



# 2026 BUDGET

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# ENGAGEMENT

MAYOR BRANDON JOHNSON

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## ***Chief, Community Engagement***

# Brandon Johnson

## *Mayor of Chicago*



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## ***Budget Director***

# Enabling Statutes and Ordinances



## 65 ILCS 5/8 – Illinois Municipal Code

- Requires:
  - Mayors in municipalities within the State with populations of 500k+ to submit an executive budget recommendation to the legislature of that municipality prior to Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.
  - That the executive budget recommendation be available to public inspection and subject to at least one public hearing.
  - That the legislature pass an annual appropriation ordinance within the last 60 days of each fiscal year.



## Executive Order 2023-19

- Requires the publication of a Budget Forecast by September 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
  - Is developed in collaboration with the Chief Financial Officer and the Comptroller.
  - Identifies the gap between revenues and expenditures within the corporate budget.
  - Presents historical data regarding the City's financial condition and long-term forecasts related to the City's debt, pension and corporate fund obligations.
- Requires the introduction of the Executive Budget Recommendation by no later than October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

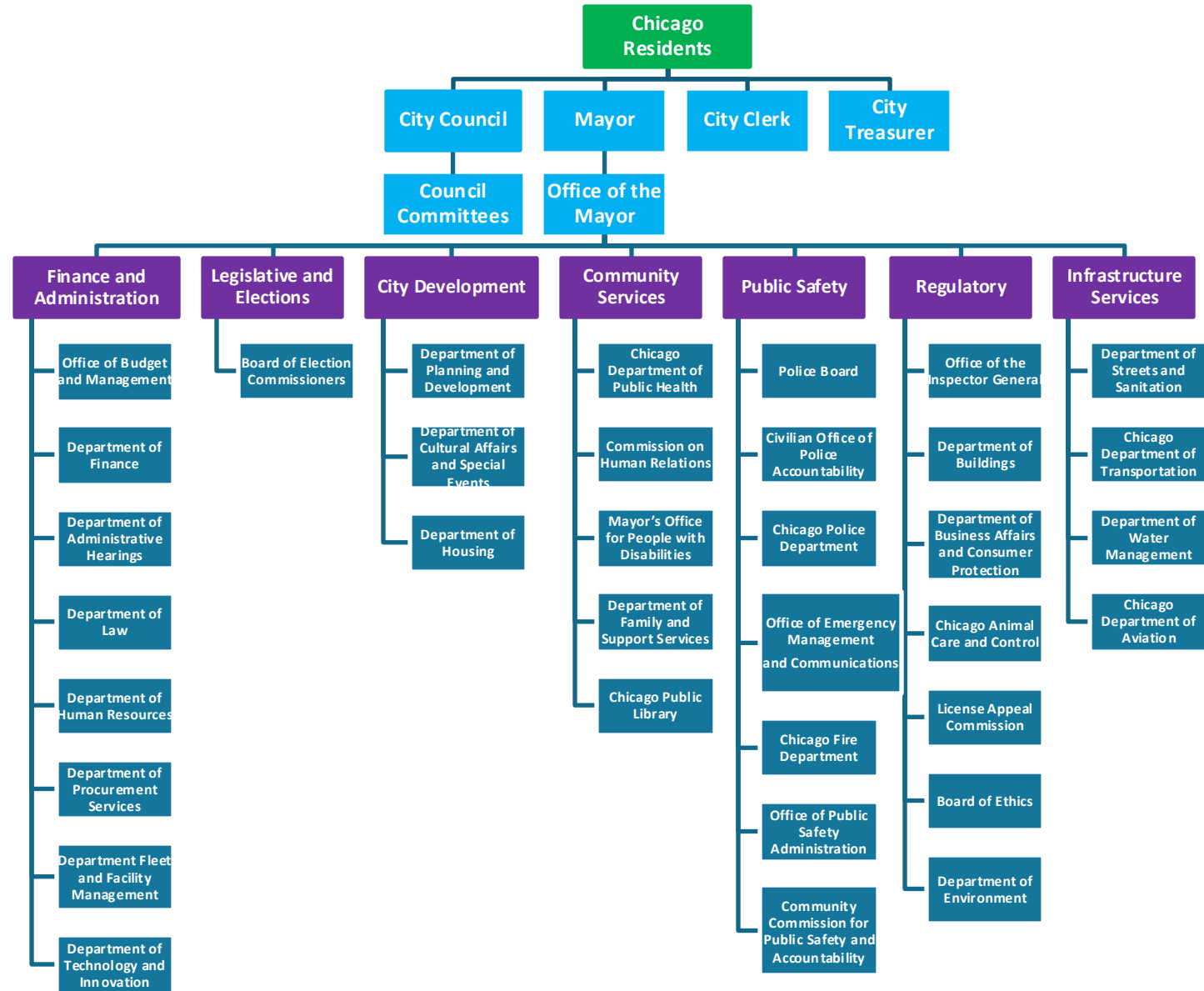
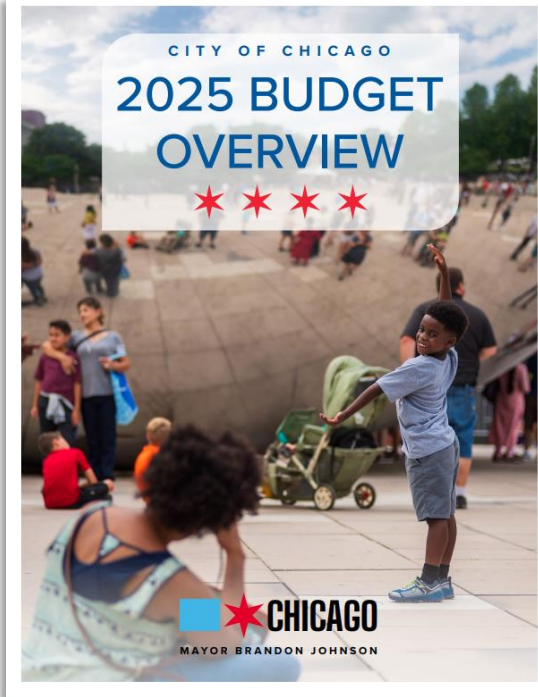


## MCC 2-4-055 and 2-4-057

- Requires:
  - The submission of a Mid-Year Budget Report from the Budget Director to the Committee on Budget & Government Operations by no later than July 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - Mid-Year Budget Hearings to take place by no later than September 15 each year to discuss the Mid-Year Budget Report.
  - The submission of the Executive Budget Recommendation by no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

# City of Chicago Organizational Structure

Descriptions of all departments and their programs can be found in the annual Budget Overview Book.



