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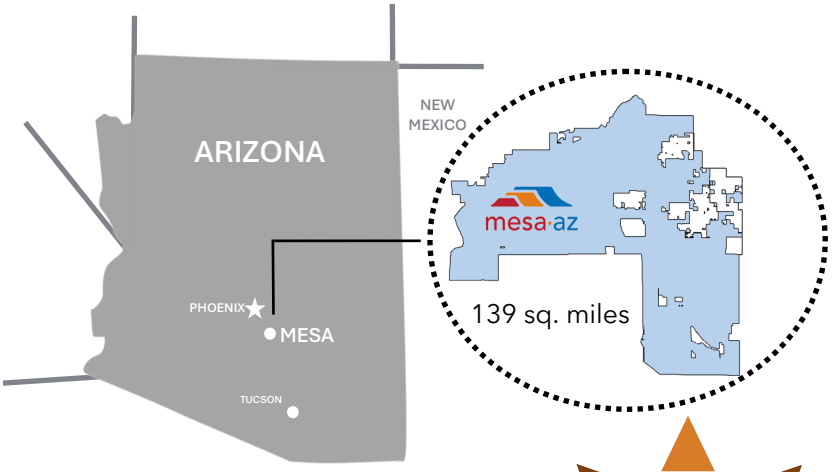


City of Mesa, Arizona

BUDGET IN BRIEF

Fiscal Year 2026-2027

City of Mesa Overview



1 MAYOR

6 COUNCIL MEMBERS

4,817 FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)

Proudly Serving...

529,853 RESIDENTS

10 Year Population Growth
11.5%
*from 2015 to 2025

Average High Temperature
86 °

Bachelor's Degree or Higher
35.9%

Median Home Value
$449,783

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.

Mesa	*Median	Phoenix	Scottsdale
$645	$913	$1,000	$1,403

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

Budget Policy

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

TOTAL CITY BUDGET $2.87B

Expenditures FY 2026/27

Trust Funds

$179.8 M

Funds to self-insure the City for areas of liability.

Ex: Employee Benefits, Workers' Comp

Carryover

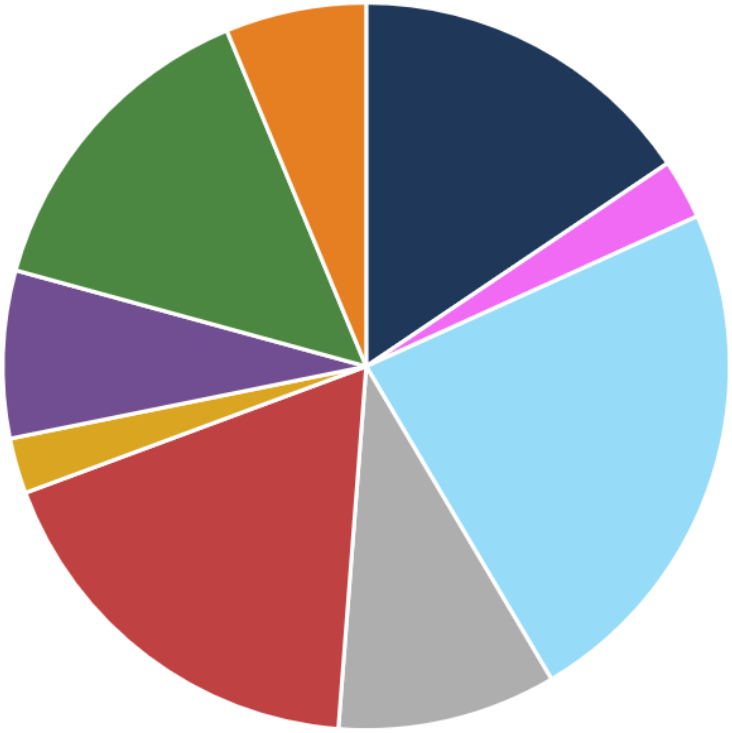
$446.7 M

Funds for items allocated in prior fiscal year but not received until next fiscal year.

