



FAMILY CITY USA

Citizens' Budget
Fiscal Year
2024- 2025

July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Orem City Hall
56 North State Street
Orem, UT 84057

FY 2025 Budget

About Orem

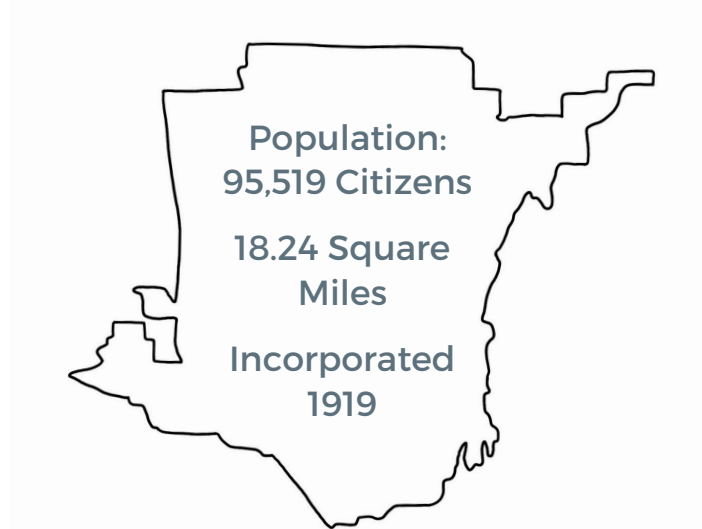


Orem was incorporated in 1919 and is **known for being Family City USA.**



32,880 Households
Median Household Income:
\$88,269
Median Home Value:
\$392,900

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[Census 2023](#)

Discover why so many people are proud to call Orem home.



Orem has over 20 scenic parks. No matter where you are in Orem, a park will be within 1 mile of you. In May 2024 Orem opened its newest park: **Hillcrest Park.**



Orem is home to University Place, the place to shop and dine in Orem.



Orem is home to Utah Valley University, the largest public university in Utah.



Orem opened its new Rec Center in 2021.



Orem hosts Oremfest, a weeklong celebration for all things Orem, every June.

City Government



The City of Orem has a Manager/Council form of government which allows for a full-time City Manager and part-time Mayor. The Mayor and Council members serve staggered four-year terms on a part-time basis. Elections in the City of Orem are non-partisan.

The City Council consists of the Mayor and six Council members who are all elected at large. Although the Mayor leads the City Council, this position carries one vote - equal to the rest of the City Council.



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City Manager	Brenn Bybee
Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director	Ryan Clark
City Attorney	Steve Earl
Finance Director	Brandon Nelson
Fire Chief	Marc Sanderson
Library & Recreation Director	Bryce Merrill
Management Services Director	Keri Rugg
Police Chief	Josh Adams
Public Works Director	Chris Tschirki

Mayor & City Council Mission:

Create an environment where families can thrive.

