



Department of Public Works

Infrastructure Services

Mission

Enables the safe and enjoyable movement of people throughout the City of Milwaukee regardless of age, mode, or ability.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	792	775	-17
Total Expenditures	\$52,436,592	\$57,596,372	\$5,159,780
Total Revenues	\$14,784,000	\$16,771,000	\$1,987,000

Summary of Services

- Designs, builds and maintains Milwaukee’s assets in the public right of way, including streets, bridges, traffic signals, street lighting, the storm water system, green infrastructure, sewers, and City-owned buildings and parks
- Executes projects with a Complete Streets approach to involve the community and comprehensively plan for how the City’s built environment can calm traffic, encourage mobility and urban play, be more environmentally conscious, maintain our clean waterways, and more

2027 Highlights

- Complete the development of 414 in Motion, the first citywide Transportation and Mobility Plan, which will guide how the City designs, operates, maintains, and invests in Milwaukee’s streets
- Continue construction on W. National Avenue
- Add connectivity to the City’s bikeway network, making it possible for residents to ride from the Garden District on the south side to the Garden Homes on the north side — all on protected bike lanes and trails
- In partnership with MMSD, make a significant investment in storm water management in the 30th Street Corridor area through the West Basin project



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Department of Public Works Operations

Mission

Provides essential services that maintain the cleanliness, safety and attractiveness of Milwaukee to enhance the quality of life for residents, businesses, and visitors.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	771	771	0
Total Expenditures	\$108,363,214	\$115,981,888	\$7,618,674
Total Revenues	\$101,083,000	\$101,488,000	\$405,000

Summary of Services

- Sanitation provides residential garbage and recycling collection, operation of two residential drop-off centers, street sweeping, leaf collection and vacant lot clean up.
- Forestry cares for the urban forest by planting and pruning approximately 194,000 street trees, maintaining boulevards, and providing landscape maintenance on city-owned properties. Forestry Operations also enforces quality-of-life ordinances related to nuisance vegetation and improper waste disposal.
- Fleet Services repairs and maintains City vehicles and equipment, and serves as the training hub for Commercial Driver’s License (CDL) drivers.
- Responsible for snow removal on 7,000 lane miles of streets within the City to provide safe and passable streets during snow events.

2027 Highlights

- Weekly garbage collection service for approximately 185,000 households and diversion of more than 50,000 tons of material from landfills through recycling and other waste reduction programs
- Investment in routing and vehicle tracking technology to improve route design, dispatching, work order management, and employee safety
- Maintenance of 194,000 street trees and 120 miles of green boulevards, supported by continued investment in urban forestry management
- Snow and ice operations covering approximately 7,000 lane miles of city streets, supported by the purchase of 45,000 tons of salt for winter response
- Paid internship programs in Forestry and Fleet Services, providing hands on career experience and pathways to public service careers for Milwaukee youth



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Department of Public Works

WaterWorks

Mission

Protect and maintain the water system for present and future generations and invest in our people to ensure efficient, equitable, and reliable water service.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	443	443	0
Total Expenditures	\$216,910,988	\$228,602,935	\$11,691,947
Total Revenues	\$216,910,988	\$228,602,935	\$11,691,947

Summary of Services

- Provide safe, fresh drinking water to 950,000 people in 17 communities
- Operate and maintain drinking water purification plants, pumping, and storage facilities
- Provide water quality monitoring for regulatory compliance and internal standards
- Operate and maintain the water distribution system
- Provide in-person and call center customer service and billing for all Municipal Services charges
- Maintain small, medium, and large water meters for accurate billing of water usage by residential, commercial, industrial, and public authority customers
- Provide internal engineering services for plant facility and distribution system capital improvement projects, and support for maintenance/repair projects
- Provide administration and operational support to all Water Works sections



2027 Highlights

- Expand the Prioritization Program to increase lead service line replacements for 2027 to 5,500
- Complete the rehabilitation of all filter beds at the Howard Water Purification Plant
- Replace 14 miles of failing water mains

