



ADOPTED OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET **FY2024** HIGHLIGHTS

The Adopted Fiscal Year 2024 Budget is **\$3.7 billion** and includes all of the day-to-day services that residents have come to enjoy and rely on, from parks and libraries to garbage collection and recycling. This year, the budget also makes major long-term investments to **provide property tax relief, keep San Antonio safe, enhance quality of life, and improve customer service.**

Next year's spending plan aims to address our community's greatest needs as identified by the City Council and the residents themselves. Many of these challenges cannot be addressed in just one year, so the funding is part of a multi-year commitment to help San Antonio thrive.

PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

- Doubles City homestead exemption to **20%**
- **Slightly Lowers** the City's tax rate
- **\$134 million** in property tax savings
- **31st consecutive year** without city tax rate increase



KEEP SAN ANTONIO SAFE

- **117** new police officers
- **41** new firefighters and paramedics
- **1** new Emergency Medical Services (EMS) unit
- **Doubles** Animal Care Services Dangerous Dog Investigations team
- **2-year program** to respond to all aggressive, neglect and cruelty animal calls



ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

- **\$137 million** for safer streets & sidewalks
- **\$11 million** to repaint street markings every 3 years
- **5-year plan** to add shades to 61 playgrounds across the City
- **700** homeless encampment cleanups
- **\$42 million** for affordable housing
- **3,000** more pet rescues or adoptions
- **2** New spay and neuter clinics
- **44,000** spay and neuter surgeries



IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE

- **New 311 team** to ensure satisfaction
- Adds staff to **Good Neighbor Program & Dangerous Assessment Response (DART) Teams**
- **Enhanced library cards** available at 29 library branches



HOW WILL THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO SPEND YOUR TAX DOLLARS?



PROVIDE PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

The Adopted Budget doubles the City homestead exemption to **20%** and slightly **lowers the City's tax rate**. In all, the homestead exemption, senior and disabled exemptions, and senior tax freeze will save taxpayers **\$134 million**, an increase from \$95 million in FY 2023. That's in addition to the State of Texas' approved school property tax relief.



KEEP SAN ANTONIO SAFE

To boost community safety, **100** new officers will enhance proactive patrols and **5** new officers will be assigned to the training academy to graduate more cadets. **Thirty-two** new firefighters and paramedics, one new EMS unit for fire station **40** and enhanced EMS coverage to the Southside of San Antonio after the closing of the Texas Vista Hospital.

To further the City's progress to improve mental health crisis response, the City will expand the successful San Antonio Community Outreach and Resilience Effort (SA-CORE) program to include 24-hour coverage, seven days a week beginning in the summer of 2024. The expansion adds five clinicians, nine paramedics and 12 police officers.

Animal Care Services adds **15** positions to focus on the safety of our community and the wellbeing of our pet population. With the additional resources, the department will be able to cut response times to its roughly **3,500** annual bite cases nearly in half. ACS will increase compliance by owners of dogs that have been deemed dangerous by conducting additional inspections, and it will respond to more critical calls, including those that involve aggressive dogs, neglect, and cruelty. The budget implements year one of a **3-year program** to respond to **100** percent of critical calls.



ENHANCE QUALITY OF LIFE

The Adopted Budget invests **\$137 million** in building and repairing streets and sidewalks and constructing voter-approved bond projects. **\$15.3 million** will enhance street markings, crosswalks and traffic signals. It also cleans up non-service alleyways that are not used for trash pickup or utilities. It also introduces a **5-year program** to install shades at **61** playgrounds across the city.

Our comprehensive approach to homelessness will make investments to shelter **400** individuals, clean-up **700** encampments and help keep people in their homes.

The City will focus on preserving affordable homes, expanding homeownership access and prioritizing Tenants' Rights through a **\$42 million** investment.

14 new ACS positions will increase rescue opportunities and adoptions and promote responsible pet ownership. Funding is also added to achieve **44,000** no or low cost spay and neuter surgeries in 2024. The City will also stand up **2** new spay and neuter clinics in the west and east areas of the City.



IMPROVE CUSTOMER SERVICE

Four positions are added for the **Good Neighbor Program** and **Dangerous Assessment Response Teams (DART)**. The overall goal of the programs is to bring properties into compliance and connect individuals with services when needed. The Good Neighbor program addresses single residential properties with 12 or more calls (911 and 311) in the past 90 days through a multi-departmental, coordinated approach. The Dangerous Assessment Response Team targets and abates commercial and residential nuisance properties that have a documented history of habitual criminal or code violations of at least two years.

The Adopted Budget also funds the **Enhanced Library Card**, which includes a photo of the library patron and will be available at 29 branch libraries.