**Align
City Council,
City Employees &
Citizens**

Working together with
honesty & respect

Uniting the
community through
service

**Safe & Livable
Neighborhoods**

More outreach to our
Hispanic/Latino
community

Neighborhood
improvement team
evaluation

**Thriving &
Balanced Business
Environment**

Increase Orem
Business Alliance
outreach

Expand resources for
local business owners

**Dependable
Infrastructure**

State Street renewal

Additional trail
opportunities

Capital improvements

**Community-
Focused &
Effective
Government**

Strengthen
relationships with
community partners

Orem Community
Foundation

**Skilled &
Talented
Workforce**

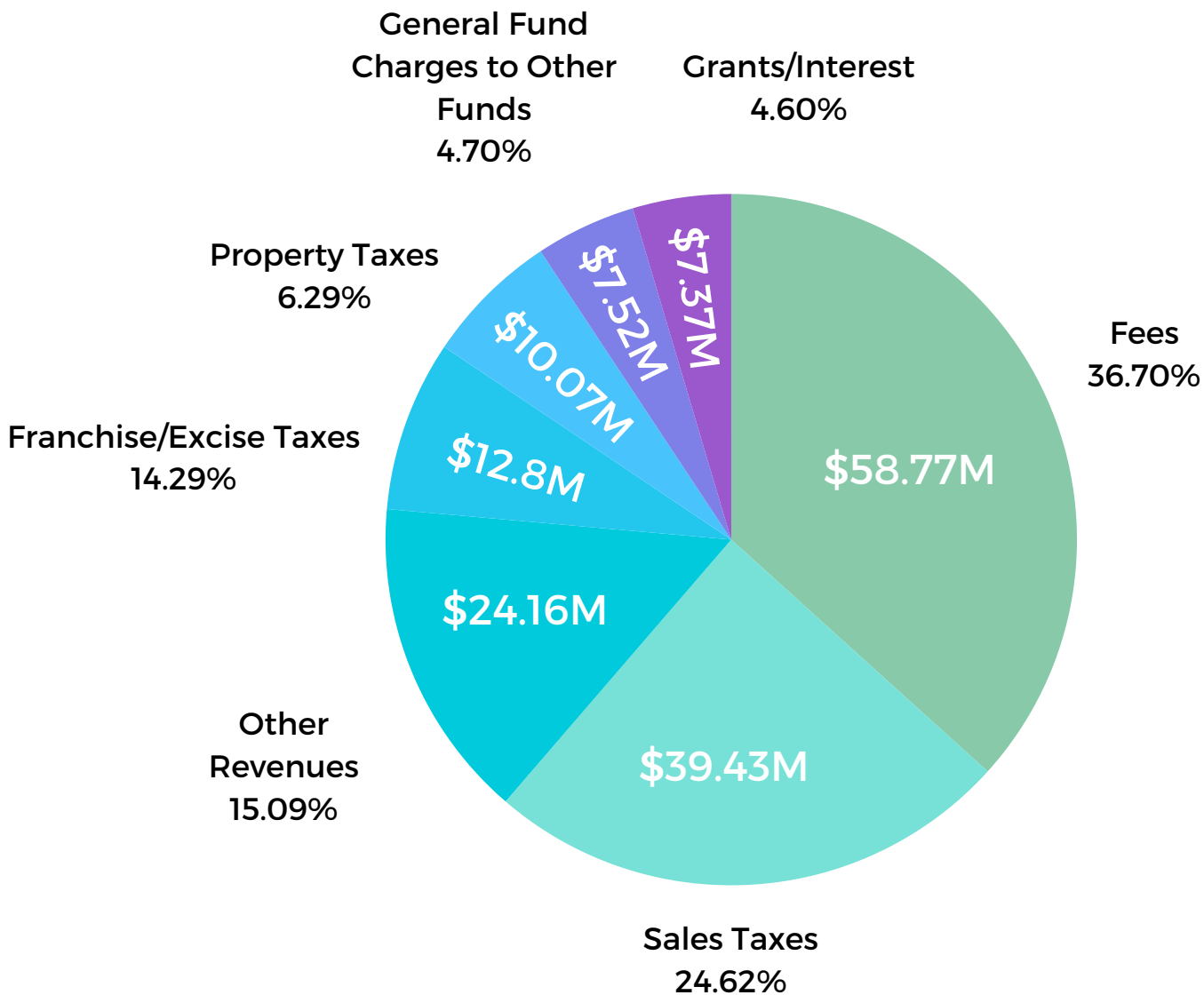
Complete
efficiency study

Expand the
hybrid step program

City-Wide Revenues

Most of the City's funds are supported by taxes such as sales tax in the General Fund or utility charges such as water fees in the Water Fund.

