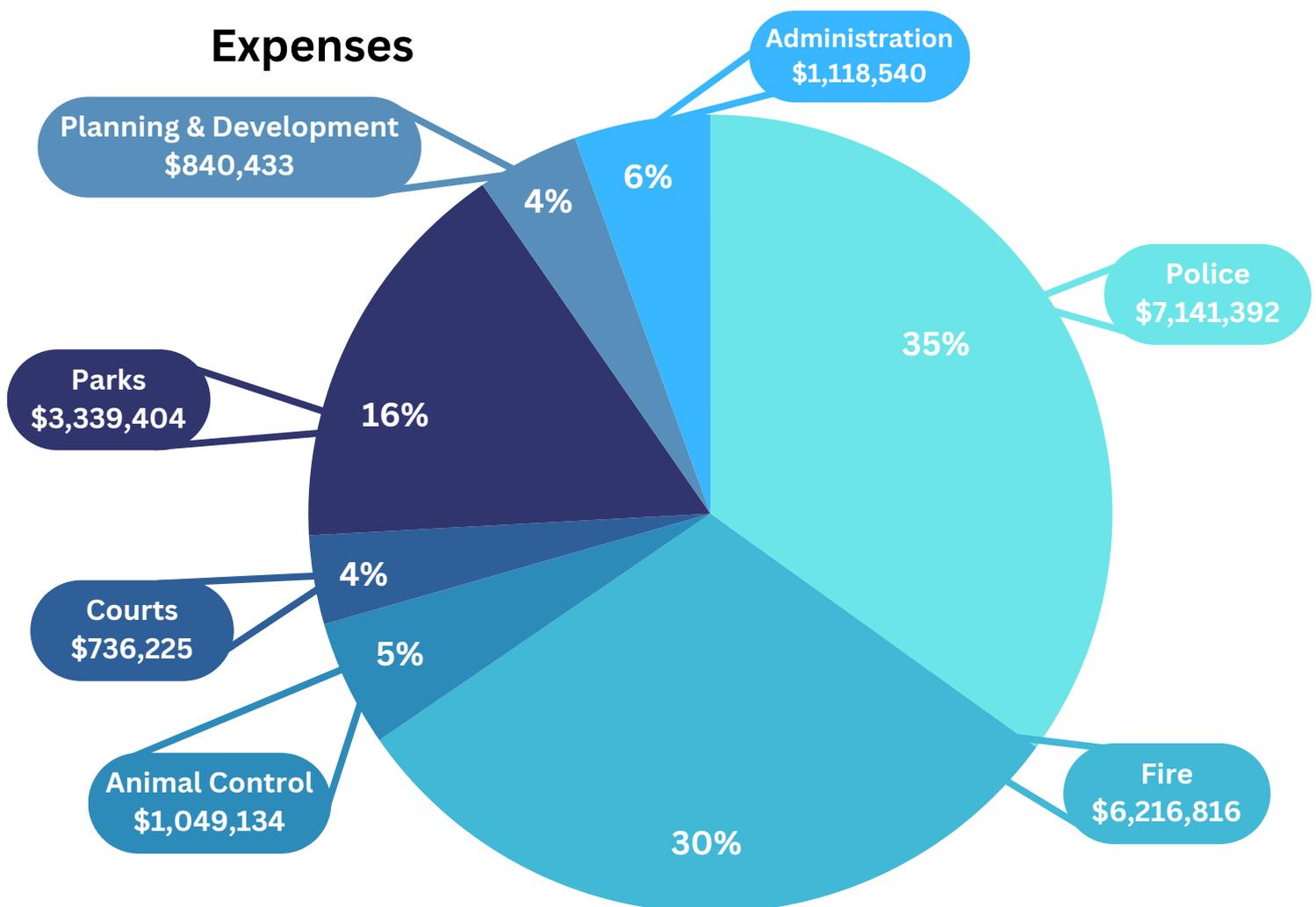
Category	Admin	Planning & Development	Animal Control	Courts	Parks	Fire	Police
Taxes - Sales	\$ -	\$125,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Taxes - Property	\$1,639,220	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$55,700	\$ -
Licenses Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$550,800	\$24,380	\$ -	\$ -	\$1,500	\$ -
Membership Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$277,475	\$ -	\$ -
Rental Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$156,450	\$18,000	\$ -
Park Program Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$162,200	\$ -	\$ -
Fines & Forfeitures	\$ -	\$ -	\$6,000	\$582,900	\$ -	\$ -	\$780
Sale of Services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$220,750	\$ -	\$ -
Misc Revenue	\$3,190	\$ -	\$ -	\$50,520	\$2,000	\$250	\$5,750
Intergovernmental Tsfrs	\$7,150,347	\$ -	\$685,165	\$ -	\$1,541,621	\$4,282,280	\$1,712,912
Reimbursement	\$ -	\$1,000	\$ -	\$160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$449,000
Sale of Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$15,000	\$ -
Grant Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$106,200
Sponsorships	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$154,700	\$ -	\$ -
Interest Revenue	\$380,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$9,172,757	\$676,800	\$720,545	\$793,420	\$2,515,196	\$4,372,480	\$2,274,642



