

# **BUDGET IN BRIEF**

#### **Total General Fund Budget: \$44.9 Million**



The City of Novato adopts its budget each June for the following fiscal year, which runs from July 1 to June 30.

The budget, while a financial document, is also an important policy document, outlining the City Council's priorities for the upcoming year and showing how financial resources will be committed toward those goals.

#### Strategic Plan Goals

The City of Novato's Strategic Plan is a three-year plan that guides both the operating and capital budget development and contains the following five goals. More information at **novato.org/strategicplan**.



#### Living Well, Together

- Public safety
- Inclusive services
- Supportive housing



Places

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- General plan update
- Enhanced interconnectivity
- Community & entertainment spaces



# Economic Vitality

- Vibrant downtown
- Housing & commercial development projects
- Biotech



# Environmental Stewardship

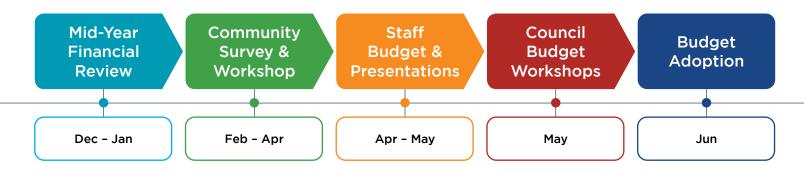
- Public transit
- Sustainability programs
- Climate Action Plan



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That Works

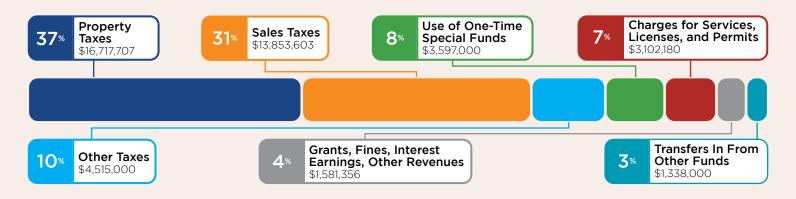
- Fiscal sustainability
- Community engagement & transparency
- Technology initiatives

#### **Annual Budget Process**



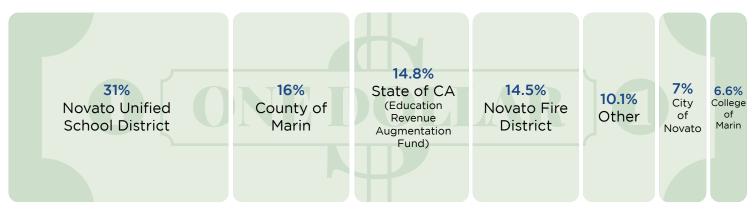
## **REVENUES - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

#### Total General Fund Revenues: \$44.7 Million



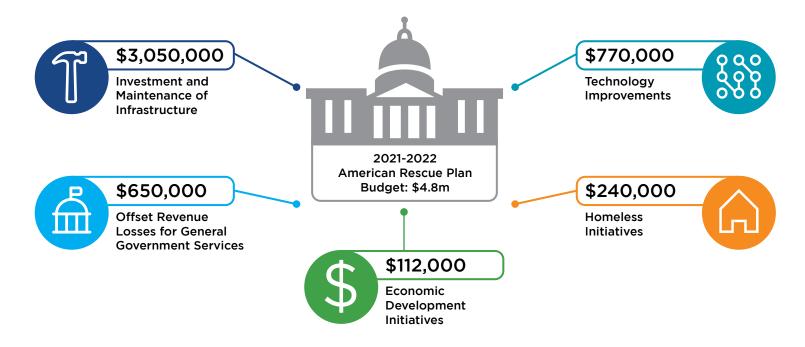
## **Distribution of Property Tax**

How each dollar you pay is distributed.



#### **American Rescue Plan**

The City of Novato anticipates receiving \$9.1 million in American Rescue Plan funding from the federal government. These funds will be used to help the community recover from the COVID-19 public health emergency. The City has allocated \$4.8 million of these funds in the 2021-2022 budget and the balance will be appropriated in future years.

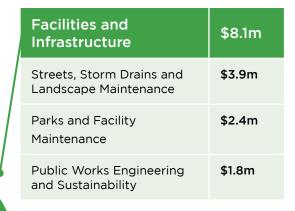


# **EXPENDITURES - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

# Total General Fund Expenditures: \$44.9 Million

## **General Fund Expenses**

Community Safety	\$18.3m
Police, Traffic Safety, Emergency Services and Dispatch	\$16.9m
Building Inspection and Code Enforcement	\$1.4m



Community Programs & Services	\$6.2m
Recreation Programs	\$2.7m
Community Planning	\$2.3m
Animal Services	\$0.7m
Economic Development Programs	\$0.5m

Citywide Internal Support Departments	\$12.3m
City Manager, City Council, Finance, Human Resources	\$8.0m
Insurance, Reserves, Risk Management, and Legal Services	\$3.0m
Information Technology	\$1.3m

### **Other Special Fund Expenses**

Special Fund	\$19.6m
Capital Improvement Program	\$6.2m
American Rescue Plan	\$4.8m
Marin Valley Mobile Country Club	\$4.8m
Debt Service	\$2.6m
Housing Programs	\$1.2m

# **City Staff Distribution**

The number of regular, full-time employees by department.



#### **Capital Improvement Plan**

Every year the City Council adopts a Capital Improvement Plan that includes many projects to improve and maintain city infrastructure and facilities. The 2021–2022 budget includes \$6.2 million in new funding, plus \$15.9 million in funding from prior years, for a total capital improvement project budget of \$22.1 million.

#### **Project Highlights**



#### Pioneer Park Play Area Upgrades

The City is revitalizing the small play area at Pioneer Park by replacing existing play equipment with a modern, accessible, and inclusive play structure.

Staff partnered with GameTime to design a custom play structure focused on serving children with special needs including limited mobility and sensory sensitivities.



#### **Downtown Grant Avenue Amenities**

This project will freshen up the downtown Grant Avenue area, making it sparkle again.

Improvements include new waste receptacles that make it easier to recycle, updated tree lights with energy-saving LED fixtures and attractive gates to enable easy street closures for special public events held on Grant Avenue.



#### Novato Boulevard/ San Marin-Sutro Improvements

This Safe Routes to School Project includes safety improvements such as new crosswalks and curb ramps, bulb-outs, intersection lighting, lane re-configuration, widening and upgrading the existing pathway to a Class I multi-use path, Class II bicycle lane widening to 5 feet, and a crosswalk with school-area signage.

### **Capital Improvement Budget**

Street, Traffic, and Transit Improvements

\$11m

Bike, Pedestrian, and Trail Improvements

\$6.4m

City Buildings

\$2.1m

Other Projects



Parks and Recreation Facilities



\$1.2m

#### **City Council**

Mayor Pat Eklund Mayor Pro Tem Eric Lucan Councilmember Denise Athas Councilmember Amy Peele Councilmember Susan Wernick

#### Novato Citizens Finance Committee

Chair Rafelina Maglio Vice Chair Mark Milberg

#### **Committee Members:**

Regina Bianucci Rus Caitrin Devine Cris MacKenzie Tim O'Connor Andrew Zmyslowski

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#### Get Involved - Attend a Meeting

The Novato City Council and Novato Citizens Finance Committee hold meetings regularly to discuss City business. Learn more about how to participate at an upcoming meeting at novato.org/agendas.

Novato City Council meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month 6:00pm Novato Citizens Finance Committee meetings 3rd Thursday of the month 7:30am

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See the 2021-2022 budget and other financial documents at novato.org/citybudget