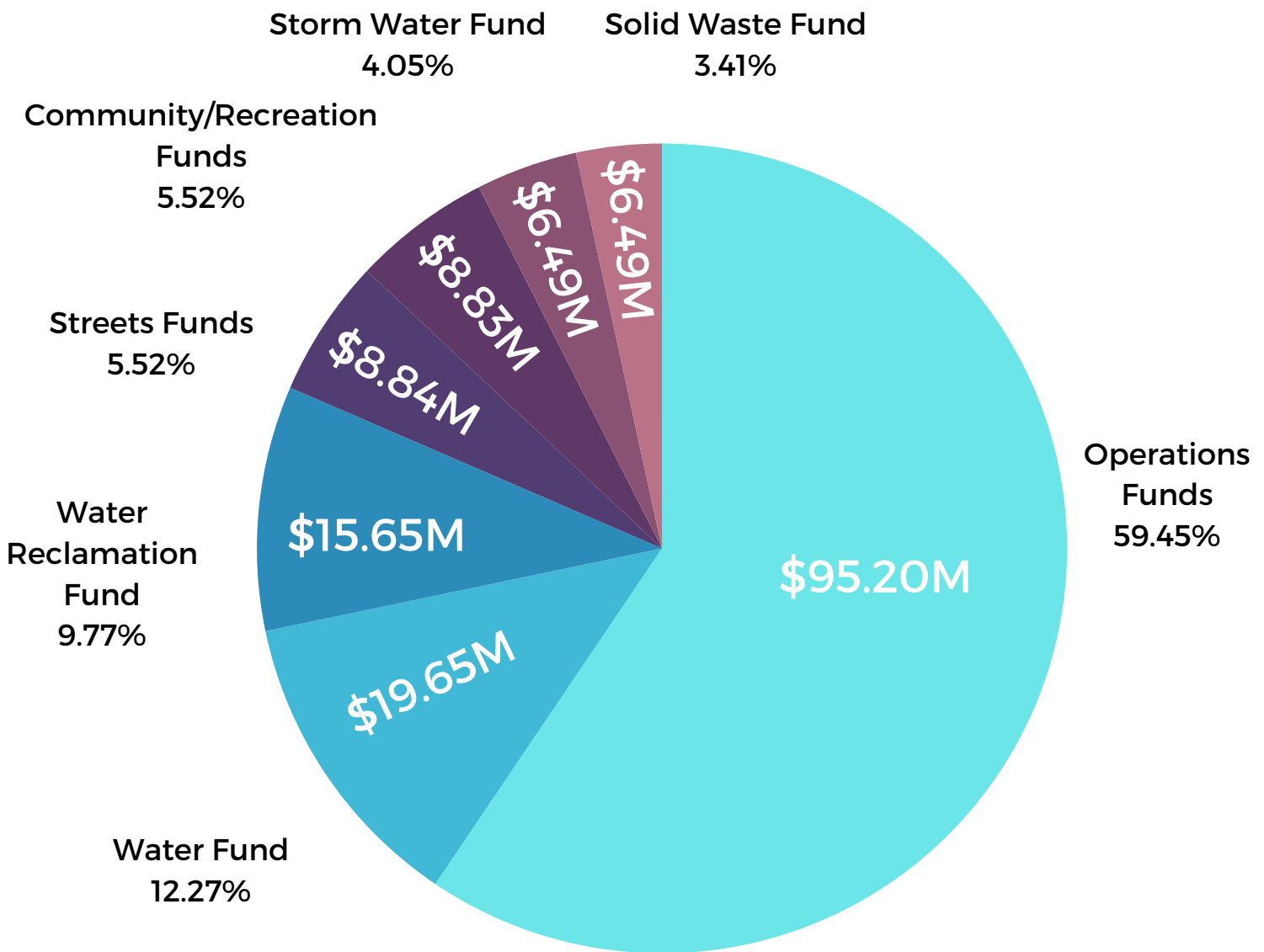
For fiscal year 2025 (July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025), the city-wide operating revenues total **\$160,124,695** but only **\$135,375,910** represents collections of new revenues.



