Sustainable Budget Parks & Fire

City Council
May 13, 2024

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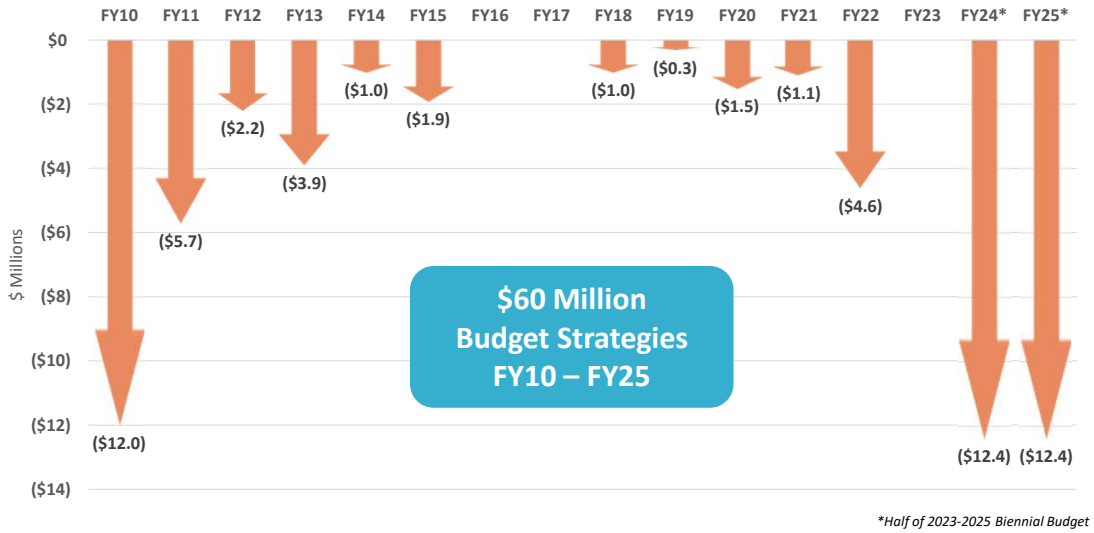
General Fund Budget Strategies



*Half of 2023-2025 Biennial Budget

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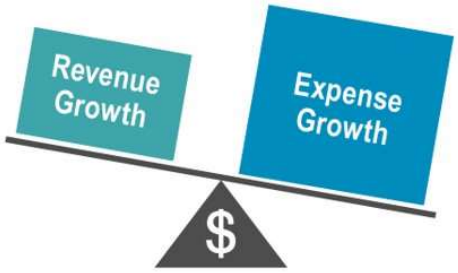
Current Structural Gap

City of Eugene
2023-2025
Adopted Biennial Budget

Sarah Medary, City Manager



- Gap Begins July 2024 (FY25)
- FY25 Gap = $8.3 million
- FY26 Gap = $5.6 million

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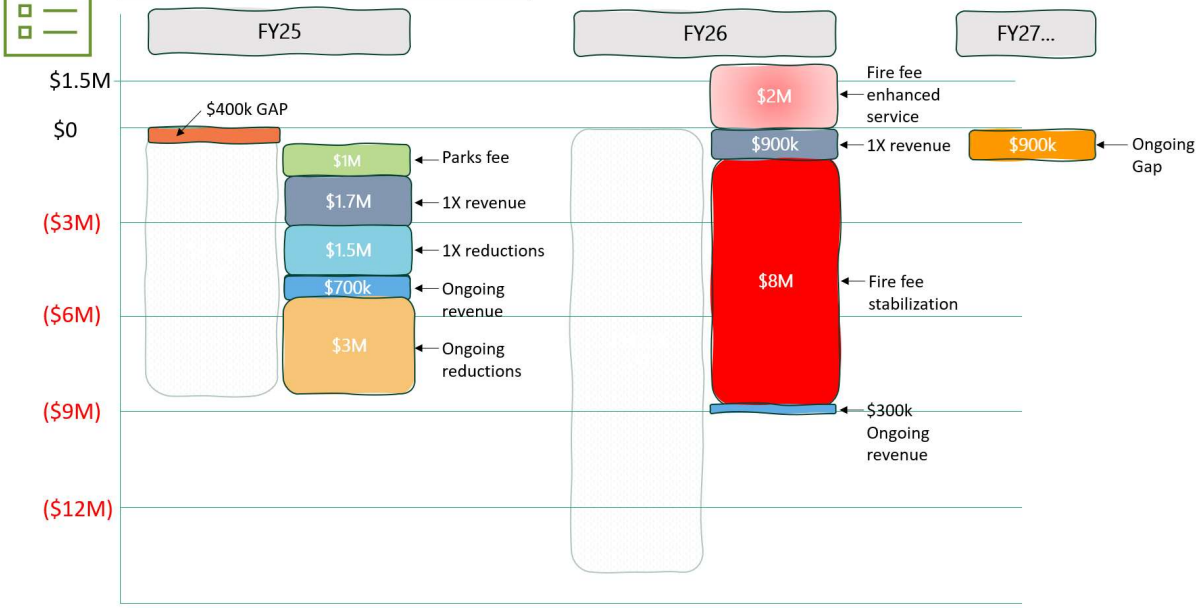
Solutions



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Stormwater Service Fee

Expand Definition:
to include operations and maintenance of all city-owned parks and open spaces

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Stormwater Service Fee

- Fee adjustment: An additional fee increase of 5% to 6% this summer generates between $1.0 million and $1.4 million in new revenue.
- Equates to a $0.80 to $1.00 monthly increase to the average residence.

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Fire Service Fee

Develop Fire Service Fee:

- Tiered structure based upon building square footage.
- $10M in revenue equates to a $10 to $12 monthly fee for a medium sized residence.

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Fire Service Fee

Jurisdiction	Service Fee	Services Funded	Rate Per Month
Corvallis	Fire Services Fee	Existing/Enhanced Fire	$14.84
Grants Pass*	Public Safety Utility Fee	Existing Fire & Police	$7.92 to $12 per unit
Gresham	Police, Fire & Parks	Existing Service Levels	$15.00
Jacksonville	Fire Surcharge	Fire Services	$43.00
Medford	Public Safety Fee	Fire Services	$4.12
Oregon City	Community Safety Advancement Fee	Fire & Police Services	$6.50

* Proposed, but not yet adopted

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Fire Service Fee Structure Considerations

- **Impact on Taxpayer**
- **Amount of Revenue Raised**
- **Structure Complexity**
- **Billing & Administration**
- **Low Income Assistance**

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Next Steps

- Budget Committee Meeting – May 22
- Stormwater Service Fee Public Hearing – June 17
- Stormwater Ordinance Potential Action – June 24
- City Council Supplemental Budget Action – June 24
- Fire Service Fee - City Council Work Sessions – Fall 2024

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