

# What makes up NYC's budget?

NYC's budget is over 100 billion dollars. That is bigger than most states' budgets! A lot of that money comes from your tax dollars and has a big impact on your daily life. Have a say in how it is spent!

Every year, the Mayor proposes a City budget and City Council passes it. Building the budget happens over the course of the fiscal year and determines how much money is spent on things that make City life better like public schools, public libraries, and trash pick-ups. The budget reflects the priorities and policies of the Mayor and the City Council who pass it — it should reflect your needs and interests too!

There are two parts to the budget – the *expense* budget and the *capital* budget.

## Expense Budget

Pays for city programs, supplies, and salaries for city employees, like public school teachers, firefighters, and sanitation workers.



## Capital Budget

Pays for infrastructure projects like bridge and road repairs, renovating park bathrooms and schools, building affordable housing, and upgrading sewer pipes.

The amount the city has to spend each year is equal to **last year's revenue** — what the city made from taxes, permits, and any additional federal and state money.

The city can only spend what it has. If the city wants to spend more money in one area of the budget, they have to take it from elsewhere in the budget to keep it balanced.

Your tax dollars help pay for a lot of the budget - so make your voice heard!



# Make Your Voice Heard!

Not seeing funding for something you care about?  
You can speak up anytime. Advocacy happens all year long!

Community Boards and City Council hold public hearings on the Mayor's proposed budget. You can testify in person or in writing about how the City's budget choices impact you.

- Find your local Community Board's schedule at [nyc.gov](http://nyc.gov)
- Find the City Council hearing schedule at [council.nyc.gov](http://council.nyc.gov)

