

**City of Minneapolis
2017 Budget**

Independent Boards and Agencies

The 2017 Mayor’s Recommended Budget includes specific recommendations for City funding of certain programming for the City’s independent boards and agencies. City funding for independent boards and agencies is handled through transfers from the City to the board or agency to use within the confines of an intended purpose. These funding mechanisms only comprise a very small part of independent board and agency funding as the boards and agencies function independently of the City, adopt their own budgets, and are not subject to City timelines for budget adoption.

The following board and agency sections include background information about each entity as a whole and describe the nature of the funding relationship each organization has with the City, as well as information on specific funding allocations in the City’s budget in support of each organizations’ programming.

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Board of Estimate and Taxation

The mission of the Board of Estimate and Taxation (BET) is to obtain citizen input relating to setting the maximum tax levies of the City for compliance with the City Charter and The Truth In Taxation State Statute. The Board, after receiving recommendations from the Mayor and City Council and the Public, sets the maximum tax levies by individual levy for the following: General Fund, Permanent Improvement Fund, Bond Redemption Fund, the former Minneapolis Employees Retirement Fund, the former Minneapolis Police Relief Association, the former Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Economic Development Chapter 595 levy, Teacher's Retirement Association, Municipal Building Commission, Board of Estimate & Taxation, Lake Pollution Control, Tree Preservation & Reforestation, Shade Tree Diseased Control, Park Rehabilitation & Parkway Maintenance, and Park and Recreation.

Bonds issued in support of the City's capital program require a request from the City Council to the BET; for those bonds that are designated in the capital program for use by the Park and Recreation Board, a request is required from both the City Council and the Park and Recreation Board. Projects require location and design review by the Planning Commission prior to issuance, and the Board, on a vote of two-thirds - four yeas out of six members, issues these General Obligation (GO) bonds of the City of Minneapolis used to support these projects. The BET also establishes the maximum property tax levies for funds of the City under the State's Truth-in-Taxation requirements and the City Charter.

Financial Arrangements and City Funding Relationships

Funding Sources

The sole funding source for the BET is revenue received from property tax levies.

2017 City Funding

The BET consists of two independently citywide-elected representatives and four appointed board members (the Mayor, the President of the City Council, the Chair of the Ways and Means/Budget Committee, and a chosen Park and Recreation Board Commissioner). The BET sets its own budget and levy independently of the City.

MUNICIPAL BUILDING COMMISSION

The Municipal Building Commission was created by State statute in 1904 and given exclusive care and control of the Minneapolis City Hall and Hennepin County Courthouse building to provide effective and efficient services to operate, maintain, and preserve the historic landmark building and ensure a safe and functional environment for City and County government employees, citizens, and elected officials.

The MBC is responsible for maintaining the building operating systems including mechanical, electrical and elevators. In addition, the MBC is responsible for providing custodial, utility, repair and maintenance services. The MBC is also responsible for administrative functions including coordinating City and County tenant needs as well as planning, emergency preparedness, communications, human resources, labor relations, contract services, information technology, finance, accounting, payroll and operating and capital budgeting activities related to the building.

Financial Arrangements and City Funding Relationships

Funding Sources

The revenue budget for MBC in 2016 was \$9.1 million, approximately 40% funded by Hennepin County and approximately 60% funded by City property tax levy and state Local Government Aid (LGA).

2017 City Funding

The MBC, consisting of an appointed Board of Commissioners made up of County and City elected officials, sets its own budget in conformance with County and City guidelines and levy targets. The MBC has historically been the recipient of about 0.3% of the City of Minneapolis's LGA funding from the State of Minnesota, which can fluctuate year to year depending on the total LGA allocation to the City under State law. While the MBC budget is set independently of the City, the City has, at times, directly funded joint ventures in collaboration with the MBC and dedicated specific allocations to functions carried out by the MBC. In the City's 2017 budget, the Mayor is not proposing a specific allocation to supplement MBC programming.

Park and Recreation Board

The mission of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board (MPRB) is to permanently preserve, protect, maintain, improve and enhance the City's natural resources, parkland and recreational opportunities for current and future generations.

The MPRB is an independently elected, semi-autonomous body responsible for governing, maintaining and developing the Minneapolis park system. The 6,400-acre system consists of local and regional parks, playgrounds, golf courses, gardens, biking and walking paths, nature sanctuaries, lakes and a 55-mile parkway system. The nine-member Board of Commissioners is responsible for developing and setting the budget and levies for the organization.

Financial Arrangements and City Funding Relationships

Funding Sources

The majority of the MPRB's available resources come from its property tax levy. The Park Board general levy is increasing 10% from \$54.3 million in 2016 to \$59.7 million in 2017. The second largest funding sources for the MPRB are Local Government Aid (LGA) and Fees, Fines and Other Revenue. For 2016, the board was allocated \$9.2 million in Local Government Aid, an increase of \$0.1 million from 2015.

2017 City Funding

The MPRB, consisting of an independently elected Board of Commissioners sets its own budget and levy independently of the City, subject to the maximum levies certified by the Board of Estimate and Taxation. The MPRB has historically been the recipient of about 11.8% of the City of Minneapolis's LGA funding from the State of Minnesota, which can fluctuate year to year depending on the total LGA allocation to the City under State law. While the MPRB budget is set independently of the City, the City has, at times, directly funded joint ventures in collaboration with the MPRB and dedicated specific allocations to functions carried out by the MPRB. In 2016, the Mayor, City Council, the Park Board reached an agreement to fund the infrastructure and operations of our neighborhood parks and streets for the next 20 years, transparently and equitably.

Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board

The Minneapolis Youth Coordinating Board (YCB) is dedicated to promoting the healthy, comprehensive development of Minneapolis children and youth ages 0-20 through collaborative action and policy alignment. The YCB has four primary goals:

- 1) All Minneapolis children enter kindergarten ready to be successful in school.
- 2) All Minneapolis young people succeed in school and graduate from high school on time.
- 3) All Minneapolis children and young people have access to safe, quality out-of-school opportunities.
- 4) All Minneapolis children and young people will build the grit, curiosity, and character to be contributing citizens and residents engaged in furthering their education, career, and civic life.

YCB also has infrastructure goals related to developing capacity to address policy issues affecting Minneapolis children and youth, educating legislators on related policy matters, and disseminating information on such issues.

Financial Arrangements and City Funding Relationships

Funding Sources

The YCB's 2017 revenue budget is \$1.3 million. In addition to the Joint Powers Agreement between the City, County, School District and the Park Board under which the YCB receives some of its funding, the YCB also receives funds from Hennepin County and various foundations.

2017 City Funding

The YCB, consisting of an appointed Board of Directors sets its own budget independently of the City. While the YCB budget is set independently, the City has, at times, directly funded joint ventures in collaboration with the YCB and dedicated specific allocations to functions carried out by the YCB.