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2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL HIGHLIGHTS
City of Saint Paul
Mayor Melvin Carter



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Our 2022 budget process comes at a time that offers the enormous potential of rebirth for Saint Paul.

While last year's budget was about bracing ourselves for the uncertainties of the global public health and economic crisis, our strong financial discipline, along with significant help from our partners in the federal government have returned us swiftly back to a point of preparedness to imagine and invest in the Saint Paul we are building for our future. Last year's budget also demonstrated the financial restraint that has allowed our Administration to land spending under budget every year, increase our reserve funds, and upgrade our credit rating outlook at a time when too many cities have been seeing theirs move in the opposite direction.

My 2022 budget proposes a **6.9% increase to the city's property tax levy**, which amounts to an increase of \$10.58 per month for a median value home. This increase reflects the reality of rising prices of everything from labor to construction materials, our expanding citywide tax base, and the costs of providing high quality public services to a rapidly growing population.

In this moment, we cannot settle for simply doing different things, we have to do things differently. We must keep our focus on priorities that position our city government, and our entire community to address the challenges we face from the last 18 months, as well as the challenges that lie ahead. This proposal supports our shared vision for revitalization and sustainability by leveraging our general fund and American Rescue Plan resources to begin our long term rebuilding processes right away.

My 2022 budget proposal **restores critical services interrupted by the pandemic**, and proposes leveraging our Affordable Housing Trust Fund to start a new program to support low-income homeowners that are housing cost-burdened.

This proposal establishes permanent funding for our Law Enforcement Career Pathways Academy (LECPA), which is already changing the face and future of our department by creating on-ramps for young people from our diverse communities into law enforcement. My proposal allows the Saint Paul Police Department to more easily fill vacant positions as officers retire, and also proposes a **new five-year Capital Improvement Budget strategy** which will allow us to break ground on three transformative capital projects across our city.

Earlier this year, our 48-member Community-First Public Safety Commission was tasked with re-envisioning emergency response, while considering the creation of an office that could continue to usher our Community-First strategies forward. Shaped by the feedback and guidance of the Commission's 419-page final report, we will **establish the City of Saint Paul Office of Neighborhood Safety** to lead the ongoing advancement of our Community-First framework through the coordination of Community-First investments including violence prevention strategies and alternative response.

I am also laying out a vision for leveraging the enormous potential of federal funds over the next several years including **\$40 million in neighborhood safety strategies, \$40 million in housing strategies, and \$40 million in jobs and career readiness programs with American Rescue Plan Funds**.

While the delivery of my 2022 budget proposal is just the start of a process which the City Council will carry forward this fall, ushering our community out of the challenges of these past 18 months requires all of us to get engaged. As this process moves forward, I look forward to continuing to be your teammate as we rebuild for our future, together.



Mayor Melvin Carter

2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Total Budget

The total budget for the City of Saint Paul

| 2020 Actual | 2021 Adopted | 2022 Proposed Budget |
|---------------|---------------|----------------------|
| \$647 million | \$633 million | \$713 million |

Property Tax Levy

The property tax levy finances a portion of the City budget

| 2021 Adopted | 2022 Proposed | Amount Change | % Change |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|----------|
| \$165.2 million | \$176.6 million | \$11.4 million | 6.9% |

A property tax levy increase of 6.9% amounts to an increase of approximately \$10.58 per month for a median value home.