General Government Expenses By Department

Category	Admin	Planning & Development	Animal Control	Courts	Parks	Fire	Police
Personnel Expense	\$392,448	\$641,726	\$832,602	\$528,066	\$1,951,244	\$5,356,045	\$5,607,793
Building & Grounds	\$42,400	\$7,863	\$37,459	\$23,176	\$801,006	\$223,602	\$170,418
Vehicle Expense	\$2,605	\$7,870	\$14,473	\$ -	\$33,616	\$162,677	\$361,900
Supply Expense	\$10,260	\$3,500	\$16,850	\$12,000	\$98,300	\$162,990	\$44,950
Operations Expense	\$102,512	\$60,660	\$2,325	\$165,627	\$46,058	\$16,000	\$16,880
Professional Services	\$127,000	\$43,820	\$34,500	\$4,100	\$159,050	\$1,000	\$10,000
Misc Expense	\$311,677	\$24,865	\$7,500	\$3,056	\$20,600	\$22,100	\$117,800
Donation Expense	\$95,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Reimbursement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$128,000
Grant Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$101,700
Bond Expense	\$28,782	\$42,326	\$88,493	\$ -	\$273,319	\$247,405	\$121,540
Capital Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$439,914
Interest Expense	\$5,307	\$7,804	\$14,931	\$ -	\$39,960	\$24,997	\$20,497
Total	\$1,118,540	\$840,433	\$1,049,134	\$736,225	\$3,423,153	\$6,216,816	\$7,141,391

Expenses





PROUD PAST. BOLD FUTURE.

BRYANTLEAPFORWARD.COM

We're excited to officially launch **Bryant Leap Forward** – the City of Bryant's comprehensive growth planning process.

As our community continues to grow, this plan will guide how Bryant develops over the next 10–20 years. It will help shape decisions about neighborhoods, infrastructure, transportation, parks, economic development, and the overall quality of life in our city.

Bryant Leap Forward is built on one essential foundation: **community input**. This process is designed to gather feedback from residents, business owners, students, and stakeholders so future decisions reflect the values, needs, and priorities of the people who call Bryant home.

Over the coming months, residents will have multiple opportunities to get involved through surveys, community meetings, pop-up events, and online engagement tools.

🚀 The first step starts now.

The community survey is open, and we encourage everyone who lives, works, or spends time in Bryant to participate.

This is a shared effort – and your voice matters.
Let's plan for the future, together.

🔗 Learn more and take the survey at bryantleapforward.com

FREE CHICK-FIL-A FOR THE FAMILY!
8 WINNERS • 5 CARDS EACH

THE CITY IS PLANNING 25+ YEARS INTO THE FUTURE.
HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD AND TELL US WHAT YOUR PRIORITIES ARE.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: **BRYANT CHAMBER**
BRYANTLEAPFORWARD.COM



Public Works Overview

Revenues		
Category	2026 Budget	2025 Budget
Taxes - Property	\$2,361,000	\$2,174,000
Licenses Permits & Fees	\$20,000	\$20,000
Sale of Services	\$11,785,197	\$10,733,585
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$56,500	\$60,175
Intergovernmental Tsfrs	\$3,898,952	\$3,828,860
Reimbursement	\$100,000	\$100,000
Interest Revenue	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$18,221,649	\$16,916,620