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Milwaukee Police Department

Mission

To be a department where every member works with our community to help build sustainable, healthy neighborhoods, free of crime, and maintained by positive relationships.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	2,526	2,586	60
Total Expenditures	\$310,111,835	\$345,822,092	\$35,710,257
Total Revenues	\$8,234,000	\$9,324,000	\$1,090,000

Summary of Services

- Provide leadership to support the department’s proactive focus on crime reduction and disorder
- Strengthen and build partnerships with community organizations, elected officials, and residents to create a safer Milwaukee
- Respond to and prevent criminal activity at a district level and conduct specialized patrols
- Conduct city-wide investigations of criminal activity
- Oversee and manage daily operations to ensure an efficient and effective department

2027 Highlights

- Strengthen MPD’s community engagement efforts and expand public awareness of departmental initiatives across Milwaukee’s neighborhoods to build trust and enhance collaboration.
- Reduce violent crime through constitutional policing practices supported by data driven strategies that improve officer deployment, shorten response times, and increase deterrence.
- Partner with Milwaukee businesses to expand the department’s Drone First Responder (DFR) program, enhancing the department’s ability to rapidly respond to critical incidents and active threats.
- Grow the department’s sworn workforce by maximizing enrollment in three planned recruit classes, supported by enhanced marketing, recruitment, and hiring strategies.
- Improve enforcement of reckless driving and speed related violations using speed boards and laser detection technology funded through Asset Forfeiture revenue, promoting safer roadways citywide.



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Milwaukee Fire Department

Mission

Protect people and property within our city, remaining responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety and well-being of the city. Prevent loss of life from fire, limit fire-related property damage, and improve the chances of survival from life-threatening medical and traumatic injury emergencies.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	966	997	31
Total Expenditures	\$165,458,632	\$178,760,714	\$13,302,082
Total Revenues	\$9,468,000	\$10,161,000	\$693,000

Summary of Services

- Provide fire suppression and emergency medical services to save lives and property, while preserving the tax base.
- Reduce displacement/homelessness for those who have experienced a building fire.
- Provide extended services via the Mobile Integrated Healthcare Program, the Milwaukee Opioid Response Initiative, as well as community building through fire prevention and fire aid medical presentations.
- Actively recruit for Fire Cadets and Firefighters who represent our City’s makeup.

2027 Highlights

- Response
 - MFD proposal to recommission (2) two fire companies, adding an engine company to a closed station and adding a ladder truck company to an existing station
 - Host fire recruit classes to continue to strengthen MFD’s capacity for timely response and comply with Act 12 staffing requirements
 - Continue to meet or exceed NFPA requirements in fire suppression and EMS responses
- Prevention
 - Invest in research that improves MFDs response effectiveness and enhances public and member health and well-being
 - Catalog high-occupancy residential structures that lack fire sprinklers, invest in partnerships and response modifications that reflect increased life hazards
 - Invest in training specific to high-risk hazards for public and members of the MFD
- Capital Purchases
 - Fire Engine / Ladder Truck purchases to address aging fleet
 - Strategize with stakeholders on collaborative and innovative models to address MFD facility and apparatus needs



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Mission

The Department of Neighborhood Services (DNS) works to strengthen Milwaukee neighborhoods by promoting clean, safe, and well-maintained communities.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	290	290	0
Total Expenditures	\$25,881,545	\$27,045,167	\$1,163,622
Total Revenues	\$27,772,000	\$28,724,000	\$952,000

Summary of Services

- Protect and improve the city’s housing, businesses, and neighborhoods through property maintenance, nuisance abatement, code enforcement, and support for private investment
- Enforces building, property, and land use standards while providing educational and financial resources that encourage investment and reinvestment in homes and commercial properties
- Inspection and enforcement efforts help ensure compliance with building and property codes, creating safer neighborhoods and fostering a strong environment for community growth and investment.
- Protect public safety by conducting fire prevention inspections of residential and commercial properties and enforcing fire and building codes to help reduce property loss and prevent fire-related injuries and deaths

2027 Highlights

- Continue reducing the average plan review turnaround time, from 27 days in 2025 to 13 days in 2026.
- Expand life safety inspection efforts by doubling annual inspections of multi-unit residential buildings that lack fire suppression systems.
- Reduce neighborhood blight through prioritized inspections of vacant buildings and increased referrals to the Raze and Revive Program.
- Expand public outreach and community engagement, including collaborative educational workshops with the Milwaukee Public Library.



