BUDGET IN BRIEF

FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

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City of Mesa Overview

ARIZONA

NEW MEXICO

PHOENIX ★

● MESA

TUCSON ●

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138 sq. miles

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MAYOR

6

COUNCIL MEMBERS

4,801
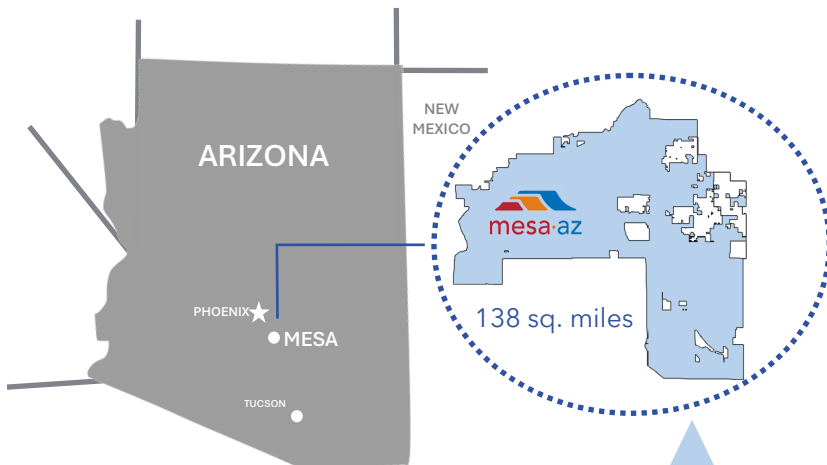
FULL TIME
EQUIVALENT (FTE)

Proudly Serving...

523,220

RESIDENTS

10 Year Population Growth
12%
*from 2015 to 2025

Average Temperature
86°
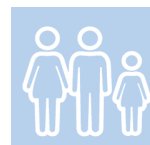
Bachelor's Degree or Higher
33.7%

Median Home Value
$444,821

Median Household Income
$83,458

Median Age
38 years

Did you know?

The City of Mesa collects less sales tax per capita
compared to other cities in the valley, which means
the City is more efficient with these tax dollars.

Source: FY23/24 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Mesa	*Median	Phoenix	Scottsdale
$645	$853	$864	$1,238

Sources: American Community Survey, City of Mesa Valley Cities Affordability and Homeowner's Comparisons, City of Mesa Economic Development

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Budget Policy

The Adopted Budget needs to be balanced, monitored, and include performance measures.

TOTAL CITY BUDGET $2.79B

Expenditures FY 2025/26

Contingency
$95.4 M
Funds for unexpected events or unforeseen needs during the fiscal year.

Carryover
$385.0 M
Funds for items allocated in prior fiscal year but not received until next fiscal year.

General Fund
$595.4 M
Discretionary funds allocated based on needs and priorities of the City.
Ex: Public Safety, Parks

Trust Funds
$157.0 M
Funds to self-insure the City for areas of liability.
Ex: Employee Benefits, Workers' Comp

Enterprise Funds
$274.1 M
Provides goods and services which are fully recovered through revenues.
Ex: Utilities, Falcon Field

Construction Funds
$482.7 M
Used to construct infrastructure and facilities, and to acquire land and equipment.

Restricted Funds
$538.2 M
Revenues designated for specific purposes/expenditures.
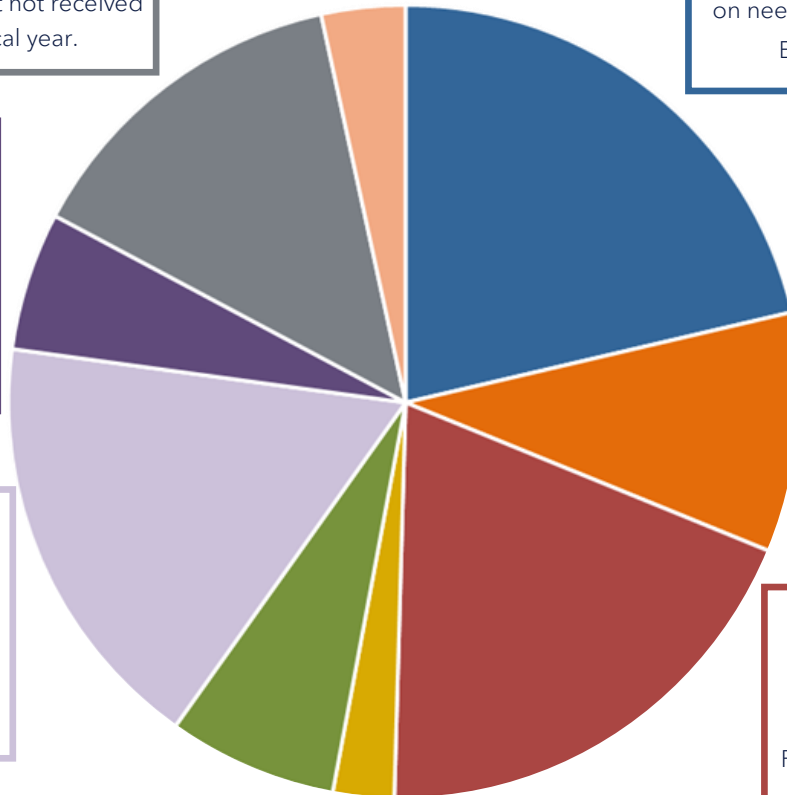Ex: Local Streets, Arts & Culture, Transit

