

City of Huntington Beach FY 2025/26 Adopted Budget Review

Finance Commission July 23, 2025

FY 2025/26 All Funds Adopted Expenditure Budget \$556.6M

Department	General Fund	Capital Projects Funds	Debt Services Funs	Enterprise Funds	Special Revenue Funds	Internal Service Fund	Trust and Agency Funds	Other Funds	Total
City Council	468,951								468,951
City Manager	3,101,687				100,000			35,000	3,236,687
City Attorney	4,223,414								4,223,414
City Clerk	1,196,874								1,196,874
City Treasurer	2,194,073								2,194,073
Community Development	10,618,628	129,900			2,255,424				13,003,952
Community & Library Services	16,663,318	484,838			2,129,349			1,334,000	20,611,505
Finance	5,870,337				1,575,716	7,677,672			15,123,725
Fire	64,971,919			332,916	893,400		466,315		66,664,550
Human Resources	2,516,074					26,955,484			29,471,558
Information Services	8,546,183				549,044				9,095,227
Non-Departmental	58,485,785	8,100,000	25,541,969		104,000		25,916,664		118,148,418
Police	96,249,310				2,304,000			50,000	98,603,310
Public Works	24,339,119	12,249,413		100,508,770	35,862,266		1,644,300		174,603,868
TOTAL	\$ 299,445,672	\$ 20,964,151	\$ 25,541,969	\$100,841,686	\$ 45,773,199	\$ 34,633,156	\$ 28,027,279	\$1,419,000	\$ 556,646,112

FY 2025/26 All Funds Adopted Revenues - \$533.3M



Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Budget Summary

 Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Budget is structurally balanced, with a projected \$0.7M surplus

General Fund (Fund 100)	Proposed
(in thousands)	FY 25/26
Revenues (recurring)	\$295,089
Revenues (one-time) *	5,013
Total Revenues	300,102
Personnel Costs	190,099
Operating Costs	54,518
Non-Operating Costs **	54,829
Total Expenditures	299,446
Surplus / (Deficit)	\$656

• Portion of Waterfront allocation with the remaining \$4.3M set side in reserves.

** Includes Debt Service, Capital Expenditures, and Transfers

Continued Infrastructure Investments in FY 2025/26

- General Fund transfer to the Infrastructure Fund totals \$14.5M
- CIP budget totals \$63.6M (increase from prior year of \$28.3M) includes \$7.9M in General Funds

Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Revenues - \$300.1M



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- Major revenue variances include:
 - > **Property Tax:** \$113.9M (5.0% or \$5.7M increase)
 - Higher assessed valuations as of January 1, 2025 versus prior fiscal year
 - > Other Local Taxes: \$102.7M (1.19% or \$1.2M net decrease)
 - Sales Taxes: \$49.6M (1.4% or \$0.7M decrease)
 - Prop 172: \$3.1M (0.7% or 22k decrease)
 - Utility Users Tax (UUT): \$23.3M (1.27% or \$0.3M increase)
 - Franchises: \$9.5M (11% or \$1.1M decrease)
 - Others: \$17.1M (1.80% or \$0.3M increase)
 - Revenue from other Agencies: \$1.7M (16.1% or \$4.5M decrease)
 - Expected reimbursement of \$1.7M from participation in the Voluntary Rate Range Intergovernmental Transfer (VRRP IGT) Program. These revenues are partially offset by \$0.7M of expenditures related to program participation, for anticipated net revenues of approximately \$1.0M.

Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.5M



* Transfers include Infrastructure, Equipment, General Liability & Section 115 Trust Transfers

** Other includes City Council, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, and City Treasurer

Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.5M

- Major expenditure variances include:
 - Personnel Services: \$190.1M (7% or \$13.5M increase)
 - Renegotiated Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) during FY 24/25 including Minimum Wage, Base Salaries, Public Safety Overtime and Leave Buyout: \$9.0M increase
 - CalPERS UAL Safety Contribution: \$3.5M increase
 - CalPERS UAL Misc Contribution: \$1.6M increase
 - Increase Vacancy Attrition: \$1.0M net expense decrease

Adopted FY 2025/26 General Fund Expenditures - \$299.5M

- Major expenditure variances include:
 - > **Operating Expenses:** \$54.5M (\$2.9M net decrease)
 - Voluntary Rate Range Intergovernmental Transfer (VRRP IGT) Program: (\$2.6M decrease) expenditures related to program participation.
 - Metro Cities JPA: (\$0.6M increase)
 - Water Purchases: (\$0.2M increase)
 - Contracts for Repairs and Maintenance: (\$0.3M decrease)
 - Other Professional Services: (\$0.4M decrease)
 - Equipment and Supplies: (\$0.4M increase)

FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy

- 1. Operating Reductions Personnel: \$1.7M
 - Eliminate 6 positions \$0.96M
 - Deputy City Manager
 - Senior Deputy City Attorney
 - Human Resources Manager
 - Principal Management Analyst (Fire)
 - Office Assistant II Permit Center (Community Development)
 - Office Assistant II Maintenance Administration (Public Works)
 - Downgrade 1 position \$13K
 - Public Affairs Manager to Public Affairs Officer (City Manager's Office)
 - Increase Vacancy Attrition by \$1.0M
 - Add 1 position \$280K
 - Administrative Fire Captain

FY 2025/26 FTEs by Department

Department	2024/25	2025/26	Variance	Description
City Council	1.00	1.00		
City Attorney	15.00	14.00	(1.00)	Eliminate 1.00 Senior Deputy City Attorney
City Clerk	6.00	6.00		
City Treasurer	9.50	9.50		
City Manager	16.00	15.00	(1.00)	Eliminate 1.00 Deputy City Manager
Community Development	61.50	62.00	.50	Eliminate 1.00 Office Asst II (Permit Center), Transfer 1.50 FTE from Public Works (Real Estate Services)
Comm & Library Services	62.25	63.25	1.00	Transfer 1.00 Capital Projects Admin from Public Works
Finance	28.50	28.50		
Fire	202.00	202.00	6.00	Eliminate 1.00 Principal Management Analyst, Upgrade 3.00 PT to 4.00 FTE Marine Safety Specialists: 1.00 FTE, Exchange 12.00 Firefighters for 12 Fire Paramedics, Fund 1.00 Admin Fire Captain; Upgrade 6.00 FTE Ambulance Operators
Human Resources	15.00	14.00	(1.00)	Eliminate 1.00 Human Resources Manager
Information Services	26.00	26.00		
Police	351.00	350.00	(1.00)	2.00 Police Officers exchanged for 1.0 Police Sergeant
Public Works	212.00	208.50	(3.50)	Eliminate 1.00 Office Asst II (Maint), Transfer 1.50 to Community Development & 1.00 to Comm & Library Srvs
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FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy

2. Operating Reductions – Non-Personnel \$2.9M

Object Account	Amount	
Professional and Contract Services (includes \$1.5M reduction for Be Well)	\$2,010,000	
Conference and Training	\$201,000	
Equipment Repairs	\$150,000	
Liability Reserves	\$150,000	
General Supplies	\$125,000	
Clothing/Uniforms	\$90,000	
Sales Tax Rebate	\$50,000	
Cellular Wireless Data	\$46,000	
Overtime	\$20,000	
Miscellaneous	\$9,000	
Total	\$2,851,000	

FY 2025/26 Budget Balancing Strategy

3. Interfund Transfers

- Withdrawal from Section 115 Trust for FY2025-26 UAL Expense: \$1.5M as required by Pension Policy
- Reduce General Fund transfer to Self Insurance Workers' Compensation Fund: \$2.0M
- Reduce General Fund transfer to Self Insurance General Liability Fund: \$2.5M
- Transfer of \$2.4M to the General Fund for second repayment related to the Waterfront Loan Superior Court Judgement

4. Use of Reserves

Equipment Replacement Reserves - \$3.3M to be used for equipment purchases

5. Revenue Increases

- Community and Library Services \$0.5M
- ➢ Fire Department \$0.5M

General Fund Reserves as of 6/30/24

		Amount				Amount	
Туре	Description	Thousands	Sub Total	Туре	Description	Thousands	Sub Total
GF Fund				GF Fund			
Reserves	As of 6/30/2024	(Thousands)	Sub Total	Reserves	As of 6/30/2024	(Thousands)	Sub Total
Nonspendable				Assigned			
	Prepaids	\$148	\$148		Litigation Reserves	\$3,650	
					Capital Improvement Reser	ve \$9,425	
Restricted					Equipment Replacement	\$8,295	
	Underground	\$364			General Plan Maintenance	\$1,651	
	Restitution	\$317			HB Recovery Fund	\$10,886	
	Donations	\$777			Oceanview Estates	\$641	
	Section 115 Trust Funded	\$20,212	\$21,670		General Liability Plan Migrat	tion \$2,801	
					Pension Rate Stabilization	\$5,517	
Committed					Section 115 Trust Reserves	\$4,211	
	Economic Uncertainties	\$49,090			Year-end Fair Value	\$3,025	
	Other Capital Projects	\$1,379			Other Purposes	\$8,376	\$58,478
	Other Purposes	\$1,554	\$52,023		Total		\$132,319

FY 2025/26:	Waterfront Settlement	\$4,370
	Revised Total	\$136,689

FY 2025/26 CIP BUDGET

➢Budget

>New Appropriations:

Continuing Appropriations:

\$ 63.6 Million tions: <u>\$ 7.3 Million</u> Total \$ 70.9 Million

➤Funding sources proposed:

General/Infrastructure Fund (\$38M requested - \$7.9M recommended)

