



Community Feedback on the Proposed 2023-24 Budget

This report transmits budget comments received by the Budget and Research Department from April 29 through May 5, 2023, social media statistics, and the latest FundPHX Report.

Summary

During the months of April and May, staff provides reports to City Council summarizing comments on the budget received by the Budget and Research Department via phone, email, and the FundPHX interactive budget tool. Staff also provides summary minutes from all 12 Community Budget Hearings, which were held April 3 through April 15, 2023. 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 16, 2023.

Attachment A transmits a summary of electronic and voicemail comments regarding the budget from April 29 through May 5, 2023, and social media statistics. **Attachment B** transmits the 2023-24 City Manager's Proposed Trial Budget FundPHX report, which includes comments received in the tool from residents for the time period of March 30 through May 2, 2023.

Community feedback reports, including the FundPHX report, 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.

Summary of Community Feedback

Below is a summary of comments received on the budget as of the week ending May 5, 2023. The summary includes topics with two or more comments received. All comments are included in **Attachments A and B**.

Comments for additional funding/support of the budget:

- (160) additional funding to create cricket fields and amenities.

- (33) additional funding for park improvements.
- (33) additional funding for public bathrooms.
- (31) additional funding for Arts and Culture.
- (31) additional funding to provide free public transit.
- (29) additional funding for individuals experiencing homelessness and vulnerable populations.
- (29) additional funding to provide free public WiFi.
- (25) additional funding for home weatherization efforts.
- (19) additional funding for bike lanes and infrastructure.
- (17) additional funding for 24/7 park ranger coverage.
- (17) additional funding for public safety.
- (14) additional funding for Rogers Ranch Park.
- (14) additional funding for street improvements.
- (12) additional funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (10) additional funding for Library services and hours.
- (9) support for additional types of budget hearings.
- (9) additional funding to address neighborhood and community blight.
- (9) additional funding for parking enforcement.
- (8) additional funding for affordable housing.
- (8) additional funding for public transit expansion.
- (8) additional funding for street cleanups.
- (7) additional funding for employee compensation.
- (7) additional funding for street pedestrian bridges.
- (6) additional funding for healthy giving signage.
- (5) additional funding for Community Court.
- (5) additional funding for historic preservation.
- (5) additional funding for roadway safety.
- (5) additional funding for trees and shade.
- (4) support for moving the Community Medical Services methadone clinic on I-17 and Cactus Road.
- (4) additional funding for mental health services.
- (4) additional funding for public safety near 29th Avenue and Cactus Road.
- (4) additional funding for water conservation.
- (3) additional funding for Americans with Disabilities Act improvements.
- (3) additional funding for bus stop improvements.
- (3) additional funding for the Cactus Park Police Precinct.
- (3) additional funding for citywide infrastructure improvements.

- (3) additional funding for civilian police assistants.
- (3) additional funding for a park in the Lake Biltmore area.
- (3) additional funding for a Parks and Recreation Volunteer Coordinator position.
- (3) additional funding and/or support for public education and schools.
- (3) additional funding for public health.
- (2) additional funding for community engagement efforts.
- (2) additional funding for community safety and improvements in the MC Cash Elementary neighborhood.
- (2) additional funding for the park on Samantha Way.
- (2) support for improving the permitting process.
- (2) additional funding for the Phoenix 311 App.
- (2) additional funding for a Police station in Laveen.
- (2) additional funding for Sueño Park.

Comments for reduced funding/opposition of the budget:

- (3) reduce funding for employee compensation.
- (2) reduce funding for Community Bridges, Inc.
- (2) reduce funding for the Gated Alley Program.
- (2) reduce/oppose funding for 24/7 park ranger coverage.
- (2) reduce funding for the Police Department.

Responsible Department

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

ATTACHMENT A

VOICEMAIL, ELECTRONIC, AND WRITTEN BUDGET COMMENTS RESPONDED TO APRIL 29, 2023 – MAY 5, 2023 AND SOCIAL MEDIA STATISTICS

Emails

There have been no new emails since April 28, 2023.

Voicemails

There have been no new voicemails since April 17, 2023.

Social media stats from March 20, 2023, to May 5, 2023, are as follows:

40 City of Phoenix Facebook Posts

- 3,924 views
- 135 likes/reactions
- 38 shares
- 62 comments

61 City of Phoenix Tweets (across three City accounts, including the City's bilingual account) posts

- 16,123 views/impressions
- 86 likes
- 17 comments
- 42 retweets

12 City of Phoenix YouTube Videos (live budget hearings)

- 1,336 views
- 2 comments

One City of Phoenix TikTok post

- 16 likes
- 2 reposts
- 411 views

Respectfully submitted,

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City of Phoenix

FundPHX Report 2023-24 City Manager's Trial Budget

Executive Summary

FundPHX is an online budget tool designed to educate and engage the public in the city’s annual budget process. The tool gives residents an opportunity to balance the city’s \$134 million General Fund surplus, provide feedback on current funding levels and share community priorities with city staff.

The FundPHX report is organized by City Council district and includes submissions and comments from March 30 - May 2. Each report includes the total number of submissions received, either the average submission per district or the percentage of "yes" or "no" submissions as applicable for each proposed item included in this year's trial budget, and all comments received. Comments received via FundPHX are also responded to by Budget and Research staff as appropriate. Submissions were received from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

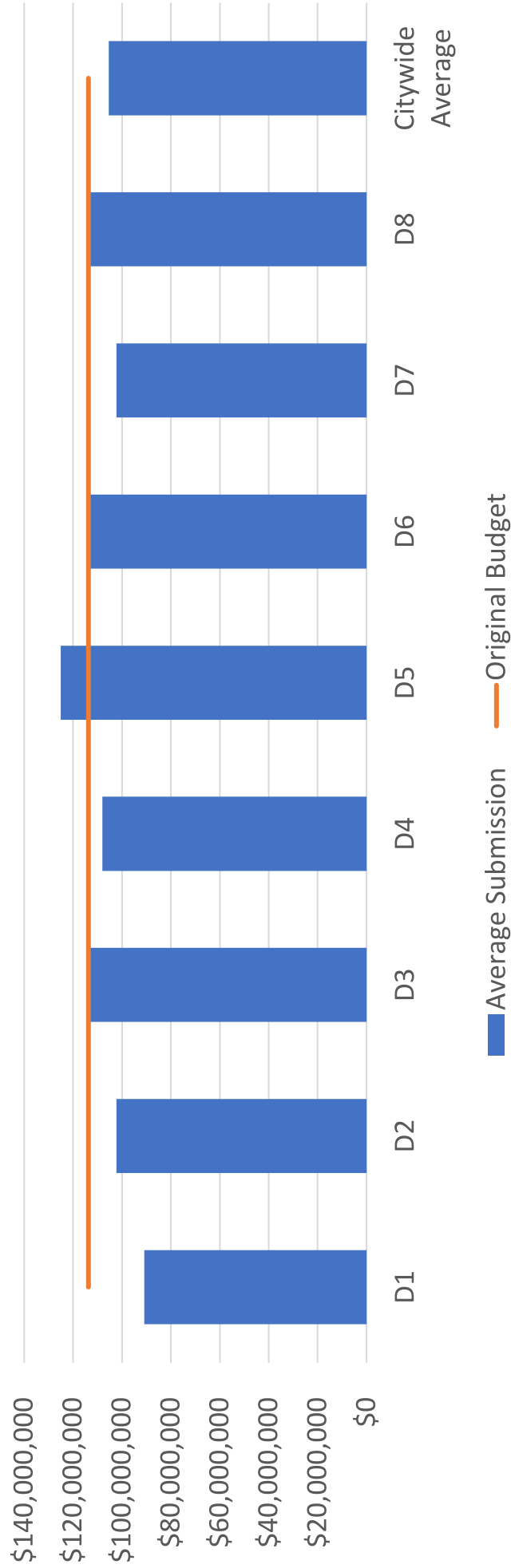
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Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Employee Compensation

The City is experiencing significant vacancies across all departments due to the competitive labor market. Approximately 85 percent of the \$134 million surplus is proposed for employee compensation to ensure the City can attract and retain the best talent.



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$90,912,800	\$102,276,900	\$113,641,000	\$107,958,950	\$125,005,100	\$113,641,000	\$102,276,900	\$113,641,000	\$105,376,200
Original Budget	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000	\$113,641,000
Average Net Change	(\$22,728,200)	(\$11,364,100)	\$0	(\$5,682,050)	\$11,364,100	\$0	(\$11,364,100)	\$0	(\$8,264,800)

Employee Compensation

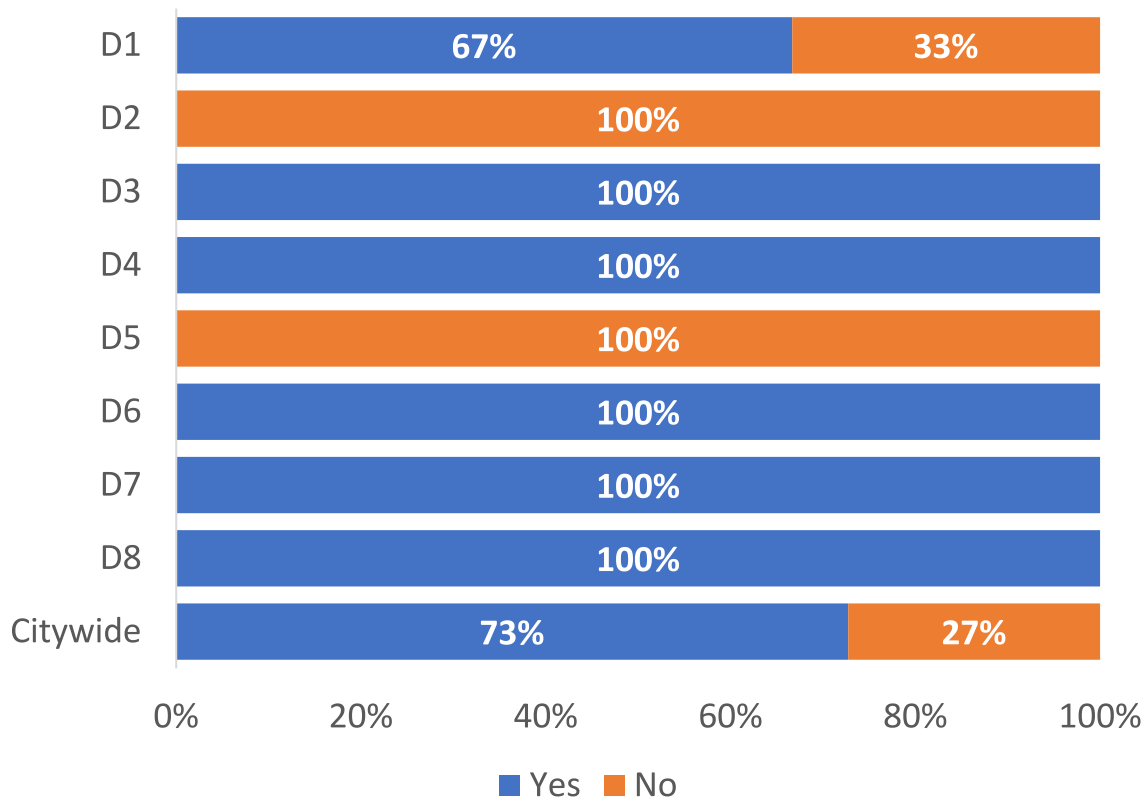
Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for increasing compensation for City of Phoenix employees to ensure the organization can pay competitive wages. Ms. Dizon also stressed the importance of giving higher raises for harder to fill positions that impact city residents, referencing delayed bulk trash collection and delays in resolution when reporting a problem to the myPHX311 application.
2. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) expressed opposition for increasing employee compensation. Ms. Borgardt explained that the City's pension system is costly and the City should remove the pension benefit. She believes the funds could be used better elsewhere noting issues with landscape, trash, and street maintenance.

Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Client Services: \$500,000

Add funding to compensate for the loss of Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) funding from the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES). Administrative changes in the DES funding process have resulted in a loss of revenue to the City's program. This anticipated reduction will negatively impact the City's ability to adequately staff the LIHEAP program, resulting in reduced levels of service to residents qualifying for home energy assistance. The addition helps ensure continued service.