# What Does the Budget Fund?



# Sister Agencies – Not in the Budget

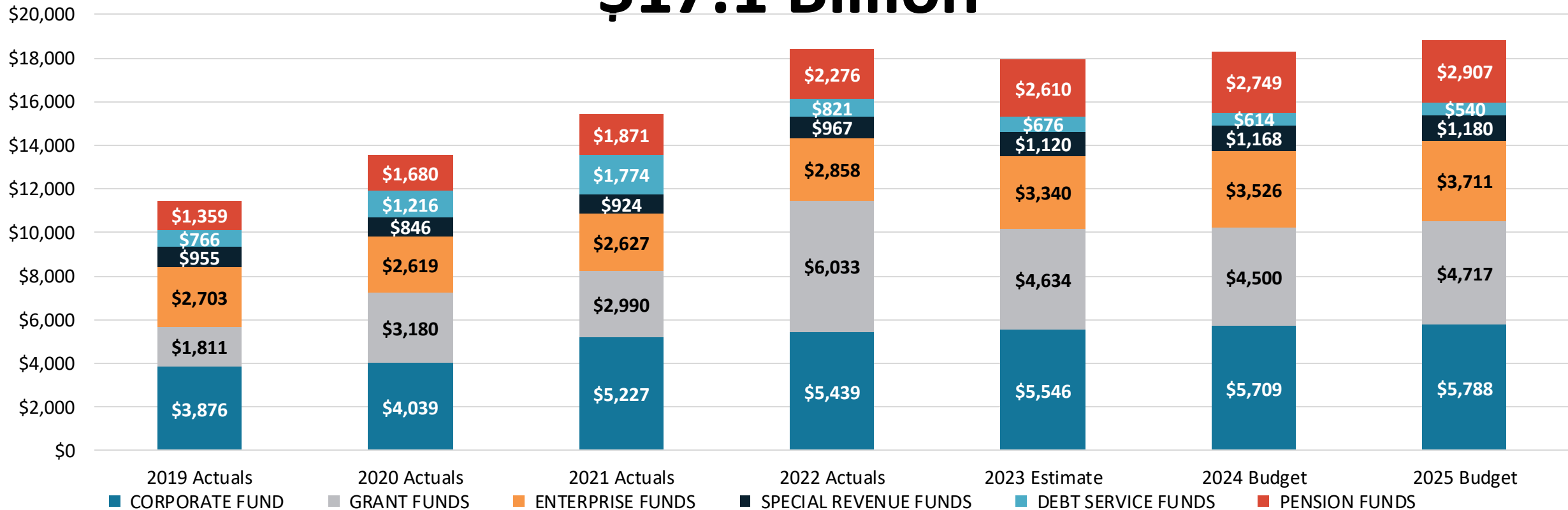


Each sister agency has its own ability to tax, and a Board that manages its budget.