Construction Funds

$415.5 M

Used to construct infrastructure and facilities, and to acquire land and equipment.



Contingency

$76.4 M

Funds for unexpected events or unforeseen needs during the fiscal year.

Debt Service

$213.6 M

Payment of debt related to capital improvement projects.

General Fund

$667.5 M

Discretionary funds allocated based on needs and priorities of the City.

Grant Funds

$70.8 M

Funds awarded by outside entities for a specific purpose.

Restricted Funds

$520.2 M

Revenues designated for specific purposes/expenditures.

Ex: Local Streets, Arts & Culture, Transit

Enterprise Funds

$279.5 M

Provides goods and services which are fully recovered through revenues.

Ex: Utilities, Falcon Field

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General Governmental

$738.9 M

Resources

Other
$30.2 M

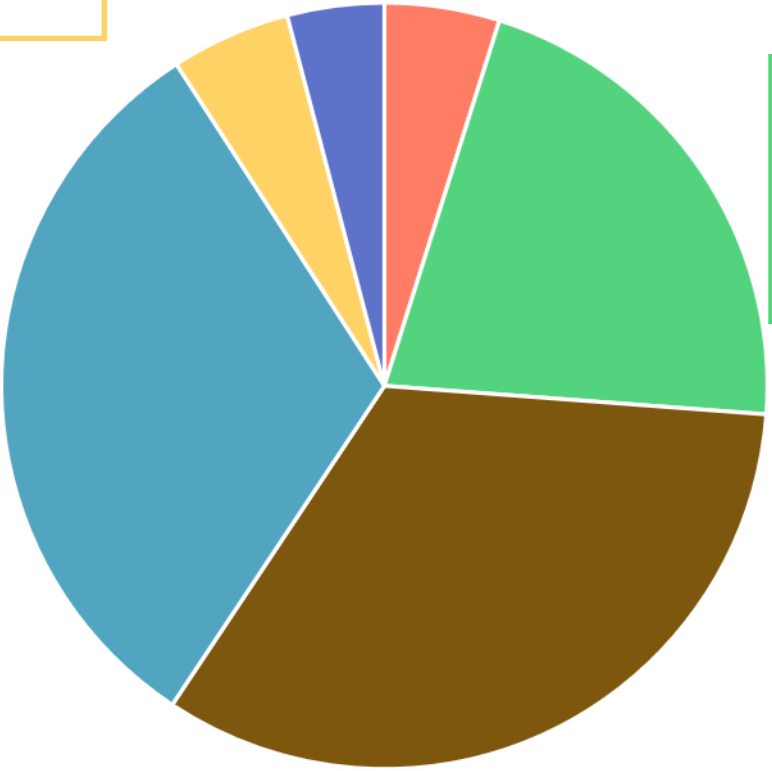
Smaller revenue sources including fines, permits, licenses, and interest on investments.

Sales and Charges for Service
$37.3 M

Revenues from the provision of services. (e.g. recreation center or pool admission)

Existing Reserves
$35.9 M

Prior revenues received and not yet spent.



Utility Fund Contribution
$157.6 M

Transfers in from utility enterprises.

Intergovernmental
$232.9 M

Revenues distributed by other governments including state shared sales tax, income tax, and vehicle tax.

Sales and Use Tax
$245.0 M

Revenue collected from local sales taxes.