Department Budgets

General Fund spending across our city's departments

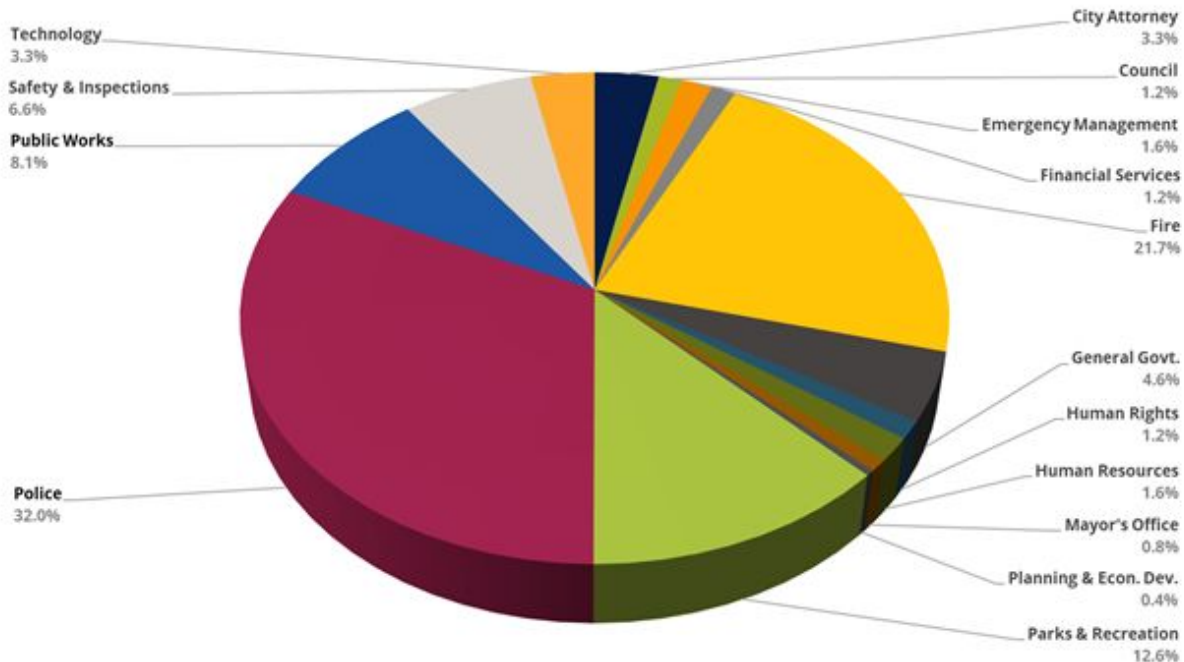
| | 2020 Actual | 2021 Adopted Budget | 2022 Proposed Budget | \$ Change vs. 2021 | % Change vs. 2021 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| City Attorney | \$ 8,837,765 | \$ 9,140,520 | \$ 10,600,549 | \$ 1,460,029 | 16.0% |
| Council | \$ 3,525,662 | \$ 3,821,912 | \$ 3,924,040 | \$ 102,128 | 2.7% |
| Emergency Mgmt. | \$ 1,122,801 | \$ 479,855 | \$ 5,139,499 | \$ 4,659,644 | 971.1% |
| Financial Services | \$ 4,857,042 | \$ 4,184,409 | \$ 4,067,098 | \$ (117,311) | -2.8% |
| Fire | \$ 66,211,456 | \$ 68,052,502 | \$ 70,657,039 | \$ 2,604,537 | 3.8% |
| Gen. Government* | \$ 10,842,154 | \$ 11,557,141 | \$ 14,830,811 | \$ 3,273,670 | 28.3% |
| HREEO | \$ 2,919,217 | \$ 3,375,131 | \$ 3,784,689 | \$ 409,558 | 12.1% |
| Human Resources | \$ 4,379,262 | \$ 4,975,635 | \$ 5,139,555 | \$ 163,920 | 3.3% |
| Mayor's Office | \$ 1,890,861 | \$ 2,089,775 | \$ 2,469,628 | \$ 379,853 | 18.2% |
| Parks & Recreation | \$ 37,229,996 | \$ 39,563,374 | \$ 41,118,437 | \$ 1,555,063 | 3.9% |
| Planning & Econ. Dev. | 0 | 0 | \$ 1,185,000 | \$ 1,185,000 | N/A |
| Police | \$ 103,452,023 | \$ 104,781,781 | \$ 104,027,529 | \$ (754,252) | -0.7% |
| Public Works | \$ 28,493,425 | \$ 28,816,044 | \$ 26,511,140 | \$ (2,304,904) | -8.0% |
| Safety & Inspections | \$ 19,782,863 | \$ 20,050,602 | \$ 21,507,117 | \$ 1,456,515 | 7.3% |
| Technology | \$ 11,868,691 | \$ 12,516,429 | \$ 10,611,566 | \$ (1,904,863) | -15.2% |
| TOTAL | \$ 305,413,218 | \$ 313,405,109 | \$325,573,697 | \$12,168,588 | 3.9% |

*General Government Accounts represent spending activities that exist across the City not assignable to a specific department including city election costs and maintenance and upkeep of City Hall.

