**What is a Bond Program?**

A bond is a form of debt obligation that, when issued, provides local government with funds to finance large capital improvements. A Bond Program includes both the authority to issue bonds and a listing of the purposes for which the funds may be used. General Obligation Bond programs, such as the City of Mesa’s 2018 Bond program, require voter approval.

**What can General Obligation Bonds be used for?**

General Obligation Bonds allow the City to pay for major capital investments having a public purpose, such as public safety facilities, as well as quality of life enhancements related to libraries, parks and recreation, cultural facilities. Bonds are sold to investors and the proceeds from the sale of these bonds are used to pay for capital projects. Bond funds cannot be used for everyday operating costs for programs such as softball leagues, classes at senior centers, police officers or fire fighters. Such operating expenses are paid for by annual revenue that support the City’s General Fund such as sales tax revenue and fees for service.

**How are funds repaid that are received through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds?**

General Obligation Bonds are backed by the full faith and credit of the City of Mesa, which means that the City is obligated to pay back the bonds plus interest by pledging its ad valorem taxing power. As such, the City uses secondary property tax revenues to repay the General Obligation Bonds in the form of annual principal and interest payments.

**Who determined the projects that are included in the bond program?**

The City Council ultimately approves the projects that are proposed in the bond program. Projects are identified through several means including citizen and City Council input, and staff recommendations. Some of the projects included in the 2018 proposal were identified during the Imagine Mesa campaign. The projects were then vetted through a public process with City Council. On July 2, 2018, the Mesa City Council approved a resolution to include the 2018 General Obligation Bond proposal on the November 2018 ballot.

**Will the projects in the bond program be modified?**

The projects included in the bond program represent the priorities of the City Council. The goal of the bond program is to complete the projects in a timely manner and within approved budgets. There are several factors that can influence a project being completed, including land acquisition cost, construction cost, and operating cost. These factors can result in a project being delayed or re-prioritized. Conversely, if costs are low, resulting in budget savings, additional projects/improvements may be possible. All projects are considered individually by City Council and must be approved prior to construction.

**How large is the General Obligation Bond Program for 2018?**

The City is proposing a $196 million 2018 Bond Program. The program is made up of projects in two main areas:

- Public Safety: $85 million
- Parks & Culture: $111 million

A summary of project information, conceptual drawings, and maps is included in this information guide.

**When is Election Day?**

The election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.

**How can residents learn more about the City’s proposed Bond Program?**

Residents can view all related Bond Program related information and material on the City’s web site at: [http://www.mesaaz.gov/2018ballot](http://www.mesaaz.gov/2018ballot)
Fire Apparatus Replacement
Mesa Fire & Medical Department has various types of large, specialized vehicles or apparatus to support fire personnel and meet operational needs. This project provides for the replacement of fire apparatus that have or will have exceeded their useful life based on the Fire & Medical Department’s replacement plan.

Northeast Fire Station 222
Construct new Fire Station 222 in the northeast section of Mesa. Funding for land acquisition at a new site has been included in the scope for this project. With population growth there is a need for a fire station to respond to the increased call volumes. This station has the opportunity to combine with the Northeast Police Substation.

Southeast Fire Station 221
Construct new Fire Station 221 in or near the Eastmark community. Funding for land acquisition at a new site has been included in the scope for this project. With population growth there is a need for a fire station to respond to the increased call volumes.

Northeast Police Substation
Construct a new police substation in the northeast section of Mesa. Funding for land acquisition at a new site has been included in the scope for this project. With population growth there is a need for a police substation to respond to the increased call volumes. This station has the opportunity to combine with the Northeast Fire Station 222.

Police Evidence Facility
Construct a new Police evidence facility. This facility, capable of housing the longer term and general evidence storage needs of the Police Department, would be equipped with secure climate controlled and cooler storage.

Communication Fiber
This project would improve the infrastructure that provides voice and data services to fire stations and other City Public Safety facilities over the City’s point-to-point wireless network. The installation of this fiber-optic cable would supplement the point-to-point wireless network to improve reliability and increase bandwidth for applications such as Fire Station Alerting, telephones, video conferences, City business applications (such as timekeeping), and the TOPAZ voice radio network. This is the second phase to complete the three rings design to better serve the City’s needs.
2018 General Obligation Bond Proposal

Public Safety Summary

Fire & Medical $41.8M
- Fire Apparatus Replacement
  - pumper, ladder, aircraft rescue fire-fighting (ARFF),
    air/light, tanker, rescue units
- Northeast Fire Station 222
- Southeast Fire Station 221

Police $35.0M
- Evidence Facility
- Northeast Police Substation

Communications $8.0M
- Public Safety Fiber

Bond Issuance Cost $0.2M

2018 General Obligation Bond – Public Safety $85.0M
Fire & Medical

$41.8 MILLION

Fire Apparatus

Northeast Fire Station 222

Southeast Fire Station 221
Question 3 - Public Safety

Police

Northeast Police Substation

Evidence Facility

$35.0 MILLION
Question 3 - Public Safety

Communications

$8.0 MILLION

Public Safety Fiber
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Approval of Question 4 authorizes the City to issue and sell general obligation bonds in the principal amount not exceeding $111,000,000 to provide funds to design, acquire, construct, reconstruct, improve, furnish, equip and install: libraries, museums, arts and cultural facilities and improvements, parks, open space and recreational facilities and improvements, including acquisition of land.