Total City-Wide Revenues: \$160,124,695

City-Wide Expenditures

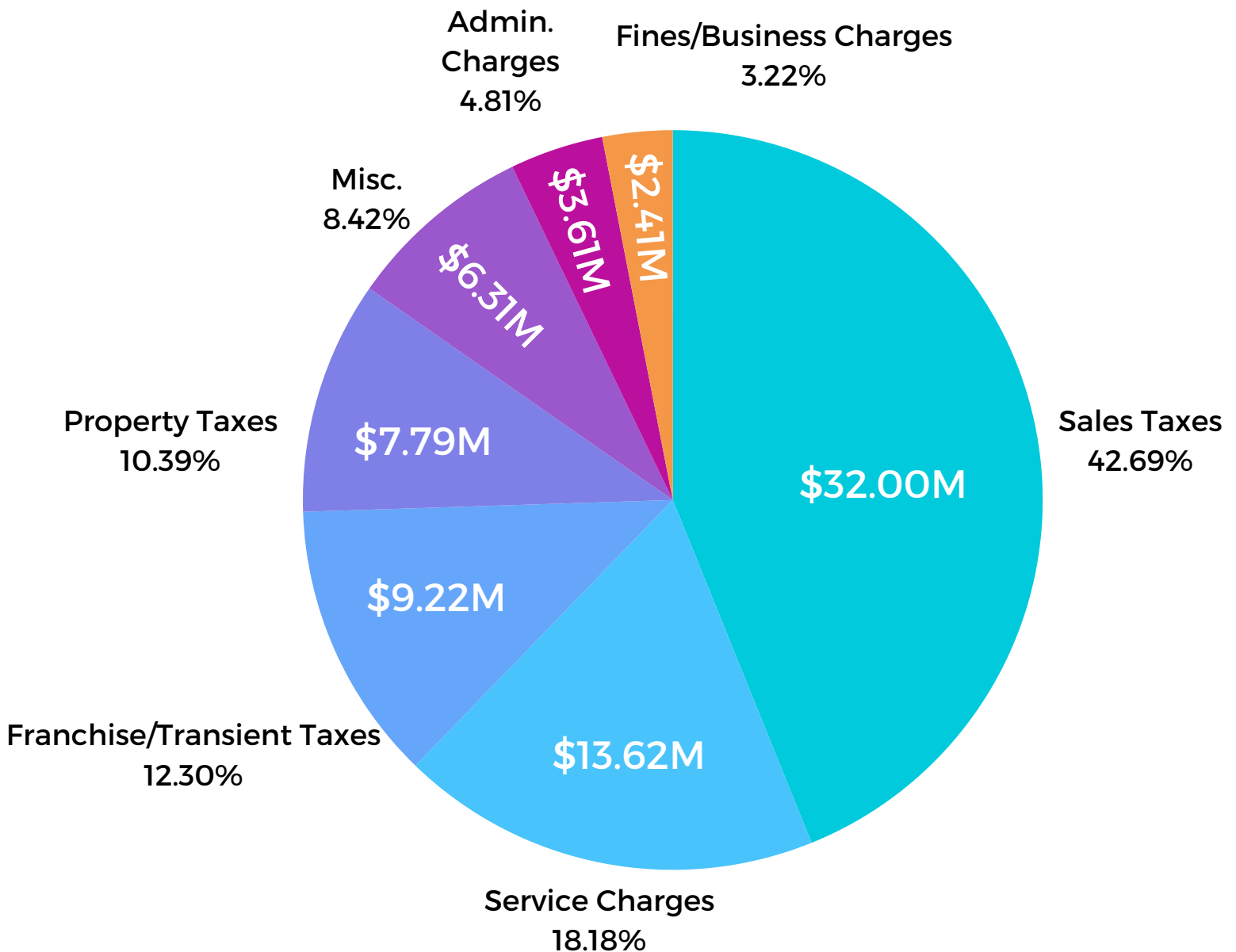
When Orem collects its revenues, it disperses the money into 22 different funds. Each fund serves a specific purpose to support Orem. The funds have been combined into 7 different categories to make it easier to understand the use of each fund.