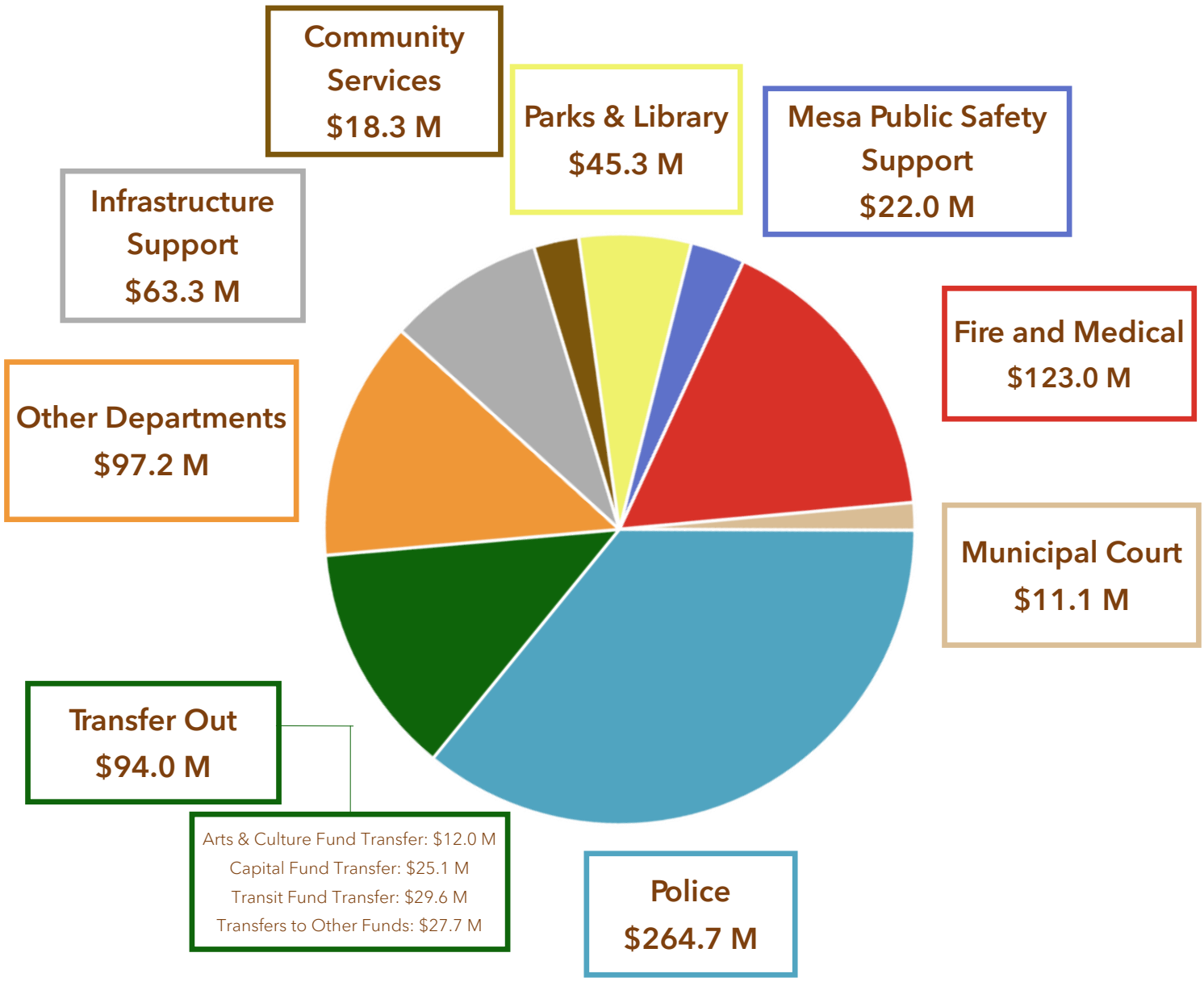
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General Governmental