>Enterprise Funds (Water and Sewer)

Special Revenue Funds (Measure M, Gas Tax, Prop 42, RMRA, Park/PD DIF, Quimby, TIF)

➢Grants/Other (CDBG, OCTA)

2025/26 PROJECT SUMMARY

10 projects

10 projects

3 projects

3 projects

\$600K

\$3.6M

\$6.8M

\$3.3M

\$28.6M

\$7M

- Drainage and Stormwater 1 projects
- Facilities
- Neighborhood
- Parks and Beaches
- Sewer
- Streets and Transportation 17 projects
- Water 6 projects \$13.7M
 - CIP 25/26 PROJECTS TOTAL \$63.6M



Revised Master Fee and Charges Schedule

Master Fee and Charges Schedule Adjustments

- The City maintains a Master Fee and Charges Schedule identifying applicable fees and charges for various City services.
- The Master Fee and Charges Schedule approved in 2024 incorporates a full cost of service study based on FY 2023/24 budget data.
- A comprehensive study is conducted every three to five years, with interim updates in between to maintain alignment with actual service costs.
- Updated schedule is expected to generate up to \$810,000 in additional General Fund revenue.
- In the years between full cost of service studies, City Council may authorize annual inflationary adjustments to fees. These adjustments are capped at a maximum of 5% per year.

Community Development & Fire Fees

- The proposed update represents an interim adjustment of 3% based on CPI along with a proposed new fee for most development and operational permit fees.
 - Building Fees permits for new construction or modifications to existing structures
 - Planning Fees entitlement review and zoning compliance
 - Land Development Engineering Fees public improvement plan review
 - Encroachment Permit Fees activities conducted in the public right-of-way
 - Fire Prevention Fees compliance reviews related to new and existing developments
- This adjustment is estimated to reduce the General Fund subsidy by approximately \$130K annually.

Community & Library Services Fees

- Adopt 12 new fees along with adjustments to existing fees for programs.
- New program fees projected to generate approximately \$140K annually.
- New programs include:
 - Alternative Camp HB offerings
 - Peak season beach fire pit reservation program
 - Adventure Playground After-Hours program
 - Artist Council membership fee
 - Senior Fitness Center daily, weekly, and monthly pass options
 - Pickleball and volleyball court hourly rental fees
 - Library Subscription Materials Deactivation Fee

Community & Library Services Fees

- Restructure specific events into three tiers based on the number of attendees and the level of City support services required by the event organizer.
- Charges include
 - Application processing
 - Daily permit and venue fees
 - Late application submittal fees
 - Event set-up and takedown charges
- Ticketed event fees ranging from \$2 to \$20 per ticket will be assessed based on ticket price set by the event organizer. A non-refundable deposit of \$50K is also proposed for Tier 3 events, which would be credited toward the final balance due at even closeout. Estimated annual revenue from these changes is approximately \$220K.

Community & Library Services Fees

- Increase peak season parking rates in the South Beach Attended Lots. Rates would rise from \$15 to \$20 on weekdays, from \$30 to \$40 on the 4th of July and from \$25 to \$30 on additional high-demand days associated with the holiday.
- These adjustments are projected to generate an additional \$320K annually.
- In total, the proposed changes to Community and Library Services fees are anticipated to generated \$ 680K in new annual revenue.

Fire Department Fee – AB38 Defensible Space Inspections

- In accordance with California Civil Code Section 1102.19 (enacted through AB 38), the Fire Department implements a new fee of \$203 for Defensible Space Inspections.
- These inspections are required to real estate transactions involving properties located within designated Fire Hazard Severity Zones, as identified in recently updated State fire maps.
- The inspection ensures compliances with state-mandated defensible space standards prior to the close of escrow.
- The fees supports the cost of providing these inspection services as required by law.

City Council Actions

- 1) Adopt a budget for Fiscal Year 2025/26.
- 2) Authorize the Professional Services Listing included in the FY 2025/26 Budget.
- 3) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 Establishing the Gann Appropriation Limit for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 in the amount of \$1,298,500,903.
- 4) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-40 Levying a Retirement Property Tax for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to Pay for Pre-1978 Employee Retirement Benefits.
- 5) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-46, "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Adopting an Updated Master Fee and Charges Schedule.
- 6) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-26, "A Resolution of the Huntington Beach City Council of the City of Huntington Beach, California Acknowledging Receipt of a Report Made by the Fire Chief of the Huntington Beach Fire Department Regarding the Inspection of Certain Occupancies Required to Perform Annual Inspections in such Occupancies Pursuant to Sections 13146.2 and 13146.3 of the California Health and Safety Code.
- 7) Authorize the City Manager or designee to purchase one Triple Combination Pumper Engine in the amount of \$1,500,000.
- Adopt Ordinance to change department name from the Information Services to Information Technology Services.

Questions?