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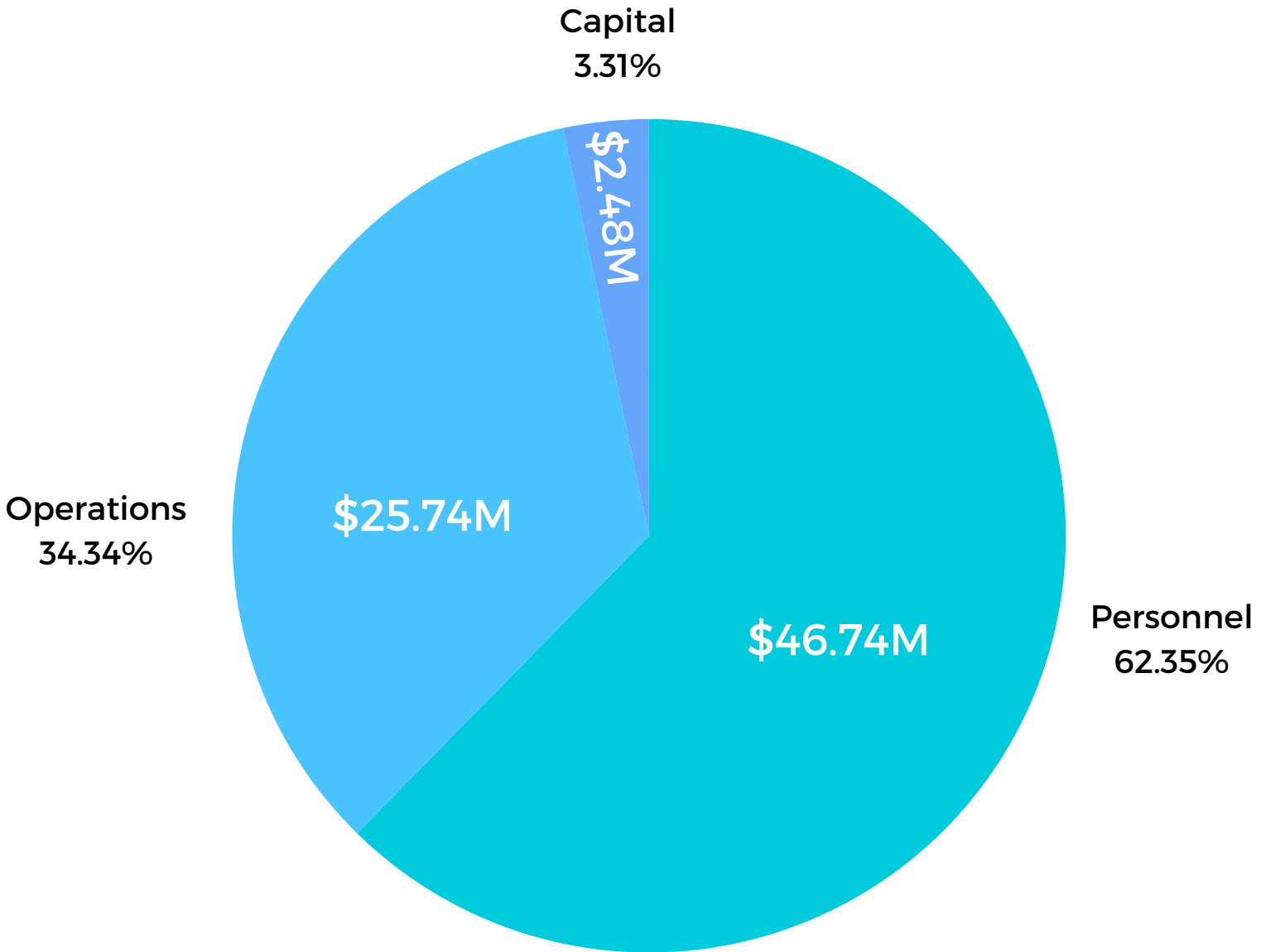
What is the General Fund?

The General Fund is the major operating fund for the city.



Total General Fund Revenues: \$74,967,308

General Fund Expenditures



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Supports:

- Fire
- Police
- Finance
- Recreation Programs
- Administrative Services
- Commercial and Residential Development
- Parks
- Library
- Cemetery
- Traffic Control
- Legal Activities
- Street Maintenance and Construction

Capital Improvement Projects



Capital Improvement Projects refer to investments and enhancements that improve public facilities and infrastructure. These projects are funded by various means (e.g. grants, bonds, etc.).

