CHANDLER arizona | Budget in Brief

Fiscal Year (FY July 1- June 30)

2026-27

"Adding Sense to Dollars"

"Adding Sense to Dollars" reflects the city's commitment to making thoughtful financial decisions that maximize the value of every public dollar. Emphasizing investments that deliver measurable returns for the community, including positions that generate revenue beyond their cost, adding city-operated ambulance services to enhance service quality while reducing long-term costs, and increased investment in maintaining aging infrastructure before more costly failures occur.

Total City Budget

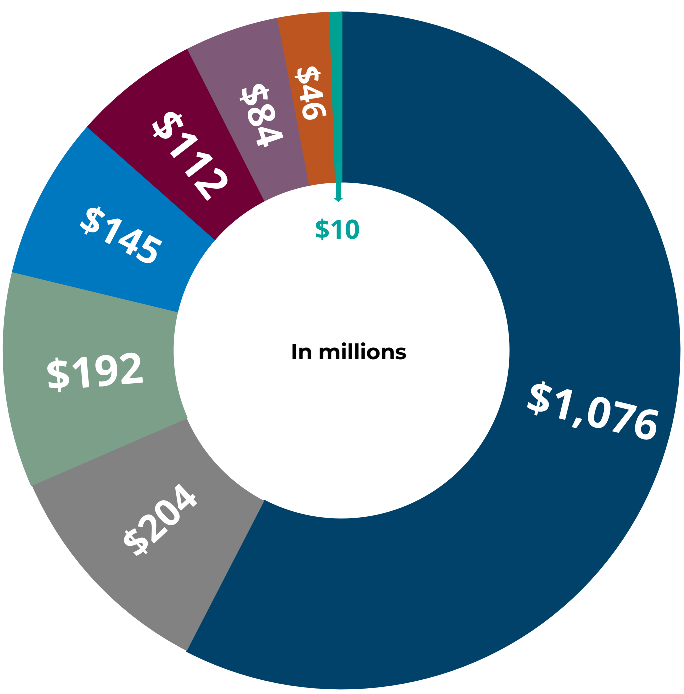
$1.87B

While operating budget remains almost flat from prior years, main factors driving a higher budget include large capital projects that were approved in the last bond election such as: Police Forensic Facility, Mesquite Groves Regional Park, water treatment facility upgrades, and costs to replace aging infrastructure that have increased capital investments in our community.

Our Focus Areas

- Economic Vitality
- Sustainability and Technology
- Quality of Life
- Connectivity
- Neighborhoods
- Community Safety

Where the Money Comes From



- Fund Balances 57.6%
- Local Taxes & License Fees 10.9%
- Utility Charges 10.3%
- State Shared Revenues 7.8%
- Other Services/Charges 6.0%
- Grants 4.5%
- Property Taxes 2.5%
- System Development Fees 0.5%
- Bonds* 0.0%

***prior year bond proceeds part of fund balance**

Where the Money Goes

Capital Carryforward $602M

Remaining appropriation (spending authority) from capital projects in process at fiscal year-end that is carried forward or re-budgeted until the project is completed.

For example: Building renovations, street projects, sustainability programs, city software projects, protected bike lanes, and Tumbleweed Regional Park improvements.

Department Operating $565M

Continues existing service levels and adds enhancements in line with Council Focus Areas.

For example: 30 new positions related to ambulance services, & increased funding for public safety software, transit services, and cybersecurity. A detailed list of all departmental adds and new positions can be found in our Budget Book beginning page 70.

Capital- New Appropriations $474M

Appropriation to maintain existing infrastructure or add new projects, for example: Police forensic services facility, Mesquite Groves Park, and water and wastewater facility improvements.

Contingency & Reserves $129M

Funds set aside for emergencies, unforeseen expenditures or special purposes.

Debt Service $90M

Principal & interest payments, new and outstanding debt.

Replacements $8M
Vehicle, Technology, and Equipment.

Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

The City's 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) serves as a multi-year planning instrument identifying fiscal year needs and financing sources (i.e. bonds, impact fees, grants, utility operating revenues) for public and aging infrastructure improvements, which totals to **$2.95B.** City Council adopted the CIP on June 11, 2026. CIP details can be found at: **www.chandleraz.gov/budget**

FY 2026-27 CIP Highlights
$1.08B (New & Carryforward)

Airport

Rehabilitate Runway Pavement 4R/22L | **$5.1M**
Operations Garage | **$4.5M**
Hangar Area Pavement Reconstruction | **$3.3M**
Airfield Lighting Improve/Runway 4L/22R | **$2.4M**
Taxiway B Construction | **$2M**

Community Services

Mesquite Groves Park Site Phase II | **$37M**
Mesquite Groves Park Site Phase I | **$34M**
Existing Parks/Recreational Imps./Repairs | **$25M**
Tumbleweed Regional Park | **$10.5M**
Snedigar Sportsplex | **$3.2M**

Cultural Development

Dr. A.J. Chandler Park | **$20M**
Tumbleweed Ranch | **$8M**
Downtown Alley Projects | **$1.9M**
Downtown Redevelopment | **$1.8M**
Center For The Arts Facilities Imps. | **$745K**

Fire

Fire Emergency Vehicle Replacements | **$7.2M**
Ambulance Emergency Vehicles | **$4.1M**
Breathing Apparatus Replacements | **$3.2M**
Heart Monitor Replacements | **$1.8M**
Protective Clothing Replacement | **$711K**

General Government

Sustainability Programs | **$23M**
Frye Road Protected Bike Lane | **$12.5M**
Existing City Building Renovations/Repairs | **$12M**
Kyrene Branch/Highline Canal Shared Use Paths | **$7.3M**
Paseo Trail Crossing Improvements | **$3M**

Police

Forensic Services Facility| **$66.7M**
Police Main Station Renovations | **$1.8M**
Property and Evidence Renovation | **$917K**
Body Worn Cameras | **$800K**
Police Emergency Vehicle Replacements | **$800K**

Streets

Street Repaving Program | **$52.4M**
Lindsey Rd (Ocotillo Rd to Hunt Hwy.) | **$34.9M**
Ray Road/Dobson Road Intersection Imps. | **$21M**
Cooper Road/Insight Loop Extension | **$12.9M**
Turf to Xeriscape Program | **$12.2M**

Utilities | Water & Wastewater

Pecos Water Treatment Plant Imps.| **$154.6M**
Santan Freeway Redundant 66-inch Sewer Line | **$38.5M**
Water Reclamation Facility Conveyance | **$27.9M**
Main and Valve Replacements | **$23.7M**
Water Production Facility Improvements | **$21.7M**

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Operating Budget Highlights

- City property tax rate **reduced** from $1.0818 to $1.0759, 11th year of reduction
- Sales tax rates unchanged - **the lowest in Arizona**
- Maintains and **enhances** existing levels of service
- Adds funding for labor association commitments and general employee increases
- Maintains **fully funded status** of PSPRS pension obligation reducing annual ongoing employer contributions.
- Planned utility rate changes to maintain operational needs and capital improvements
- Maintains strong reserves

62.9 New Position Adds

Total Authorized FTE (Full Time Equivalent Employees) = 1,905

Total City Property Tax Rate: $1.0759

Primary Tax Rate = $0.2059
(Supports General Operations)

Secondary Tax Rate= $0.87
(Pays Bond Debt Service Only)

Per 100 dollars of assessed value

Schools 70¢

County 19¢

Chandler 11¢

About 11¢ of every dollar comes to Chandler

Highest rating level from all three major rating agencies

One of only a few cities nation-wide

Higher ratings = lower cost of borrowing, which helps keeps taxes and user fees low

General Obligation (GO) & ETRO Bond Rating

Fitch | Standard and Poor's | Moody's