# FY2025 Appropriation Ordinance

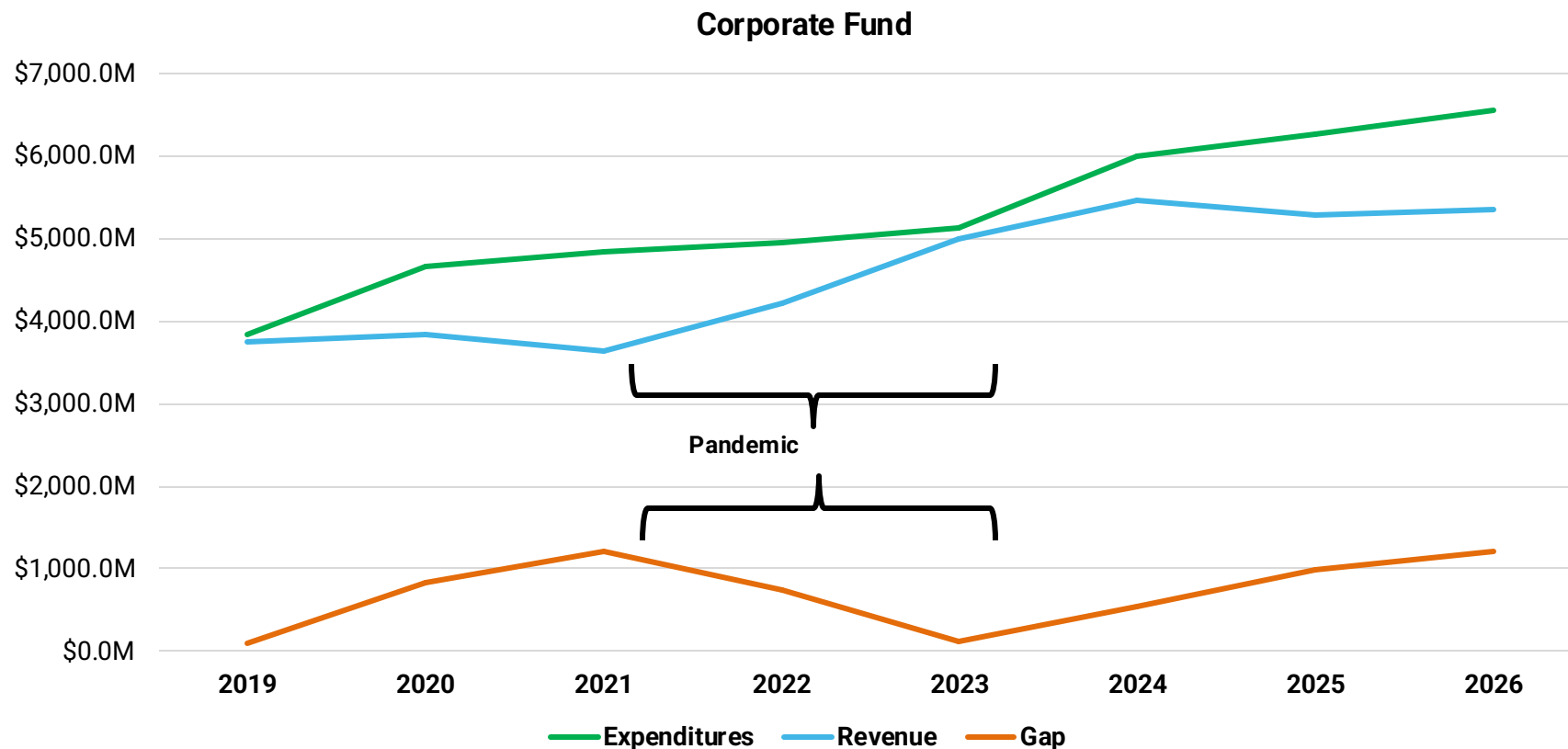
## \$17.1 Billion



*\*Budget numbers are gross totals and do not reflect final deductions based on transfers between funds or proceeds of debt*

City's funds saw increases between 2021 and 2022 due to the infusion of federal COVID-19 relief aid, with the grants fund increasing by over \$3B (an increase of 14% year-over-year). The City's total revenues will continue to see proportional percentage shifts as COVID-19 relief funding is exhausted.

# Expenditure Growth Outpacing Revenue Growth



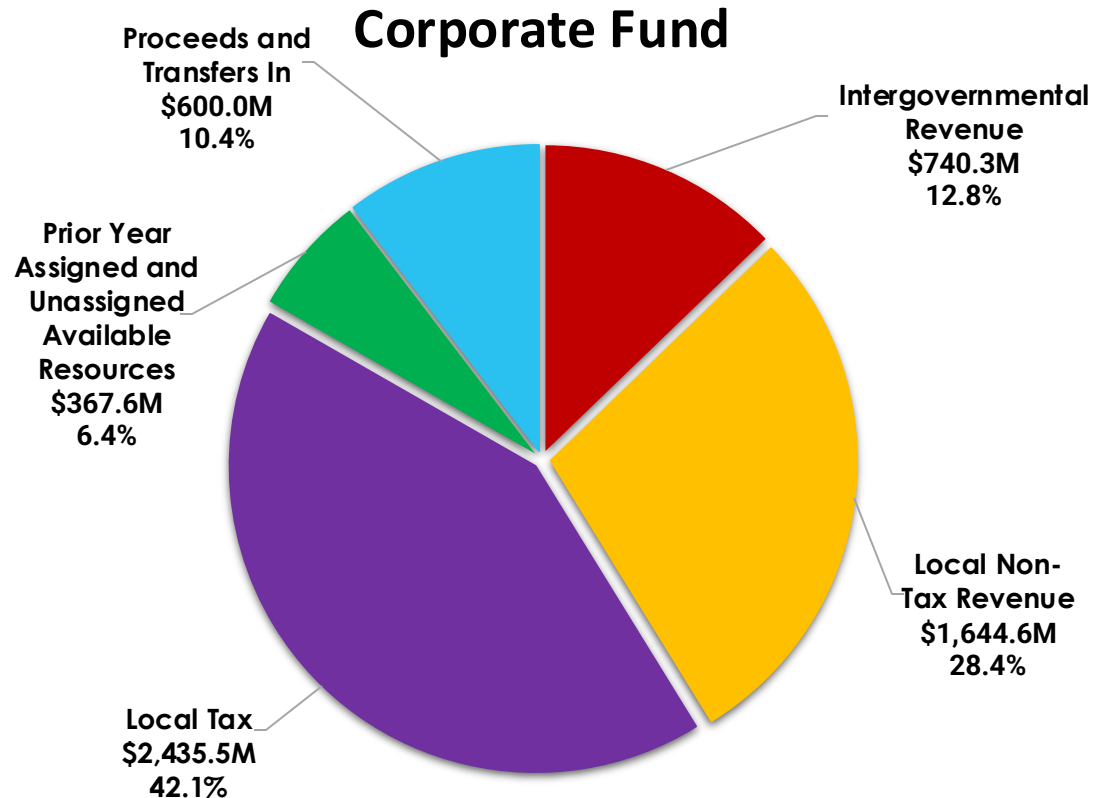
**5%**  
Revenue growth  
2019 - 2026

**8%**  
Expenditure growth  
2019 - 2026

## Bottom Line

Expenditures are forecasted to steadily increase based on inflationary pressures and contractual increases, while revenues are expected to fall through 2026 without increased economic activity, additional revenue sources or policy changes. Big expenditure drivers include pension and debt costs and legacy settlement and judgement costs.