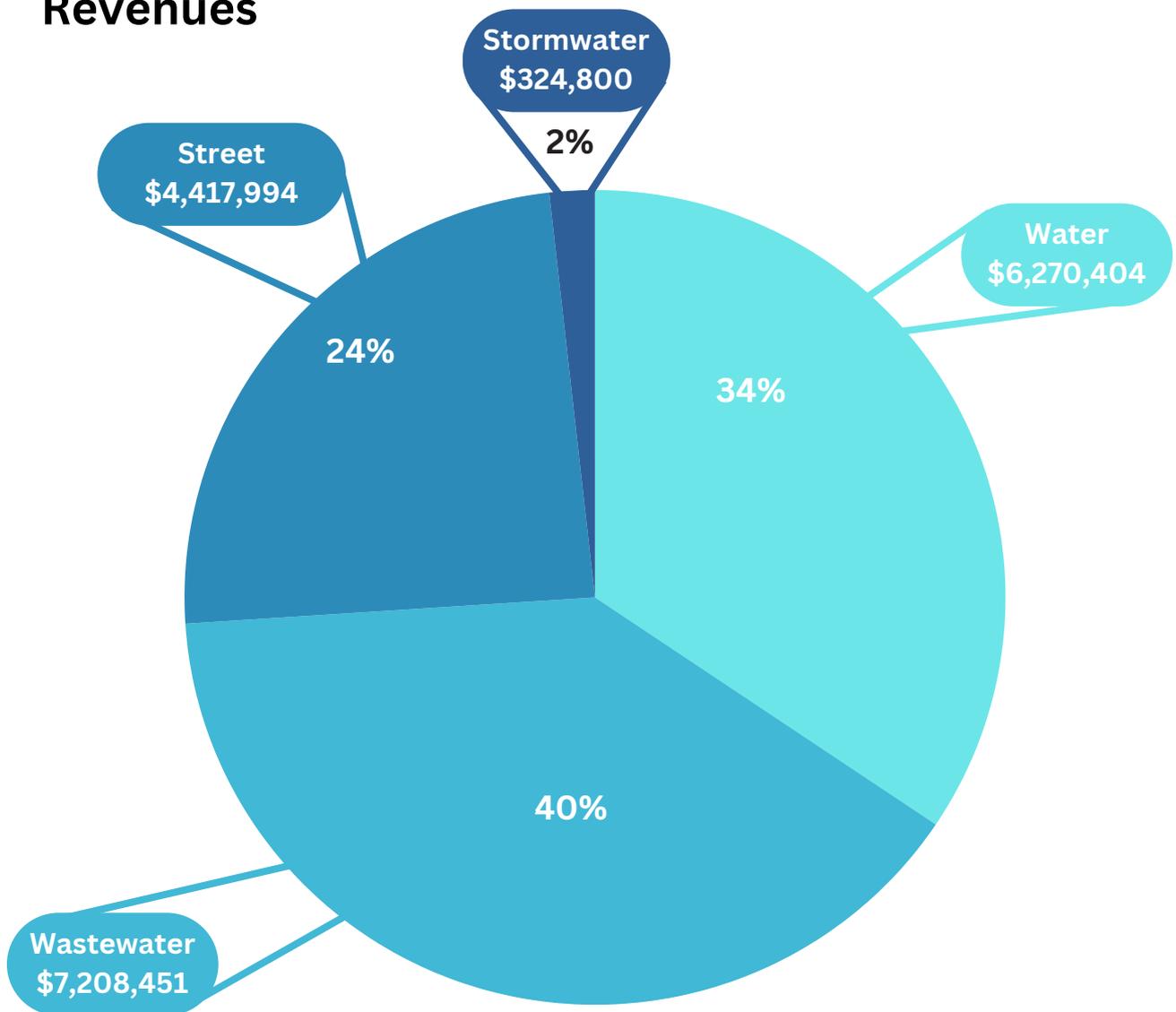
Expenses		
Category	2026 Budget	2025 Budget
Personnel Expense	\$7,007,173	\$6,372,976
Building & Grounds Exp	\$1,084,233	\$1,102,834
Vehicle Expense	\$618,570	\$645,047
Supply Expense	\$3,590,418	\$2,976,896
Operations Expense	\$662,401	\$701,600
Professional Services	\$1,118,950	\$1,067,300
Miscellaneous Expense	\$270,344	\$110,844
Intergovernmental Tsfr	\$527,000	\$527,000
Bond Expense	\$323,079	\$92,002
Capital Assets	\$2,619,748	\$2,895,034
Interest Expense	\$198,433	\$157,370
Construction Projects	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$18,020,348	\$16,648,903



