



# The Budget in Brief

2018-2019

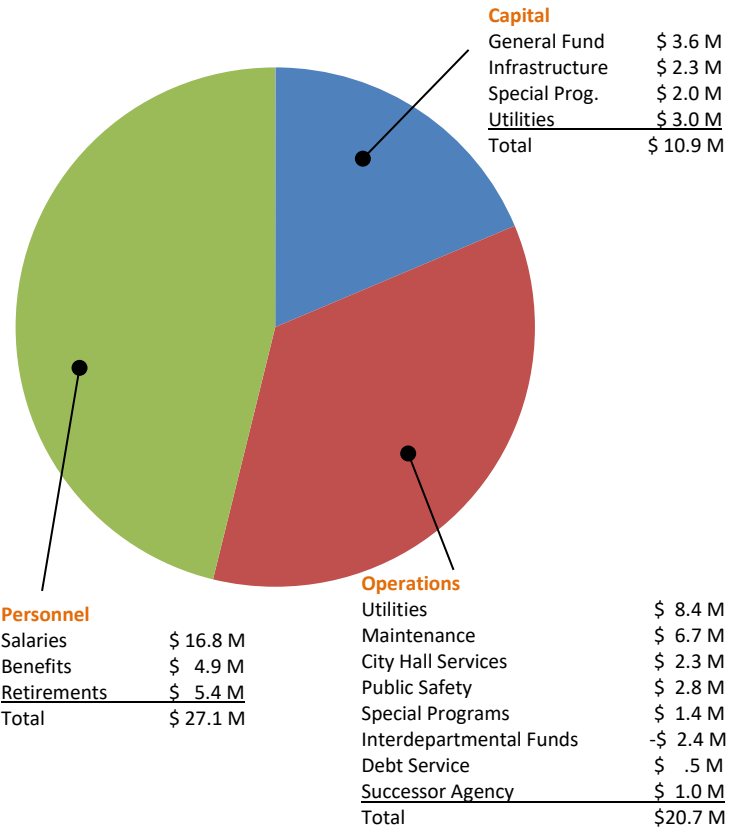
## Summary

The annual operating budget document serves as the City's monetary statement of program and service delivery. This document has been developed to provide a snapshot of the City's overall budget.

The City's 2018-19 budget represents just over \$58.7 million of expenditures across all funds. Expenses are up \$2.3M over the prior year with increases mainly centered on Capital Improvements. While the budget does not contemplate any increases in services, it does ensure maintaining the level of service our residents have come to expect.

Recurring revenues are expected to be status quo or have a slight increase with the exception of property tax that will decrease by roughly \$500 thousand; attributed to the County's change of methodology used to calculate the amount of property tax in the former Redevelopment Agency area. The City Council and management team were careful to balance department requests around the City's existing means, but it was still necessary to reprogram \$400 thousand of reserves to meet all anticipated expenses. However, this will not result in a significant change to the current position of the City's reserves balances.

In short this budget supplies each department with the resources they need to complete the operational objectives in providing the community a balance of services.



- Design work for new traffic signals - Wheeler/Puddingstone & White/Durward
- New medians on Fruit St.
- Bridge widening on Puddingstone at Wheeler
- Synthetic Turf Replacement
- Pool Re-plastering/Decking
- NPDES Facilities Construction/Implementation
- City Hall Emergency Generator
- General Plan update
- Bicycle Trail improvements
- Golden Hills Improvements
- Maniero Park Stage
- Heritage Picnic Shelter
- Fire Equipment
- Water Master Plan Improvements
- Water Quality Improvements
- Plateau/Summit Improvements

