

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET QUESTION
Response to Request for Information

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REQUEST:

Please provide a breakdown of the General Fund increase from \$1.1M FY 2026-27 Proposed to \$9.5 in FY 2027-28 Planned Support Services Allocation.

RESPONSE:

The increase in General Fund Support Services is primarily the result of how support service costs are budgeted, rather than a significant increase in the cost of providing those services.

Each year, the total cost of Support Services is reduced by available revenues, transfers from other funds, and ending balance remaining in the Support Services Fund. The remaining costs are then allocated to departments. For example, the FY27 allocations were reduced using projected FY26 ending balance and FY27 projected revenues.

When the FY28 planned budget is developed, the FY27 ending balance is not yet known. As a result, no ending balance reduction can be included in the FY28 plan. This makes the planned budget appear higher than the current year's budget, even though a similar reduction may ultimately be applied once FY27 results are finalized.

After accounting for this budgeting difference, the underlying cost of Support Services Departments increased by \$4.7 million or 2.0%. This increase is primarily due to adjustments in citywide cost allocations, business enterprise software upgrades, additional legal services to support EMS contract negotiations, and minor departmental adjustments.