Debt Service
$192.6 M
Payment of debt related to capital improvement projects.

Grant Funds
$69.6 M
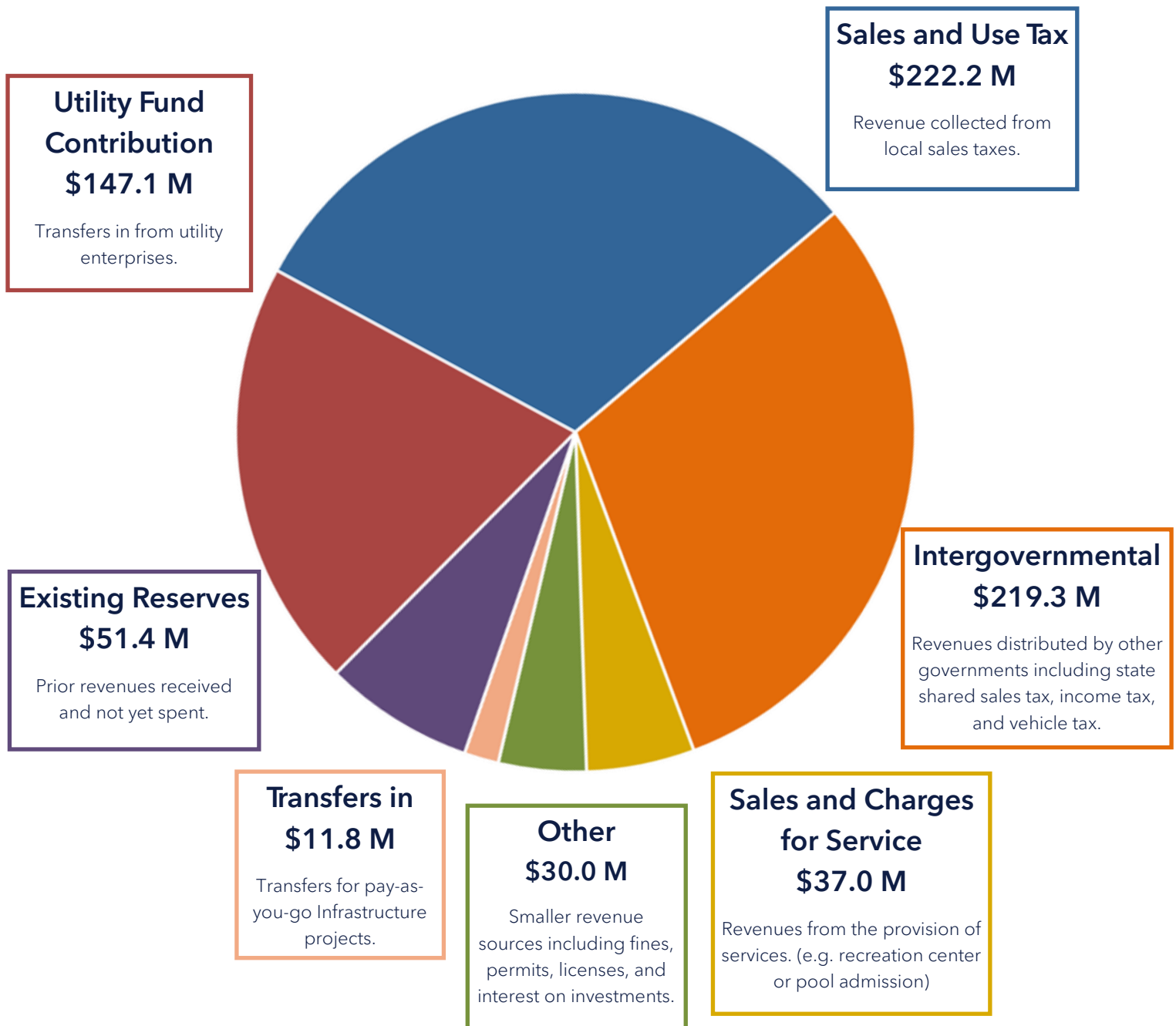Funds awarded by outside entities for a specific purpose.