2022 BUDGET PROPOSAL

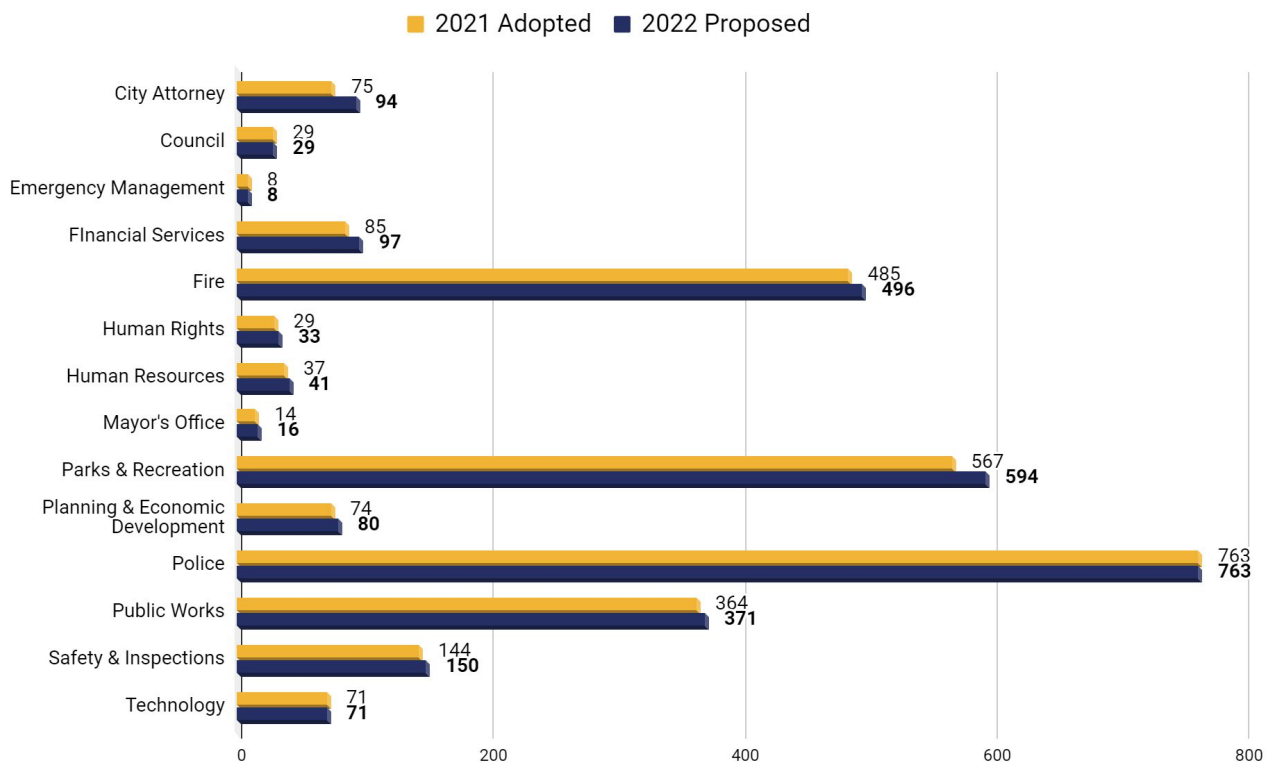
Spending by Department

Spending across our City's departments as a percentage of the General Fund budget



Staff by Department

Staffing levels by department in 2022 budget proposal vs. 2021 adopted budget as full-time equivalents



SUMMARY

2022 Budget Proposal Overview

- The proposal includes a **General Fund Budget increase of \$12.2 million or 3.9%.**
- The proposal includes a **6.9% property tax levy increase**, which amounts to an increase of approximately \$10.58 per month for a median value home.
- The proposal **restores staff reductions** while expanding capacity across an array of departments, adding approximately 115 FTEs.
- The proposal includes leveraging our Affordable Housing Trust Fund to start a **new program to support low-income homeowners** that are housing cost-burdened.
- The proposal includes **permanent funding for our Law Enforcement Career Pathways Academy** (LECPA).
- The proposal allows the Police Department to **more easily fill vacant positions as officers retire.**
- The proposal includes a **new five-year Capital Improvement Budget strategy** which will allow us to break ground on three transformative capital projects: Hamline Midway Library, the North End Community Center, and Fire Station 7.
- This proposal includes **establishing the City of Saint Paul Office of Neighborhood Safety.**
 - The Office will **lead the ongoing advancement of our Community-First framework** through the coordination of Community-First investments including violence prevention strategies and alternative response.
 - The Office will support the **creation of a permanent Community-First Commission** which will engage community residents, local stakeholders, and public safety representatives to inform ongoing strategy development, as well as directing resources to impacted communities.
 - The Office will **engage in research, data collection and analysis** through participatory methods that engage residents and system stakeholders in the co-development of neighborhood assessments, alongside interventions that are responsive to the needs of our neighbors.

SUMMARY

American Rescue Plan Priorities

The \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan (ARP) is providing \$350 billion in much needed emergency funds for state, local, territorial, and Tribal governments. As a part of this plan, the City of Saint Paul will receive \$166.6 million to support our immediate response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and its negative economic impacts, while laying the groundwork for our ongoing efforts to rebuild.

These six priorities will guide our investments over the next several years, so that as the needs of our community evolve, we can remain responsive to the challenges ahead.

Neighborhood Safety: \$40 million

To support safer outcomes in our neighborhoods, in alignment with our Community-First Public Safety framework, we will invest \$40 million in neighborhood safety strategies.

Housing: \$40 million

To respond to our ongoing housing crisis, including connecting people experiencing unsheltered homelessness to support, services, and resources, supporting affordable and deeply affordable housing, and ensuring residents can secure stable, accessible, and fair housing at all ends of the continuum, we will invest \$40 million in housing strategies.

Jobs & Career Readiness: \$40 million

To ensure people of all ages, backgrounds, and skills can access and maintain stable employment opportunities with living wages, professional development opportunities, and career pathways, we will invest \$40 million in jobs and career readiness programs.

City Service Modernization: \$18 million

To update, enhance, and expand our ability to provide innovative, resilient and equitable services, supports, and resources, we will invest \$18 million in support of modernizing city services.

Financial Stabilization: \$15 million

To support our city's continued ability to maintain short-term and long-term financial, economic, and enterprise stability in support of the ongoing services and resources our residents rely on, we will invest \$15 million in citywide financial stabilization.

Vaccine & Public Health Measure Engagement: \$3.6 million

To ensure all of us can continue to access vital public health information, support, services, and resources, we will invest \$3.6 million in vaccine and public health measure engagement.

To fully leverage the potential of these and other federal funds and ensure we are responsible stewards of these funds, we will use 6% or approximately \$10 million for financial, legal, compliance, procurement, human resources, and evaluation over the next several years.