$738.9 M

Expenditures by Department



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General Governmental

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Expenditure By Categories

Personal Services

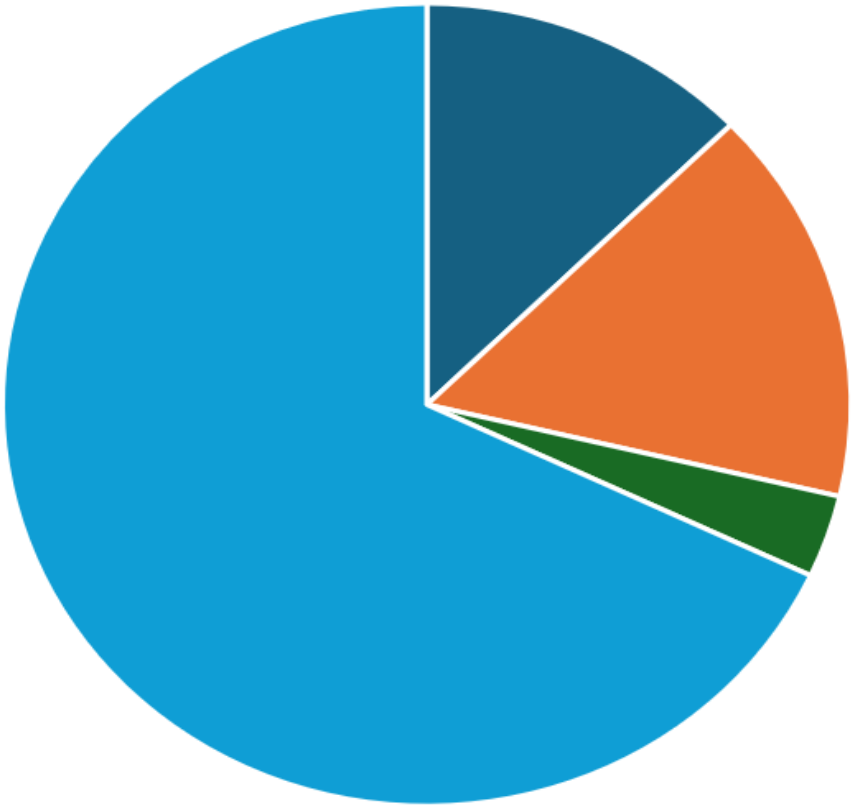
$502.4 M

The salaries and benefits for Mesa employees

Transfer to Other Funds

$94.0 M

Supports maintenance and development of facility and technology infrastructure.



Other Services

$117.9 M

Operating expenditures where a service, and not a good is provided

Commodities

$24.6 M

Good and commodities the City purchases to operate

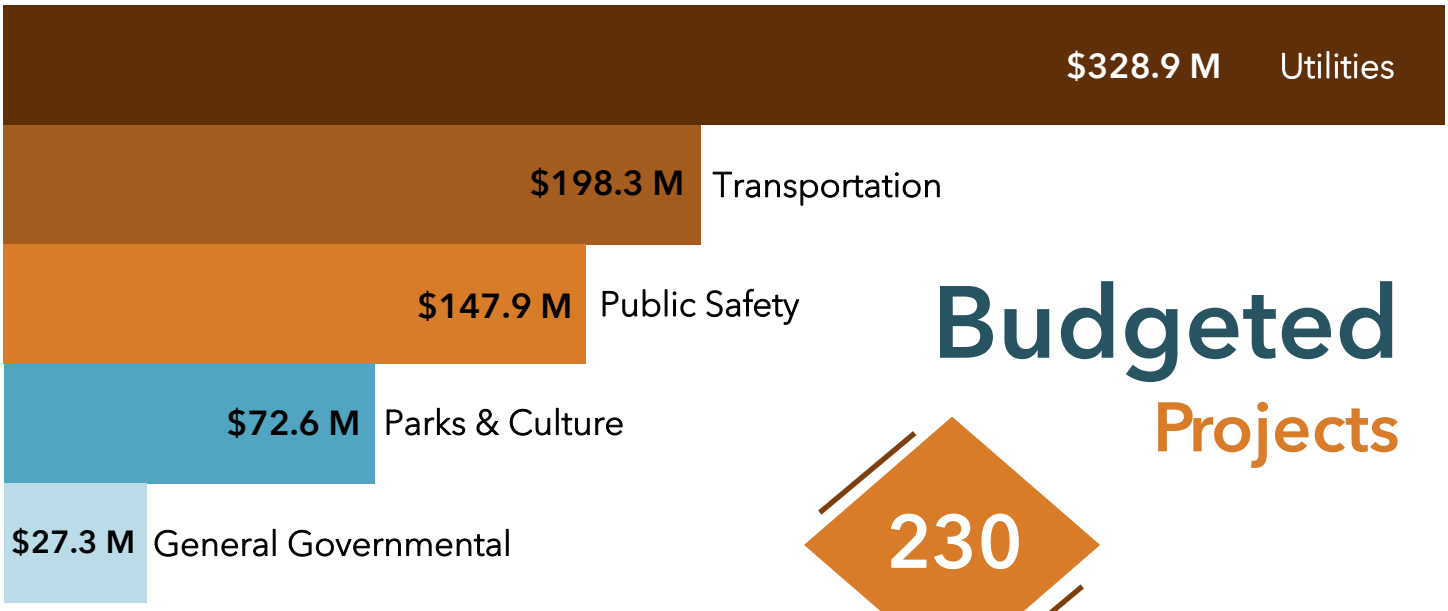
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Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

