



PROPOSED CITY OF BEXLEY

2026 BUDGET

AS SUBMITTED OCTOBER 24, 2025
REVISION 1.0



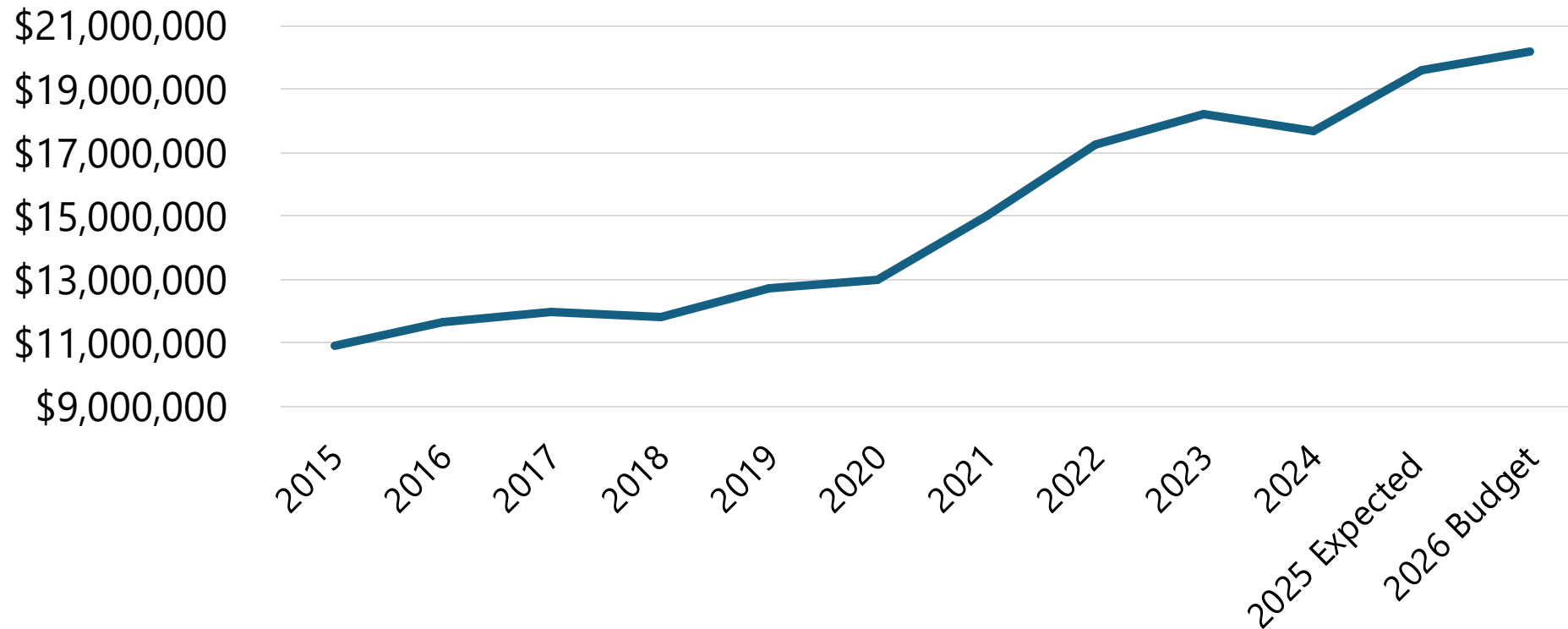
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS: GENERAL FUND

- Higher than expected 2025 year-end fund balance projected due to increases in income tax revenue and savings on City of Columbus Fire Contract
- Incorporates minor operating spending increases, mostly due to staff cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) and rising material costs
- Includes \$1.3 million in grant reimbursed expenses (with some carry over of grant funds not yet spent from prior years)
- Assumes 5% increase for contract with Columbus Division of Fire
- Includes contracted COLAs for bargaining unit employees (ranging from 3.5% to 4% depending on the unit)
- Expands code enforcement investment
- Includes new Social Services Coordinator position to advance mental health and resource navigation support goals
- Invests in expanded financial controls and cyber security
- Continues support for premium health and public safety services

