

Maintaining Our Quality of Life: A 2019 Budget Update

Q: What is the City's fiscal situation?

A: Our City is proud of its award-winning budget and financial management. Our conservative, responsible fiscal safeguards ensure funds from our Fiscal Year 2019- 2021 budget continues to be spent to maintain our quality of life.

Q: How does this year's budget protect community priorities?

A: Our budget proudly reflects our award-winning budget and financial management practices. The City is committed to maintaining 911 emergency response while enhancing community policing and investment in code enforcement, community beautification, disaster preparedness, and drug and gang prevention programs that keep our children safe.

Q: Any challenges on the horizon?

A: Although Moreno Valley works hard to protect local services from State takeaways, Sacramento continues to find new ways to take millions from local cities like ours, including imposing expensive new regulations without any funding to implement them. The County is also increasing its costs for services used by our residents. These money grabs are impacting the City's ability to provide the services and programs at the levels our residents expect and deserve in the long term.

Q: How are local services impacted by increases and takeaways?

A: Public safety services are the top priority for Moreno Valley residents. Over 75% of the City's budget is devoted to public safety. Unfortunately, County bureaucrats continue to increase the cost of many of these services during a time the City is working to maintain and enhance safety services. Police costs may be going up 9.5%, over the next year as a result of County contract costs. Fire services may be going up another 5% for the exact same reason—pointing to the need for our city to be able to exercise more local control over funding and costs.

Q: What are the essential community priorities are addressed in this budget?

- Maintaining 911 emergency response times/services
- Maintaining robbery and burglary suppression programs
- Protecting local funds from State or regional money grabs
- Maintaining safe and clean public areas
- Repairing potholes, local streets, and roads
- Maintaining the number of sworn police officers on the streets and fire engines in service
- Improving fire protection services
- Enhancing recreation and youth programs and facilities

Q: How can I join the conversation about these issues?

A: We want to hear you from <u>you!</u> Please let us know <u>your</u> budget priorities by:

- "Balancing" Moreno Valley's budget using our balancing act tool. To access this application, please use this link, <u>click here</u>.
- Completing a community <u>feedback form</u> today to share your views and let us know what community priorities you want the City to maintain and enhance.

Q: Where can I get moreinformation?

A: View our City budget presentations, please use this link, <u>click here</u>. And stay tuned for future updates!