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Mission

The Department of City Development (DCD) works to grow housing and economic opportunities and improve neighborhood vitality throughout the City of Milwaukee by leading area and comprehensive planning, housing rehabilitation and development, commercial corridor initiatives, real estate and economic development activity, and brownfield remediation.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	103	101	-2
Total Expenditures	\$9,563,139	\$10,173,147	\$610,008
Total Revenues	\$1,180,000	\$204,000	-\$976,000

Summary of Services

- General City real estate services, in-rem property management and disposition, residential and commercial land assembly and development, tenant services, housing infrastructure projects
- Brownfields acquisition, remediation, monitoring, and disposition for development
- Commercial corridor development and support
- Housing rehabilitation loans and grants
- Prepare the City’s Area and Comprehensive Plans
- Development and tax incremental district (TID) management
- Project, program, contract and grant administrative support
- Staff several boards and commissions including: the City Plan Commission, Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee, Neighborhood Improvement Development Corporation, Milwaukee Arts Board and the 4th of July Commission
- Oversee the Mayor’s Earn & Learn Summer Youth Intern Program (SYIP)



2027 Highlights

- Market the former Northridge Mall site to attract a new catalytic redevelopment to the Granville neighborhood
- Support housing rehabilitation, new home construction for affordable housing, and creating new homeownership opportunities through the STRONG Homes, Revive Housing, and Milwaukee Home Down Payment Assistance programs
- Invest in commercial revitalization in neighborhood commercial corridors by offering Commercial Revitalization grants with a focus on grocery and pharmacy retailers

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Mission

Advance the health and equity of Milwaukeeans through science, innovation, and leadership

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	310	322	12
Total Expenditures	\$22,682,951	\$25,794,017	\$3,111,066
Total Revenues	\$1,028,000	\$902,000	-\$126,000

Summary of Services

- Family and Community Health – Maternal & Child Health, Family & Parent Support Programs, Nutrition/WIC (Women, Infants and Children), Newborn Screening
- Clinical Services – Disease Control & Surveillance, Immunizations, Sexual & Reproductive Health, WellWoman, Laboratory Services
- Environmental Health – Home & Consumer Environmental Health, Emergency Preparedness

2027 Highlights

- Implement Maternal and Child Health Strategic Plan
- Align the Community Health Improvement Plan to change to a 3 year cycle to better collaborate with healthcare systems’ Community Health Needs Assessment
- Implement workforce development to improve customer experience and staff professionalism
- Sustain work on lead abatement and lead poisoning prevention, removing lead hazards from hundreds of housing units
- Expand and enhance programs to support parents and children through home visiting, WIC, and doula services
- Continue offering and promoting COVID, flu, and critical childhood vaccinations for all Milwaukee residents



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Mission

Inspiration starts here; Milwaukee Public Library helps people read, learn, and connect

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	394	394	0
Total Expenditures	\$33,651,471	\$36,197,258	\$2,545,787
Total Revenues	\$1,166,000	\$1,241,000	\$75,000

Summary of Services

- Public Services (customer experience, circulation and cardholder account management; and programs and public instruction)
- Outreach Services (van delivery, early literacy services, school-aged and teen services at childcare centers, schools, senior high rises, community events, and partner organizations)
- Technical Services and Collections (collections management and access, database management and maintenance, and technology services)
- Administrative Services (Administration, HR, Business Office, Communications, Security and other operations)
- Fleet and Facilities Services

2027 Highlights

- **Help residents learn and grow at every age:** early literacy and safe after-school space for kids and teens, plus lifelong learning, collections, and programs for adults.
- **Expand access to technology across the city:** public Wi-Fi, computers, tech classes, and device lending that help close the digital divide neighborhood by neighborhood.
- **Connect residents to jobs, skills, and business support:** guidance, tools, and resources for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and small business owners.
- **Build civic life across the city:** convene events, dialogue, and partnerships that help residents engage with their community and their government.
- **Strengthen libraries as neighborhood anchors:** invest in buildings and community-centered spaces that bring people together to gather, create, and find support close to home.



