



FISCAL YEAR 2025-26

BUDGET IN BRIEF

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ALL FUNDS COMBINED



The City of San Luis Obispo's adopted \$217.6 million budget for Fiscal Year 2025-26 includes General funds, Capital Projects funds, Special Revenue funds, Debt Service funds, Enterprise funds, and Internal Service funds.



LOCAL **REVENUE**
MEASURE **SURE**

INVESTMENTS

\$8.6M - YOUTH / SENIOR SERVICES & RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

\$5.5M - COMMUNITY SAFETY & EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

\$1.6M - OPEN SPACE / NATURAL AREAS PRESERVATION & MAINTENANCE

\$934K - ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

\$556K - CREEK & FLOOD PROTECTION

\$7.6M - STREET MAINTENANCE & TRANSPORTATION

\$4.6M - PROTECT FINANCIAL STABILITY

\$1M - OTHER SERVICES & PROJECTS

\$666K - SAFE & CLEAN PUBLIC AREAS

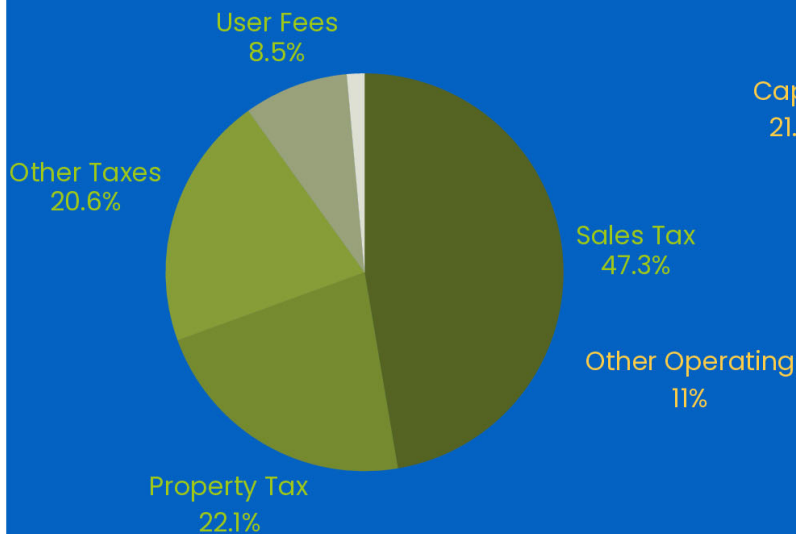
\$410K - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & BUSINESS RETENTION

FY 2025-26 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

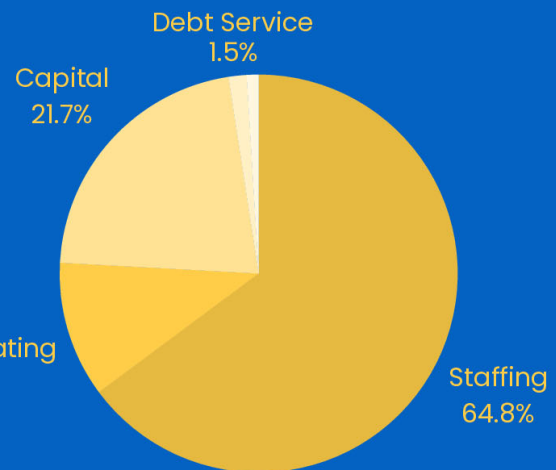


The General Fund is the main operating fund for general government operations and is primarily funded through various tax revenues and user fees that are intended to recover the cost of providing specific services.

Revenue Sources



Expenditures



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS | \$54M INVESTMENT

Capital Improvement Plan includes several projects that account for a major portion of the City's budget. Capital Projects prioritized for FY 2025-26 include those that meet a significant infrastructure need, provide safety and health benefits, align with the Council's goals, and meet the priorities of the Local Revenue Measure.

Project highlights include:



Yearly Paving Projects



Higuera Complete Streets



Righetti Community Park



EV Charging Infrastructure



Islay Sewer Main



California Water Main



Water Meter Upgrades



Broadband Infrastructure



Emerson Park



Parking Structure Safety Element



Police Station Improvements



California & Taft Roundabout



FY 2025-26 OTHER FUNDS

Water Fund | \$40 Million

The City's Water Fund is a business-activity and is funded predominately through its own rates to provide service. The City treats and delivers water to the public from three surface reservoirs as well as recycled water for landscape irrigation. The water service is provided to all property owners in the City including parks and sport fields.

Sewer Fund | \$29 Million

The City's Sewer Fund is also a business-activity and fund and operates and maintains the City's sanitary sewer system and the Water Resource Recovery Facility. An efficient sanitary sewer system that collects and treats wastewater provides a foundation for public health and community well-being. Rates and charges are the primary source of revenue for this fund.

Parking Fund | \$11.5 Million

The City's Parking Fund implements the Access and Parking Management Plan and directs the operation and maintenance of the City's parking facilities. These facilities include parking lots in Downtown and Railroad Square, on-street parking, residential parking districts, and three parking structures (with a fourth structure coming online in 2026). The operation is paid for by parking user fees.

Transit Fund | \$9.6 Million

The City's Transit Fund provides daily fixed-route transit service to the general public within City limits and to Cal Poly University. It also includes the downtown trolley service connecting downtown with the lodging district on upper Monterey Street. The services are paid for by user fares and federal and state funding. Federal funding is subject to single audit requirements.

All Other Funds | \$9.8 Million

Other funds include the City's Community Facilities Districts, Tourism Business Improvement District, Debt Service Fund, and Insurance Internal Service Fund.

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2025 - 27 MAJOR CITY GOALS



CULTURAL VITALITY, ECONOMIC RESILIENCE, & FISCAL SUSTAINABILITY

San Luis Obispo is committed to supporting a vibrant Downtown, a thriving arts and culture scene, and a strong local economy. This goal also ensures long-term financial health by balancing operational spending with strategic infrastructure investment and workforce development.



DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

The City is working to ensure all community members feel a sense of belonging through equitable policies, inclusive services, and diverse representation. This goal supports a culture of fairness both in community engagement and within the City organization.



HOMELESSNESS RESPONSE

Reducing homelessness requires a strategic, regional approach grounded in the City's Homelessness Response Plan. The goal supports housing, shelter, and services while addressing public health and safety impacts.



HOUSING & NEIGHBORHOOD LIVABILITY - HEALTHY, SAFE, AFFORDABLE

This goal focuses on expanding housing options, promoting affordability, and supporting safe, connected neighborhoods. It emphasizes sustainable growth and renter protections to enhance quality of life for all residents.



INFRASTRUCTURE & SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION

The City is improving roads, transit, bike and pedestrian networks to create a safer, more accessible, and multimodal transportation system. This goal supports long-term infrastructure needs while encouraging sustainable travel and connectivity.



OPEN SPACE, CLIMATE ACTION & RESILIENCE

This goal prioritizes climate action, disaster preparedness, and the protection of open spaces and natural resources. It supports implementation of the City's environmental plans to ensure a resilient, sustainable future for San Luis Obispo.