

# How are my tax dollars spent?

## General Fund Expenditures



- 54¢ Public Safety (police and fire services)
- 10¢ Transportation Services (traffic, street maintenance, and engineering)
- 17¢ Culture and Recreation (library and parks and recreation services)
- 3¢ Community Development (planning/zoning, plans reviews, building inspections, code enforcement, housing, permitting, historic preservation)
- 11¢ General Governmental Services (legislative/City Council, executive, legal, finance, human resources, and information technology)
- 5¢ Non-departmental (maintenance costs on the City's general governmental buildings; interlocal service agreements with Cowlitz County, Humane Society, Clean Air Agency, Council of Governments and Chamber of Commerce; outside agency requests for CAP Meals on Wheels, and Pathway Community Health Partners)

## General Fund Revenues



- 80¢ Taxes (property, retail sales, and business and occupation taxes)
- 1¢ Miscellaneous (investment interest, space and facility rents, and charitable contributions)
- 2¢ Fines and Forfeitures (traffic violations, overdue library books)
- 9¢ Charges for Services (outside fire service contracts provided to the City's neighboring industries; recreation activity fees; engineering services charged to the City's capital projects)
- 3¢ Licenses and Permits (business licenses; building, plumbing and electrical construction permits)
- 5¢ Intergovernmental (motor vehicle fuel and liquor excise taxes; together with liquor board profits, accounts for the majority of state-shared revenues distributed to cities)

## Longview City Council Priority #6:

Continue effective financial management of the City.

Programs and services provided for citizens are considered expenses and are balanced against the estimated income, resulting in a spending plan for a two-year period. Like balancing your checkbook, the City must balance the money it receives against money it spends.

The dollar bills to the left illustrate where the City receives its funds (revenues) and how those funds are spent (expenditures).

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