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Department of Administration

Description of Select Offices



Office of African American Affairs

The City of Milwaukee created the Office of African American Affairs (OAAA) by City ordinance to promote equal opportunities for African American residents in areas including (but not limited to): employment, education, job training, housing, health care, voting rights, business ownership, and more. The OAAA houses multiple services and organizations, including government agencies and non-profits, to enable residents to access quality-of-life services in one central location on a regular basis.



Office of Early Childhood Initiatives

OECI works collaboratively to support early childhood development, with a specific goal of promoting healthy brain development and addressing early literacy prior to kindergarten. OECI provides parents with opportunities to learn about early childhood development, connect with other relevant resources, and engage in meaningful moments with their children, whether in public spaces, child care, or at home.



Community Development Grant Administration

The City of Milwaukee Community Development Grants Administration (CDGA), receives annual funding allocations from the Federal government to fund activities to develop viable urban communities. This is accomplished by providing affordable, decent housing, a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons.



Environmental Collaboration Office

The Environmental Collaboration Office (ECO) strives to make Milwaukee a world-class eco-city on America's Fresh Coast. ECO develops practical and racially equitable solutions that improve people's lives and the economy while working to protect and restore the natural ecosystems that support our long-term prosperity. ECO collaborates with the community, develops global partnerships, offers award-winning programs, and implements the Milwaukee Climate and Equity Plan.

Innovation Office

The Innovation Office works with internal and external stakeholders to identify opportunities to improve service efficiency, while pursuing initiatives to enhance revenue and achieve budgetary savings. The Innovation Office worked on multiple avenues for reclaiming outstanding receivables/debt, led efforts at establishing internal and external City operational uses of AI, and established public-private partnerships with the Milwaukee Brewers, leading to the purchase of DPW pothole equipment and pilot funding of ADU housing plans and pothole lidar technology by the Daniel Hoan Foundation.

Vision Zero

Vision Zero is the City's adopted policy to eliminate traffic deaths and life-changing injuries by 2037. The Vision Zero team works internally and externally within the City to collaborate on education, enforcement, and engineering strategies to help achieve this goal.



Mission

To make Milwaukee one of the nation’s most attractive cities in which to live, work, and do business

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	185	179	-6
Total Expenditures	\$23,167,789	\$26,410,007	\$3,242,218
Total Revenues	\$1,406,000	\$1,180,000	-\$226,000

Summary of Services

- Office of the Director
 - Office of African American Affairs
 - Office of Early Childhood Initiatives
 - Budget & Management Division
 - Community Development Grants Administration
 - Environmental Collaboration Office
- Information & Technology Management Division
 - Innovation Office
 - Intergovernmental Relations Division
 - Purchasing Division
 - Vision Zero

2027 Highlights

- Lead signature initiatives: Milwaukee Fatherhood Summit, Mothers of Milwaukee Symposium, Hello Summer, Financial Empowerment Center, Project Homeless Connect, Vendor Fair
- CDGA will increase support for homelessness prevention efforts with more targeted funding.
- OECl connects families to programs, services, and opportunities that support healthy child development. OECl will continue to establish public literacy spaces, provide online parenting classes/workshops, offer free play opportunities, build home libraries, and expand access to cultural and family attractions.
- With federal resources, ECO is implementing the 10 Big Ideas of Milwaukee’s Climate and Equity Plan by reinvigorating the Me2 Program to reduce home energy bills among disadvantaged populations, building large-scale solar, and transitioning our City fleet to EV and hybrid vehicles.
- ITMD will continue to create city-wide efficiencies through thoughtful implementation of AI tools, improving customer service interactions, and increasing the transparency and availability of city data.
- Innovation is exploring consolidated employee health clinics with other governments, consolidation of fire and EMS dispatch services with potential partners, and expanded opportunities with academic institutions to boost reforms and efficiencies around key policy and service areas.
- OAAA to establish coordinated communication networks and use grant opportunities to expand the capacity of community organizations focused on improving conditions in the community.
- Purchasing will implement revised procurement procedures with the new Workday Enterprise Resource Planning System (ERP).
- Vision Zero will continue to support the implementation of the VZ Action Plan and families impacted by traffic violence by supporting the World Day of Remembrance.

