

City of Oakland

BUDGET BASICS

Fiscal Year 2025-2027

Overview of the City Budget Process



What is the City's budget process?

From January to June, every other year, City staff, the Mayor and City Council work together to create a balanced budget by June 30, as required by law.

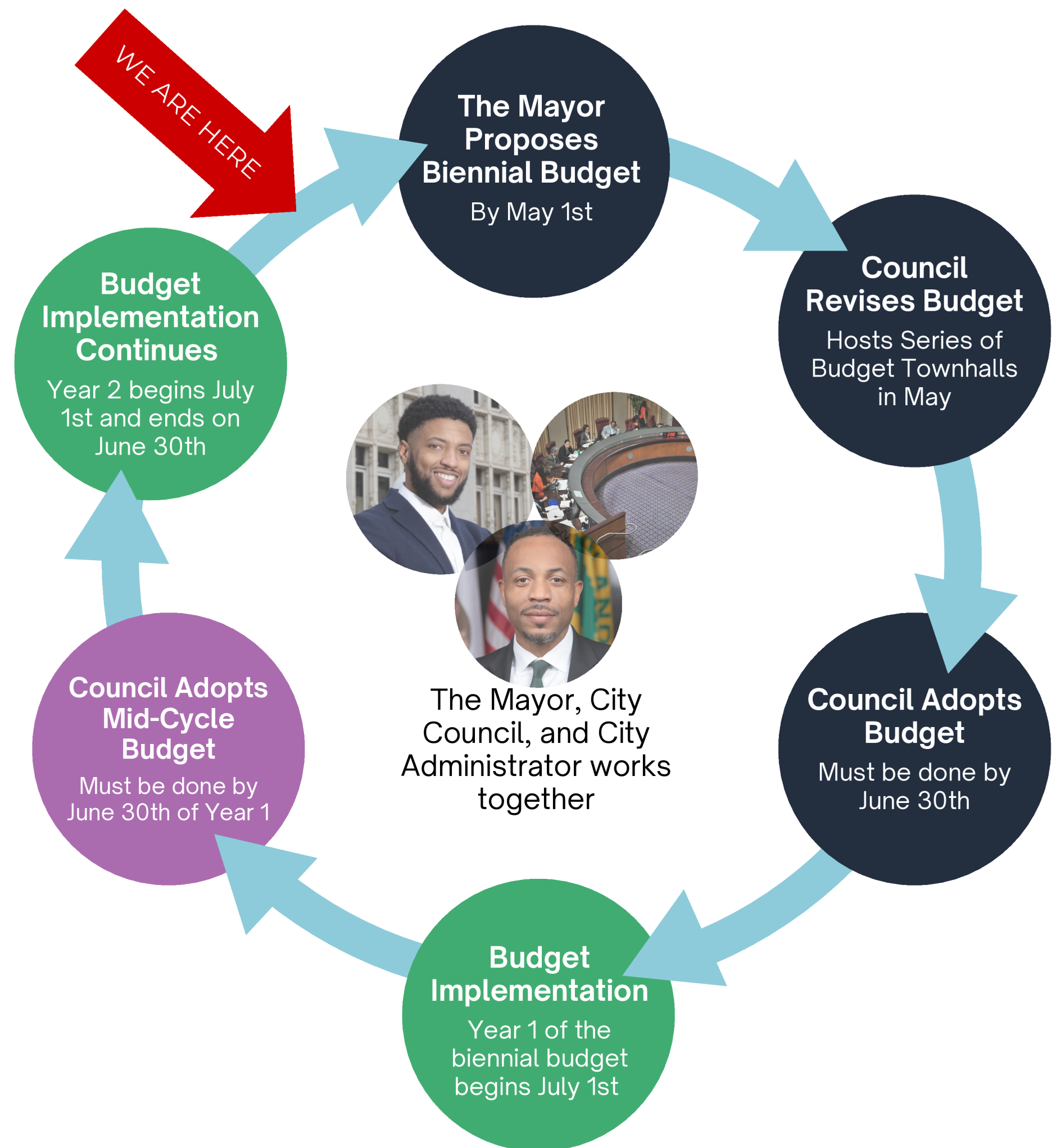


How the budget cycle works

First, by collecting input from city staff, the Mayor proposes a Biennial Budget by May 1. Then, the community provides input, and the City Council reviews and publicly discusses potential changes before voting. The budget must be adopted by June 30.