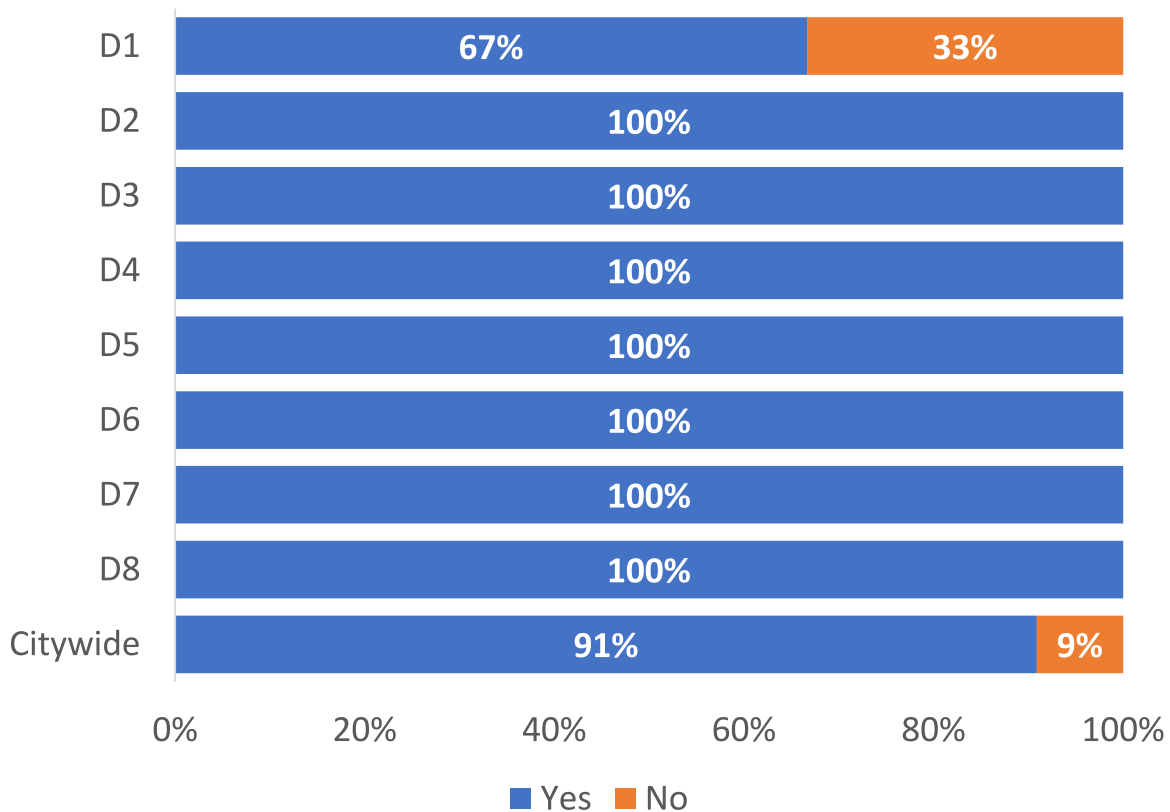


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Victim Advocacy Services: \$450,000

Add funding to offset expiring Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding. These funds will enhance the department's ability to provide domestic violence and sexual assault referrals, reducing caseloads, preventing case backlogs, and maintaining adequate response times.

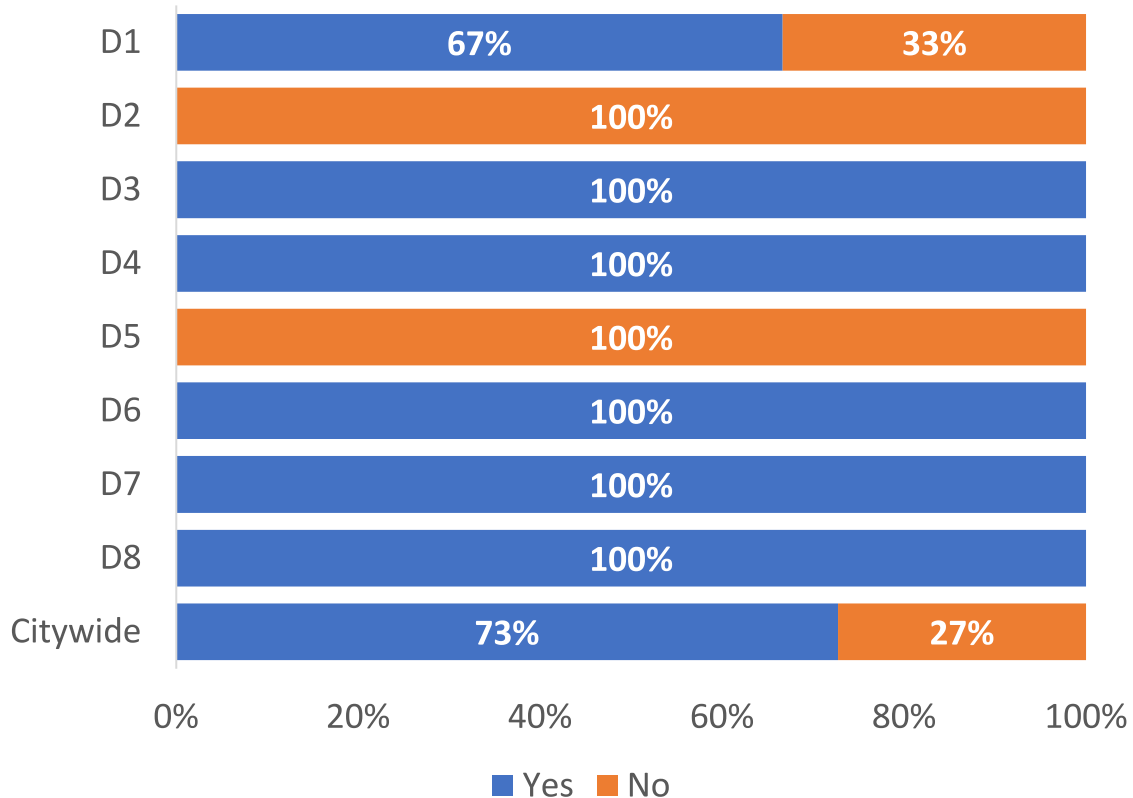


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Outreach Services: \$600,000

Add funding to expand the department's Behavioral Health Engagement Teams (BET) contract. BET teams provide outreach to specific and targeted areas of the city that are experiencing high instances of substance abuse and behavioral health issues, which may contribute to people experiencing homelessness.

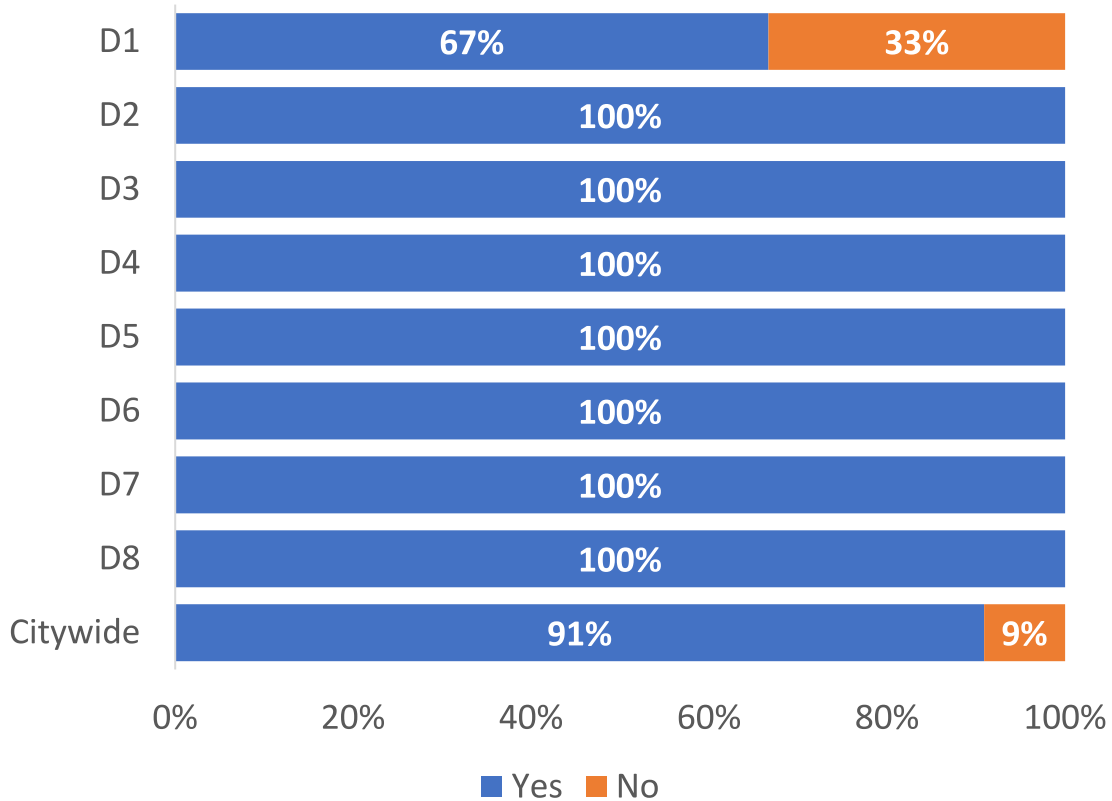


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Community Engagement: \$600,000

Add funding to expand the department's PHX CARES Outreach Teams contract. The expansion will dedicate teams to hot spots throughout the city where there are high concentrations of encampments. The teams will provide outreach from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days per week, with the goal of reducing people experiencing homelessness.

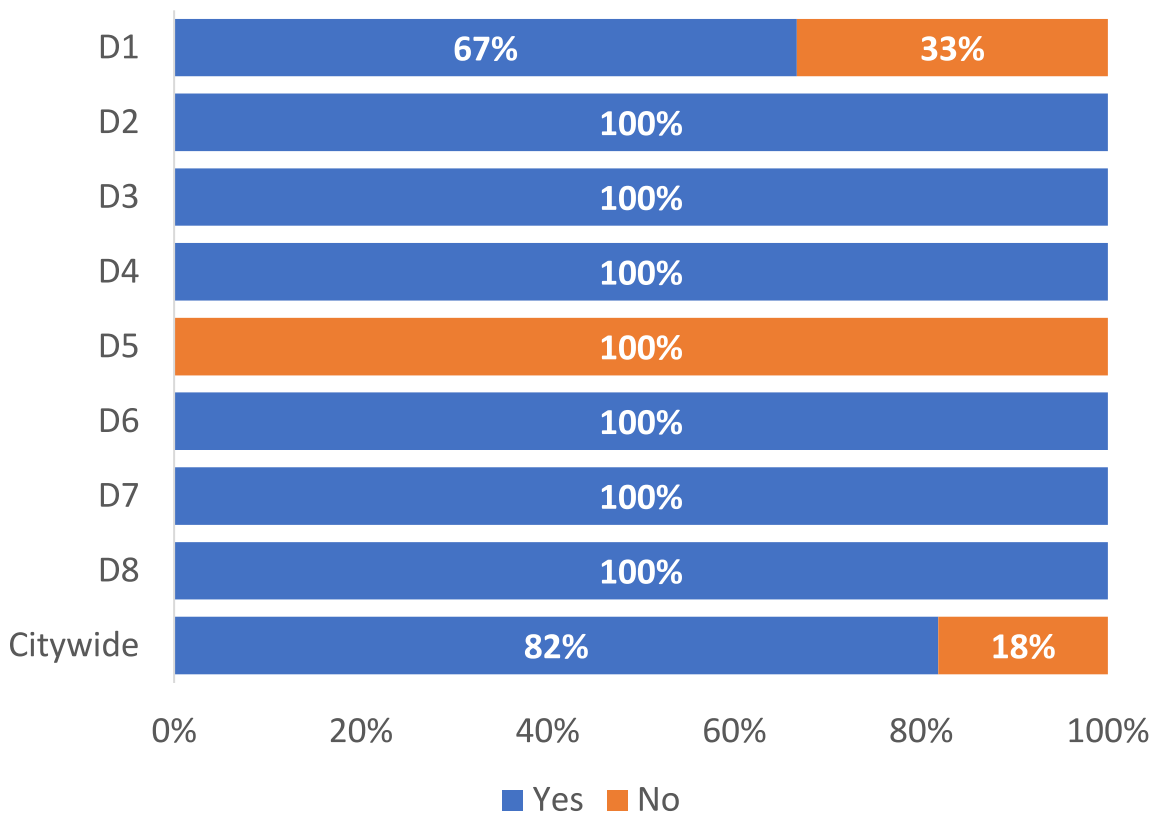


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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

Human Services – Homeless Emergency Services: \$5,200,000

Add funding needed to continue emergency services for shelter operations throughout the city serving individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness.



