

Balance Your Own Version of Dubuque's City Budget



3 easy steps to learn & participate in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget process:

- 1 **Generate your taxpayer receipt** Instructions below
- 2 **Decide if our priorities are right.** Do you have different ideas of how to spend?
- 3 **Provide your feedback with our Balanced Budget simulation.** Instructions on the reverse side.

Where do your tax dollars go?

View your taxpayer receipt at: <http://bit.ly/2019TaxpayerReceipt>

Step 1: Answer a few simple questions

What's your annual income? ⓘ

This field is required.

What's your age?

What percentage of your shopping for goods and products do you do within the locality?

 %

Do you own a home? Yes No

What is the taxable value of your primary residence? ⓘ

Own More Than One?

The taxpayer receipt reflects only estimated funds collected and used by the City.

Click the information button for a link to Beacon, the City assessor's page. Search for your address to find the assessed value of your home.

[View Your Estimated Tax Receipt](#)

Step 2: Check out your estimated taxpayer receipt



Share this cool tool with your friends & family!

Click the information button to view what is included in the expense

Public Safety	\$450.92
Police ⓘ	\$250.35
Fire ⓘ	\$171.45
Emergency Communications Center (E911) ⓘ	\$18.16
Building Code Enforcement ⓘ	\$9.56
Emergency Management ⓘ	\$1.41
Health and Social Services	\$17.89
Human Rights ⓘ	\$8.42
Health Services ⓘ	

Your total is at the bottom. Click the information icon to view the split between property and sales tax

TOTAL: ⓘ \$826.23

Use the budget simulation to balance the City budget at: bit.ly/2020DBQBudgetInput

How do YOU think the City of Dubuque should spend its money?

The City budget is a balancing act. Use our budget simulation to try it yourself at: bit.ly/2020DBQBudgetInput

Step 1: Learn about Revenue and Spending

Public Safety: \$29.6m

Police: \$15.5m

\$15.5m
\$0.00
\$15.5m

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Click the information icon for to view what is included in the amount

Click More Details for more information, statistics & photos

More Information

Includes Administration, Community Orientated Policing, Criminal Investigation, Patrol and Staff Services. Authorized Strength - 109 Sworn Staff. 119.56 full-time equivalents.

More Details

Police: \$15.5m

Step 2: Answer Scenario Questions

Culture and Recreation: \$12.7m

Five Flags Civic Center: \$981,500

What option for the Five Flags Civic Center should be selected?

Choose one:

Some categories include scenario questions on budget options for you to vote on your preference. Notice how choosing different options will impact the budget.

Step 3: Adjust spending and revenue categories & provide comments

Increase budget amount



Decrease budget amount



Reset to original budget amount



Public Safety: \$29.6m

Police: \$15.5m

\$15.5m
\$0.00
\$15.5m

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Click comment to leave your input on the budget

Share

Click Share to share on social media or Email

Adjusting the Property Tax Rate on the Revenue side is one option for offsetting increased spending

Property Taxes: 10.59% rate

\$26.5m
\$0.00
\$26.5m

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Step 4: Submit a Balanced Budget

The indicator tells you how much money you need to adjust to get in balance. The City of Dubuque is required by law to submit a balanced budget.

You are in deficit.

-\$670,000

Submit

[Reset all to start over](#)

Is everything in balance?

Submit your budget to let us know what you think! Budgets are submitted anonymously and demographic exit questions are optional

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Questions on Balancing Act or want to a request a group presentation of the software? Contact the Budget Office at 563-589-4110