$775.0 M

CIP Funding Categories for FY 2026/27



Budgeted Projects

230

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Operations & Maintenance

$3.7 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*

Budget in Action

Mesa On The Move



From Turkey to Mesa

The City of Mesa was selected as an international training site for Turkey's World Cup soccer team as the squad prepares for the tournament, using the 275-acre Arizona Athletic Grounds as its training base and bringing global athletic attention to the city. On June 8, the Arizona Athletic Grounds hosted a free community event, inviting the public to celebrate the World Cup and watch the team's practice session firsthand.

Hosting a national team signals world-class infrastructure to developers and investors, building on Mesa's sports-hosting track record and pointing toward long-term commercial and property value gains, especially in the Gateway corridor and downtown Mesa.



Gateway Library

Mesa's first new full-service library in 30 years, the Gateway Library, opened its doors on December 6, 2025, offering residents a modern 28,000-square-foot hub with multipurpose rooms, a THINKspot collaborative makerspace, a digital art wall, and study rooms. The library's design has since earned national acclaim, winning the 2026 Library Interior Design Award from the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) and the American Library Association (ALA).



Budget in Action - Live, Work, Play

More Across the City

The 233

The 233 Suites opened June 1, 2026, as part of the Hyatt Unscripted Hotel collection, marking downtown's first new hotel since the 1980s. Its debut coincides with a wave of new dining and nightlife venues – Crust Italian Eatery and sister concepts Bombolino's Café (gelato and bakery) and Nightengale (a speakeasy-style lounge) – that together are energizing the downtown scene and giving residents and visitors fresh reasons to explore, day and night.



Residence On Main

Construction has wrapped on Residences on Main, and the development is now welcoming its first tenants to downtown Mesa. The project delivers 198 residential units alongside 20,000 square-feet of ground-floor commercial space, adding new density to the urban core. This high-intensity, modern development reflects the city's push for a more active, livable downtown and aligns with the community's broader vision for growth.



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

Get Involved

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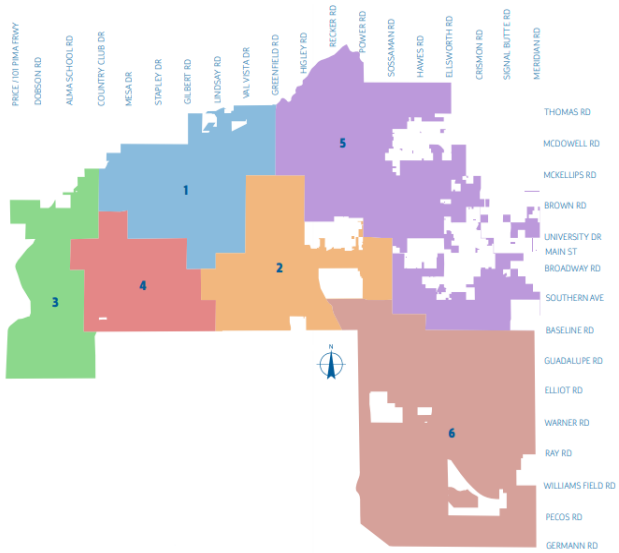
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Participate in the Budget Process

Summer — Departments review progress toward achieving priorities and objectives.

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

Winter — Departments submit funding requests. OMB and City Manager review department budgets.

Spring — OMB hosts public forums on the budget. City Manager presents budget to City Council. City Council seeks public input and adopts final budget.

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)

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