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CITY OF BOWIE PROPOSED BUDGET IN BRIEF

Fiscal Year 2024

The City of Bowie Proposed Budget for FY2024 is \$112.3 million.

The Proposed FY 2024 **General Fund Budget is \$76.3 million**, an increase of 10.6% above the FY 2023 Budget.

FY 2024 **General Fund Revenue is projected at \$68.5 million** plus \$7.8million of the Fund Balance will be used to cover FY 2024 General Fund Expenditures.

The FY 2024 Property tax revenue is projected at \$42 Million, a **17.6% growth in the City's tax revenues**. The City's tax base increased by **5.4%**. The FY 2024 real property tax rate is at \$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value.



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FY 2024 Proposed Budget Highlights

The Real Property tax rate will increase to \$0.45 per \$100 of assessed value.

The City's **Police Department** has grown from a Chief in 2006, to 67 sworn officers in 2024.

Bowie currently maintains corrective actions needed for the City's public Stormwater infrastructure. There are 71 public Stormwater management facilities that are inspected yearly. This year \$0.36M is dedicated to dredging, draining, cleanup, repairs and restoration of various City ponds and basins.

This year the City will transfer \$4.9 Million from other funds. This includes \$2.5 million from the Capital Projects fund and \$2.4 million from the Equipment Acquisition & Replacement fund.

The Budget Process

Each year, **City Manager and staff prepare an annual budget**, taking into account various master plans, Council policy statements, long-range studies, user group requests, and citizen committee recommendations.

December through March

City staff meets to develop annual Budget.

April through May

The **Council holds two public hearings** to solicit public comment and holds five budget work-sessions where the City Manager presents the Budget.

May

Council votes to adopt the Budget.

The Adopted Budget becomes effective

July 1 and ends June 30.

Where the Dollars Come From

Property Taxes include both real property tax and business personal property tax. City Council sets the tax rates each year as part of the budget process.

The majority of revenue from **Other Levels of Government** consists of the City's share of State income, Admission and Amusement, Motor vehicle fuel, and Financial Corporation Taxes. This also includes police protection funding.

Service Charges and Permits include such items as building permits, park use fees, and ice arena revenues.

Other Revenues include interest earnings, rents, donations, sales of recyclable materials, cable television franchise fees, and other miscellaneous items not classified elsewhere.

Reserves being used to provide funding for the current budget have accumulated over all years of the City's existence, when revenues have exceeded expenditures.

General Fund by Major Revenue Source

	(in millions)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Change
Revenues	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Fr FY23
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$0.0	\$10.2	\$7.8	-23.5%
Property Taxes	34.2	35.8	42.1	17.6%
Licenses and Permits	1.2	0.8	1.1	35.7%
Intergovernmental Revenues	17.9	16.8	17.8	6.0%
Charges for Services and Fines	3.7	3.9	3.7	-5.1%
Other Revenues and Sources	1.1	1.0	3.3	230.0%
Transfers from Other Funds	<u>0.6</u>	<u>0.5</u>	<u>0.5</u>	0.0%
Total	\$58.7	\$69.0	\$76.3	10.6%

Where the Dollars Are Spent

General Government includes general management of government: Council, City Manager, City Clerk, Business Operations, Communication, Planning, Human Resources, Finance, and Information Technology.

Public Safety includes Police, Code Compliance and Animal Control.

Social Services includes Senior Services and the Youth Services Bureau.

Public Works includes Administration, Equipment Maintenance, Solid Waste, Stormwater Management and Streets.

Parks, Culture and Recreation includes Recreation and Parks, Parks and Grounds, Ice Arena, Bowie Playhouse, Gymnasium and Historical Properties.

Nondepartmental includes those expenditures that are incurred to operate the City as a whole but cannot be directly associated with one cost center.

Transfers include funding for Capital Projects and the Equipment Acquisition and Replacement Funds.

General Fund Expenditures by Function
(in millions)

Expenditures	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	Change
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Fr FY23
General Government	\$11.6	\$14.9	\$16.5	10.7%
Economic Development	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.0%
Public Safety	14.7	16.7	17.6	5.4%
Public Works	15.7	18.7	20.8	11.2%
Social Services	2.3	2.8	3.0	7.1%
Parks, Culture & Rec.	7.3	8.6	9.2	7.0%
Debt Service	2.3	2.3	2.2	-4.3%
Nondepartmental	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.0%
Transfers to Other Funds	<u>2.8</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>4.9</u>	69.0%
Total	\$58.3	\$69.0	\$76.3	10.6%

General Fund Expenditures by Object

(in millions)

	FY 2022	FY2023	FY2024	Change
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET	Fr FY23
Personal Services	\$36.4	\$41.7	\$43.8	5.0%
Contractual Services	12.1	15.7	18.2	15.9%
Commodities	2.8	3.6	4.0	11.1%
Other Charges	1.6	1.6	1.9	18.8%
Capital Outlay	0.3	1.2	1.3	8.3%
Debt Service	2.3	2.3	2.2	-4.3%
Transfers	<u>2.8</u>	<u>2.9</u>	<u>4.9</u>	69.0%
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General Fund Budget Full Time Equivalent

	FY 2022	FY2023	FY2024	Change
	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	Fr FY22
	386.4	396.7	399	0.6%

General Fund Budget

General Fund expenditures are summarized above by Object or type of expenditure.

Personal Services are 57% of total expenditures and funds **399 FTEs**. An FTE is equal to one or more employees working a total of 37.5 hours or 40 hours per week.

Capital Projects Fund

The FY 2024 Capital Budget is \$13.4 million. The prominent capital projects are:

Chesapeake Bay (\$3.3M), Golf Course (\$2.1M), Land Acquisition (\$1.5M), The Racetrack Road Property (\$1.5M) and Allen Pond Park Development (\$1M).

City of Bowie Water and Sewer

The Bowie Water & Sewer System (W & S) provides service to 7,900 customer accounts, which is less than 40% of the City's households. The System is a separate financial entity, which means it is wholly supported by the customers and not by any tax revenue.

The Water System consists of:

- ◆ Water Treatment Plant
- ◆ 90 miles of water mains
- ◆ 3 water storage tanks
- ◆ 6 water wells

The Sewer System consists of:

- ◆ Wastewater Treatment Plant
- ◆ 85 miles of collection mains
- ◆ 8 pumping stations

Water and Sewer is comprised of 36.4 budgeted full time employees.

The Proposed FY 2024 W & S Fund Budget is \$17.5 million, an increase of 14.7% above the FY 2023 Budget. This increase is mostly attributed to the pipe replacement/lining project which is \$5.1 million alone.

The City anticipates borrowing \$5 million and utilizing grant funds of \$2 million to fund the replacement of damaged water pipes and to replace water meters throughout the City.

FY 2024 **water rate increase is \$.30** per thousand gallons and **\$.43 for sewer services**. This results in an estimated increase of **\$9.49 per quarter** for the average household, based on 13,000 gallons per quarter usage.