Significant capital projects in FY25 are listed below.

Water / Water Reclamation/ Storm Water Total: \$8,150,883

- **Master Plan Projects**

Streets Total: \$4,970,378

- **Street Maintenance and Improvements**

Park Improvements Total: \$2,720,000

- **Windsor Park Improvements**
- **Heritage Park Cabin Restoration**
- **Bike Skills Trails Park, Phase 3**

Transportation Total: \$850,000

- **1200 West / Center Street Intersection**
- **Lakeview Parkway**
- **Active Transportation Plan**

Library Project Total: \$448,000

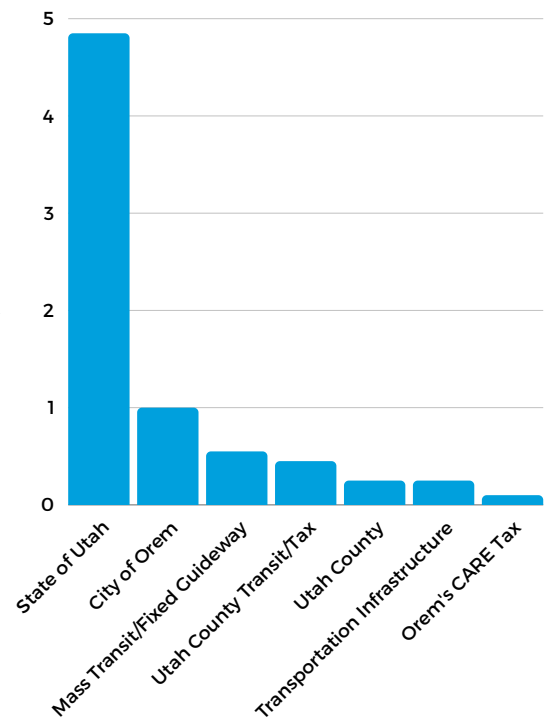
- **Library Administration Area Remodel**

Capital Improvement Projects Total: \$17,139,261

Sales Tax Breakdown

The total sales tax rate in Orem is 7.45% and is distributed among the following entities.

- 4.85% State of Utah
- 1.00% City of Orem
- 0.55% Mass Transit and Mass Transit Fixed Guideway
- 0.45% Utah County Airport, Highway, and Public Transit/ Tax
- 0.25% Utah County
- 0.25% Transportation Infrastructure
- 0.10% Orem's CARE Tax



CARE Tax

The purpose of the CARE Tax is to enhance recreation and cultural arts in Orem.

What has the CARE tax done for Orem?

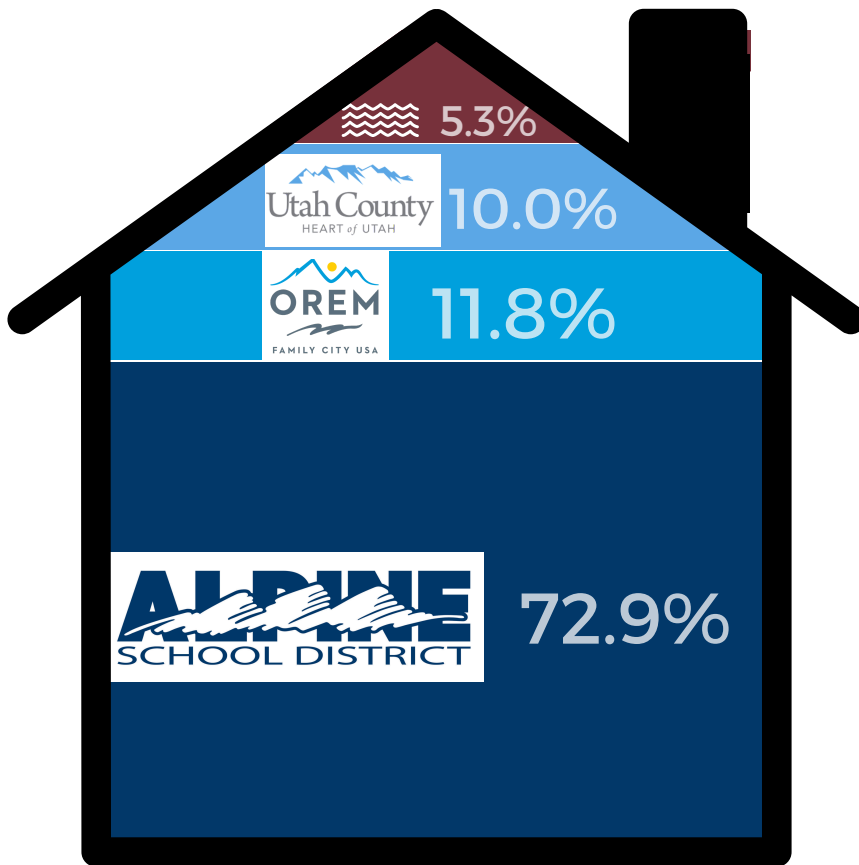
- Orem's newest park: **Hillcrest Park**
- The All-Together Playground
- Significant amount of the new Family Fitness Center
- Splash Pad at Palisade Park
- Orem Dog Park
- Outdoor Stage at City Center Park
- And so much more!