After one year, the City Council reviews the budget to ensure it aligns with actual revenues and spending needs, making necessary adjustments through a Mid-Cycle Budget.

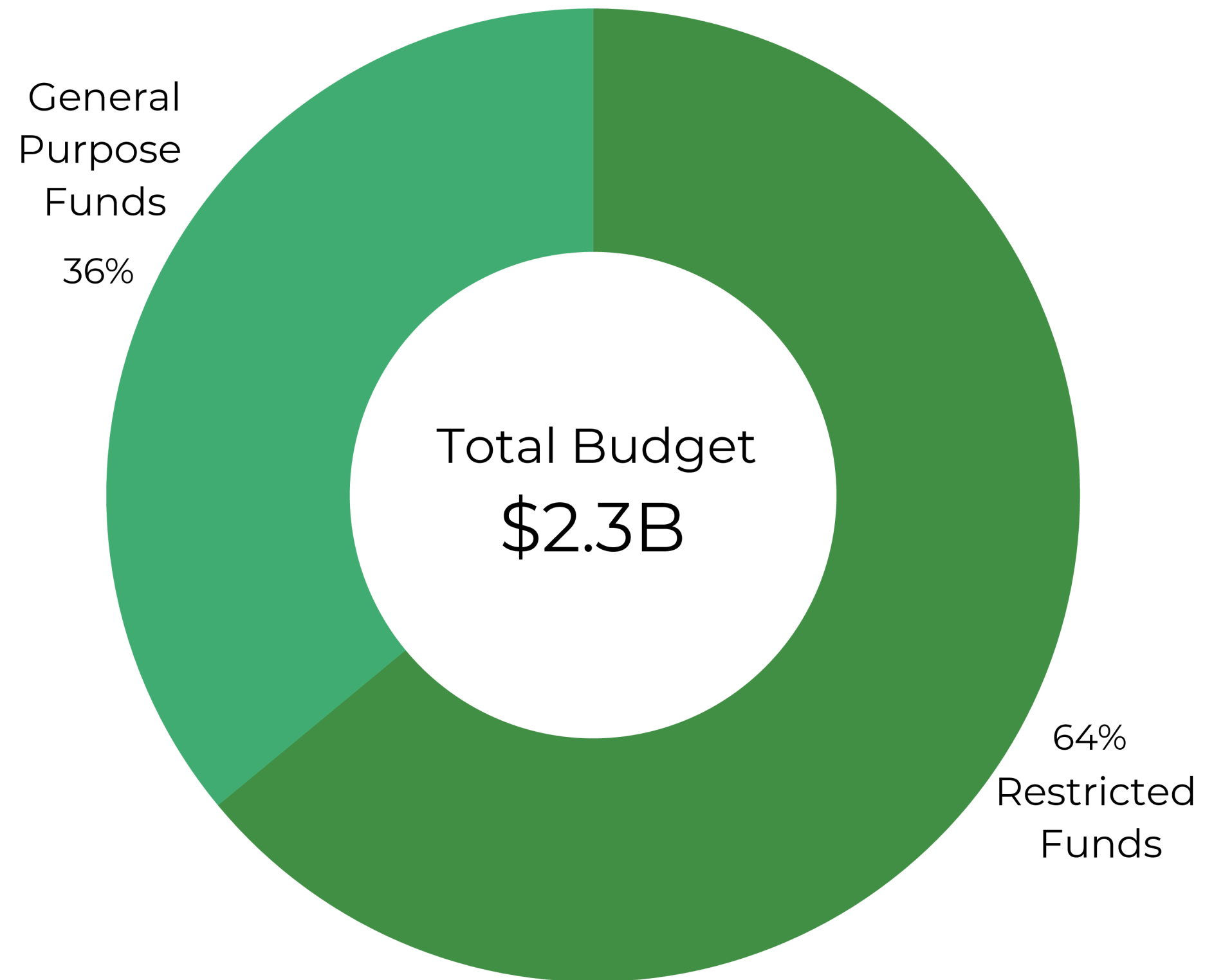
● **Right now:** The City is implementing the mid-cycle budget changes. At the same time, city staff are providing input to the Mayor to begin shaping the next biennial budget.