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Continuity of Services for Vulnerable Populations

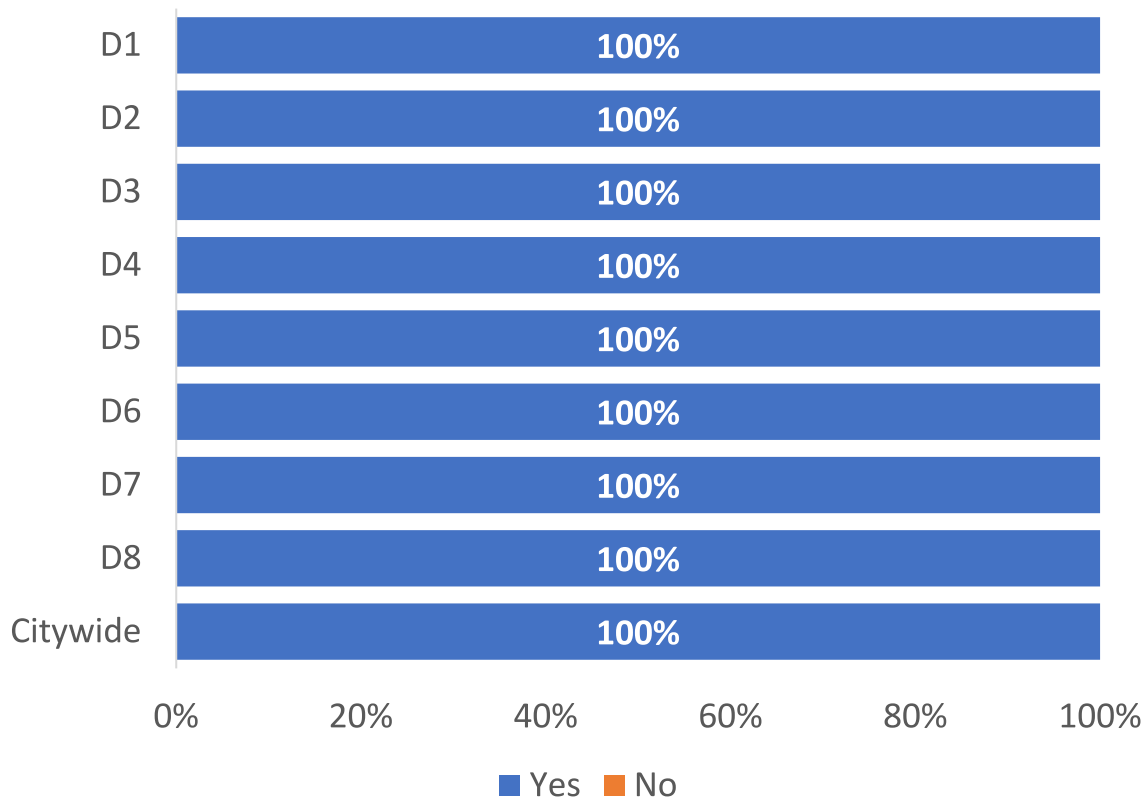
Comments:

1. Aland Kuang (District 1) expressed support for additional funding to expand the department's PHX CARES Outreach Teams contract. The expansion will dedicate teams to hot spots throughout the city where there are high concentrations of encampments. The teams will provide outreach from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m., seven days per week, with the goal of reducing people experiencing homelessness. Mr. Kuang would like the City to track its performance for Homeless Community Engagement to measure that it is delivering value. Mr. Kuang supports additional funding to offset expiring Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) grant funding. He would like to know how these positions would be held accountable.
2. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for the Homeless Emergency Services initiative and requested accountability measures be implemented in the process. She mentioned that the number of unsheltered homeless continues to rise and the City cannot keep up with the number of shelter beds, so those experiencing homelessness are shuffling between parks, private property, public easements, and right of way.
3. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) expressed support for expanding the Human Services Behavioral Health Engagement Teams (BET) contract for Homeless Outreach Services, and stressed the importance of taking action to create positive change in addition to research. Ms. Borgardt also expressed support for the Homeless Emergency Services initiative. She commented that the homelessness situation is getting worse and the City needs to focus on solutions.

Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response: \$2,000,000

Add funding for twenty-four sworn positions (four Fire Captains, four Fire Engineers, and sixteen Firefighters) to provide dedicated staffing for the new Fire Station 74, located at 19th Avenue and Chandler Boulevard. The Fire Department intends to hire personnel to staff this fire station beginning January 2024. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$3,796,000.

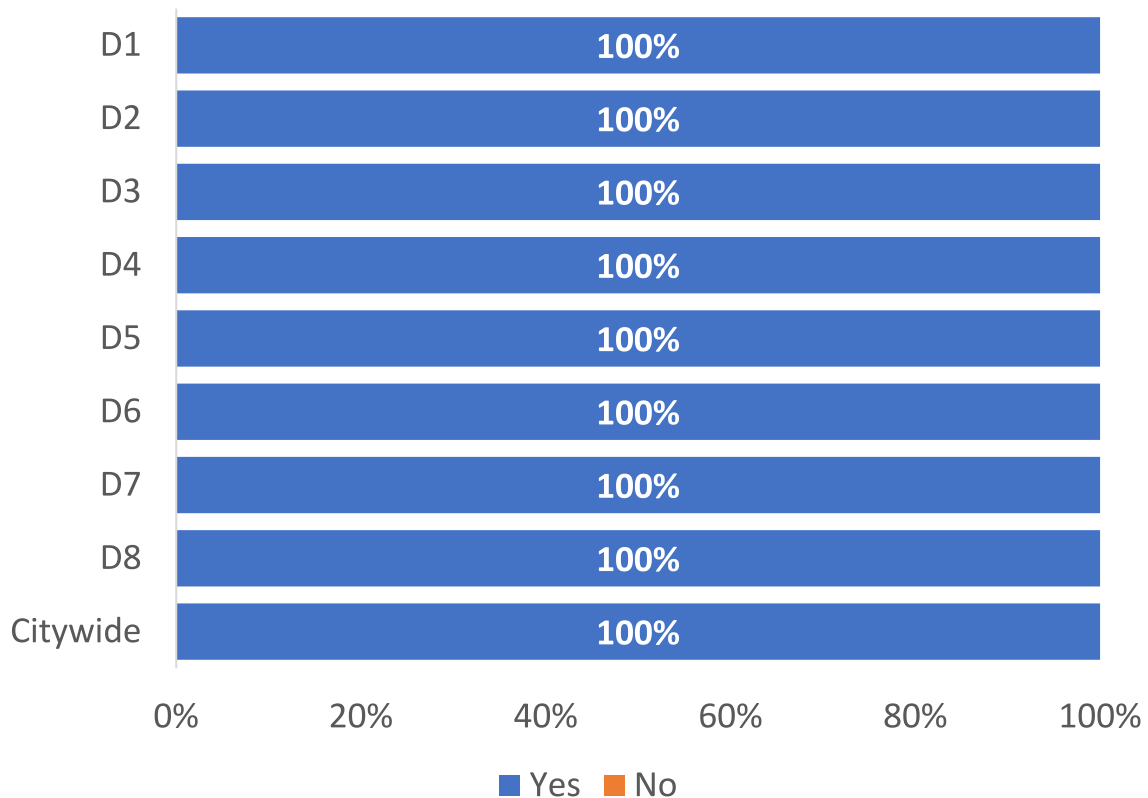


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Emergency Medical Services and Hazardous Incident Response: \$1,400,000

Add funding for seven new sworn positions (Firefighters) and one new vehicle (ambulance) to provide dedicated staffing and apparatus for one new Rescue unit. These positions and equipment will significantly improve service delivery citywide. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchases, will be \$1,049,000.

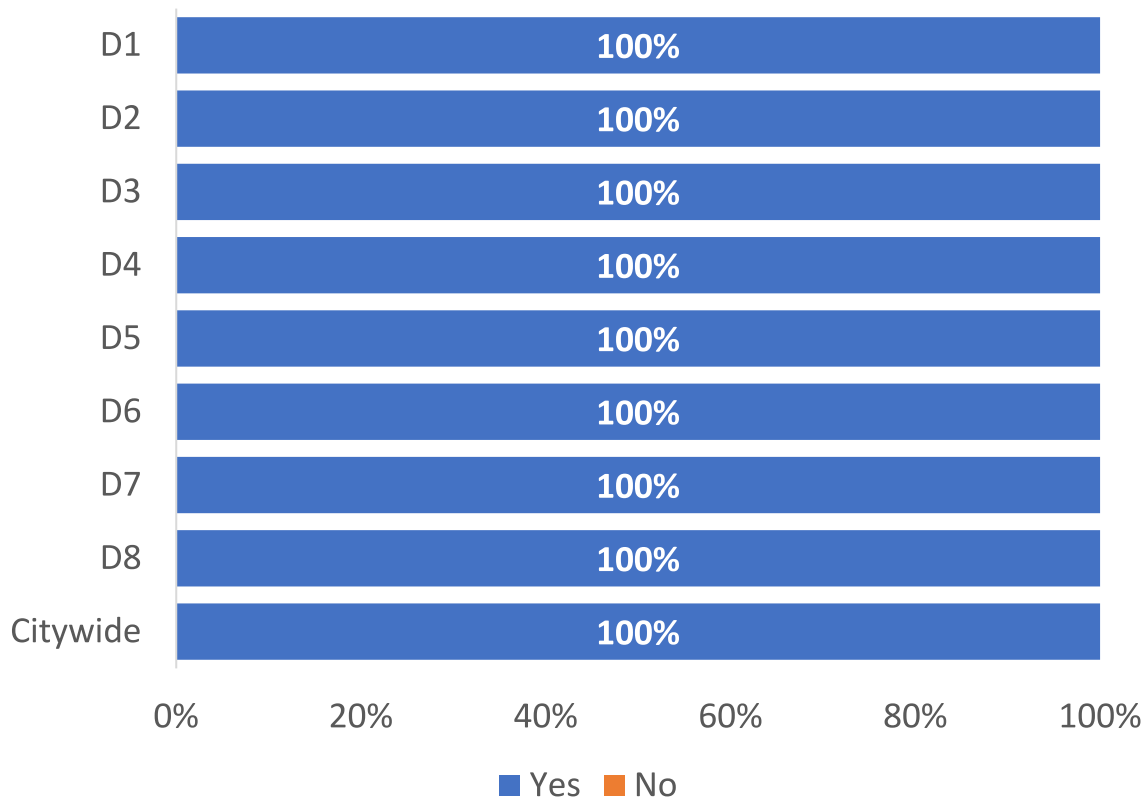


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Fire – Administration: \$71,000

Add funding for a new Human Resources Aide position to support the processing of payroll and leave transactions for the Fire Department. This addition will reduce the number of transactions per employee to reduce human errors in the payroll process and ensure that employees are paid correctly. The full year ongoing cost, excluding initial equipment purchases, will be \$69,000.