In November 2005, Orem voters approved a 1/10th of 1% local sales and use tax dedicated only for CARE.

In 2023, Orem voters renewed the CARE tax for an additional 10 years.

For every ten dollars spent in Orem, one penny is collected for CARE Tax.

Property Taxes



Property Tax

Vineyard	0.28%
West Valley	0.28%
Ogden	0.22%
Provo	0.18%
American Fork	0.18%
West Jordan	0.15%
Average City	0.14%
South Jordan	0.14%
Pleasant Grove	0.13%
Layton	0.12%
Payson	0.12%
Lehi	0.12%
Springville	0.11%
Spanish Fork	0.11%
Sandy	0.11%
Saratoga Springs	0.10%
Orem	0.09%
Lindon	0.09%
Eagle Mountain	0.05%

Property tax revenue is shared between five different entities:

Alpine School District (72.9%)

City of Orem (11.8%)

Utah County (10.0%)

Central Utah Water Conservancy and Metro Water District of Orem (5.3%)

For the past 20 years Orem has only increased taxes once in FY2020 to hire additional Police Officers.

Orem has one of the lowest property tax rates in Utah.

The majority of property tax revenues in Orem go to support **Alpine School District**. There are close to **15,000** K-12 students within Orem.

The Central Utah Water Conservancy is responsible for delivering clean water to Utah. “[It is] designed to bring water from the Unita Mountains to the population along the Wasatch Front.”
Central Utah Water Conservancy District

Orem Achievements & Awards



- In 2023, Orem was ranked in Livability's top 100 cities to live in! Orem ranks highest for housing, transportation and economy.
- Orem is ranked fifth in Milken Institute's 2024 Best Performing Cities in the United States!
- Orem is the retail hub of Utah County.
- Orem is one of six cities to earn the Healthy Utah Community Award in 2024.
- There have been no tax increases in Orem over the past two years even though many neighboring cities are raising rates.
- The accessory dwelling annual fee was eliminated.
- Orem's utility rates are the lowest in Utah County.
- Orem is officially the second city in Utah to adopt the national motto at the local level.
- The City Council ended the State Street Master Plan and eliminated 10,000 high-density apartments along State Street. The new focus is on service, office, and retail development.
- Orem will be the first city in Utah County with a Gold Star Family monument to honor the sacrifices of our military families.
- Orem official slogan is "Family City USA." This is the benchmark by which all City Council legislative decisions are measured.
- Through restructuring and operational efficiencies, Orem residents are now saving \$1.1 million.
- The former Hillcrest Elementary site was converted into an incredible \$12 million park featuring a splash pad, playground, 12 pickleball courts, community center. All with no new taxes.
- A brand new, state-of-the-art \$30 million City Hall is being built with no new taxes and no bonding.



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