The City of Oakland's total annual budget is approximately \$2.3B.

64% of Oakland's budget comes from grants and voter-approved measures and legally must be used for specific purposes; these are called **Restricted Funds**.

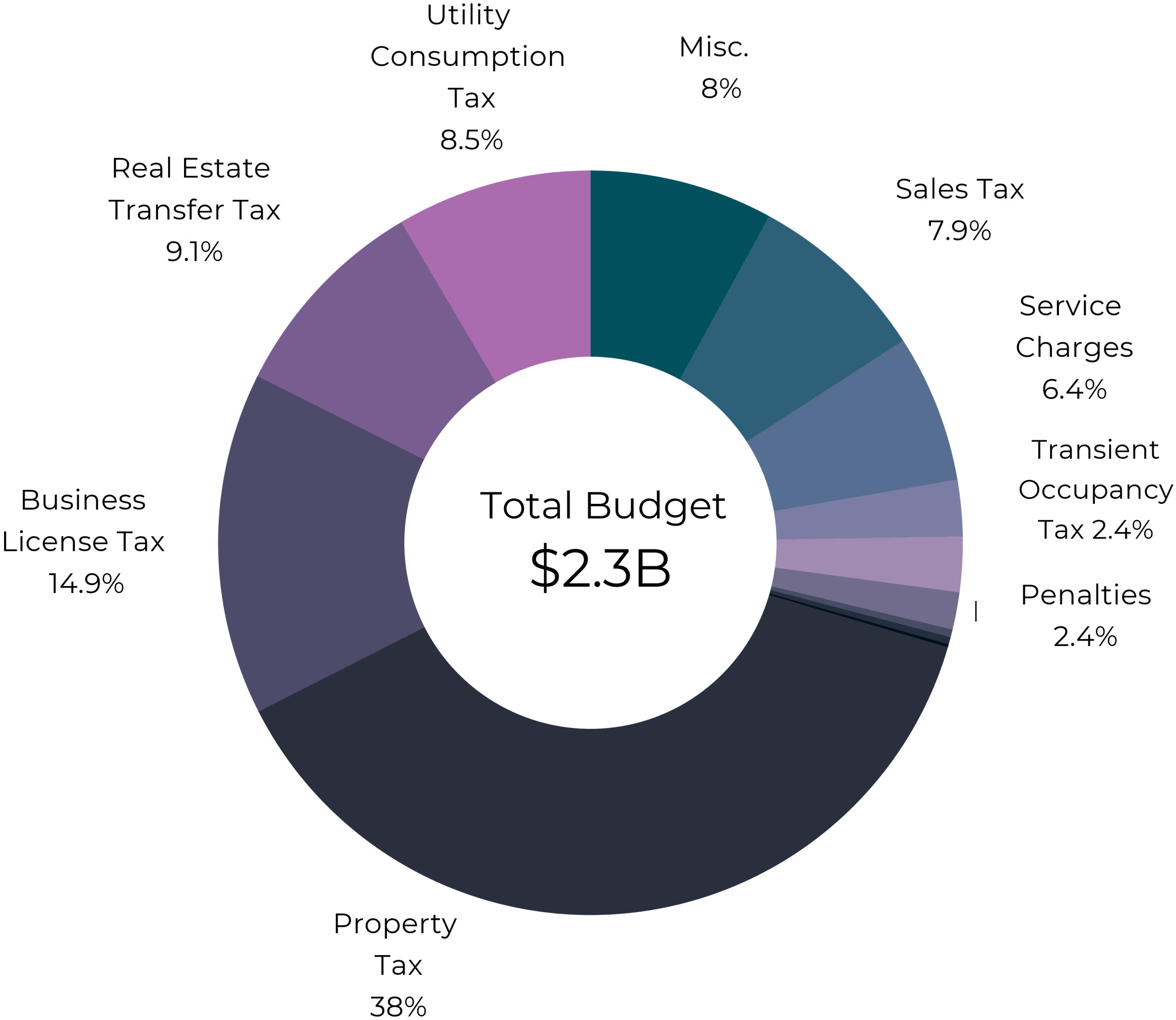
General Purpose Funds are generally supported by tax revenue and make up 36% of our budget. They are the most flexible with regards to what they can be spent on. Public safety (police and fire) are primarily funded through the General Purpose Fund, in part because we don't typically charge for these services.