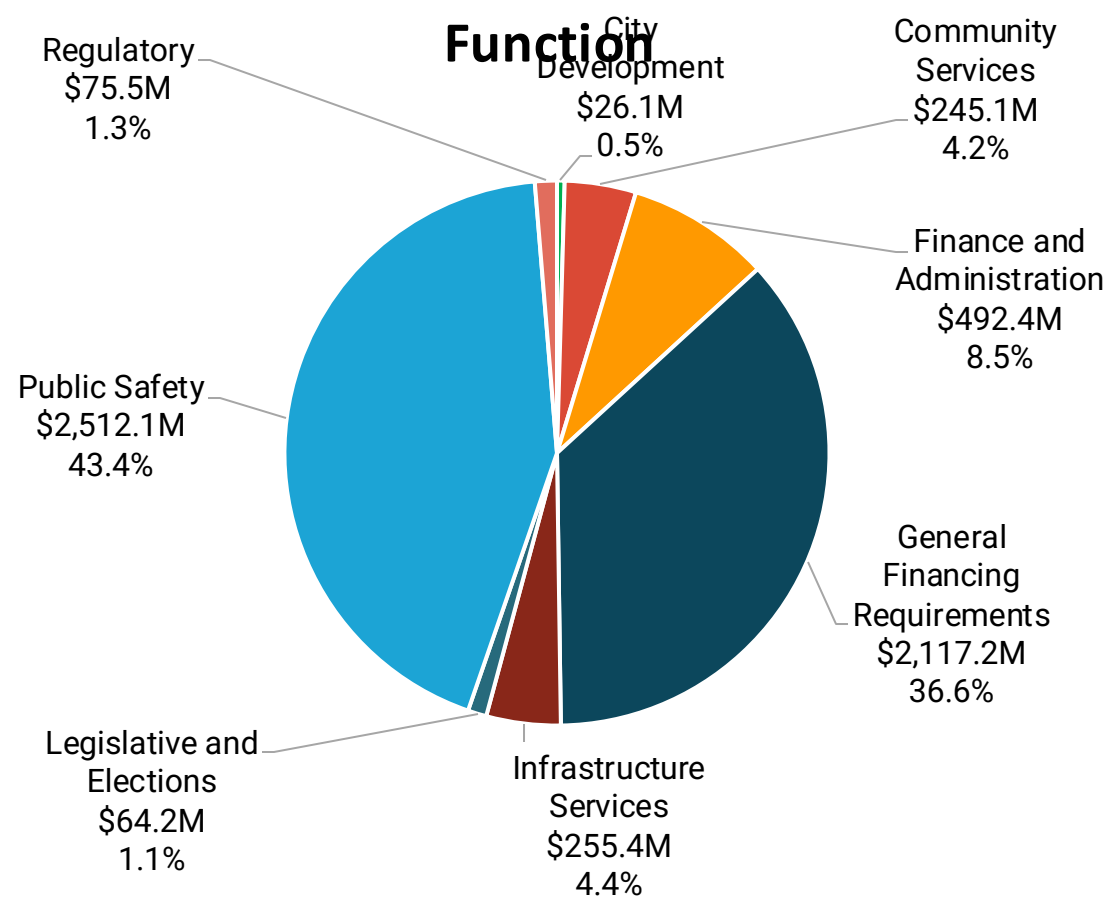
# FY2025 Corporate Fund: *Revenue*



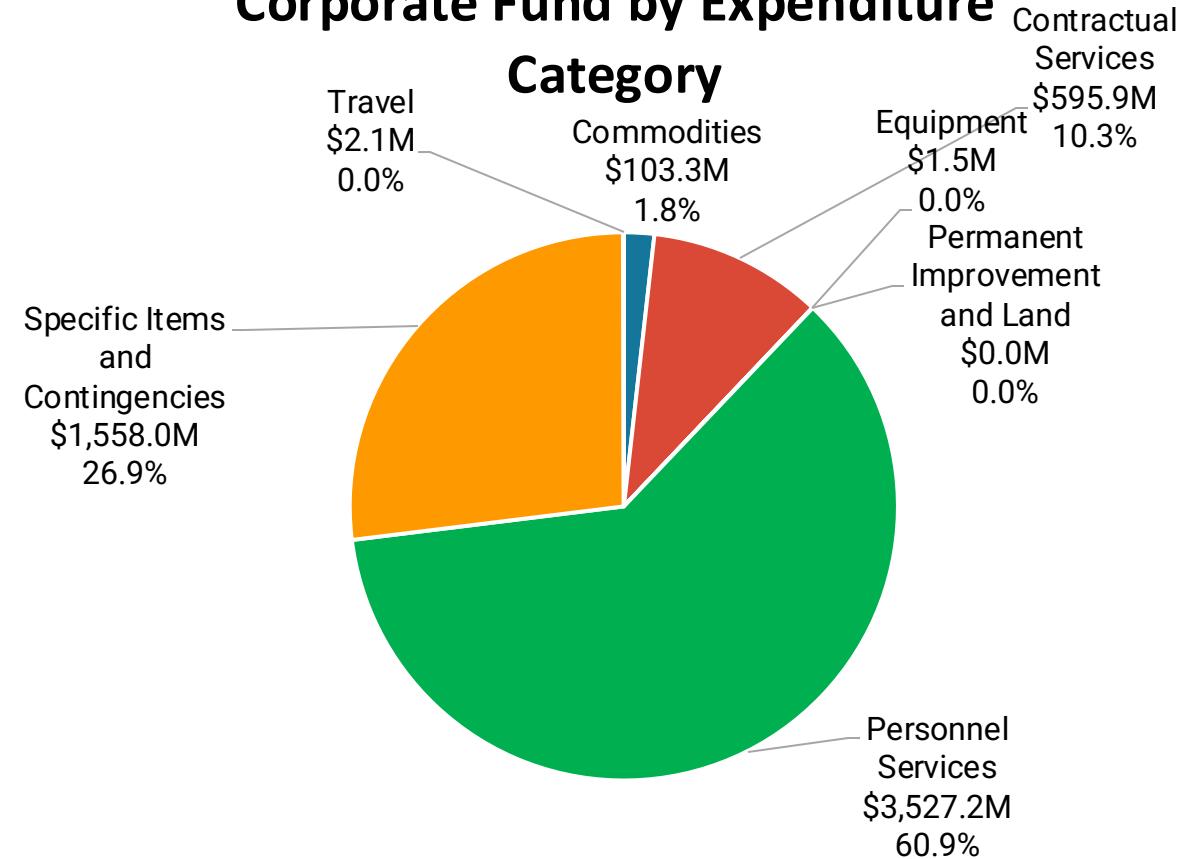
- **Intergovernmental Revenue:** Consists of the City of Chicago's share of State Income Tax, Personal Property Replacement Tax and Municipal Auto Rental Tax received through the State of Illinois
- **Local Non-Tax Revenue:** Consists of fees charged for the issuance of licenses and permits; fines, forfeitures and penalties for traffic or other violations; various charges for services; municipal parking; leases, rentals, and sales of City-owned property
- **Local Tax Revenue:** Consists of taxes collected by the City of Chicago, including utility, transportation, transaction, recreation, and business taxes
- **Prior Year Available Resources:** The result of savings and sustainable revenue growth, along with spending controls and other efficiencies, resulting in healthy growth of the Corporate Fund balance
- **Proceeds and Transfers:** Consists of amounts transferred into the Corporate Fund from outside sources