*Figures are rounded to the nearest tenth

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General Governmental

$718.8 M

Resources

Sales and Use Tax
$222.2 M
Revenue collected from local sales taxes.

Utility Fund Contribution
$147.1 M
Transfers in from utility enterprises.

Intergovernmental
$219.3 M
Revenues distributed by other governments including state shared sales tax, income tax, and vehicle tax.

Existing Reserves
$51.4 M
Prior revenues received and not yet spent.

Transfers in
$11.8 M
Transfers for pay-as-you-go Infrastructure projects.

Other
$30.0 M
Smaller revenue sources including fines, permits, licenses, and interest on investments.

Sales and Charges for Service
$37.0 M
Revenues from the provision of services. (e.g. recreation center or pool admission)

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General Governmental

$718.8 M

Expenditures

Parks, Libraries, and Community Services
$63.9 M
Supports the departments' facility upkeep and programs.

Public Safety
$411.3 M
Departments such as Police, Mesa Fire and Medical, and Municipal Court.
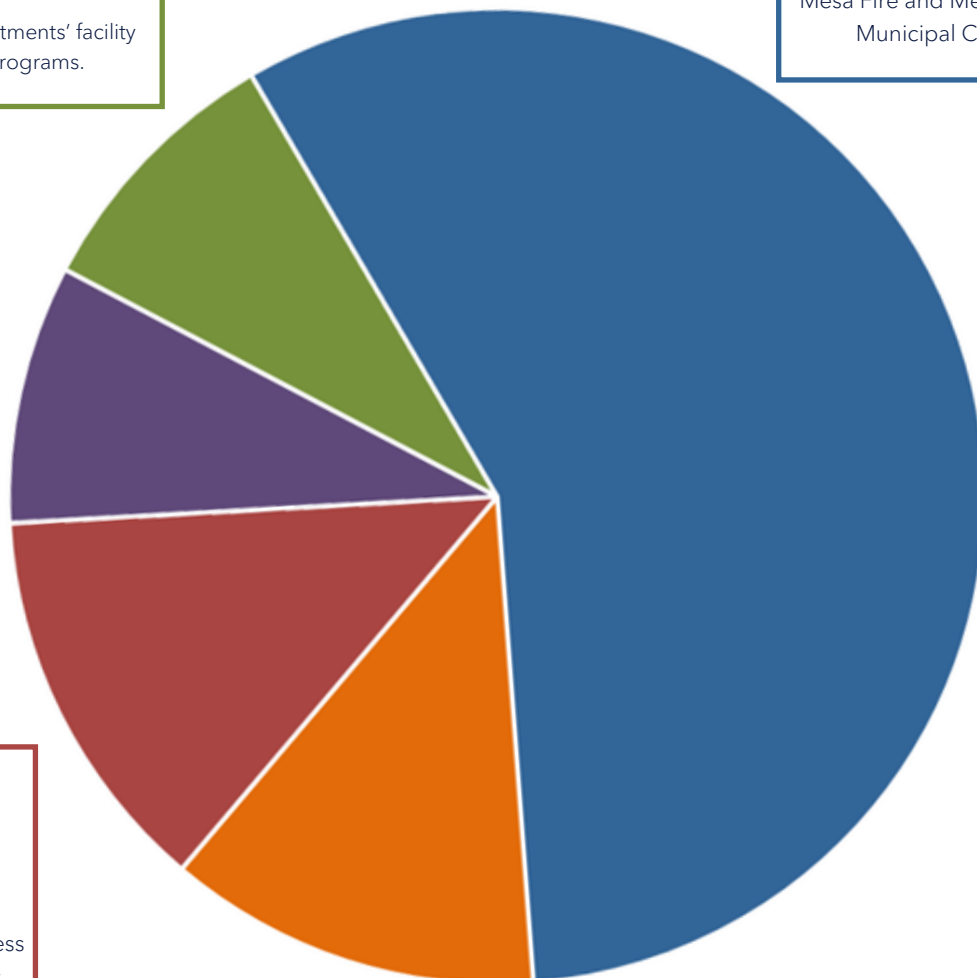
Infrastructure Support
$61.6 M
Supports maintenance and development of facility and technology infrastructure.