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS: ALL FUNDS

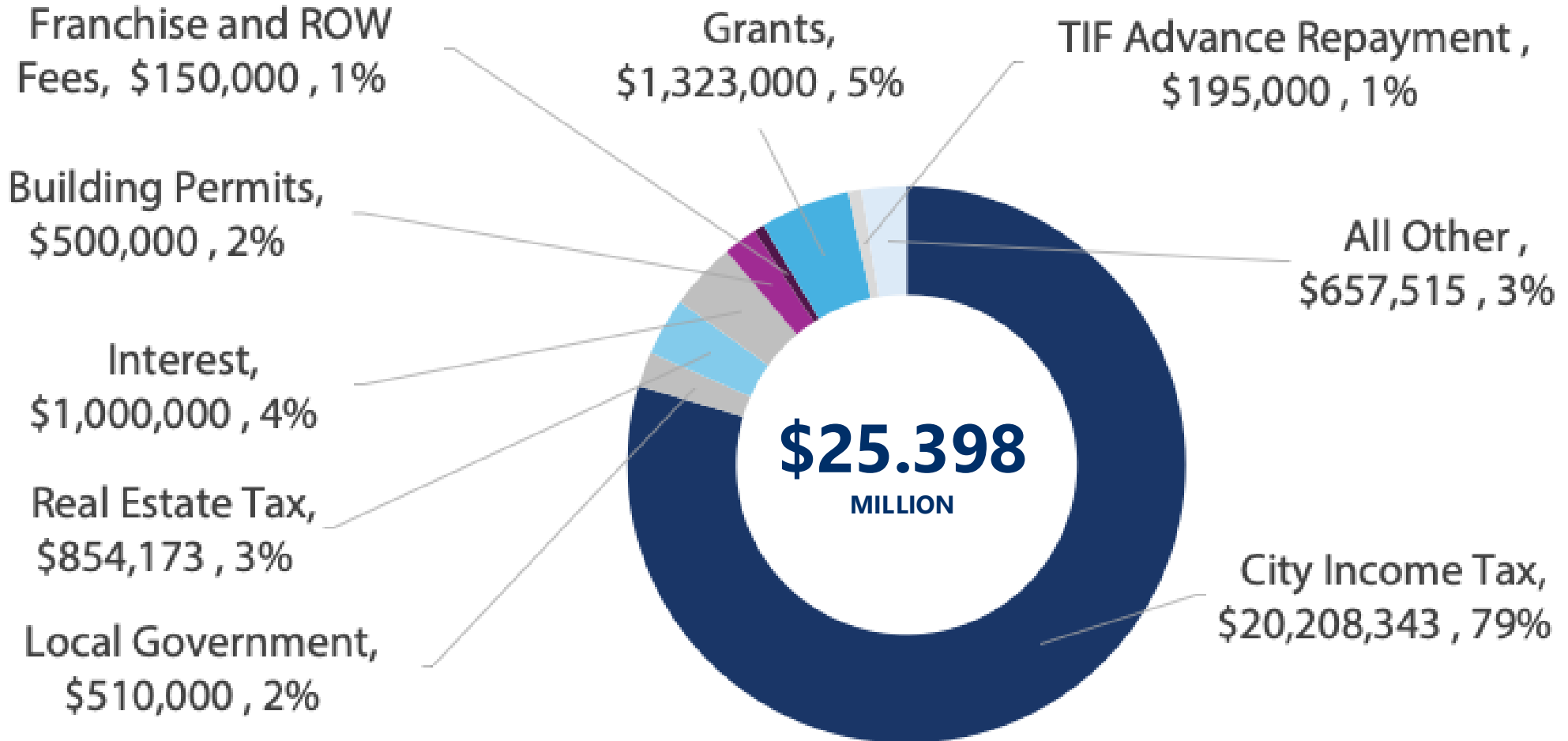
- Maintains healthy reserves across all funds, including the General Fund, Budget Stabilization Fund, and Pool Replacement and Infrastructure Development Fund (which can be used in emergency situations for operational needs)
- Advances goals and objectives of the City's strategic plans
- Includes new positions to support code enforcement, social services, and moving pool operations in-house ; 3% COLAs for non-bargaining unit employees
- Supports staff training and development
- Includes significant transfer to Infrastructure Development Fund to support environmental remediation efforts
- Incorporates funding for major capital improvement projects
- Invests in design and build out of the new senior center at 420 N. Cassady and includes rent for a temporary senior center location