# FY2025 Corporate Fund: *Expenditures*

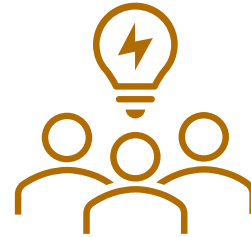
## Corporate Fund by Department



## Corporate Fund by Expenditure







# FY2025 Budget Strategic Investments that Addressed Community Input



**Guided by extensive engagement with residents across the City, we have crafted a budget that not only meets our financial obligations but continues to make investments in areas that will uplift our neighborhoods and improve the quality of life for all.**

*-- Mayor Brandon Johnson*

[Link to Budget Engagement Report](#)

\*The following pages reflects some of the critical investments made in the 2025 budget in response to community input.



# Housing & Homelessness

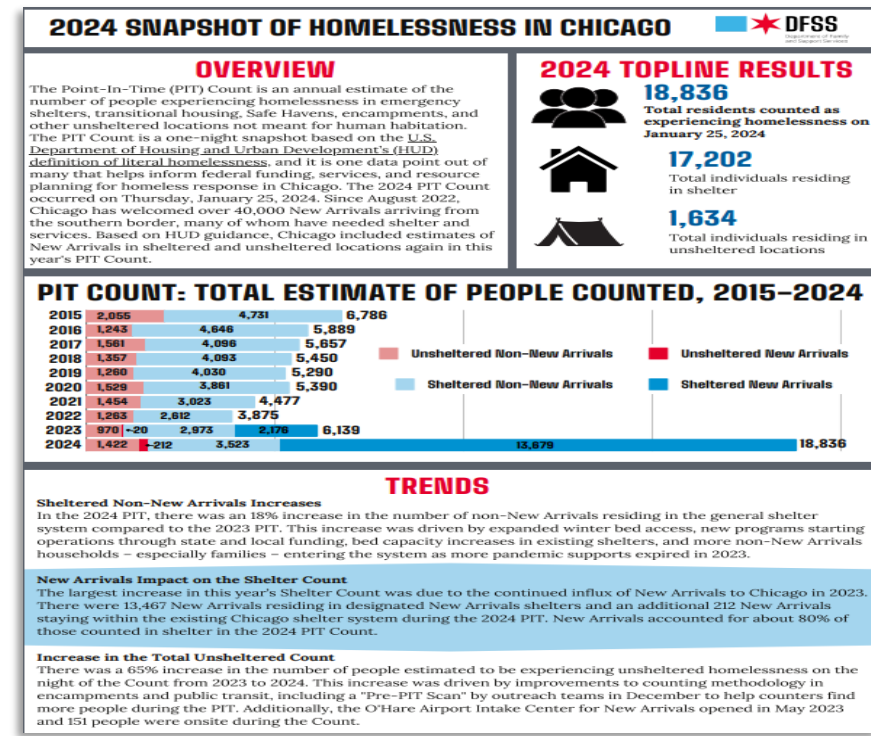
## Expansion of City Shelter Network Supports

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand services to persons experiencing homelessness.*

The **expansion of the City Shelter Network** is a part of the One System Initiative, a collaboration between the City and State to expand shelter options for unhoused Chicagoans. This program will include:

- Expansion of City Shelter bed capacity (City & State Funded) by 3,800 beds for a total of 6,800 shelter beds (126% YOY increase)
- Central Access Point for the unhoused to seek shelter and services (State funded)
- Rental Assistance (State Funded)

Department	Family and Support Services (DFSS)
New Beds	2,100 City-Operated (3,800 with State-Operated beds)
2025 Investment	\$40M
Funding	\$40M <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• \$25M – Corporate Fund</li><li>• \$15M - ARPA</li></ul>





# Housing & Homelessness

## Rapid Rehousing Supports

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand services to persons experiencing homelessness.*

The **Rapid Rehousing Program** assists households in moving from temporary homeless shelters or unsheltered locations into stable housing. Services include:

- Facilitating quick **transitions from homeless shelters and unsheltered locations to stable housing** through assisted moving events (AME).
- **Rental assistance** paired with **case management services**.
- Providing short to mid-term housing to **enable participants to identify long-term goals and housing plans**.

<b>Department</b>	DFSS
<b>Households Served</b>	1,000
<b>2025 Investment</b>	\$28.8M
<b>Funding</b>	\$8.6M – Homeless Houseshare \$14M – Corporate Fund \$4.4M – ARPA \$1.8M – ESG (HUD)







# Housing & Homelessness

## Broadband Access Supports

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand broadband access to currently underserved communities.*

The **Neighborhood Broadband Connectivity Program** will increase broadband affordability and accessibility in Chicago communities with the lowest rates of home internet connection by funding neighborhood-scale broadband service. This program offers:

- **Chicago Connected:** Groundbreaking funding that provides no-cost, high-speed internet service to eligible Chicago Public Schools students and their families.
- **Neighborhood Connectivity Initiatives:** Funding for initiatives designed to increase the number of households connected to broadband services, along with community-based digital literacy activities.

Department	Department of Finance (through CFO)
Households Impacted	>1,000 in least connected Chicago neighborhoods
2025 Investment	\$23M
Funding	\$4.5M - ARPA \$18M - CRP Bond

### Connectivity Challenges

**15% of households** don't have internet at home – 172,000 Chicagoans.

As many as **8% of households** don't have any connected device at home.

Chicago's **South & West Sides** have the lowest rates of home internet connection.

In the 10 least connected neighborhoods, **over 1 in 4 residents** lack internet.