All Other City Departments
$93.1 M
Departments such as Business Services, Communications, and Human Resources.

Transfers Out
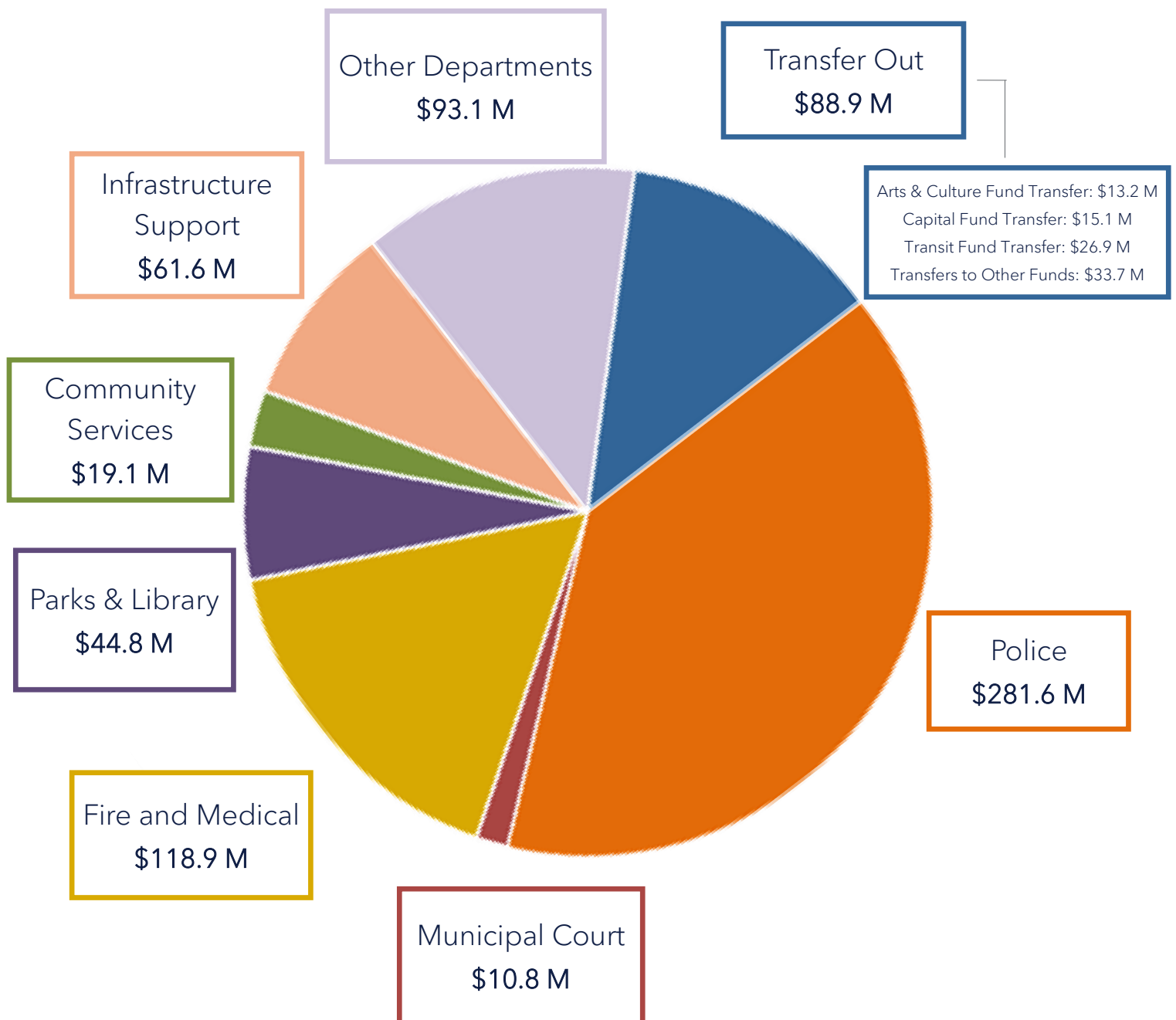### $88.9 M
Supports Capital Projects, Transit, and Arts & Culture.