Public Works Revenues By Department

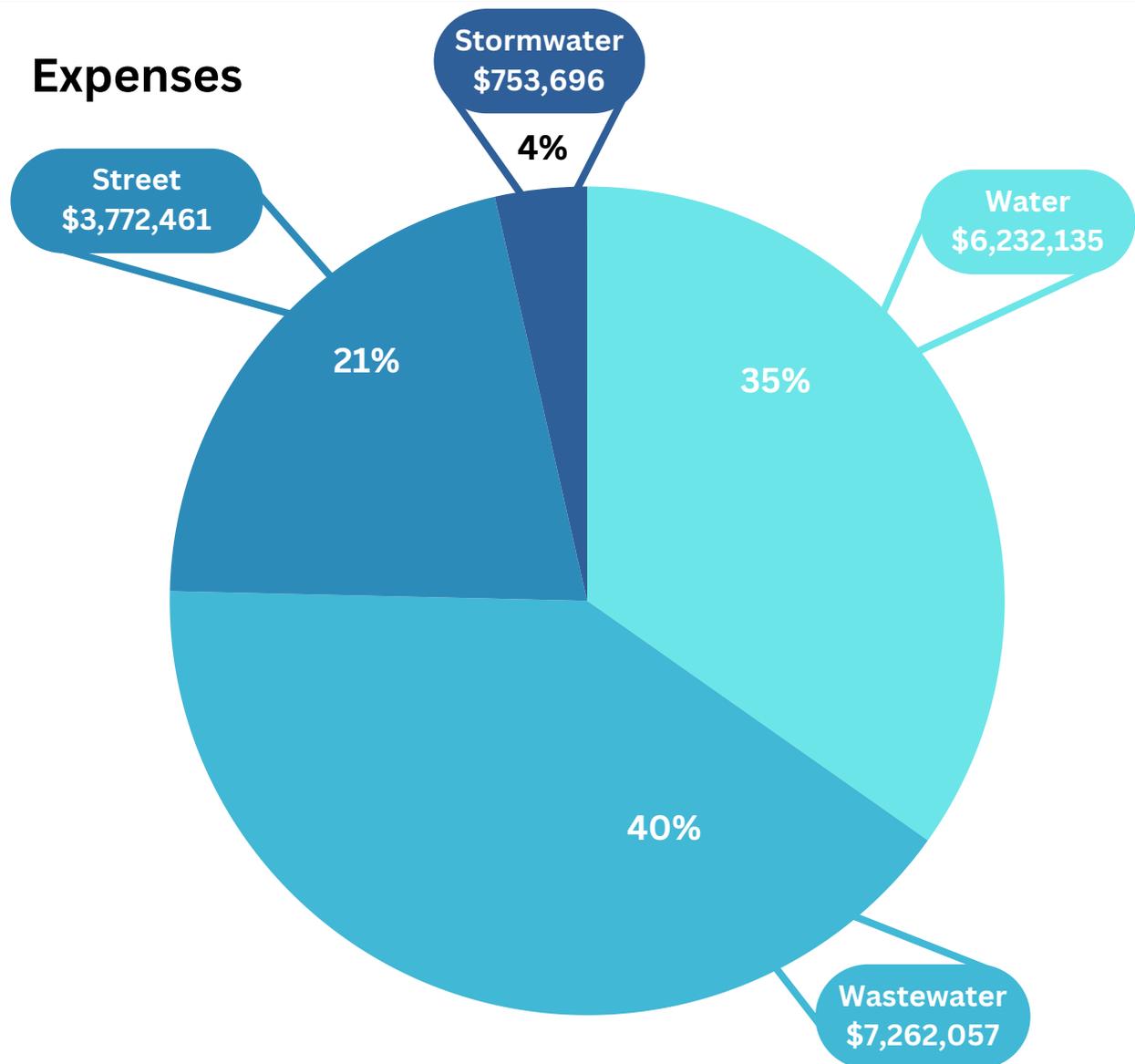
Category	Water	Wastewater	Street	Stormwater
Taxes - Property	\$ -	\$ -	\$2,361,000	\$ -
Licenses Permits & Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$20,000
Sale of Services	\$5,327,997	\$6,152,400	\$ -	\$304,800
Misc Revenue	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$1,500	\$ -
Intergovernmental Tsfrs	\$887,407	\$956,051	\$2,055,494	\$ -
Reimbursement	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$ -	\$ -
Total	\$6,270,404	\$7,208,451	\$4,417,994	\$324,800

Revenues



Public Works Expenses By Department

Category	Water	Wastewater	Street	Stormwater
Personnel Expense	\$1,710,864	\$2,885,871	\$1,770,875	\$639,563
Building & Grounds	\$131,567	\$716,208	\$231,946	\$4,512
Vehicle Expense	\$107,281	\$223,769	\$260,500	\$27,020
Supply Expense	\$2,218,502	\$838,000	\$508,516	\$25,400
Operations Expense	\$478,000	\$42,001	\$126,200	\$16,200
Professional Services	\$241,350	\$335,850	\$500,750	\$41,000
Misc Expense	\$107,534	\$102,034	\$60,776	\$ -
Intergovernmental Tsfr	\$187,500	\$339,500	\$ -	\$ -
Bond Expense	\$85,000	\$49,002	\$189,077	\$ -
Capital Assets	\$889,908	\$1,639,839	\$90,000	\$1
Interest Expense	\$74,629	\$89,983	\$33,821	\$ -
Total	\$6,232,135	\$7,262,057	\$3,772,461	\$753,696





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