# Community Safety

## Community Violence Prevention Investments

DEPT	FUND	PROJECT NAME	FY25 INVESTMENT
DFSS	ARP	GBV Rapid Rehousing	\$ 3,446,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Emergency Fund for GBV Survivors	\$ 5,074,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Legal Services for GBV Survivors	\$ 1,389,000.00
DFSS	ARP	GBV Prevention, Education and Training	\$ 1,083,000.00
DFSS	ARP	GBV Victim Services to Young People	\$ 3,049,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Youth Justice Diversion	\$ 4,601,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Youth Intervention Programs	\$ 6,688,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Community Safety Coordination Center (CSCC)	\$ 6,661,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Place-Based Violence Interventions	\$ 3,841,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Community Violence Interventions	\$ 15,879,000.00
CDPH	ARP	Victim Support Funding Program	\$ 9,356,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Injury Prevention and Control Research	\$ 8,959,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Expanded Street Outreach	\$ 1,337,000.00
CDPH	CRF	Violence Prevention Program	\$ 300,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Re-entry Workforce Development	\$ 5,426,000.00
DFSS	ARP	Re-entry Housing Navigation	\$ 2,864,000.00
MO	Corp	Mayor's Office of Community Safety	\$ 949,536.00
DFSS	Corp	Domestic Violence Supports	\$ 3,500,000.00
DFSS	Corp	Violence Reduction Programs	\$ 6,594,025.00
DFSS	CRP Bond	Gender-Based Violence Reduction	\$ 5,000,000.00
DFSS	Grants	Domestic Violence Hotline	\$ 858,000.00
DFSS	Grants	Domestic Violence Services	\$ 3,304,000.00
MO	OB70	Re-entry RFPs	\$ 5,500,000.00

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand violence prevention programs.*





# Mental Health & Wellness

## Mental Health Equity Initiative

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Expand alternate response programs and revising 311 and 911 protocols to determine the best response for a situation.*

The **Mental Health Equity Initiative** provides mental health services to Chicago residents of high need who faced barriers to service in the past. Services include:

- Dedicated **dispatch unit for mental health** calls at OEMC
- Offering expansive **access to crisis intervention, behavioral health, psychiatric, and social services and appropriate follow up care.**
- Delivering **specialized services to children, youth, young adults, older adults, individuals with intellectual disabilities, non-native English speakers, immigrants, refugees, asylum seekers, survivors of gender-based violence, and LGBTQIA+ individuals.**
- **Providing services regardless** of health insurance status, immigration status, and ability to pay.

Department	Office of Emergency Management & Communications
# of Personnel	14 New Personnel for Mental Health Dispatch
2025 Investment	\$1.5M
Funding	\$1.5M – Emergency Communications Fund





# Mental Health & Wellbeing

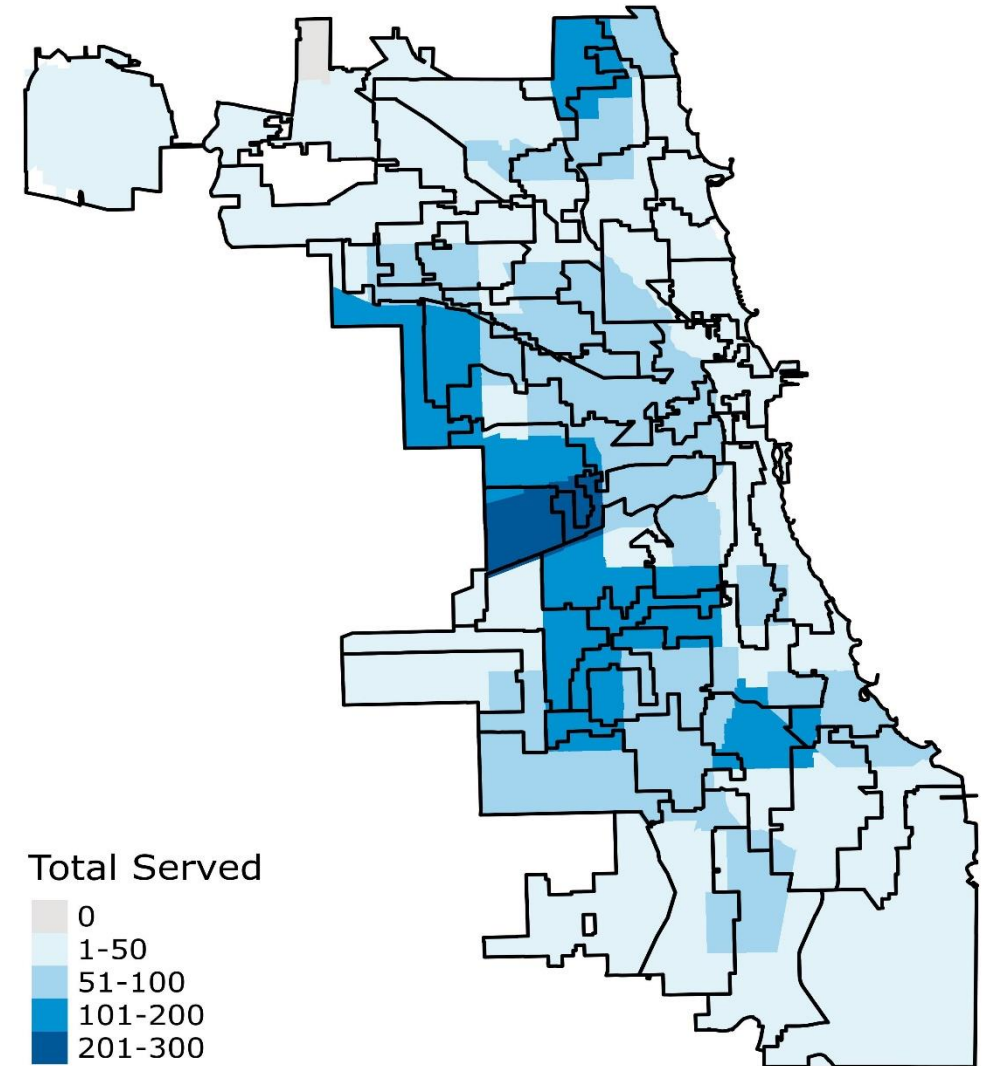
## Public & Mental Health

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Addressing the root causes of health issues through extensive public health investments, including family, maternal and mental health investments.*

**Family Connects** offers post-partum care with participating hospitals and nurses to aide parents with newborn care. Services include:

- **Conducting in-home and virtual visits with eligible parents of newborns** to provide vital services and help connect families to complex health systems.
- **Expanding program** to all 15 birthing hospitals across Chicago, aiming to identify and **increase the number of eligible families receiving post-partum healthcare.**
- Providing **follow-up care and connections to community resources** such as early childcare, housing, and food assistance.