10-YEAR INCOME TAX SUMMARY

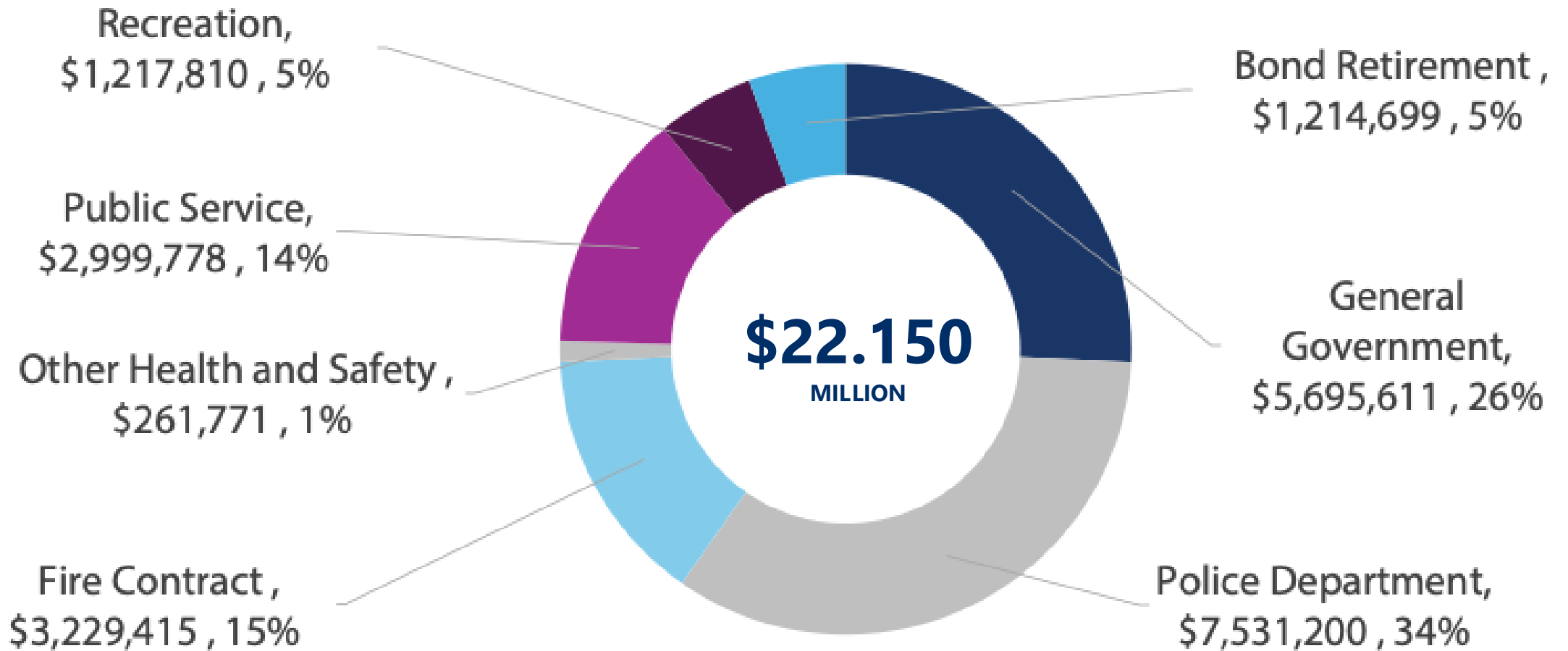


- Removing 2021/2022 (COVID-19 outliers), Bexley has approx. 4% annual income tax revenue growth
- 2026 Budget projects conservative 3% growth over 2025 expected income tax revenue
- Expected 2025 income tax revenue over \$2 million higher than budgeted