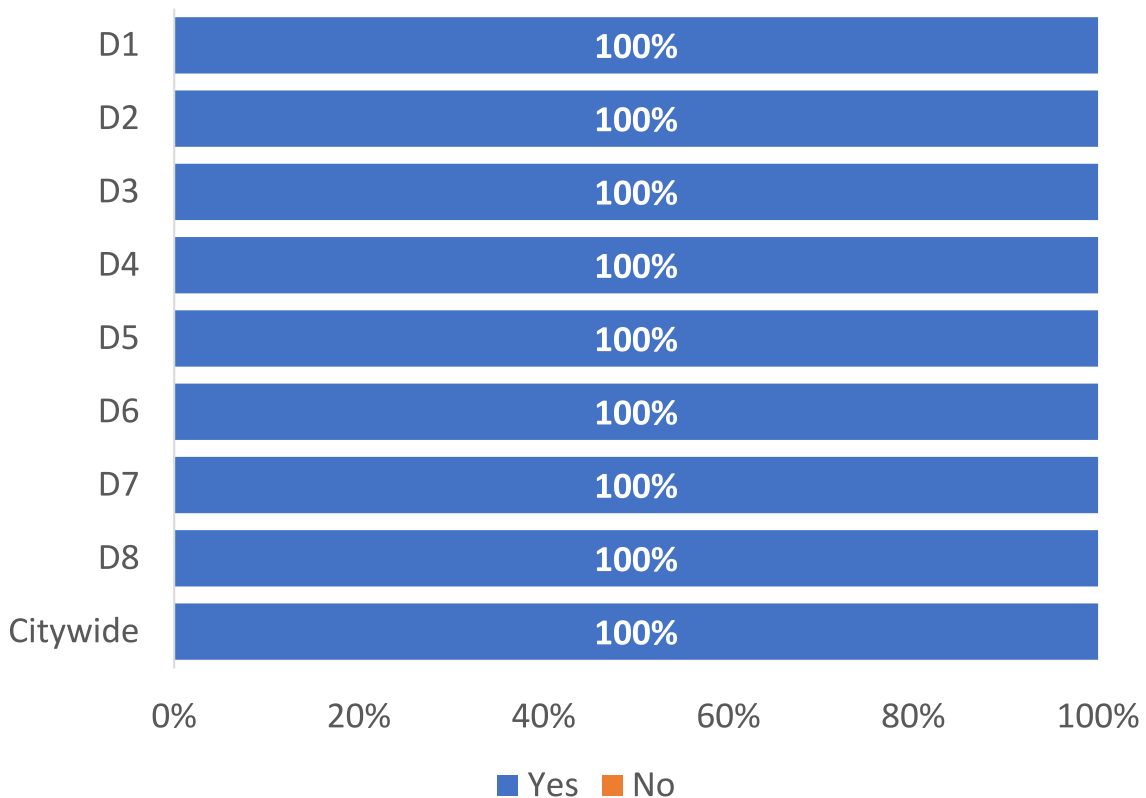


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Law – Criminal Division – Victim Services Unit: \$344,000

Fund five Federal Victim of Crime Act Assistance (VOCA) Fund grant positions with General Funds. Grantees were informed funding will be reduced by 50-60% beginning fiscal year 2023-24. These positions provide services to victims and assistance to comply with mandated victims' rights. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$447,000.

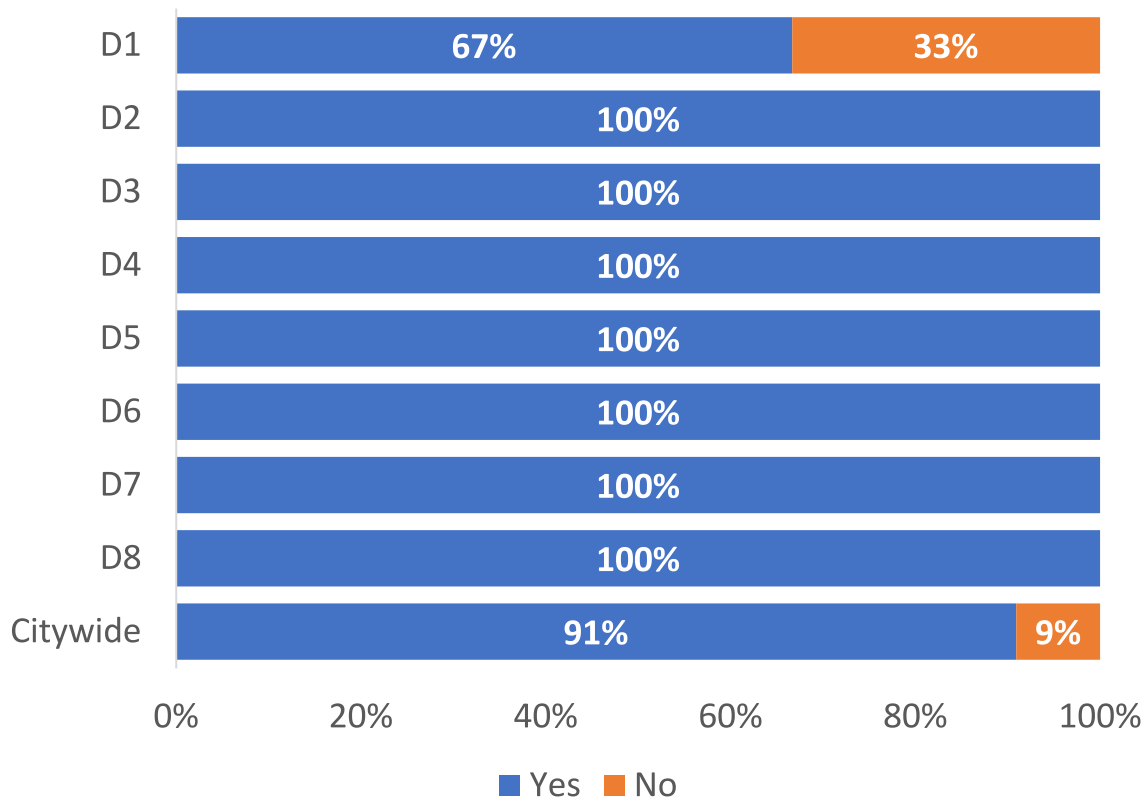


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Law – Civil Division: \$0

Add four Management Assistant II and two Assistant City Attorney IV positions. Convert from temporary to ongoing status a Chief Assistant City Attorney, an Assistant Chief Counsel, a Management Assistant II, and a Special Projects Administrator. These positions are needed to facilitate and coordinate immediate and ongoing needs related to the Department of Justice investigation of the Phoenix Police Department. The cost of these positions will be offset with salary savings within the Police Department budget.

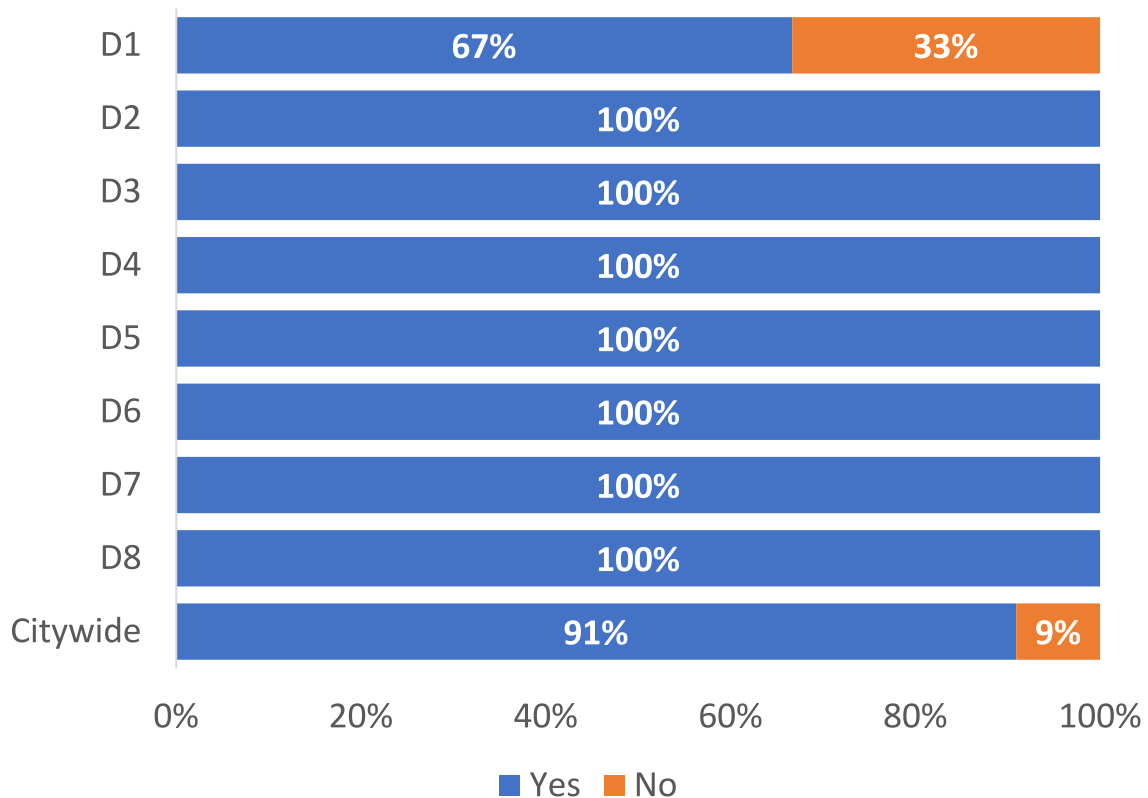


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #1): \$0

Add funding for 20 Civilian Investigator positions and related equipment to support the department's ongoing civilianization efforts. These positions perform select investigative functions and enhance investigative capacity, provide staffing flexibility, and allow the department to use sworn staff where they are most needed. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$1,917,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

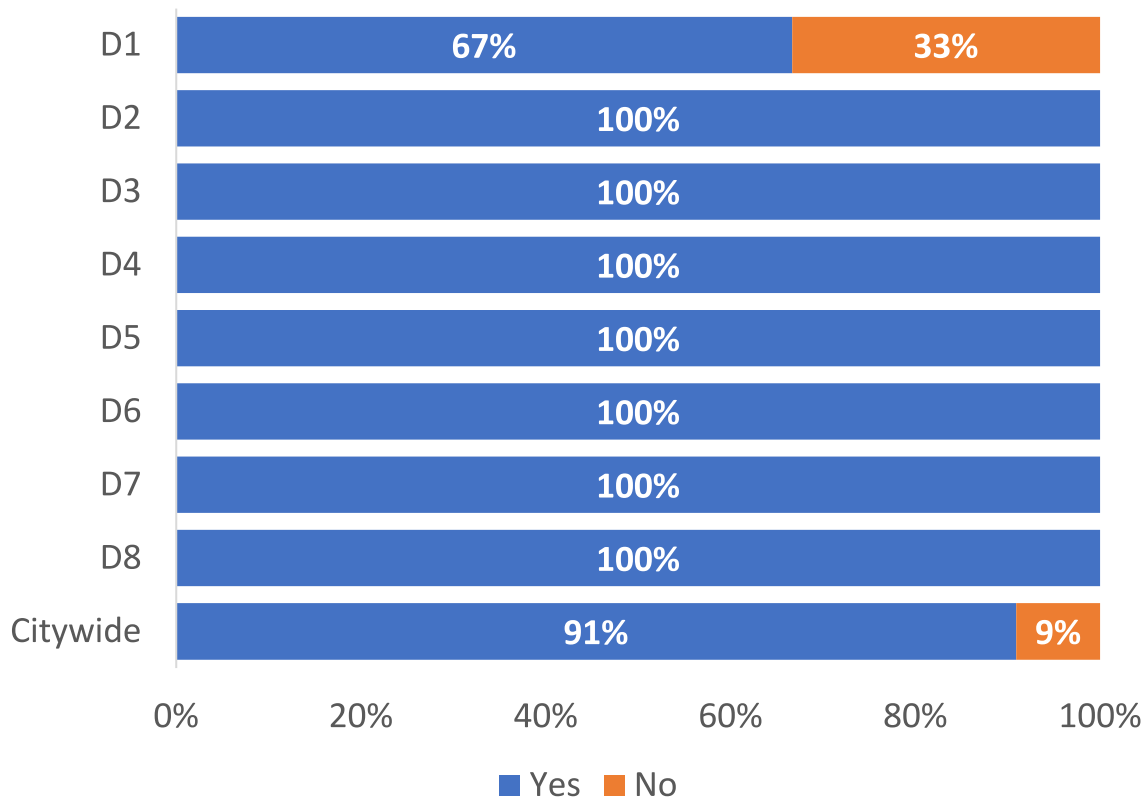


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #2): \$0

Add funding for three Police Research Analyst positions and three Criminal Intelligence Analyst positions and related equipment to the Investigations and Patrol Divisions and the Compliance and Oversight Bureau as part of the department's ongoing civilianization efforts. These positions will provide key analytics and research work to support a variety of department efforts, including work with the Office of Accountability and Transparency and the Professional Standards Bureau addressing community concerns. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$575,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

