



Priority-based Budgeting 2019 Budget Survey

In preparation for the 2019 Budget, the City of Evanston is pursuing a process to better align spending with community priorities, called Priority-Based Budgeting. Your input is a crucial part of this process. Thank you for participating in this survey. Responses will be accepted until June 7, 2018 at community centers, the Civic Center, and the libraries.

This survey asks about a list of 46 programs and services provided by the City of Evanston. Brief descriptions and net costs are shown with the programs listed below. The net cost is the difference between program expenses and the revenues generated by that program.

*1. Below is a list of 46 programs and services provided by the City of Evanston. Please select the 10 programs that you believe to be the most important for the City to provide.

- School Crossing Guards** - *Net Cost:\$461,791* - Part-time crossing guards at 52 intersections across the city
- Human Resources - Training** - *Net Cost:\$45,449* - Training for all employees
- Divvy Bikes** - *Net Cost:\$165,808* - Bike share program
- Long-range planning (comprehensive plan, area plans)** - *Net Cost:\$75,926* - Provides recommendations for future land use and capital improvement policies and decisions
- Storefront Modernization Program** - *Net Cost:\$99,980* - Small grants to improve the appearance and functionality of street-level commercial buildings located throughout the city
- Sign Permits and Inspection Services** - *Net Cost:\$24,639* - To ensure signs meet standards for appearance, safety and maintenance
- Historic Preservation Review** - *Net Cost:\$134,583* - Aid in restoration, rehabilitation, and conservation of landmark buildings and the preservation of historic districts
- Mental Health Board** - *Net Cost:\$750,931* - Provides funding on a grant-basis to organizations providing for the mental health and welfare of Evanston residents
- Minority/Women/Evanston Based Enterprise & Local Employment Program** - *Net Cost \$140,940* - Administers the City's MWEBE and LEP Program
- Sustainability Programs**- *Net Cost \$137,502*- Administration of sustainability, climate action, and livability
- Boards, commission, and committee administration by resolution/ordinance** - *Net Cost:\$293,777* - 22 standing committees created by City Ordinance or resolution; each committee is staffed by at least one employee
- Tax Assessment Advocacy** - *Net Cost:\$138,262* - City staff acts as a taxpayer advocate for Evanston residents in property tax appeal and exemption applications
- Administrative Adjudication** - *Net Cost:\$278,654* - Civil hearings offered to recipients of tickets or notices of violation issued by a City agency
- Community Arts Administration** - *Net Cost:\$214,656* - Coordinates the creation and installation of public art throughout Evanston

- **Revenue and Collections - Passport** - *Net Cost:\$15,473* - Serves as U.S. passport acceptance facility
- **Fire Department Public Education/Community Engagement** - *Net Cost:\$73,448* - Includes the Citizen Fire Academy, Fire Explorer Program, CPR classes, and other outreach
- **Community Health** - *Net Cost:\$266,476* - Works in collaboration with community members to plan, direct, and organize health education and wellness programs for community health needs
- **Vacation Rental Permit and Administration** - *Net Cost:\$21,225* - Licensing for rental units offered for a period shorter than 30 consecutive days; includes a life-safety licensing inspection
- **Social Services (Victim Advocacy)** - *Net Cost:\$356,289* - Assists survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence and increases their access to economic resources, physical safety, and legal protections
- **Animal Control** - *Net Cost \$217,039* - Enforces animal ordinances, captures stray animals, controls nuisance wildlife, and removes dead animals
- **Police Community Strategies Bureau** - *Net Cost \$197,674* - Data analysis to identify crime trends and hotspots
- **City-sponsored Special Events** - *Net Cost:\$149,375* - City-wide special events hosted by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department
- **Workforce Development/Career Pathways** - *Net Cost \$72,803* - Provides 20 Evanston participants (age 18-26) with a career pathway plan and paid training for entry-level positions
- **Mayor's Summer Youth Employment Program** - *Net Cost \$602,314* - Provides skills and workforce opportunities year-round for Evanston youth ages 14-18
- **Summer Food Program/Child Nutrition Program/Congregate Meal Program** - *Net Cost:\$53,129* - Variety of food programs including free breakfast and lunch for youth in the summer, donation-based senior meals, and snacks at multiple after-school programs
- **Youth and Young Adult Services** - *Net Cost:\$940,844*- Violence interruption, alternative recreation, substance abuse treatment placement, emergency housing assistance and other services as needed
- **Gibbs-Morrison Cultural Center** - *Net Cost:\$203,339; Outstanding capital \$180,000* - The building features a recording studio, community meeting space, performance venue, First Slice of Pie Café, and indoor/outdoor social gathering spaces
- **Noyes Cultural Arts Center** - *Net Revenue:\$45,794; Outstanding capital \$4,990,000* - The Noyes Cultural Arts Center is home to over 20 artists in residence and arts organizations offering music, theater and visual arts programs and studios
- **Special Recreation Programs** - *Net Cost:\$256,640* - Serves children and adults with disabilities including fitness programs, sports programs, Special Olympics, after-school programs and summer camps
- **Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre** - *Net Cost:\$163,890* - Fleetwood-Jourdain Theatre (FJT) features productions highlighting the Black experience in America
- **Certificate of Rehabilitation Programs** - *Net Cost:\$17,603* - Assists clients in receiving expungements, criminal records sealing and clemency. This program is partially funded by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- **Recreation Center Bus Program** - *Net Cost:\$129,662, Outstanding Capital \$89,417* - Provides transportation for after school programs, summer camps, special recreation trips and programs, special events and Levy Senior membership drop-off and pick-up