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Office of the City Clerk

Mission

To establish city policy and law, oversee the administration of city government, adopt the annual budget, ensure the delivery of services to constituents, provide the public with information about the duties and actions of city government, and to manage an equitable and efficient licensing system that supports business operations while providing adequate protections for the public.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	127	126	-1
Total Expenditures	\$13,551,932	\$14,384,646	\$832,714
Total Revenues	\$8,447,000	\$7,895,000	-\$552,000

Summary of Services

- Provide administrative support functions for the department; staff council and committee meetings; lobbying; auditing services; assisting Council Members in their work with constituents.
- Create publications and public information materials for Council members and city departments; public relations support for Council members.
- Broadcast live, remote, and hybrid coverage of public meetings, press conferences, special projects and city events; produce original and information programming.
- Provide non-partisan research, legislative and fiscal analysis; legislative drafting services.
- Administer over 100 types of license and permits; advise the Licenses Committee and Council members in reviewing the license applications.
- Serve as the physical custodian of records for all city departments and ensure records are retained and accessible in accordance with local, state, and federal records laws; manage mail services.
- Provide City officials, employees and residents with research services on local and urban/governmental affairs; maintain the Code of Ordinances and specialized collections.
- Administer and support the preservation of the City’s historic built environment.



2027 Highlights

- Adding more license types to the City’s on-line portal, empowering applicants and local businesses to apply on their schedule from anywhere.
- Holding extra Licenses Committee meetings during high-volume summer months, as well as hosting bilingual business workshops and off-site Municipal ID clinics.
- Through over 200 press pieces, graphic design, website management, and on-site technical assistance, providing year-round support for Council initiatives, town halls, office hours, and more than two dozen city-wide Council-led community events.
- Broadcasting public meetings and original content on local over-the-air television, cable television, and streaming, making it easy for the public to stay informed about local government.