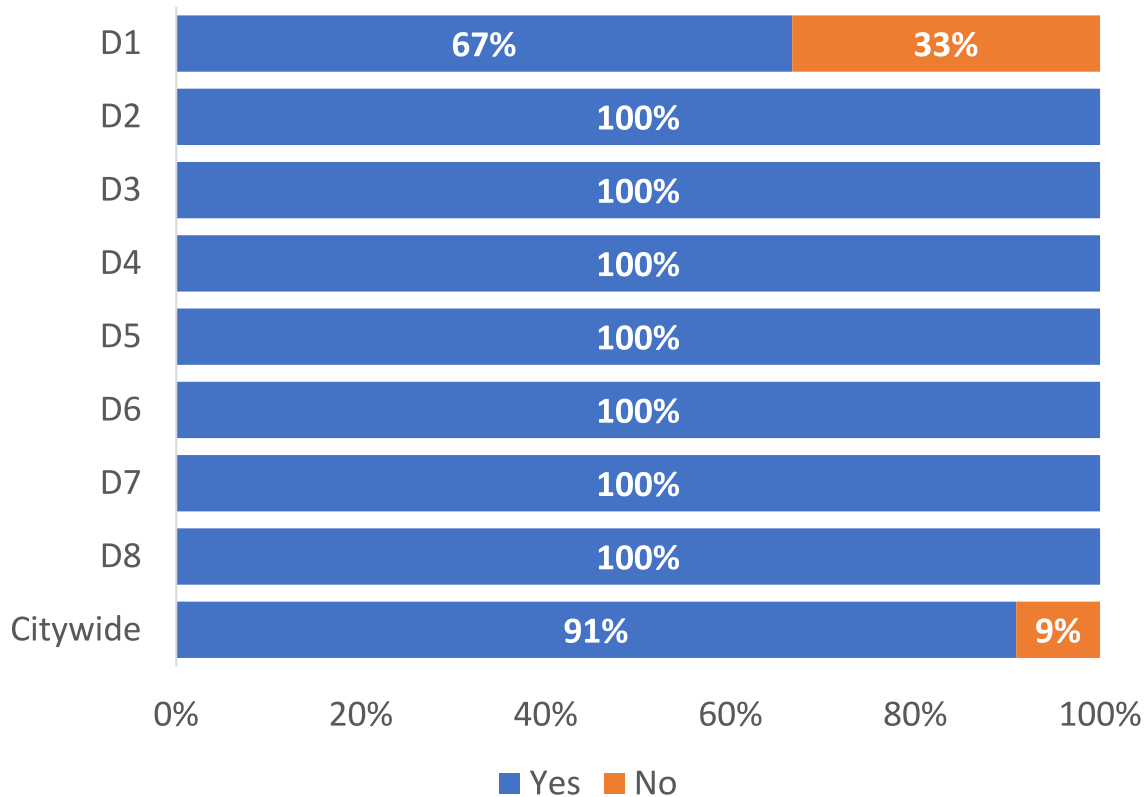


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Various (Item #3): \$0

Add funding for 10 Police Assistant positions, vehicles, and related equipment to the Patrol Division and Logistical Resources Bureau. The Police Department recently partnered with Arizona State University in a collaborative assessment of calls for service, resulting in the identification of four call types that could best be performed by Police Assistants. Among other tasks, these positions will ensure the integrity of chain of custody and preservation of property. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$680,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

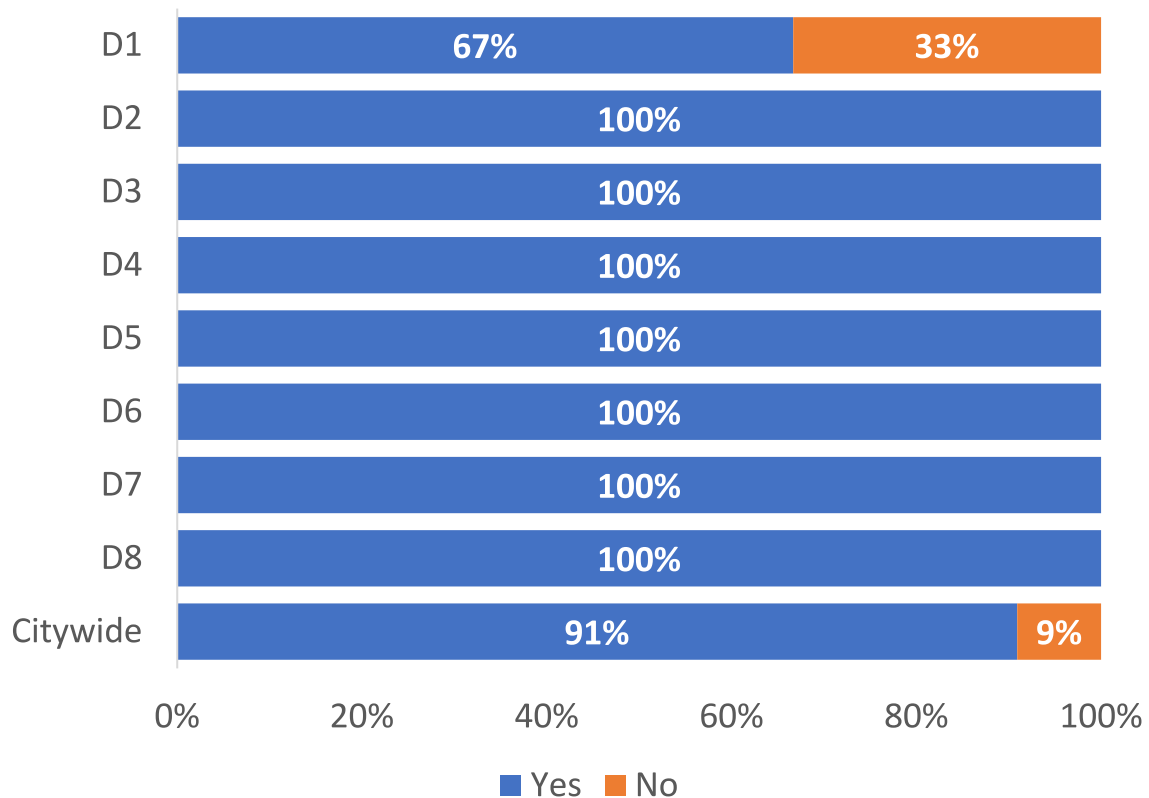


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Training Bureau: \$0

Training, ALEA & AZPOST: Add funding for four Civilian Curriculum and Training Coordinator positions working as Law Enforcement Training Specialists in the Training Bureau. These positions are needed to enhance training capacity, benefitting both new recruits and existing sworn staff. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$384,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.

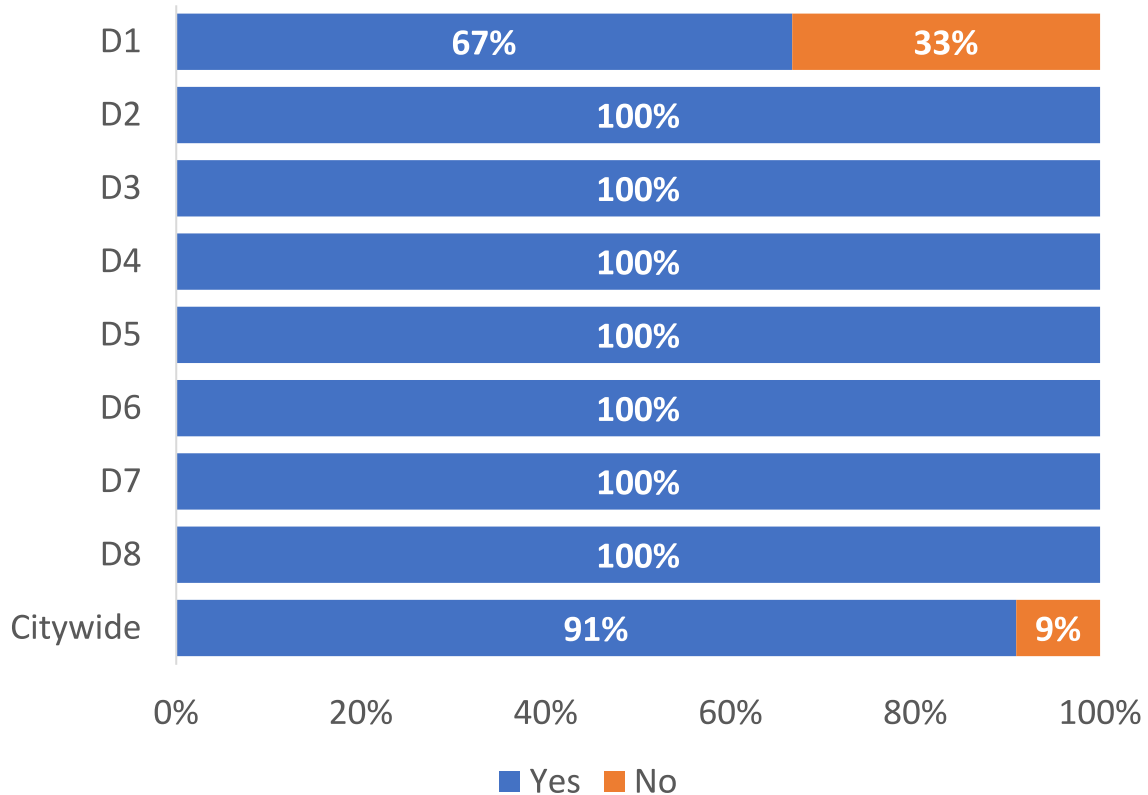


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Enhanced Public Safety Responsiveness and Criminal Justice Support

Police – Laboratory Bureau – Crime Scene Response/Crime Scene Suppression: \$0

Add funding for five Crime Scene Specialist II positions, vehicles, and related equipment in the Laboratory Services Bureau. These positions play a pivotal role in the investigative process and processing of crime scenes. Due to increased work volume, additional positions are needed to keep pace with national standards and best practices. The full-year ongoing cost will be \$381,000; however, the cost for 2023-24 will be absorbed utilizing savings from vacant sworn positions.



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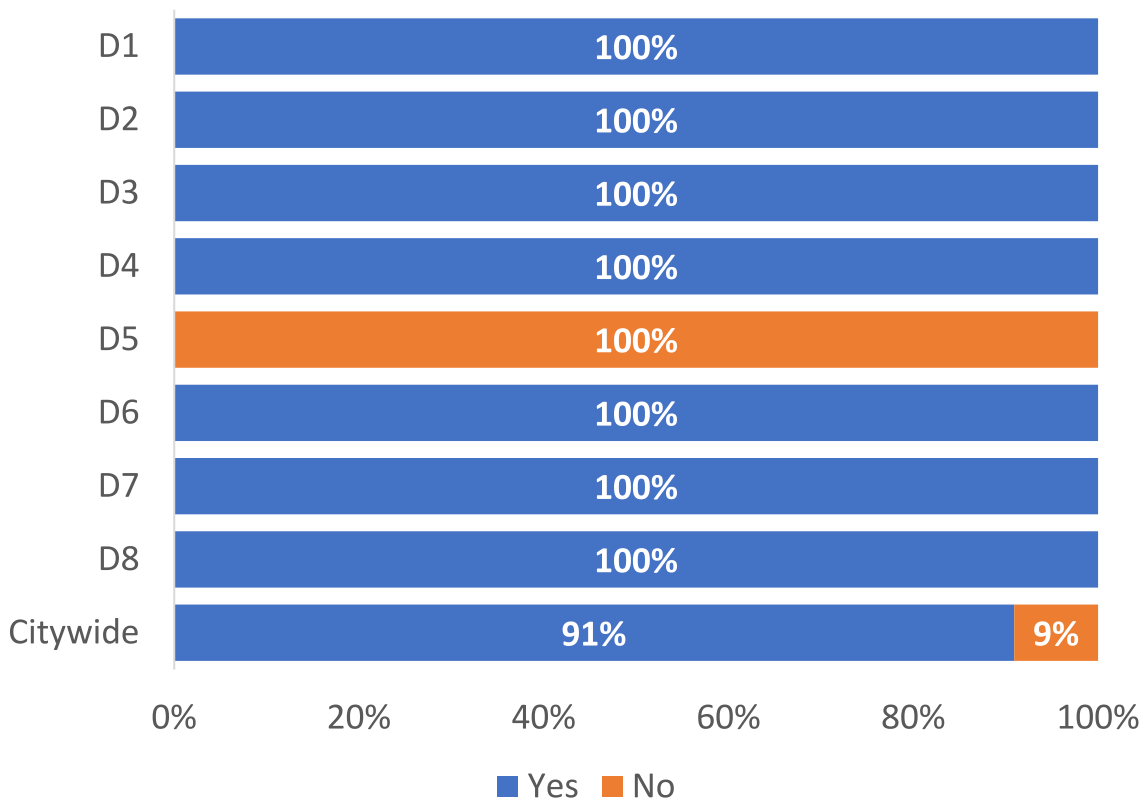
Comments:

1. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) expressed support for the Fire and Police departments. Ms. Borgardt expressed opposition for using Police salary savings to add positions to the Law Department for the investigation of the Phoenix Police Department. She believes that there are lower-paying positions that could handle this work. Ms. Borgardt also expressed opposition for funding civilian positions in the Police Department and would like to see additional funding instead going to Police Officers. She also opposes funding for initiatives and personnel related to Police accountability and transparency.

Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Library – Security: \$131,000

Convert two temporary Municipal Security Guard positions to ongoing status. These positions will provide ongoing security support to library patrons and ensure continuity of security coverage during all operating hours.

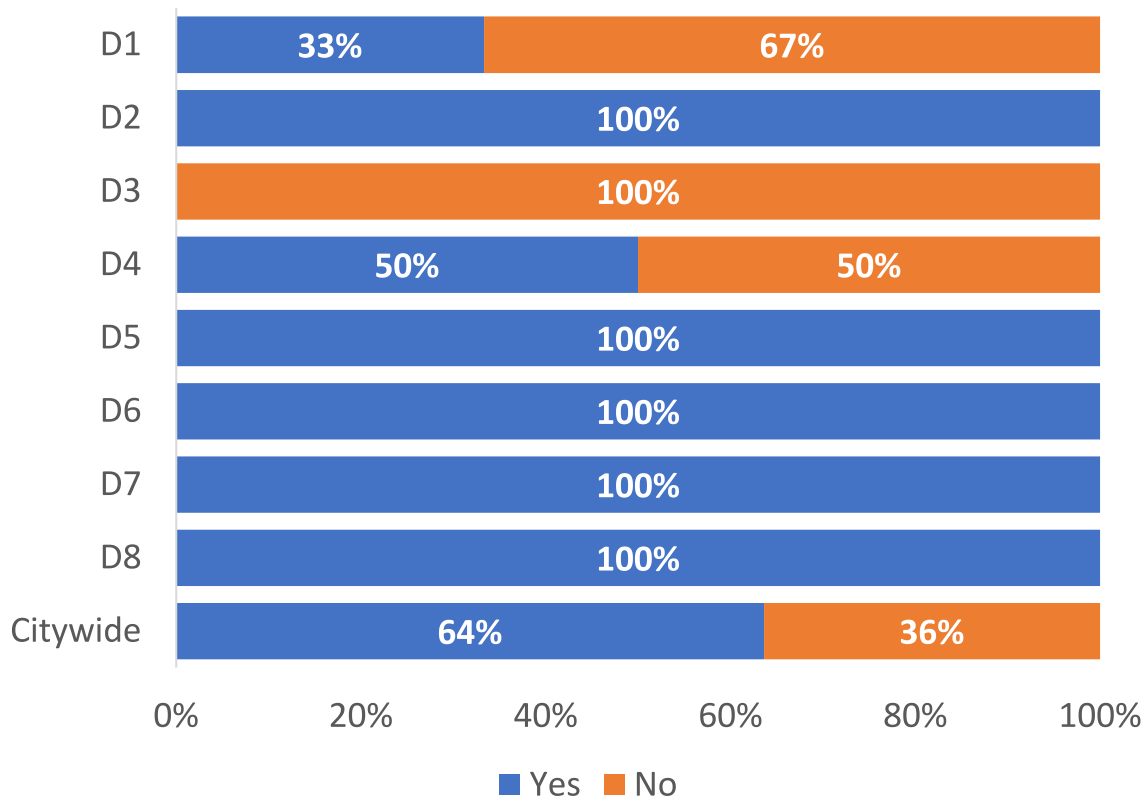


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Neighborhood Services – Targeted Neighborhood Revitalization Programs: \$352,000

Increase funding for the Gated Alley Program. In 2022-23, 45 gated alley segments are scheduled to be initiated, which will expend all current program funding. By increasing program funding, an additional 32 gated alley segments already approved will be able to be initiated. The ongoing funding will provide for approximately 77 gated alley segments per fiscal year.

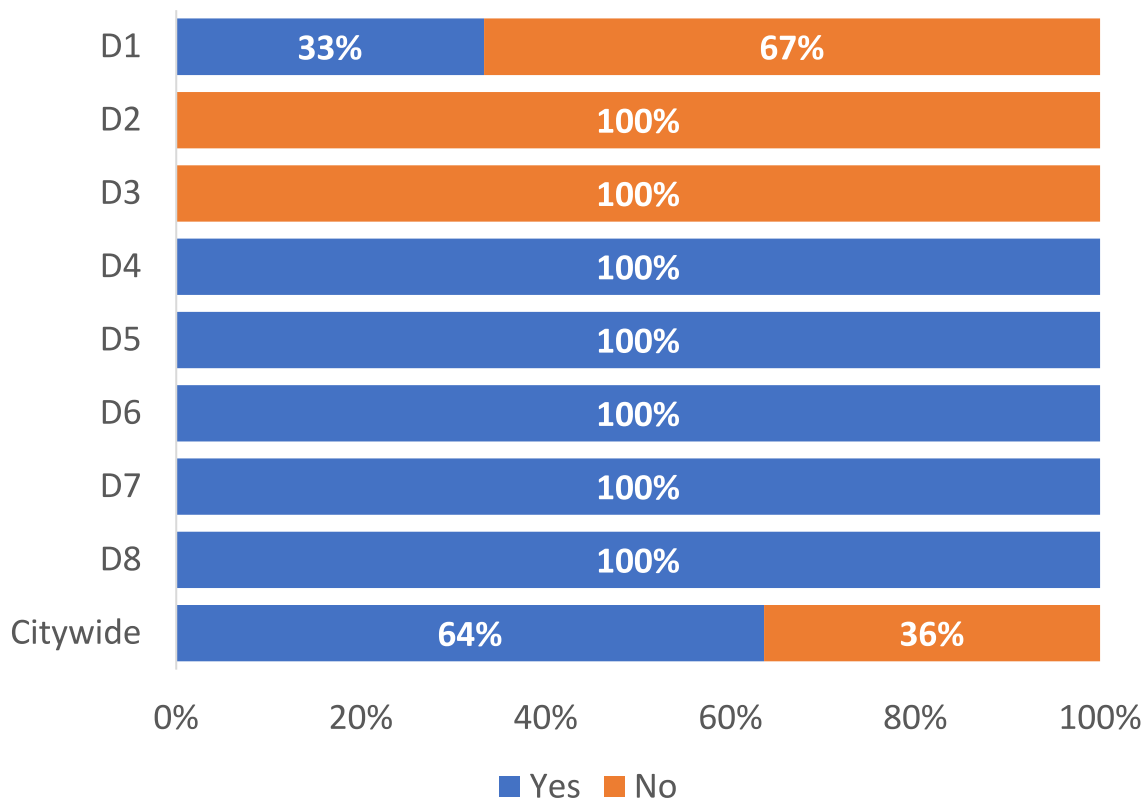


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Neighborhood Services – Code Compliance Program: \$219,000

Convert two grant-funded Neighborhood Inspector I positions to the General Fund. In 2009, ten positions were moved to Community Development Block Grant funding. Eight of these positions have already been restored to the General Fund. This transition will allow more grant-funded opportunities to low and moderate-income residents.

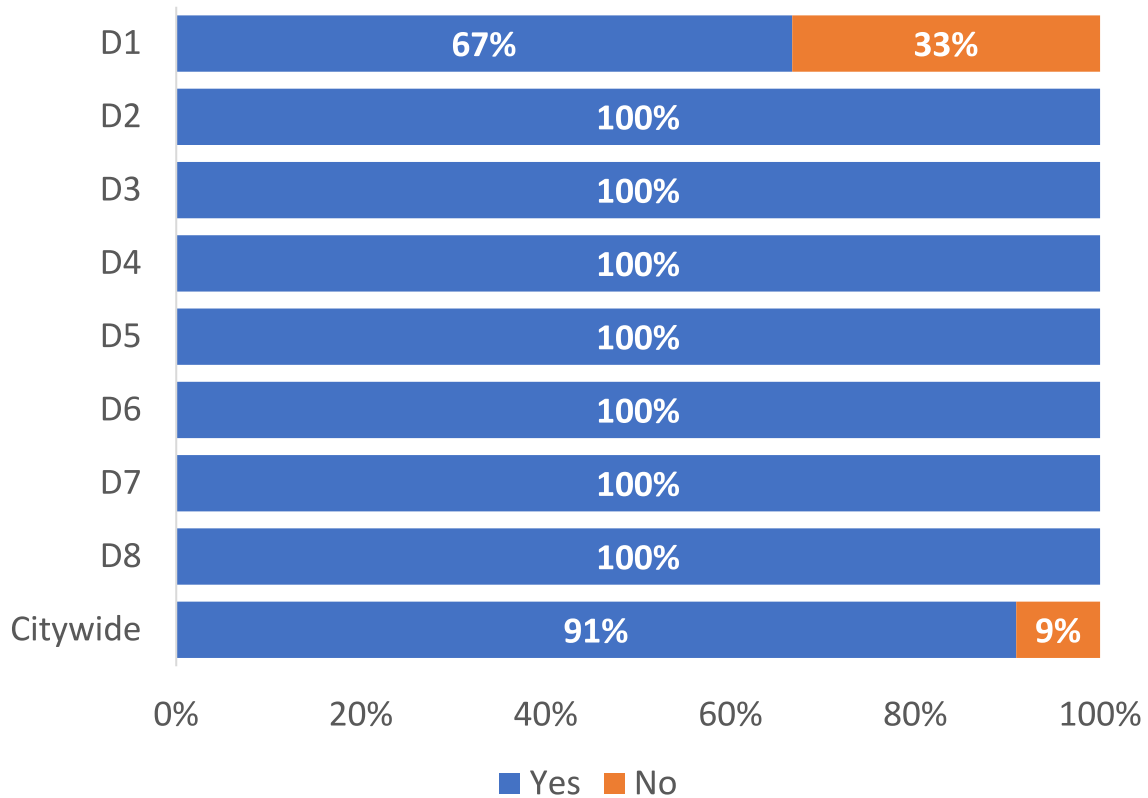


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Office of Arts and Culture – Public Art Program: \$0

Add a Project Manager position to help manage and coordinate the City’s nationally-recognized public art program. This position will coordinate the implementation and completion of Capital Improvement Program (CIP) percent-for-art public art projects, as well as providing technical and program support for other public art projects. The cost of this position will be offset by charging Capital Improvement Projects.