## Looking Forward

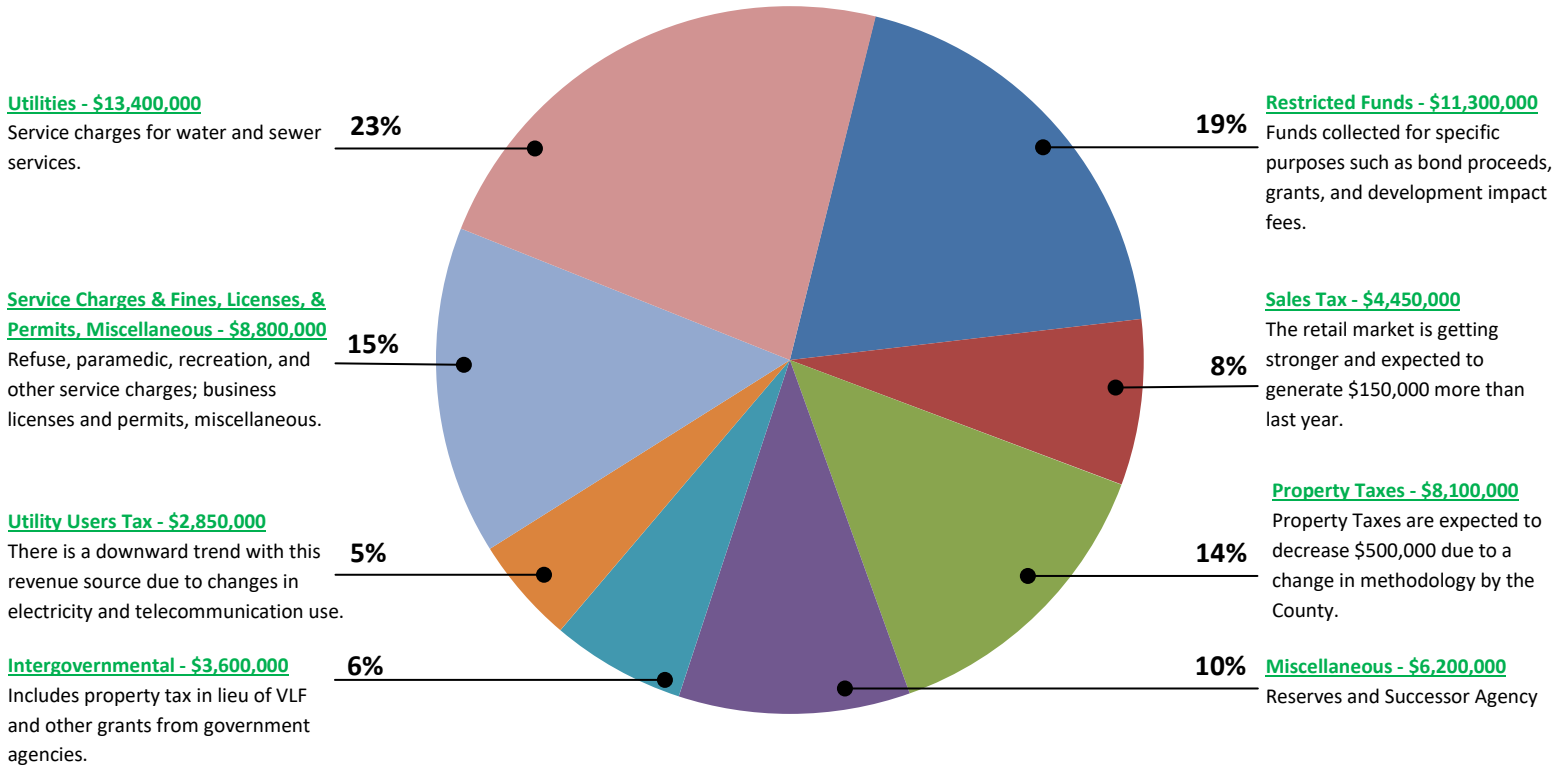
City Council concentrated their efforts at the 2018 Strategic Planning Session towards developing a fiscal sustainability plan. These steps are expected to yield \$2 million in new revenues or cost reductions in the next three years. Changes in the current year net to \$1.2 million towards closing the gap between revenues and expenses. Council adopted eleven strategies at the February 5<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, in their plan is a Pension Obligation Bond(POB) issuance that is the cornerstone tool towards attaining fiscal sustainability. The City sold \$53.6M of POB in August 2018, the market for the bonds was favorable and will save approximately \$19M over the life of the bond issue.

Existing revenues are growing at a rate that will cover existing expenditures however; there will be little room to absorb other increases. Implementation of the fiscal sustainability plan will be crucial in the coming years to secure the City's stable financial position.

Past and current Councils have always prided themselves on being good fiscal stewards. This is a quality that is necessary for La Verne to be a full-service City. The Fiscal Sustainability Plan was the first step in addressing a serious threat but Council will need to continue the legacy of good financial stewardship to guide management, with a limited budget, to deliver the full range of high quality services reflected in this budget. We are fortunate to have a cohesive Council and management team that enable us to explore solutions in a constructive and effective manner. Although the 2018/19 budget does not contemplate any increases in services, it does ensure maintenance of the levels our residents have come to expect.

**Fiscal Year 2018-19 Total Budget  
\$58,700,000**

## WHERE IT COMES FROM



## HOW IT'S SPENT

