



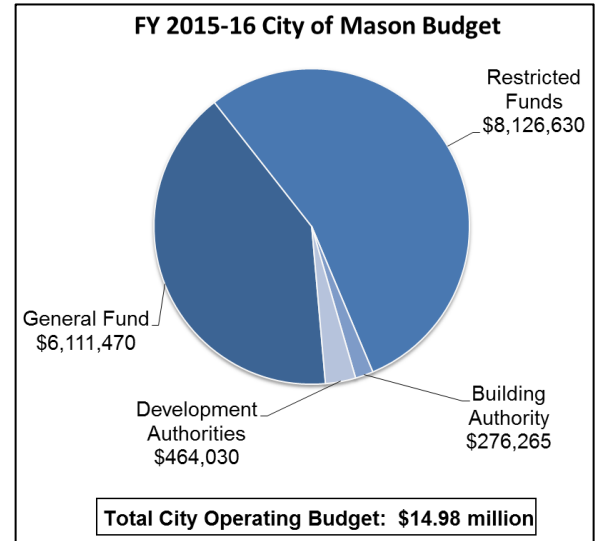
CITY OF MASON

MARLON I. BROWN, MAYOR PRO TEM

Citizens Guide: City of Mason Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget

The [FY 2015-16 Budget for the City of Mason](#) totals \$14.98 million and includes both general and restricted funds. The general fund operating budget totals \$6.11 million and represents discretionary spending as determined by the City Council. The remaining \$8.87 million primarily represents non-discretionary spending, and is split between various restricted funds. This includes Special Revenue Funds, Capital Project Funds, Trust and Agency Funds, Enterprise Funds, Intergovernmental Funds, and Special Assessment Funds.

The budget retains the city millage rate at 13.25 mills. This means that Mason residents will not have a property tax increase for city services. Additionally, the budget includes funding that will hire an additional police officer, finance a new fire department apparatus, replace outdated vehicles for the department of public works, and construct new sidewalks along W. Columbia St. on the west side of the city. Finally, the budget utilizes \$270,170 in reserve funds on a one-time basis to balance revenues with expenditures. Reserve funds (rainy day funds) are important for local government due to the volatility of state revenue sharing and other declining revenue streams. Despite utilizing reserve funds, the fund balance is anticipated to remain at \$2.5 million.



The FY 2015-16 Budget was approved by the City Council on May 18, 2015, and took effect on July 1, 2015.