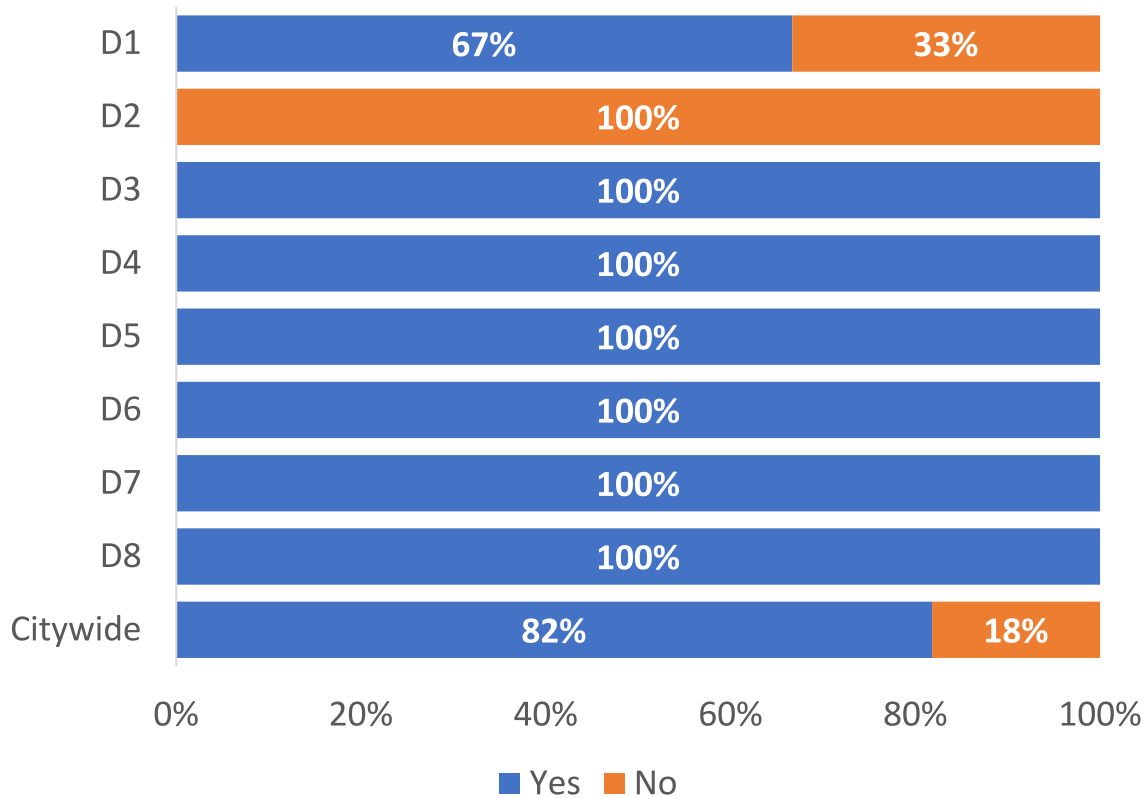


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Office of Arts and Culture – Community Investment and Engagement Program: \$125,000

Increase funding for the Community Arts Grants Program to enhance efforts towards greater equity of funds to arts organizations, including providing support to renters at City cultural venues to help offset performance and production costs.

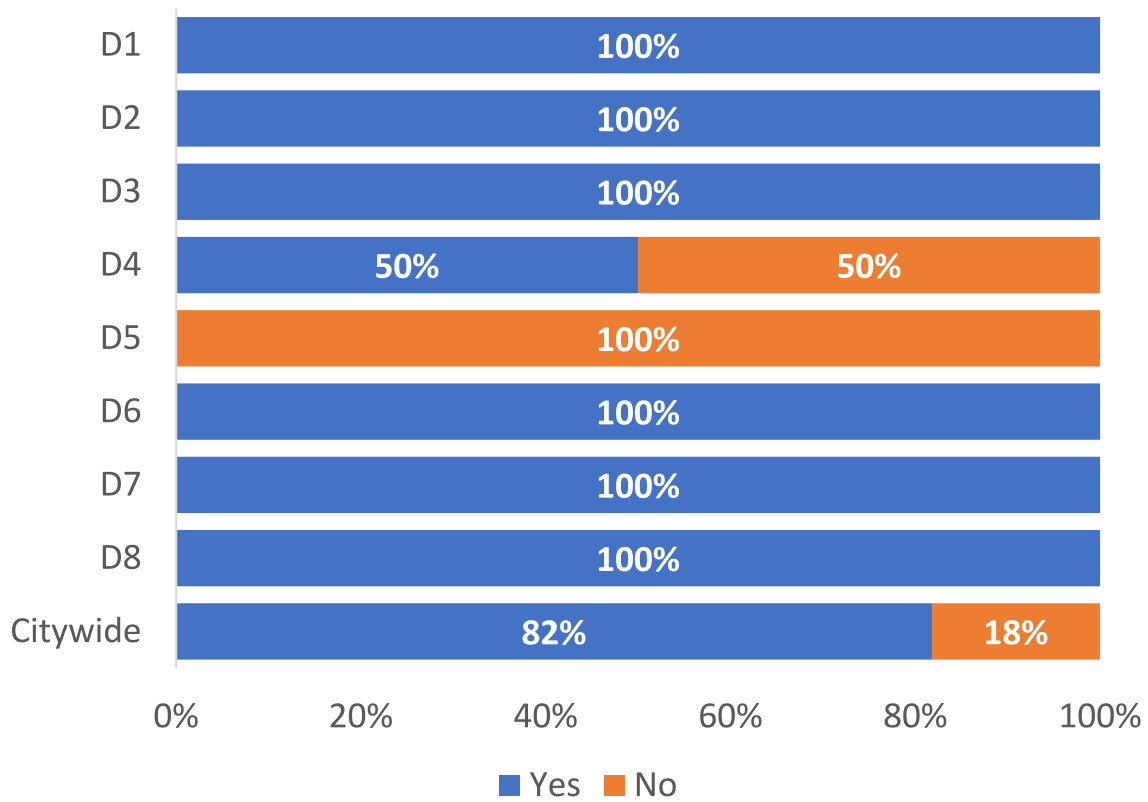


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Parks and Recreation – Park Rangers – Community and Neighborhood Parks: \$1,500,000

Add funding for one Park Manager, two Park Ranger III, and 12 Park Ranger II positions to create an overnight shift of two Urban Park Ranger Teams. By creating these two teams, Park Ranger coverage will be available 24 hours per day, seven days per week throughout the 186 parks within the City's 500 plus square miles. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchase costs, will be \$1,344,000.

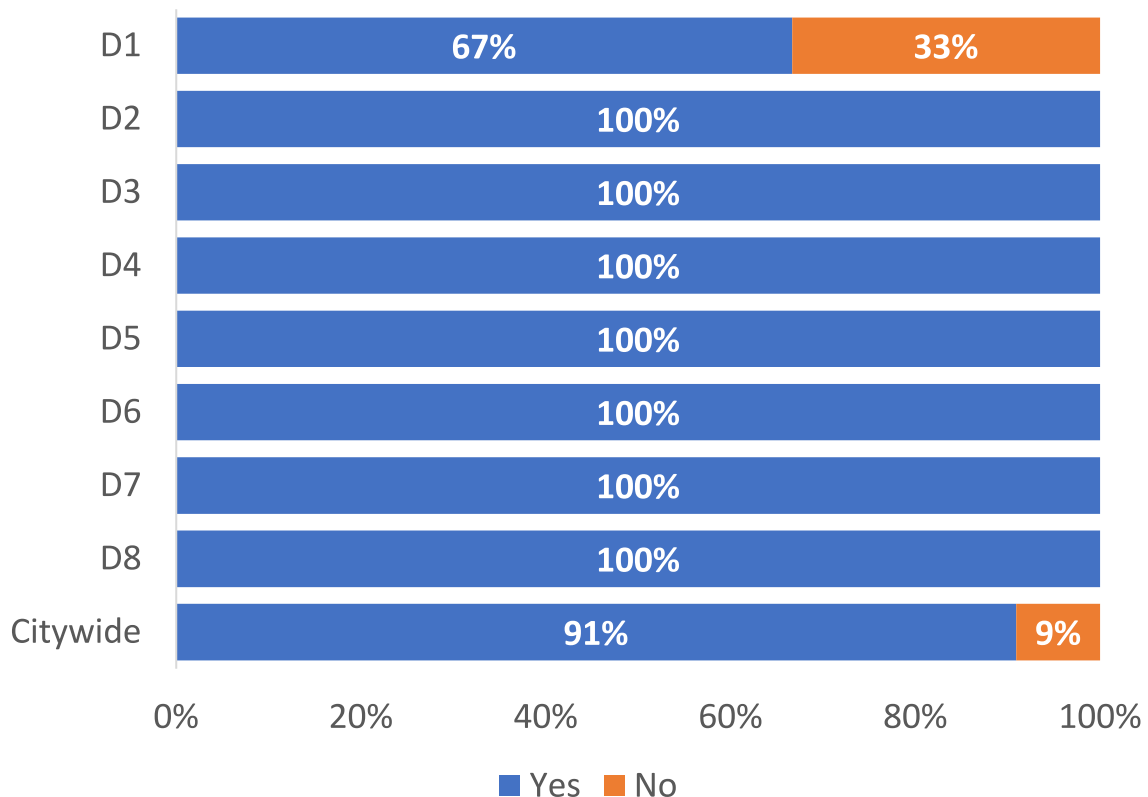


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Parks and Recreation – Specialized Maintenance – Skilled Trades: \$394,000

Add funding for an additional Forestry crew consisting of one Parks Foreman, two Urban Forestry Technician, and two Equipment Operator II positions. The Forestry section provides citywide tree planting, tree maintenance activity, technical support, and 24/7 emergency response. Additional staff are needed for irrigation system installation, maintenance and operation of controllers, tree planting, staking, and pruning. These activities will support the Tree and Shade Master Plan, an important component of the City's Climate Action Plan. The full-year ongoing cost, excluding initial vehicle purchases, will be \$353,999.

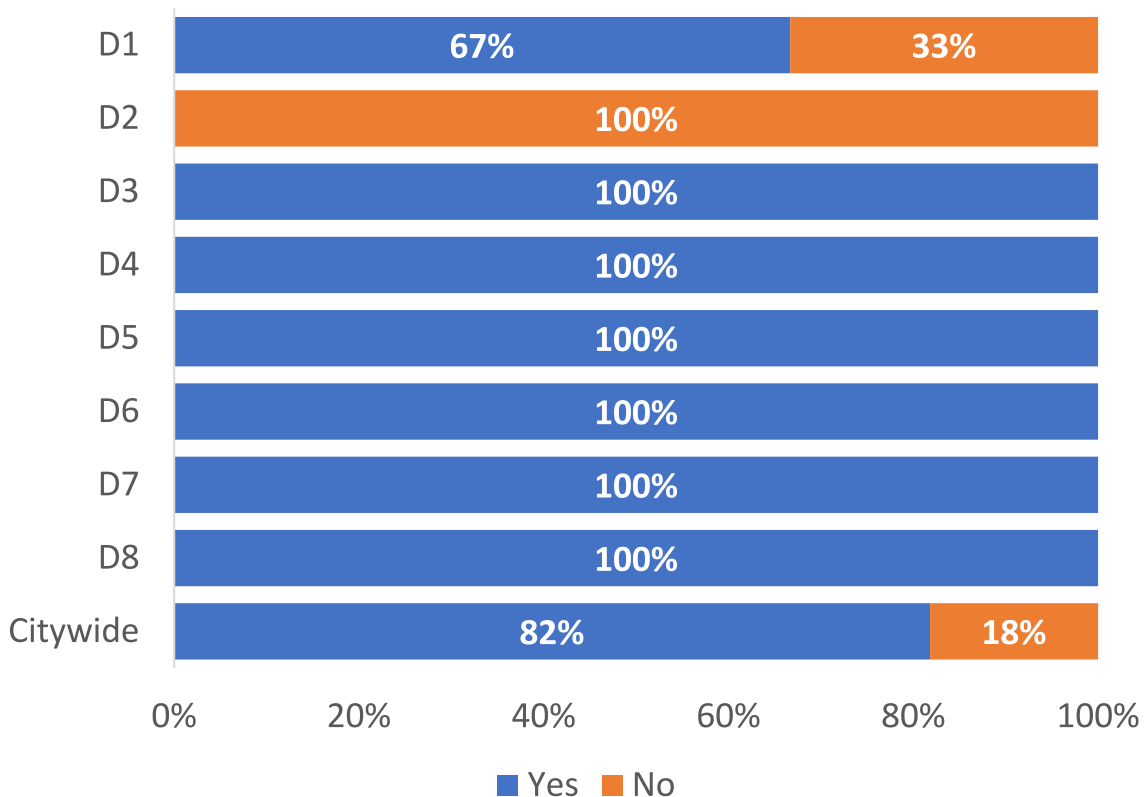


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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Parks and Recreation – General Recreation: \$101,000

Add funding for a Volunteer Coordinator position. This position would serve as a single point of contact to brand and promote a Parks volunteer program supporting urban flatland parks citywide. The department receives a large number of volunteer requests from the public. This position would receive those requests, plan, develop, and implement volunteers, and conduct fundraising and/or community service programs.