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General Governmental

$718.8 M

Expenditures by Department

Other Departments
$93.1 M

Transfer Out
$88.9 M

Arts & Culture Fund Transfer: $13.2 M
Capital Fund Transfer: $15.1 M
Transit Fund Transfer: $26.9 M
Transfers to Other Funds: $33.7 M

Infrastructure Support
$61.6 M

Community Services
$19.1 M

Parks & Library
$44.8 M

Police
$281.6 M
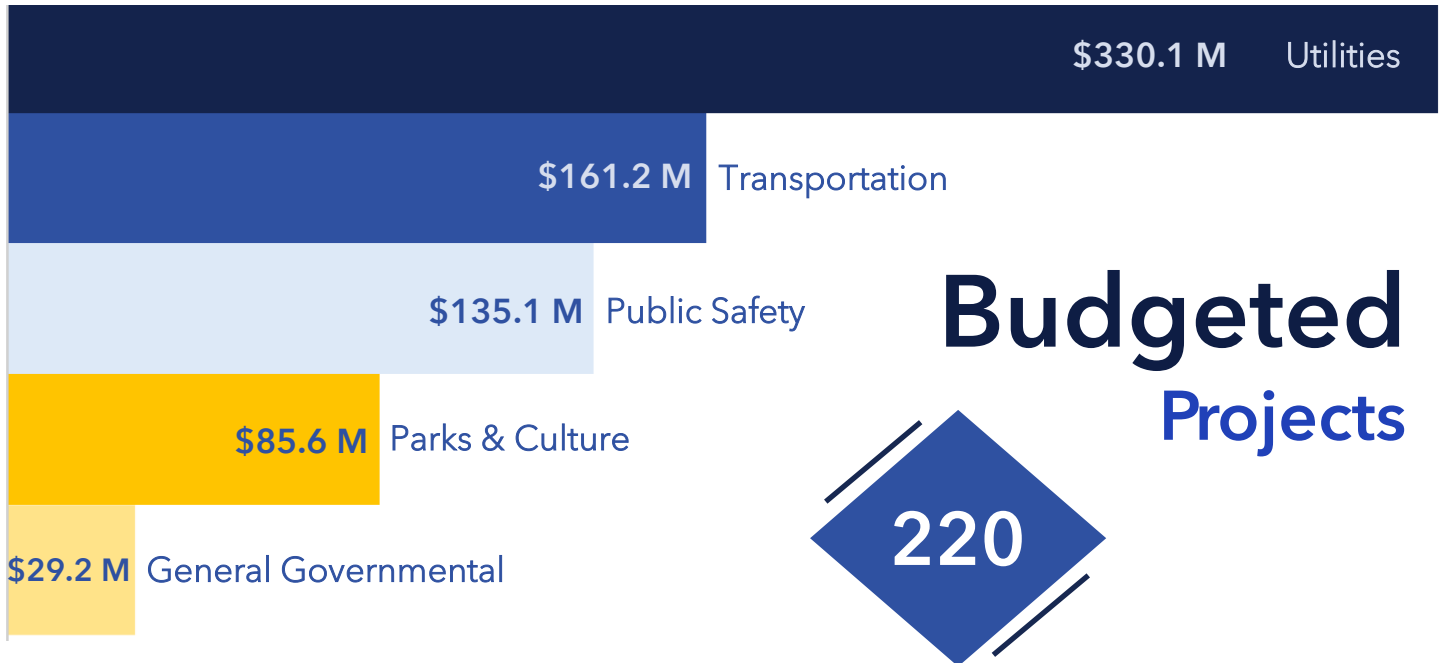
Fire and Medical
$118.9 M

Municipal Court
$10.8 M

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Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

$741.2 M

CIP Funding Categories for FY 2025/26

$330.1 M	Utilities

$161.2 M Transportation

$135.1 M Public Safety

$85.6 M Parks & Culture

$29.2 M General Governmental

*Figures are rounded to the nearest tenth

Budgeted
Projects

220

Operations & Maintenance

$2.3 M

The Operations and Maintenance budget is used for one-time start-up costs and for ongoing operations and maintenance after the completion of a CIP project.

Operations Example

Operational budget would be needed after the completion of building a new police station to pay for new sworn officer positions in the station.

Maintenance Example

Maintenance budget would be needed after the completion of a new road to ensure that it stays in good condition.

Learn more about the Capital Improvement Program here: Capital Improvement Program

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Budget in Action

Downtown Mesa

The City of Mesa aims to make our community a vibrant and exciting place to live. Below are some of the ways the Budget goes toward doing just that, starting in our uniquely local downtown.

