

Municipality of Anchorage

2025 Budget Highlights



IMPROVING SNOW REMOVAL

- **Raise snowplow operator pay** to improve capacity, expertise, and reliability for snow removal.
- **Add community engagement position** to improve snow communications.

PRIORITIZING PUBLIC SAFETY

- **Expand the Mobile Crisis Team**, which responds to residents in crisis, to 24-hour service.
- **Fully fund the Anchorage Safety Patrol** and shift service from the Anchorage Health Department to the Anchorage Fire Department to align crisis response.
- **Increase recruitment and retention in prosecution** to bolster public safety system.



ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

- **Enhance and support camp cleanup** with a 10% increase to the Healthy Spaces budget.
- **Fund winter shelter plan** aligned with the Mayor's homelessness strategy.
- **Provide year-round shelter** at 56th Avenue location by matching state funds.
- **Fund housing** so that fewer people are sleeping on Anchorage's streets and trails in spring.



GUARANTEERING GOOD GOVERNMENT

- **Make municipal jobs more competitive** by adjusting wages for non-reps and executives.
- **Kickstart a new grants team** focused on securing large federal and state investments, including infrastructure dollars.

Mayor Suzanne LaFrance • November 19, 2024

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GOOD GOVERNMENT • SAFE STREETS & TRAILS • BUILDING OUR FUTURE



LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

A budget is not just a reflection of our values and priorities, but the medium through which they become results. Our team has focused on building a budget that provides long-term strategies for addressing the community's big challenges while delivering quality public services each day.

The proposed 2025 budget includes the operating budget, capital budget, and budgets for the utilities and enterprise departments. The S version of the 2025 proposed budget reflects the mayor's commitment to responsible deployment of taxpayer dollars and responsive budgeting that reflects the latest information available.

The proposed budget includes key investments to address homelessness head-on, expand and improve crisis response services, strengthen road-plowing capacity, invest in childcare and early education, and build the Municipality's workforce to safeguard critical service delivery for our community.

Anchorage is at a fork in the road—the big challenges we face will not solve themselves. We must choose to invest in smart solutions and work together to make progress. I know we can do it.

I am proud to share a fiscally responsible budget that gets the basics right and takes on the big challenges.



It is an honor to serve as your mayor.

Suzanne LaFrance
Mayor of Anchorage

AT A GLANCE:

2025 MAYOR'S BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDES:

- 2025 Operating budget
 - *Including Alcohol Tax & Marijuana Tax budgets*
- 2025 Capital Improvement Budget and Capital Improvement Program
- 2025 Utilities and Enterprise Department Budgets

TIMELINE:

October 3, 2024: Mayor LaFrance submitted the 2025 proposed budget submitted to the Anchorage Assembly.

October 22, 2024: First public hearing on the budget.

November 6, 2024: Second public hearing on the budget.

November 8, 2024: Budget work session, where Assembly members advanced amendments to proposed budget.

November 14, 2024: Mayor LaFrance submitted an S version of the 2025 proposed budget submitted to the Assembly.

November 19, 2024: Budget approved at Anchorage Assembly meeting.