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Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) expressed support for additional funding to the Neighborhood Services Department for regular cleanups of public areas to ensure all neighborhoods remain blight free. Ms. Dizon supports adding a third shift of Park Rangers to which would allow coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week to reduce overnight camping and trash buildup at the parks, and supports the addition of forestry positions to the Parks and Recreation department. Ms. Dizon would like to see more mature shade trees added to the Cross Cut Canal Park located south of Thomas Road to ensure the entire walking path is shaded.
2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) expressed opposition for additional funding for the gated alley program. Ms. Rodriguez believes it is a luxury program that reduces crime activities; however, it is a burden for utilities and first responders during emergency events. Ms. Rodriguez also expressed opposition for adding a third shift of Park Rangers to which would allow coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week. Ms. Rodriguez proposes that a less costly option to handling vandalism at flat land parks is to station overnight security to report incidents to the Police Department.
3. Susan Marget (District 3) expressed opposition for additional funding for the gated alley program and for the Neighborhood Services Department.
4. Jessica Nierad (District 8) expressed support for arts and culture.

Healthy Neighborhoods and Community Enrichment

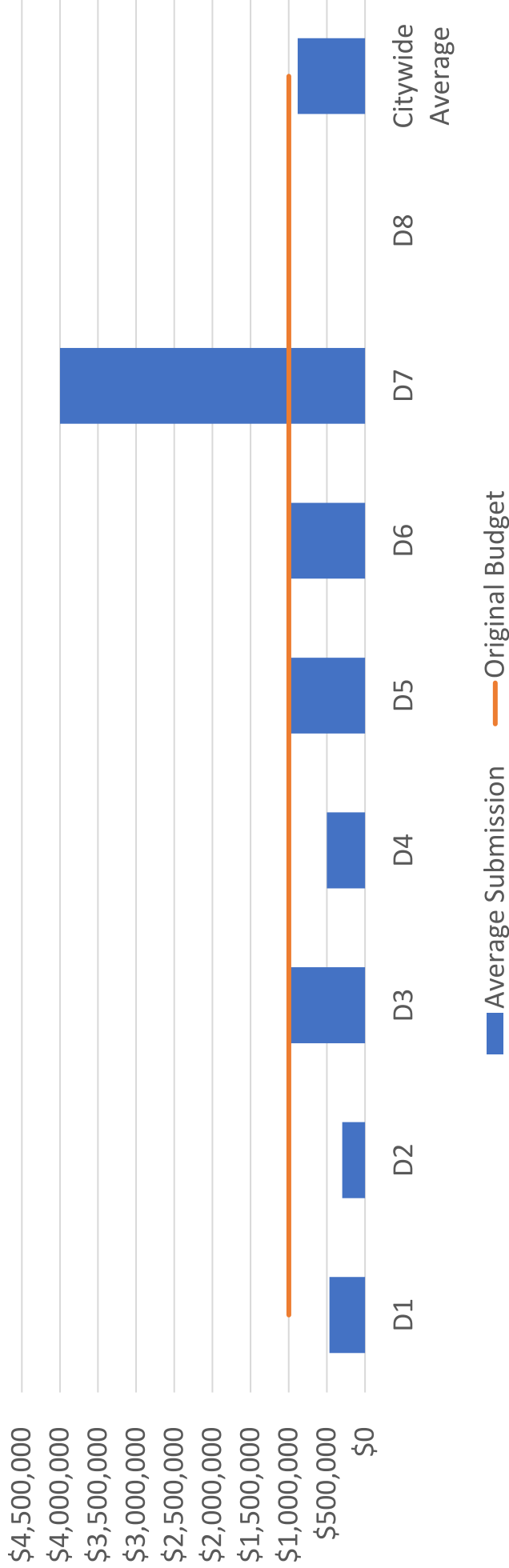
Comments:

5. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) expressed opposition for funding the gated alley program and funding for the Neighborhood Services Department. Ms. Borgardt also expressed opposition for funding a Project Manager position in the Office of Arts and Culture. Ms. Borgardt supports adding a third shift of Park Rangers to which would allow coverage 24 hours per day, seven days per week to reduce overnight camping and trash buildup at the parks. She would like for this initiative to include smaller parks as well, not only the large community parks. Ms. Borgardt opposes the addition of forestry positions to the Parks and Recreation department commenting that the focus needs to be on city maintenance. Ms. Borgardt opposes funding a Volunteer Coordinator position in the Parks and Recreation Department, noting that the City can instead outreach online to gain volunteers.



Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Community Input

Set-aside for possible changes or additions to the proposed budget recommended by the community.



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$466,667	\$300,000	\$1,000,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	\$0	\$881,818
Original Budget	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Average Net Change	(\$533,333)	(\$700,000)	\$0	(\$500,000)	\$0	\$0	\$3,000,000	(\$1,000,000)	(\$118,182)

Community Input

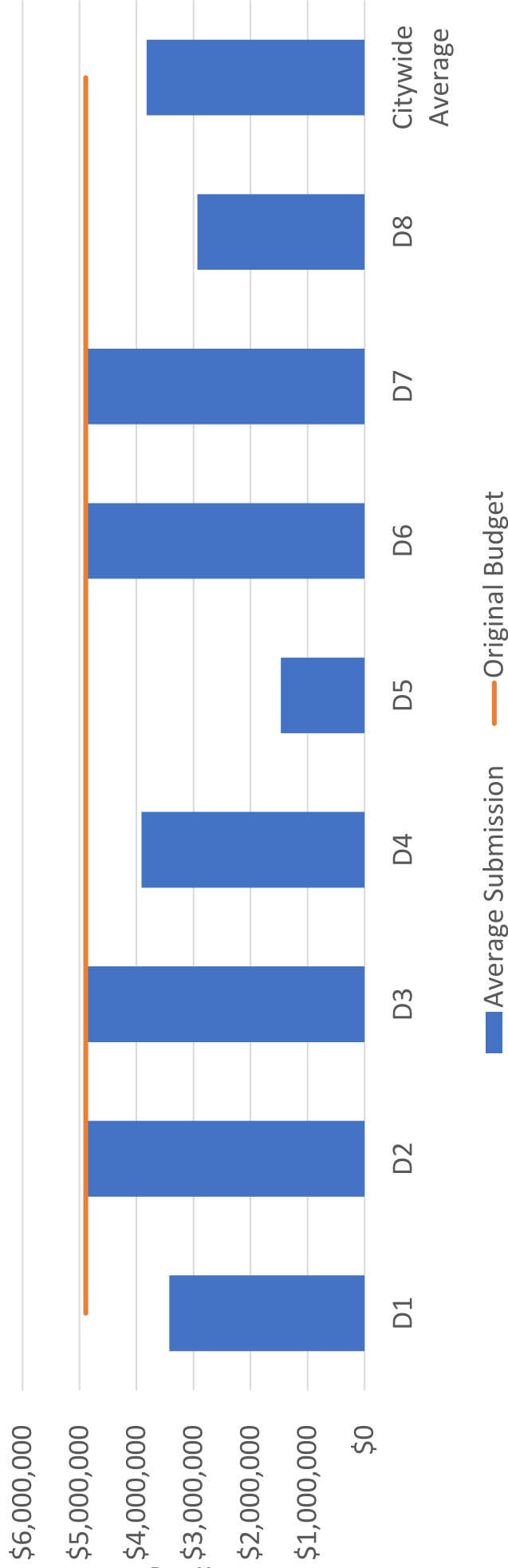
Comments:

1. Nicole Dizon (District 6) recommended the City invest in several regional parks throughout the city similar to Mesa Riverview park or McCormick Stillman Railroad Park as she would like to see parks with a large playground, event space, or something to draw residents to that park beyond just a playground and recreation area.
2. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) opposes this initiative noting that this is the City's responsibility.



Non-Departmental Set-Asides – Contingency Fund

Increase the contingency, or “Rainy Day” fund to account for ongoing new spending initiatives proposed in the 2023-24 budget.



	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Average
Average Submission	\$3,422,300	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$3,911,200	\$1,466,700	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$2,933,400	\$3,822,309
Original Budget	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000	\$4,889,000
Average Net Change	(\$1,466,700)	\$0	\$0	(\$977,800)	(\$3,422,300)	\$0	\$0	(\$1,955,600)	(\$1,066,691)

Contingency Fund

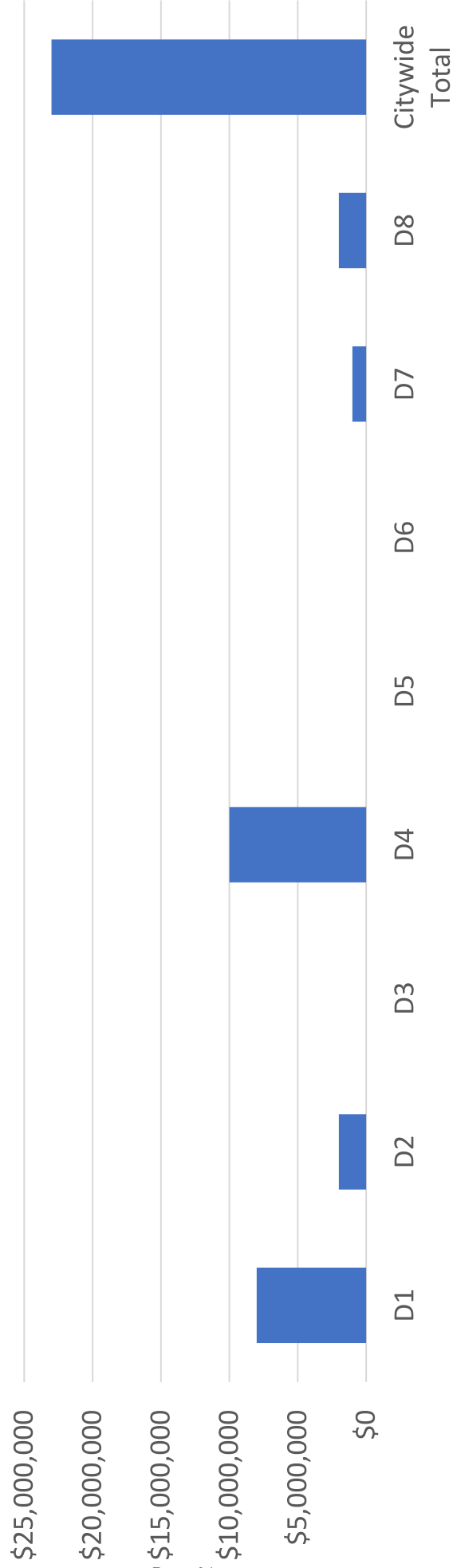
Comments:

1. Tammie Borgardt (District 1) opposes this initiative questioning how the contingency would be used.



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The amount reallocated to build-your-own budget priorities by district.



■ Amount of Submissions

	D1	D2	D3	D4	D5	D6	D7	D8	Citywide Total
Amount of Submissions	\$ 8,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 2,000,000	\$ 23,000,000
Number of Submissions	3	1	0	3	0	0	1	2	10
Number of Submitters	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	5

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Comments:

1. Rebecca Perrera (District 7) requested additional funding for the City to build Rogers Ranch Park. Ms. Perrera explained that the community had waited 20 years for the park. The area is now nearly fully developed, with 10 acres of open land next to a school where the park can be built.
(Parks and Recreation – \$1M)
2. Nicole Rodriguez (District 4) requested additional funding for sidewalk repairs, ADA updates and improvements, adding safe pedestrian crossings mid-block. Ms. Rodriguez requested additional funding for increasing bike infrastructure and upgrading the protection to existing bike lanes. Ms. Rodriguez requested additional funding for urban forest canopy (shading from trees), especially in critically hot regions, near and at bus stops, and especially in pedestrian corridors (not for North Central area).
(Street Transportation – \$8M; Environmental Programs – \$2M)
3. Stan Bates (District 1) requested additional funding for the Cactus Park Police Precinct (building and grounds) for paving and electrical work that is necessary to keep operations running appropriately. Mr. Bates recommended additional funding for the Phoenix Police Department to hire more Police Assistants to take over minor duties of Officers which will free up the time of sworn Officers to respond to crimes. Mr. Bates requested additional funding to the Neighborhood Services Department to create more gated alleys. Mr. Bates also recommended earmarking some of these funds for movable outdoor cameras to observe when individuals are cutting the locks on the gates.
(Police – \$6M; Neighborhood Services – \$2M)

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Comments:

4. Jessica Nierad requested additional funding for environmental conservation and research.
(Environmental Programs – \$1M)