GENERAL FUND REVENUE



GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



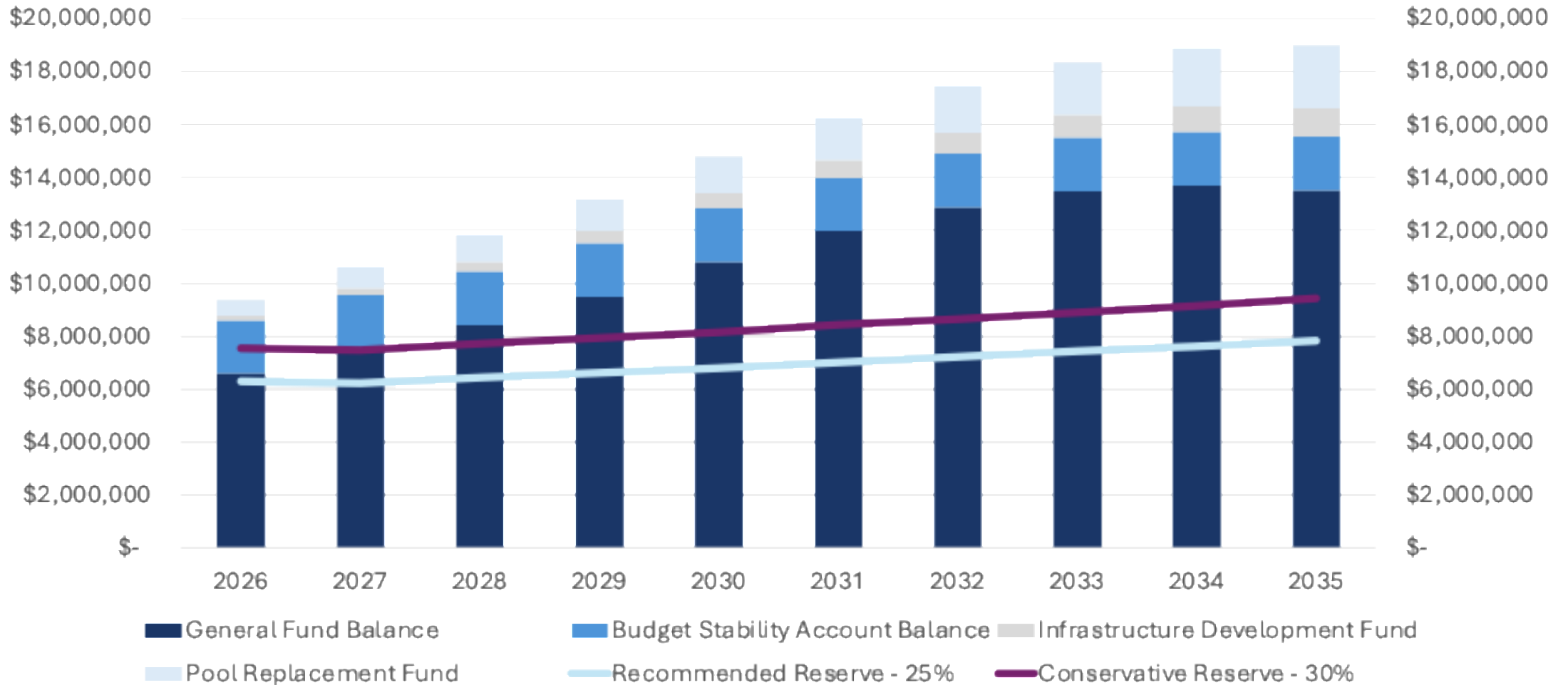
INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

General Fund Transfers	Late 2025	2026 Budget
Capital Improvement Fund	\$750,000	\$2,050,000
Street Fund		\$250,000
Recreation Fund Transfer		\$270,000
Infrastructure Development Fund	\$3,300,000	\$100,000
Pool Fund		\$125,000
Pool Replacement Fund		\$200,000
Employee Severance Payout Fund		\$30,000
Water Fund		\$295,000

10-YEAR PROJECTION ASSUMPTIONS

- 3% income tax revenue increase projection for 2026
- Slight increase in income tax in 2028 to account for The Fitzgerald
- Increase in property tax in 2030 to account for reassessment
- Significantly lower interest earnings
- 3.0% year-over-year wage increases (COLAs)
- 5% year-over-year health insurance cost increases

10-YEAR FUND BALANCE PROJECTIONS



DEBT SERVICE