Department	Chicago Department of Public Health
# of participating hospitals	15
2025 Investment	\$13.2M
Funding	\$7.2M - ARPA \$0.3M - Corporate Fund \$4.0M - Title V MCH Block Grant \$1.7M - IDHS Family Connects Grant







# Youth & Economy Workforce Development

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Provide more workforce development opportunities and expand youth employment opportunities*

**Youth Opportunity Programs** provides opportunities for unemployed and vulnerable youth who have difficulties securing employment and career advancement to foster work experience and confidence. Services include:

- The **Chicagobility Program**, employing youth ages 14-15 with project-based learning and skill-building experiences.
- The **Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP)**, connecting youth ages 16-24 with job placement or training programs to provide work experience and career development.
- The **Chicago Youth Service Corps (CYSC)**, employing youth ages 16-24 through year-round leadership development and civic engagement programming.
- The **Year Round Employment Program (YREP)**, employing youth ages 16-24 during the academic year.

Department	DFSS
# of Jobs	29,000 (+1,000 increase)
2025 Investment	\$50M
Funding	\$43M – Corp \$7M – ARPA



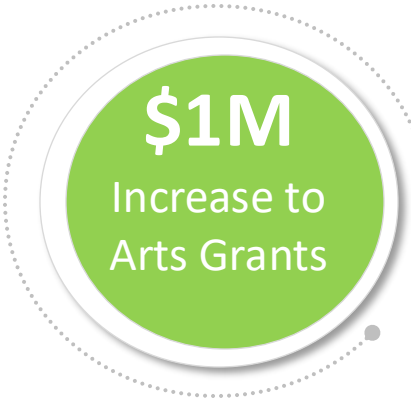
The **Peace Book** will be implemented within YOP, My.Chi.My.Future. and CVI Grants.



# Human Rights, Arts & Culture

## Cultural Grant Programs & Neighborhood Programming

2025 Budget Engagement Community Priority: *Increase cultural grant programs that fund organizations and individual artists.*



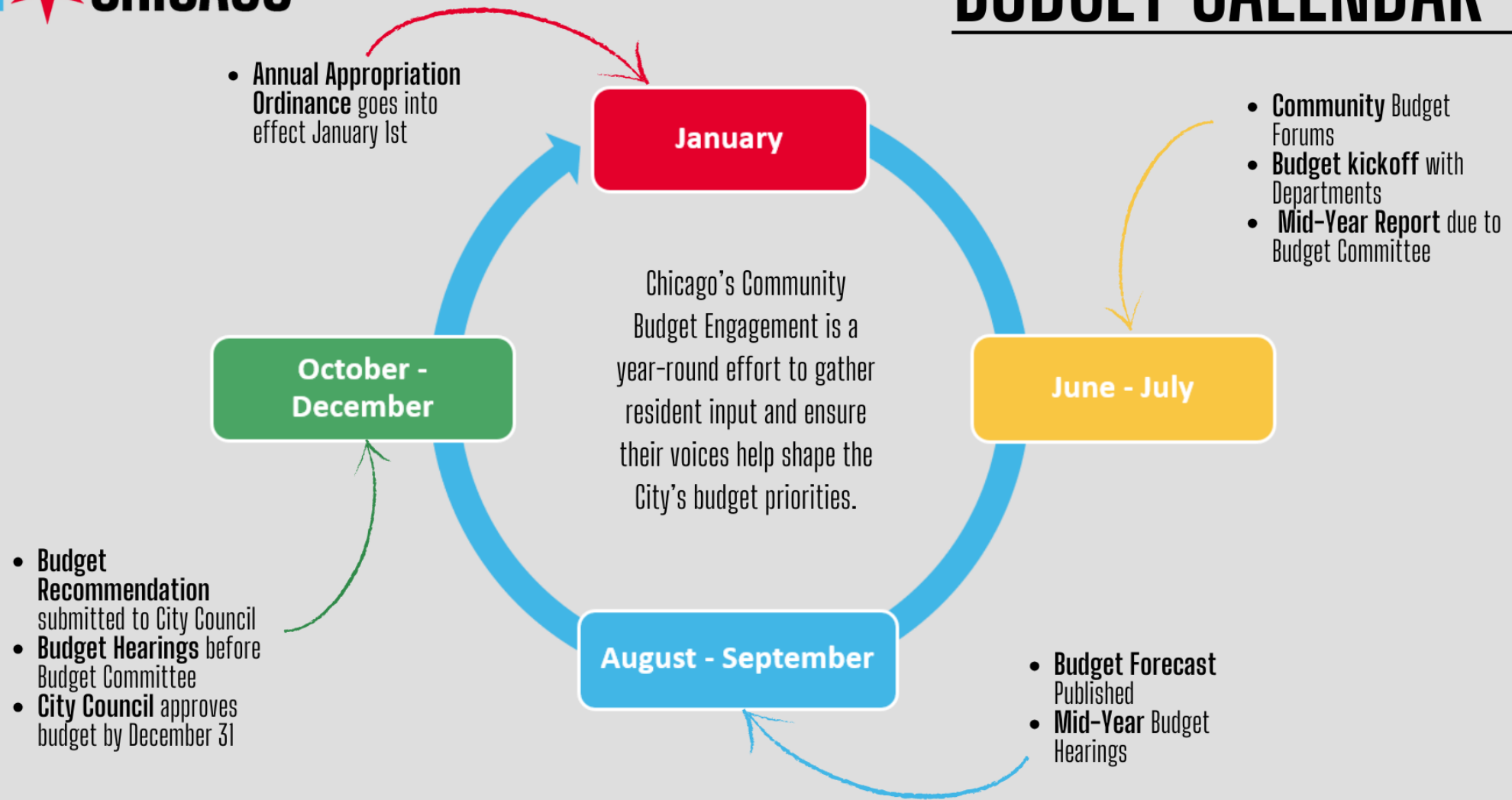
Department	Cultural Affairs & Special Events
Impact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increase the number of grantees in the Individual Artist Program</li><li>• Sustain the Creative Place Making Program</li><li>• Develop new grant programs to foster creative initiatives</li></ul>
2025 Investment	\$9.6M (\$1M increase)
Funding	\$9.6M - Special Events & Municipal Hotel Fund





