



PROPOSED OPERATING & CAPITAL BUDGET **FY2026** HIGHLIGHTS

The City of San Antonio's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Budget is **\$4 billion** and reflects the priorities of the City Council and the community in a financially challenging fiscal year.

Revenues are growing, but not fast enough to keep pace with rising costs. Even so, our priorities remain clear: protect essential services, support vulnerable residents, and avoid long-term risks. Residents have told us their top priorities are homelessness, streets and sidewalks, housing, public safety, and animal care—and those are the areas where we're focusing resources.

To balance the budget and continue to make investments that matter, the City will be **purposeful, focused, and responsive** in the new fiscal year. This isn't about cutting back—it's about managing smarter to stay financially strong for the future.

PURPOSEFUL

- ▶ **\$1.69 billion** in General Fund
- ▶ **\$1.1 billion** in Capital Fund – increase of **33 percent** for Airport Expansion
- ▶ **\$151.8 million** in property tax savings
- ▶ **33RD** consecutive year without city tax rate increase
- ▶ **2% raise** for civilian employees
- ▶ **4% raise** for police officers and **8% raise** for firefighters per collective bargaining agreements
- ▶ Maintain funding for arts, street maintenance, animal care

FOCUSED

- ▶ **\$110.98 million** in less spending over three years
- ▶ **No major impact** to City services
- ▶ **\$4.5 million** in increased fees such as alarm permits & parking fines
- ▶ No new solid waste fee
- ▶ Highest credit rating of any city our size

RESPONSIVE

- ▶ **\$4.8 million** to continue low-barrier sheltering for the unhoused, originally federally funded
- ▶ **1,300** encampment abatements
- ▶ **1,839** households with rental assistance
- ▶ **497** major and minor home repairs
- ▶ **85%** animal placement and live release rate
- ▶ **41,459** spay/neuter surgeries
- ▶ **1,464** street maintenance projects
- ▶ **21 miles** of new sidewalks, **11 miles** of repaired sidewalks
- ▶ **53** new police officers
- ▶ **12** new firefighters to address medical calls



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



Address Homelessness

Homeless services are a top priority for both residents and City Council. The proposed budget includes a **\$30.5 million** investment and creates a new Homeless Services and Strategy Department. This department will focus on providing immediate help for our unhoused neighbors while working toward lasting solutions. It will also ensure that **1,300** homeless encampments are cleaned up within 14 days of a 311 report.



Invest in Affordable Housing

The proposed budget invests **\$30.4 million** from the General Fund, other funds and grants to continue implementing the Strategic Housing Implementation Plan (SHIP). This includes **\$21.8 million** for home rehabilitation and repair, rental assistance, and down payment assistance. By the end of Fiscal Year 2026, we expect **13,100** affordable homes to be built, under construction, or in the planning stages.



Repair & Maintain Streets & Sidewalks

The community has made it clear that infrastructure is a top priority. The proposed budget creates a new Capital Delivery Department working alongside Public Works. This separates major project delivery from routine maintenance, helping both teams work more efficiently. The plan commits **\$122 million** to street improvements, enough to complete **1,464 projects** and maintain **416 miles** of road. It also dedicates **\$17 million** to sidewalks, adding **21 miles** of new sidewalks and repairing **11 miles**.



Keep San Antonio Safe

The proposed budget invests **\$631 million** to police services and **\$428 million** to the Fire Department to keep our community safe. This will add **53** new police officers and **12** firefighters to help respond to medical emergencies.



Enhance Animal Care

Animal Care Services opened two new spay/neuter clinics this year, one on the East Side and one on the West Side, expanding access to veterinary care across the city. The department is on track to perform **41,459** spay/neuter surgeries, a **6.5%** increase from last year, and is expected to achieve a **100%** response rate to critical calls by the end of Fiscal Year 2026.