The City of Mesa values community and uses the Budget to encourage connections with our residents and patrons. There is always something to do with your family in Downtown Mesa!

Another highlight of living in Mesa is the growth and development that is directly streamlined through the Budget. When you visit, we hope you see how invested we are in supporting new local events, programs, and businesses. Here are some of the new developments you may see downtown!

Neon Garden

The Neon Garden is a multi-purpose pocket-park attached to The Post. The space gives a new home to several restored historic neon signs, such as Bill Johnsons, Watson's Flowers, Dairy Queen, and Smiley Ford.

Restaurant Incubator

In partnership with Local First Arizona, this commercial space will feature a test kitchen, commissary, and dining area where emerging restauranteurs can experiment, develop, and grow their business. The design features eight rotating kiosks, layered seating zones, and a generous patio that anchors to the social life of Main Street.

More Across the City

Gateway Library

The Gateway Library will have similar amenities to the Main, Red Mountain, and Dobson Ranch libraries. As a full-service library, it will provide services to residents of all ages with an emphasis on a modern library feel and the use of technology to streamline services.

Climate Action Plan

The budget includes continued funding for existing and new projects under the Mesa Climate Action Plan. These include electric vehicle charging, watershed protection, neighborhood tree planting, and LED light conversions at city sports fields.

Public Safety

The Police Department will recruit for three academies of approximately 110 recruits in total. Mesa Fire & Medical Department will host one firefighter recruit academies with up to 35 recruits.

Opening Summer 2025, the Northeast Public Safety Facility will house Fire Station 222 and a new Police Substation. Construction will begin on two new fire stations, Lehi (Station 223) and Hawes Crossing (Station 224).

The Emergency Transport Program is now fully built-out to serve city-wide ambulance service with the addition of 59 positions and 7 ambulances.

City of Mesa Data and Performance

The City of Mesa strives to be a leader in data transparency. The City has implemented an Open Data Platform to publish and present data from across the City of Mesa to the public.

Goals of the Open Data Platform

1 Improve the ease of use in accessing, using, and analyzing City data.

2 Foster civic engagement, collaboration, and public trust.

3 Enhance data-driven decision making for the City.

4 Automate the publishing and updating of data.

Visit Data.MesaAZ.Gov

Click each icon to learn more about the performance measures in each City Service Area.

Recreation & Culture

Neighborhoods

Energy & Utilities

Transportation

Public Safety

City Operations

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Get Involved

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District 4
Jenn Duff
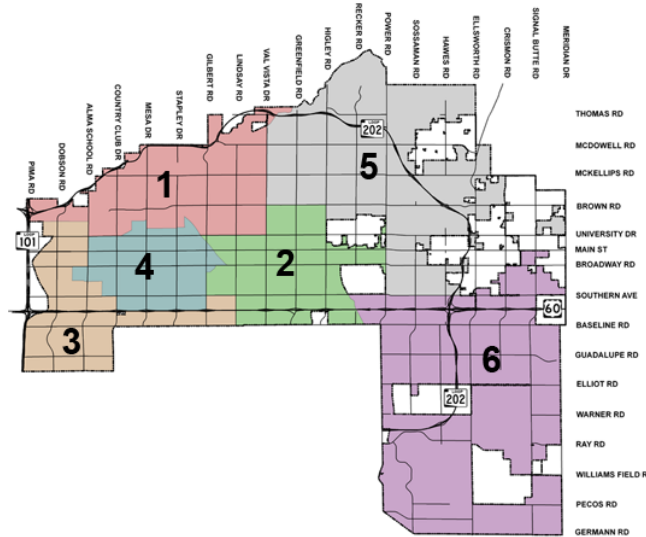District4@MesaAZ.gov

District 5
Alicia Goforth
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District 6 (Vice Mayor)
Scott Somers
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Participate in the Budget Process

Summer
Departments review progress toward achieving priorities and objectives.

Fall
Office of Management & Budget forecasts revenues and expenditures.
City Council reviews strategic goals and establishes budget priorities.

Spring
City Manager presents budget to City Council.
City Council establishes tentative budget.
City Council seeks public input and adopts final budget.

Winter
Departments submit funding requests.
Office of Management & Budget and City Manager review department budgets.

City Strategic Priorities

Sustainable Environment

Neighborhoods & Placemaking

Community Health & Safety

Thriving Economy

Skilled & Talented Workforce

Strong Community Connections

Learn more about participating in council meetings here: City Council Meetings | City of Mesa (mesaaz.gov)

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT & BUDGET

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