

KNOW YOUR TOWN'S BUDGET



TOWN OF ORO VALLEY | FY 2015-16 BUDGET

The Fiscal Year 2015/16 budget is in the amount of \$119.7 million; a \$12.6 million, or 11.8% increase from the adopted FY 2014/15 budget totaling \$107.1 million. The 11.8% increase is due to the addition of the Community Center and Golf Fund operations, as well as an increase in outside funding for roadway widening projects.

GENERAL FUND HIGHLIGHTS

- General Fund budget totals **\$31.6 million** (excluding contingency reserves of \$10.4 million)
- Estimated year-end contingency reserve balance in the General Fund for FY 2015/16 is **\$10.4 million**; 33% of the expenditure budget.
- General Fund is balanced, with a surplus of **\$514,521**.



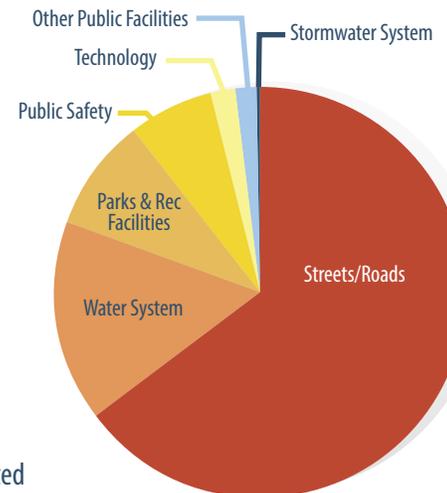
KEY REVENUE PROVISIONS

- Total FY 2015/16 General Fund revenues are **\$114,000**, or 0.4%, lower than FY 2014/15 budgeted General Fund revenues.
- Total FY 2015/16 local sales taxes are **\$1.7 million**, or 10%, higher than FY 2014/15 budget amounts, largely due to implementation of a new half-cent sales tax dedicated to Community Center and Golf Fund operations.
- Charges for Services revenues are **\$5.5 million**, or nearly 75%, higher than FY 2014/15 budget amounts due to the addition of the Community Center and Golf Fund operations.
- Grant revenues are **\$5.9 million**, or 89.4%, higher than FY 2014/15 budget amounts due to reimbursement for several roadway widening projects.
- There is an overall increase of 2.7%, or approximately **\$355,000**, in state-shared revenues (includes HURF).

KEY EXPENDITURE PROVISIONS

FY 2015/16 Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) in the amount of \$20,157,000 include:

Streets/Roads	\$13,054,000
Water System	\$3,220,000
Parks & Rec Facilities	\$1,810,000
Public Safety	\$1,306,000
Technology	\$414,000
Other Public Facilities	\$303,000
Stormwater System	\$50,000



- This budget includes funding for merit and step increases for eligible employees at an estimated cost of **\$580,000** (all funds).
- Department operations and maintenance budgets in the General Fund are slightly higher by 0.8%, or **\$61,000**, than adopted FY 2014/15 levels.

The Town Budget: What's in it for residents?

The budget process—and the document itself—can be overwhelming. Sometimes residents just want a snapshot of what it means for them. How will budget decisions impact their quality of life?

Oro Valley Community & Recreation Center

The Town acquired the El Conquistador Country Club on May 1, 2015 for the purpose of fulfilling a long-time request by the community for a community and recreation center. This facility will serve as a community gathering place and focal point for programs. This formerly semi-private facility is now open to the public and offers golf and fitness memberships, swimming, tennis, a full-service restaurant and café and a wide variety of cross-generational programming.

Parks and Recreation

In an effort to continue meeting the community's needs for parks and recreational amenities, this year's budget includes funding for additional improvements at the Aquatic Center and archery range, a new, large ramada at Naranja Park, and funding to oversee the grass fields at Naranja Park and CDO Riverfront Park.

Pavement preservation

The Town of Oro Valley is well known for having quality infrastructure. The budget includes \$1.3 million for the Pavement Preservation Program in the Highway Fund, which maintains the current condition of our roads. Oro Valley is known for having the best roads in the region, and the amount of maintenance expected to be delivered remains at a level which will not allow the infrastructure to deteriorate.

Public safety programs

The Oro Valley Police Department (OVPD) implements several community-based programs to enhance public safety, including School Resource Officers, Dispose-A-Med, Adopt-A-Business, Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) Training, Coffee with a Cop and Citizen Volunteer Assistants Program (CVAP). These, and many more community-based programs and services, receive funding from the Town because they play a valuable role in keeping our residents actively engaged in public safety.

Reliable, quality water

The Oro Valley Water Utility takes very seriously its responsibility to ensure the protection of public health and safety through the production and efficient delivery of water that meets and/or exceeds water quality standards. Great care is taken to manage this valuable resource, through use of reclaimed water, distribution of Central Arizona Project (CAP) water and advanced meter reading infrastructure.

Special events

The Town's budget ensures funding for special events that bring the community together in celebration, such as the annual July 4th Celebration, Holiday Tree Lighting Celebration, Oro Valley Meet Yourself and seasonal festivals at Steam Pump Ranch. The Town also partners with community members and organizations to fund three concert series programs (29 concert performances), as well as the Oro Valley Festival of the Arts and the Cruise, BBQ and Blues Classic Car Show.

Transportation

Through its partnership with the Regional Transportation Authority, the Town of Oro Valley has begun its fourth year of funding Sun Shuttle Dial-A-Ride. This transit service, for which everyone is eligible, works in tandem with the Sun Tran system for the general public, and provides direct service for seniors and disabled community members. In addition, several major road improvements are planned for FY 2015/16 with nearly \$10 million included in the budget from the Pima Association of Governments (PAG) and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to fund the widening of La Cholla Boulevard, Tangerine Road, West Lambert Lane and Naranja Road.

WHAT KIND OF TAXES DO ORO VALLEY RESIDENTS PAY?



The Town of Oro Valley does NOT levy a property tax; however, Oro Valley property owners pay more than \$27 million every year in primary property taxes to Pima County.

Town residents pay approximately \$448 per year, per household in taxes to Oro Valley.

- 4% utility tax (\$3 million/year)
- 2.5% retail tax and 2.5% restaurant/bar tax (\$5.3 million/year)
- Total = \$8.3 million divided by 18,500 households = \$448 per household/year.

HOW IS THE BUDGET BALANCED AND HOW ARE FUND BALANCES USED?

The adopted budget of \$119.7 comprises 24 separate funds, each with their own balanced budgets. Each fund contains its own "savings" account, otherwise known as a fund balance. When budgeted revenues are more than budgeted expenditures, the Town adds to its fund balance. When budgeted revenues are less than budgeted expenditures, the Town draws from its fund balance. For FY 2015/16, the Town plans to draw down, or spend, approximately \$3.6 million from its overall beginning fund balance total of nearly \$40 million, leaving approximately \$36 million on hand in the overall fund balance at year-end. These are planned uses of funds that have been building up over a period of time and are being used primarily to cash-fund capital projects in order to avoid going into debt to complete these projects. It is important to note that the Town's main operating fund, the General Fund, is planning to add to its fund balance in FY 2015/16 with a projected surplus of nearly \$515,000.