The source of the City's GPF revenue is varied.

While well over half of our revenue comes from taxes, we also earn revenue from service charges, fees, and other sources.

Source: FY 24-25 Midcycle Budget GPF Revenues

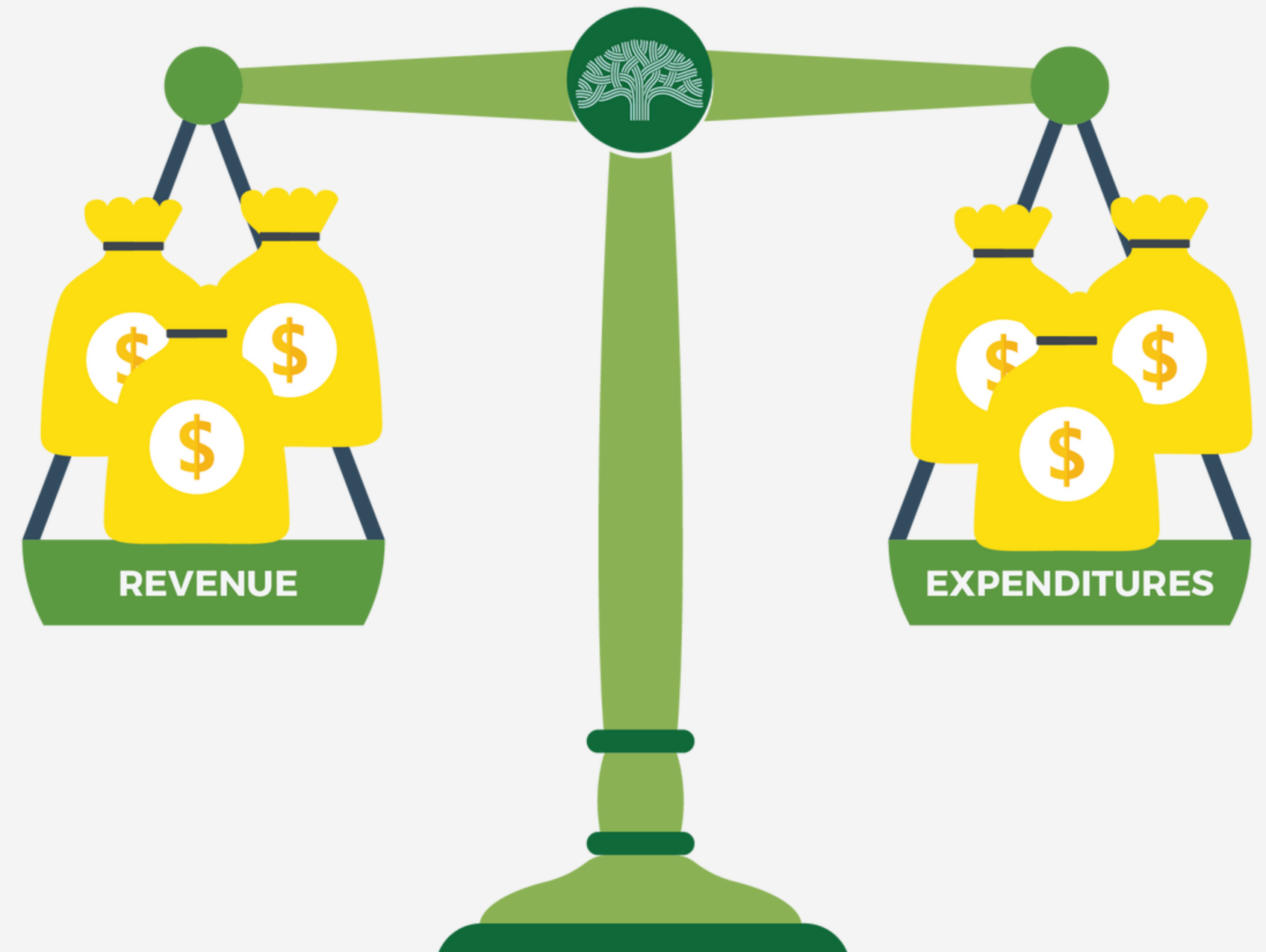


THE OUTCOME

A BALANCED BUDGET

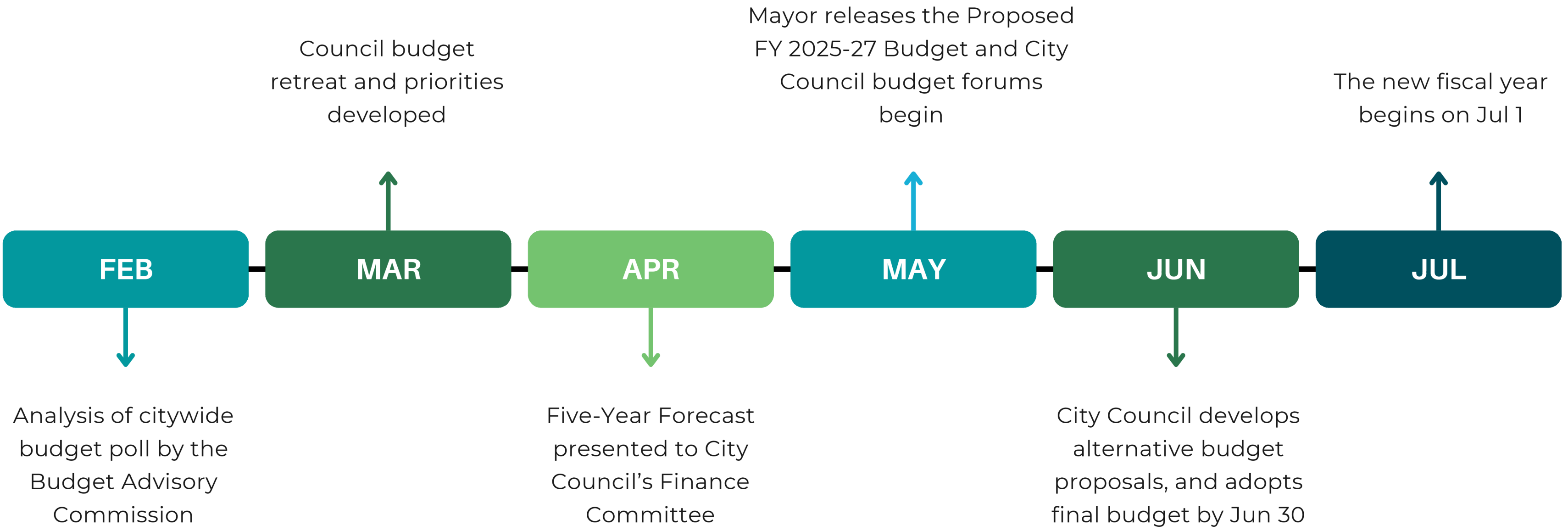
The budget is our plan for how we will spend City money on services that support our community.

A balanced budget ensures our "revenues" (the amount of money the City brings in) are equal to or greater than our "expenditures" (the amount of money the City spends). While other cities and government agencies have different cycles, Oakland approves a budget every two fiscal years. The budget currently under consideration runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2027.



Timeline of Budget-Related Events

Community and Council priorities, public engagement, and input from City staff inform the proposed budget that the Mayor and City Administrator present to City Council. The Council then hosts public deliberations and ultimately adopts the final budget.



GET INVOLVED

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