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Mission

Build a safer, stronger, and more prosperous city for all Milwaukee residents

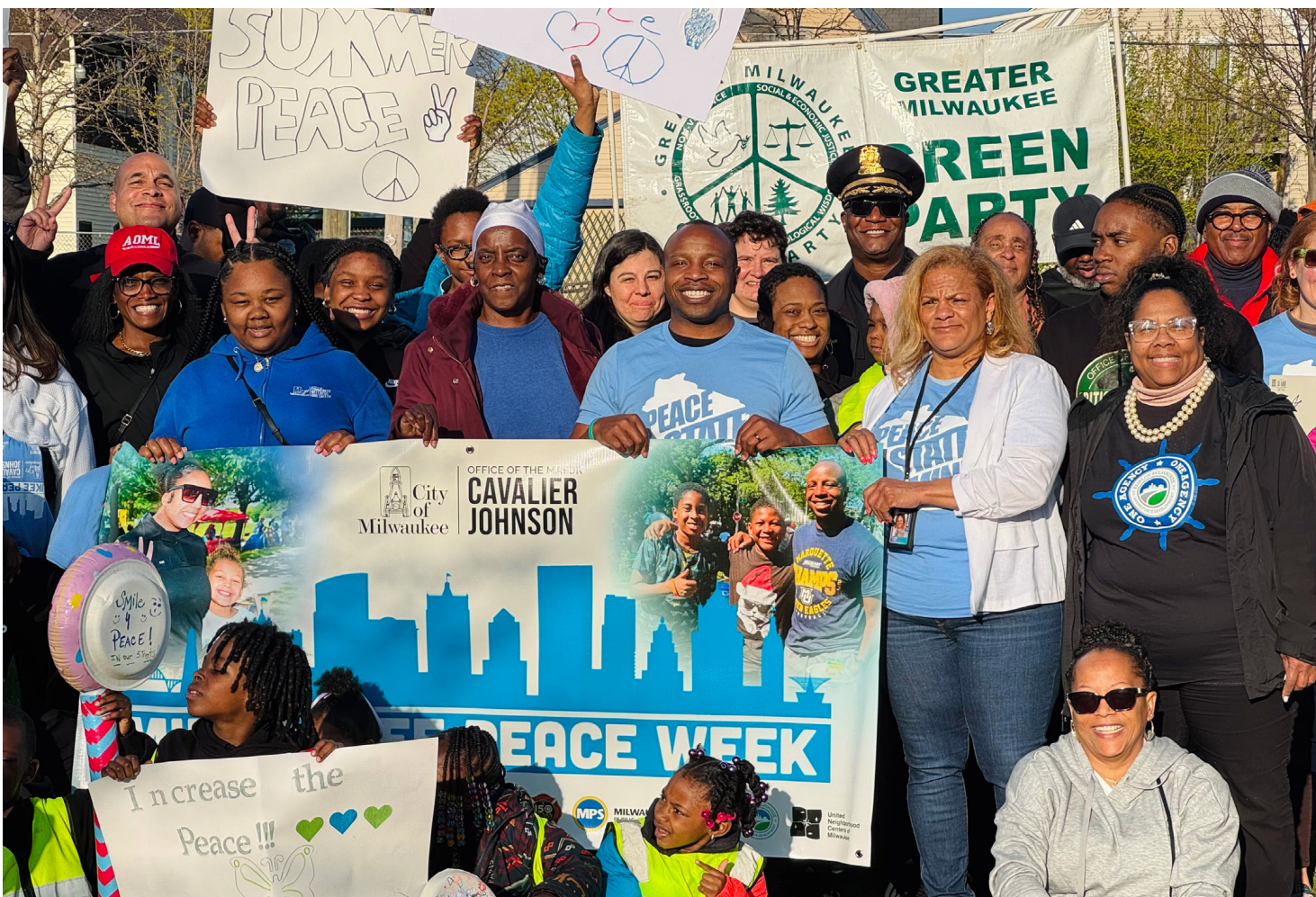
	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	16	16	0
Total Expenditures	\$2,108,535	\$2,207,917	\$99,382
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Services

- Provide executive direction and management for city government. Works collaboratively with city departments and community partners to explore operational efficiencies.
- Constituent Services and Outreach: manage over 10,000 constituent calls and correspondences each year as well as performs countless community outreach and engagement efforts.
- Review and sign over 1,000 pieces of Common Council legislation each year.
- Respond to hundreds of public records requests in compliance with Wisconsin’s Public Records laws. .
- Lead the Administration’s strategic communication efforts, including liaising with the media, coordinating work across departments’ public information officers, and addressing urgent matters so the public stays informed.
- Generate proclamations, host visiting foreign delegations, and coordinate dozens of annual events.

2027 Highlights

- Provide executive direction and management for city government.
- Serve as a liaison among residents, community groups and businesses with City departments.
- Promote public safety through investments in police staffing to increase the number of officers and in Vision Zero initiatives that reduce traffic fatalities, and support safer, multimodal transportation.
- Support housing affordability through the Housing Element update to expand housing choice, affordability, and sustainability.
- Continue serving young people through signature mayoral initiatives such as Camp Rise, Play Ball and Earn and Learn.



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Election Commission

Mission

Ensure that all elections are secure, fair, transparent, and accessible in order to instill voter confidence in the democratic process.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	2,332	2,469	137
Total Expenditures	\$5,247,509	\$3,906,948	-\$1,340,561
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Services

- Strive to ensure that every eligible voter in the City of Milwaukee is able to exercise their right to vote
- Ensure that every election is secure, fair, accurate and transparent
- In accordance with WI state statutes, MEC administers complex election plans and activities for a first-class city. Administering an election involves intricate, multifaceted logistics and operations, and it includes but is not limited to voter registration and engagement, vote by mail, In-Person Absentee Voting (commonly known as Early Voting), Election Day voting and more.

