



Community Feedback on the Proposed 2024-25 Budget

This report transmits the budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department for April 23 through May 16, 2024, and social media statistics.

Summary

This report provides community feedback on the proposed Fiscal Year 2024-25 Trial Budget received by the Budget and Research Department via phone and email for April 23 through May 16, 2024. Community feedback on the budget is an important component of the annual budget process and is provided to the City Council ahead of final budget decisions scheduled for May 21, 2024.

Attachment A transmits a summary of electronic, voicemail and FundPHX comments regarding the budget from April 23 through May 16, 2024, and social media statistics. Prior community feedback reports are available on the Budget and Research webpage at phoenix.gov/budget. Comments received are responded to by Budget and Research staff and/or the appropriate City department, as necessary.

Summary of Community Feedback

Below is a summary of comments received on the proposed budget as of May 7, 2024. The summary includes topics with two or more comments received. Staff has received a total of 436 comments from 186 individuals as of May 16, 2024. Several residents commented multiple times on the same topic.

Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:

- (48) additional funding for legal counsel for individuals facing eviction.
- (45) additional funding to increase the number of drinking fountains in City parks and facilities.
- (30) additional funding for library hours and services.
- (30) additional funding for Fire Department positions and equipment.
- (29) additional funding for affordable housing.
- (24) additional funding for homeless services.
- (17) additional funding for road safety initiatives like Vision Zero and street

preservation projects.

- (12) additional funding to extend heat support services until 10 p.m.
- (9) additional funding for Arts and Culture.
- (7) additional funding for permanent housing.
- (7) additional funding for park safety.
- (7) additional funding for the Police Department.
- (6) additional funding for cricket fields with additional lighting in South Phoenix.
- (5) support for the budget surplus.
- (5) additional funding for public safety.
- (5) additional funding for park infrastructure and improvements.
- (4) additional funding for heat initiatives that include heat resiliency and tree planting.
- (3) additional funding for neighborhood clean-ups.
- (3) additional funding for the Office of Homeless Solutions.
- (3) additional funding for youth programs.
- (2) additional funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (2) additional funding for Camelback Corridor revitalization.
- (2) additional funding to build more community centers.
- (2) additional funding to develop properties from 24th to 28th streets to be used as a "hub" for youth and youth programs.
- (2) additional funding for preservation of historic assets Citywide.
- (2) additional funding for public restrooms at City parks to be cleaned regularly.
- (2) additional funding to bring retail space to South Mountain Village.
- (2) additional funding to add a traffic light at Cave Creek and Desert Cove roads.
- (2) additional funding for bike safety infrastructure.

Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:

- (20) reduce funding for the Police Department.
- (4) reduce funding for road initiatives like Vision Zero.
- (2) reduce General Obligation (GO) Bond amounts so property taxes don't increase.
- (2) reduce funding for the Green New Deal.
- (2) reduce/oppose the budget surplus.
- (2) reduce/oppose funding for homeless services.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by City Manager Jeffrey Barton and the Budget and Research Department.

ATTACHMENT A

VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, FUNDPHX AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS RESPONDED TO April 23, 2024 – May 16, 2024, AND SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

Emails

There have been no new written budget comments since April 22, 2024.

Voicemails

1. Leslie Chavez left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
2. Francisco Jimenez left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
3. Adelina Gonzales left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
4. Francisco Luna left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
5. Estella Bermejo left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
6. Christina left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
7. Concepcion left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the

Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.

8. Marisela left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
9. Olga left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
10. Ben Laughlin left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
11. Luke left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.
12. Jessica Blanco left a voicemail in support of placing a water station outside of the Maryvale Community Center, extending heat support services until 10 p.m. for the unhoused, permanently fund legal services for evictions to include individuals with illegal resident status and does not support continued funding to the Police Department.

FundPHX Comments from March 20, 2024, to May 7, 2024

1. Paula Milner recommended the city stop approving the development of multi-unit buildings due to limited water resources. Ms. Milner also stated the increase in development brings increased traffic and pollution.
2. Erin Morrison recommended the city stop subsidizing vehicles and instead prioritize street improvements that protect pedestrians, cyclists, and other vulnerable road users. Ms. Morrison would also like to see more services for the unhoused.
3. Natalie Davenport recommended a stop light along Cave Creek, between

Hatcher Road and Cactus Road due to increased speeding.

4. Benjamin Joiner recommended funds be reduced in the patrol division of the Phoenix Police Department and added to non-police responders, such as mental health professionals, counselors and health and well-being specialists.
5. David Ramirez recommended an audit of police spending and instead invest the funds back into the communities.
6. Kristin Heggli recommended additional funding for protected bike lanes, HAWK signals to help turn safe neighborhood streets into cycling routes and would also assist with connecting transit riders to bus stops and transit stations. Ms. Heggli would also like to see additional funding for pedestrian infrastructure to include natural and artificial shade projects.

Social media stats from March 25, 2024, to May 7, 2024, are as follows:

Facebook – 14 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

1. 409 Views
2. 54 Likes/Reactions
3. 16 Shares
4. 5 Comments

X (Twitter) – 3 City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts)

1. 40 Views/Impressions
2. 2 Retweets
3. 6 Likes

YouTube – 11 City of Phoenix Videos

1. 1,146 Views
2. 1 Comment

Respectfully submitted,

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