- **Subsidized Taxicab Coupon program** - *Net Cost:\$137,603* - Offers a low-cost taxicab service to income-eligible Evanston seniors over the age of 65 and residents with ambulatory disabilities who are registered for the Evanston Benefit Card
- **Special Assessment Alley Improvements** - *Net Cost:\$168,280, Capital cost \$250,000* - This involves the administration, design and construction oversight of the 50/50 special assessment alley program
- **Tree Preservation Permit Issuance and Enforcement** - *Net Cost:\$36,109* - All excavations within 50' of a public tree require issuance of a tree preservation permit
- **Bike Infrastructure Maintenance** - *Net Cost:\$65,240* - Maintenance of existing bike lanes as well as associated assets to improve quality and safety
- **Best practice tree maintenance and replacement** - *Net Cost:\$922,698* - Tree Trimming, Removal and Planting, and Evaluations
- **50/50 Sidewalk Program** - *Net Cost:\$114,662; Capital cost \$175,000*- This is the staff time/operations cost only for the management of the 50/50 sidewalk program, but there is an associated \$175,000 annual Capital Improvement Program (CIP) cost
- **Special Refuse Pickups** - *Net Cost:\$219,132* - The City of Evanston charges a fee for special pick-ups, which are defined as trash exceeding the capacity of your garbage cart plus one additional bag
- **Permits for Block Parties, Moving Vans and Dumpsters** - *Net Cost:\$70,427* - Permits are logged for distribution to Police, Fire, and Parks. Public Works delivers barricades
- **Annual Dredging for Boat Launch and Harbor** - *Net Cost:\$23,016* - Overseen by Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department (PRCS) and assisted by the Public Works Agency during the mechanical removal of sediment within the launch area
- **Twice-Annual Bulk Pick-ups** - *Net Cost:\$172,856* - Free removal of up to six cubic yards of bulk garbage twice per year
- **Dutch Elm Disease Control** - *Net Cost:\$261,873* - Control includes injections of all public elms once every 3 years, plus staff costs for scouting for disease symptoms and removal of diseased trees
- **Public Art Installation Support** - *Net Cost:\$105,121* - Installation/placement and removal of art as well as their bases and foundations
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- **Athletic Field Maintenance and Programming** - *Net Cost:\$280,790* - Maintenance provided by Public Works, rental and scheduling administered by PRCS Department

*2. Below is the same list of programs. Now, please choose 10 programs that you believe the City should consider for reduction/elimination.

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3. What are your top three priorities for the City?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

4. What are areas where you recommend the City look to find savings?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

5. Please share any additional ideas you have for the 2019 City of Evanston Budget.

Optional Questions:

6. Which ward do you live in? _____

7. What is your gender? _____

8. What is your age? _____

9. I identify my ethnicity as: _____