2027 Highlights

- Begin the planning and implementation of a citywide voting machine upgrade, in coordination with the County, replacing over 200 pieces of election equipment.
- Plan and administer two elections for MPS School Board, Municipal Court Judges, Circuit Court Judges, Court of Appeals, and State Supreme Court Justice: February 16th Spring Primary; April 6th Spring Election.
- Begin Planning for the 2028 Presidential Election.
- Kick off the 2028-2029 Election Season “I voted Early” sticker contest, designed and selected by Milwaukee residents.
- Implement regular training for poll workers throughout the year.
- Develop and update internal written procedures for continuity of operations planning.
- Increase total number of full-time staff to move towards alignment with similarly situated large jurisdictions.



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Department of Emergency Communications

Mission

To serve our community as an essential link to vital resources with an unwavering commitment to excellence.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	241	241	0
Total Expenditures	\$27,171,944	\$27,214,253	\$42,309
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Services

- Receive more than 900,000 emergency and non-emergency calls each year for police, fire, and emergency medical services.
- Dispatch the appropriate emergency resources quickly and efficiently using advanced communications technology.
- Provide critical communications and dispatch support for the Milwaukee Police and Fire Departments.
- Promote public awareness of the proper use of the 911 system through community education and outreach.

2027 Highlights

- Implement the Motorola Vesta 9-1-1 phone system, replacing the legacy platform with a modern, Next Generation 911 (NG911)-capable solution.
- Launch Text-to-911 services to provide additional access to emergency assistance for Milwaukee residents.
- Deploy the RAVE emergency notification system to deliver timely alerts and critical public safety information.
- Expand cross-training efforts to increase the number of call takers qualified to process police, fire, and emergency medical calls.
- Achieve national accreditation to demonstrate excellence and adherence to the highest public safety standards.
- Increase community engagement through expanded public outreach events.



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Mission

To serve City of Milwaukee residents by maintaining strong fiscal oversight and delivering transparent, accurate, and timely financial services, while providing exceptional customer service to City of Milwaukee departments and other agencies which directly serve the public.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	58	58	0
Total Expenditures	\$6,145,569	\$6,676,556	\$530,987
Total Revenues	\$650,000	\$655,000	\$5,000

Summary of Services

Fiscal Oversight

- Operate the Fraud Hotline
- Fraud, waste and abuse can be reported in the following ways:
 - Phone: 414-286-3440
 - Email: hotline@milwaukee.gov
 - QR Code for the Fraud Hotline



Transparency

- Run Open Checkbook, which is available on our website and provides financial information about the City's vendor payments, allowing residents to see how the City is spending money
- QR Code for Open Checkbook



Customer Service

- Provide service to departments that directly serve residents:
 - Process employee payroll to pay the employees who directly serve residents such as police officers, firefighters, and sanitation workers
 - Issue bonds to pay for City needs such as streets, library buildings, and fire engines

Excellence in What We Do

- Awarded the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting Program four straight years

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Mission

Protect the legal interests of the City of Milwaukee with the highest professional and ethical standards in accordance with the City Charter and statutory requirements.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	63	65	2
Total Expenditures	\$15,448,600	\$20,442,798	\$4,994,198
Total Revenues	\$1,304,000	\$1,508,000	\$204,000

Summary of Services

- Legal counsel for 33 city departments, and elected officials (Mayor and Common Council), Milwaukee Public Schools, and the Housing Authority of the City of Milwaukee

Structure & Duties

Evan Goyke (Elected City Attorney)

Litigation

Naomi Sanders - Deputy
9 Attorneys

Employment, Administrative & Health

Robin Pederson - Deputy
9 Attorneys

Neighborhood Revitalization

Julie Wilson - Deputy
7 Attorneys

Real Estate, Contracts, Education

Mary Schanning - Deputy
7 Attorneys



2027 Highlights

- Provide legal counsel and representation to 33 city departments, elected officials, Milwaukee Public Schools, and the Housing Authority across more than 50 areas of law
- Continue to defend the City in litigation while shaping how city government operates day to day through legal advice
- Enforce city ordinances through the Neighborhood Revitalization and Ordinance Enforcement Section, targeting nuisance properties, problem landlords, and dangerous buildings
- Build on the end of plea reductions on provable cases, which raised litigated first-offense reckless driving conviction rates from 15% to 84%