# CHICAGO

# BUDGET CALENDAR



# Budget Publications

Visit OBM's website to access budget publications and budgetary data.



[www.chicago.gov/obm](http://www.chicago.gov/obm)

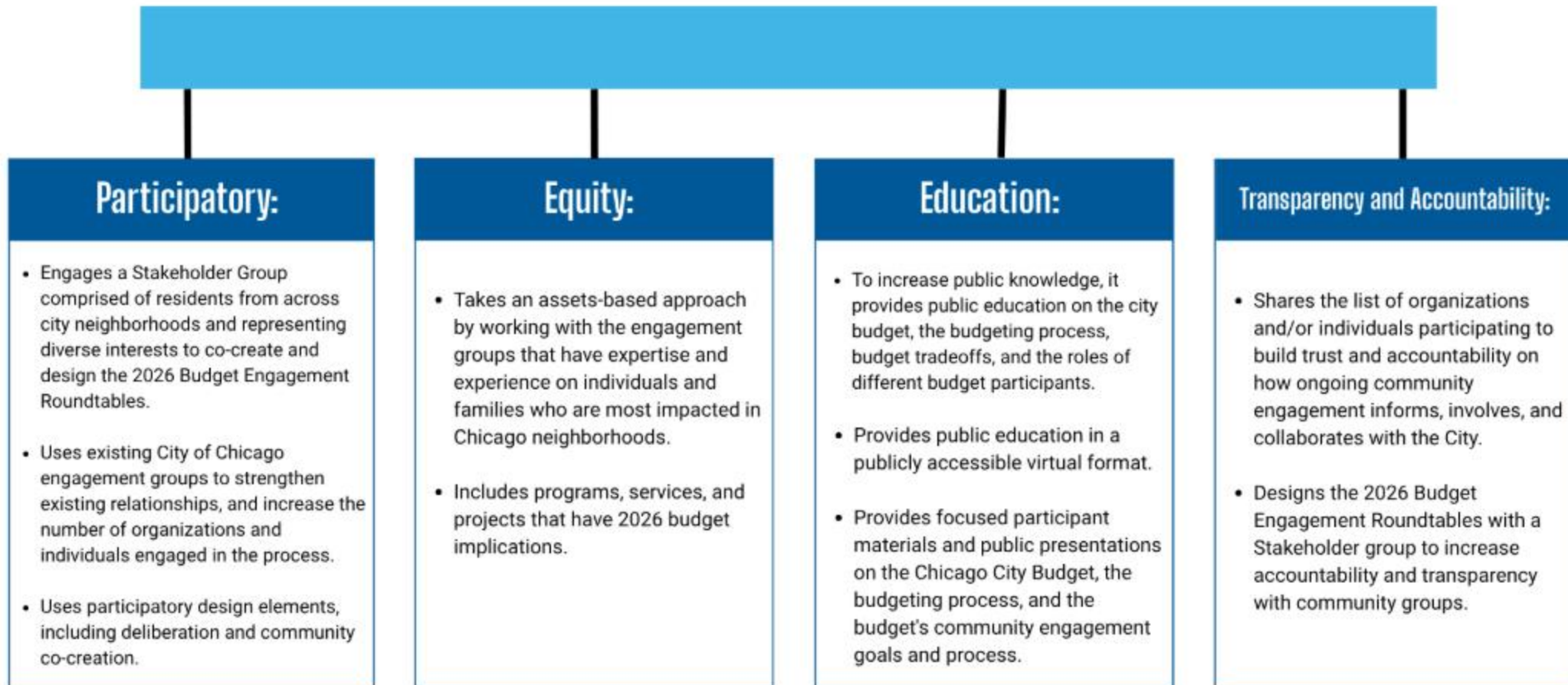


# **Sara Mathers**

## ***Chief, Community Engagement***



# Guiding Frameworks



## Round Tables – Stakeholder-Identified Programs

### Affordable Housing and Homelessness

DOH – Shared Equity Investment Program

MOPD – The Home Modification Program

CDPH – Crisis Assistance Response & Engagement Program (CARE)

DPD – Missing Middle Initiative

### Community Safety

COPA – Mediation Program

CPD – Operationalizing Community Policing

DFSS – Community Re-Entry Centers

DFSS – One Summer Chicago

### Environmental Justice and Infrastructure

DOE – Building DOE Capacity for Climate Leadership

DSS – Composting and Food Scrap Programs

DWM – Lead Service Line Replacement Programs

### Community & Neighborhood Development and Arts & Culture

BACP – Neighborhood Business Development Centers (NBDC)

DSS – Laborer Trainee Program 2.0

DCASE – Public Art

DPD – ChiBlockBuilder

### Public Health and Mental Health

CDPH – Mental Health Clinics

CDPH – Suicide Prevention Initiative

CPL – CPL Cares: Advancing Community Wellness

# Roundtable Discussions

- **Roundtable Discussions will happen at breakout tables**
- **Several breakout tables per topic area**
- **3 sessions: 30ish minutes each**
- **PLEASE complete your survey!**

# Next Steps

**Stay tuned for a report that details how these engagements impacted the budget.**

**Go Forth and Engage!**