**Eastern Canal Shared-Use Path: Brown Road to Broadway Road**
Improve 2.3 miles along the Eastern Canal with a focus on signalized pedestrian crossings from Brown Road to Broadway Road

**Lehi Crossings South Phase Shared-Use Path**
Construct a 2.2 mile path from McDowell Road to Loop 202 near Lehi Crossing

**Signal Butte Park Pathway**
Construct the remainder of a 46.3-acre park and pathway system at Signal Butte Road and Elliot Road

**Monterey Park Athletic Fields**
Construct 4 lighted youth baseball/softball fields, 3 lighted soccer fields, a playground shade structure, 420 parking spaces and restrooms adjacent to the existing park near Power & Guadalupe

**Crismon Basins**
Construct 120 parking spaces to support drop in sports and recreational uses

**North Center Fields**
Construct 6 lighted soccer fields along with 360 parking spaces and restrooms

**Red Mountain Park – Youth Baseball/Softball Fields**
Construct 4 lighted youth baseball/softball fields along with parking lot expansion and restroom

**i.d.e.a Museum Phase I**
Expand the kid’s ArtVille environment and Texturescape play area, relocate offices and update building systems

**City Center Plaza**
Construct a 2-acre public plaza including a water feature and an ice skating rink

**Dog Park - Countryside Park**
Construct a new 1.5-acre dog park expansion at the existing Countryside Dog Park

**Harris Basin Playground**
Install new playground at the existing basin near Harris Drive and McKellips Road

**Southeast Mesa Library**
Construct a new library to serve southeast Mesa

**Dobson Library/Main Library Improvements**
Construct façade improvements at Dobson Library and new programming space at Dobson Library and Main Library

**Federal Building Renovation**
Develop an open shell space for public use and bring the building systems up to standard

**Red Mountain Community Athletic Fields/Mesa Plays Tournament Athletic Fields (Questions 5 and 6)**
Construct 24 lighted soccer fields, lighted parking, pond expansion and restrooms adjacent to Red Mountain Park

Renovating the downtown Federal Building is included in the 2018 Parks & Culture Bond Package.
2018 General Obligation Bond Proposal

Parks & Culture Summary

Athletic Fields $61.2M
- Crismon & Elliot Basin
- Monterey Park
- North Center Street
- Red Mountain – Youth Baseball/Softball
- Red Mountain – Community Athletic Fields / Mesa Plays – Tournament Athletic Fields (Questions 5 and 6)

Park Amenities $9.1M
- City Center Plaza
- Dog Park - Countryside Park
- Harris Basin Playground

Paths $12.4M
- Eastern Canal Shared Use Path (Brown Road to Broadway Road)
- Lehi Crossing Shared Use Path (McDowell Road to Loop 202)
- Signal Butte Park Pathway

Cultural $28.0M
- Dobson Library & Main Library Improvements
- Federal Building Renovation
- i.d.e.a. Museum (Phase I)
- Southeast Mesa Library

Bond Issuance Cost $0.3M

2018 General Obligation Bond – Parks & Culture $111.0M
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Athletic Fields

$61.2 MILLION

North Center Street

Crismon & Elliot Basin

Monterey Park
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

**Athletic Fields**

Red Mountain - Community Athletic Fields

Mesa Plays - Tournament Athletic Fields (Questions 5 and 6)

Red Mountain - Youth Baseball/Softball Fields
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

City Center Plaza

$9.1 MILLION

Park Amenities
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Park Amenities

$9.1 MILLION

Dog Park - Countryside Park

Harris Basin Playground
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Paths

$12.4 MILLION

Eastern Canal Shared Use Path

Lehi Crossing Shared Use Path

Signal Butte Park Pathway
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Cultural

$28 MILLION

Dobson Library Improvements

Main Library Improvements

Federal Building Renovation
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Cultural

$28 MILLION

i.d.e.a. Museum (Phase I)
Question 4 - Parks & Culture

Cultural

$28 MILLION

Southeast Mesa Library
Map of Projects

A - Eastern Canal Shared-use Path; Brown Road to Broadway Road
B - Lehi Crossings South Phase Shared-use Path
C - Signal Butte & Elliot Park Pathway
D - Monterey Park Athletic Fields
E - Crismon Basins
F - North Center Fields
G - Red Mountain Park - Youth Baseball / Softball Fields
H - Red Mountain Park - Community Athletic Fields / Mesa Plays - Tournament Athletic Fields (Questions 5 and 6)
I - City Center Plaza
J - Dog Park - Countryside Park
K - Harris Basin ADA Playground
L - Southeast Mesa Library
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