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Mission

Establish public confidence in the accuracy, efficiency, and fairness of the assessment process and ensure the equitable distribution of the city's property tax levy.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	53	53	0
Total Expenditures	\$5,676,889	\$5,948,211	\$271,322
Total Revenues	\$1,250,000	\$1,125,000	-\$125,000

Summary of Services

- Assess taxable property citywide by identifying, listing, and valuing all taxable residential and commercial properties each year.
- Maintain accurate property records by tracking ownership changes, parcel updates, reviewing permits, and determining eligibility for property tax exemptions.
- Support the property tax process by producing the annual assessment roll and assisting in the creation of the City's tax roll.
- Ensure fairness and quality service by applying uniform assessment practices, promoting customer satisfaction, and helping distribute the property tax burden equitably based on property value.
- Administer assessment appeals by managing objections and providing staff support to the independent Board of Review, which hears appeals from property owners regarding assessed values.

2027 Highlights

- Maintain the upgraded Real Property Appeals app as the City's digital appeal platform that offers a secure, user-friendly objection filing that speeds up processing and protects property owners from losing their appeal rights due to incomplete forms.
- Maintain accessible hearings before the Board of Review, with a goal of scheduling a minimum of 85% of available hearing slots to resolve assessment objections.
- Continue working to capture 100% of net new construction citywide, ensuring new growth is fully and fairly reflected on the assessment roll through timely processing of building permits and conducting property inspections.
- Reduce average processing time of property conveyance documents to ensure accurate ownership records and enhance our customer service.
- Pursue new and additional efforts to enhance public education and understanding of the property assessment process.



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Mission

To prevent and reduce violence through partnerships that strengthen youth families, and neighborhoods.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	14	18	4
Total Expenditures	\$2,309,725	\$4,583,926	\$2,274,201
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Services

- **Violence Prevention & Community Safety:** Prevent violence before it occurs by addressing root causes, reducing risk factors, and implementing community-based strategies that create safer neighborhoods.
- **Family Support & Healing Services:** Support healing and resilience by connecting individuals and families to critical resources and care.
- **Youth Development & Community Engagement:** Empower young people to lead, engage, and drive positive change in their communities.
- **Community Wellness & Systems Coordination:** Align partners and resources to build healthier, safer, and more connected communities.

2027 Highlights

- Build on the success of the work of **Street Outreach Teams** to increase violence interruption, crisis response, conflict mediation, and engagement with individuals and neighborhoods at highest risk of violence.
- Increase access to free counseling, grief support, healing circles, and culturally responsive wellness services through the **Credible Clinicians and Healers Network**.
- Launch and expand **intensive life coaching services** that provide high-risk youth and adults with mentorship, goal setting, case management, and pathways to education, employment, and stability.
- Expand the **Safe Futures School Engagement Initiative** to provide prevention programming, mental health support, mentoring, and leadership opportunities that keep young people connected and on a positive path.



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Mission

Serving Milwaukee through engagement, opportunity, and access to community resources.

	2026 Adopted	2027 Requested	2027 Requested vs. 2026 Adopted
Total Positions Authorized	19	19	0
Total Expenditures	\$1,886,467	\$1,935,982	\$49,515
Total Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0

Summary of Services

- ADA accessibility compliance, complaints review and processing, and accessibility guidance for City departments and residents.
- Equal Rights Commission support including equal rights protections.
- Private construction development compliance in support of the Small Business Enterprise and Residents Preference Programs.
- Small Business Enterprise certification, recertification, vendor outreach, and technical assistance for firms seeking City contracting opportunities.
- Workforce and community outreach that connect residents to employment and community resources.

2027 Highlights

- Support employment and job training opportunities in construction for 200+ local hires via the Residents Preference Program.
- Expanding recognition of economically disadvantaged areas within the city to highlight the need for targeted supports.
- Sustain more than 190 certified small business firms, opening paths to contracting opportunities.
- Engage with city residents on Equal Rights matters, hearing concerns and mitigating complaints across more than 450 touchpoints.
- Investing in Direct Connect Milwaukee (DCMKE) to provide more efficient and effective access to employment and resources for city residents.



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