

CITY OF WATERLOO, IOWA 2023 BUDGET



City of Waterloo, Iowa

The Mission

Effectively and efficiently utilize the various resources of city government in order to help make Waterloo the best possible place to live, work, do business, play and raise a family for all citizens.

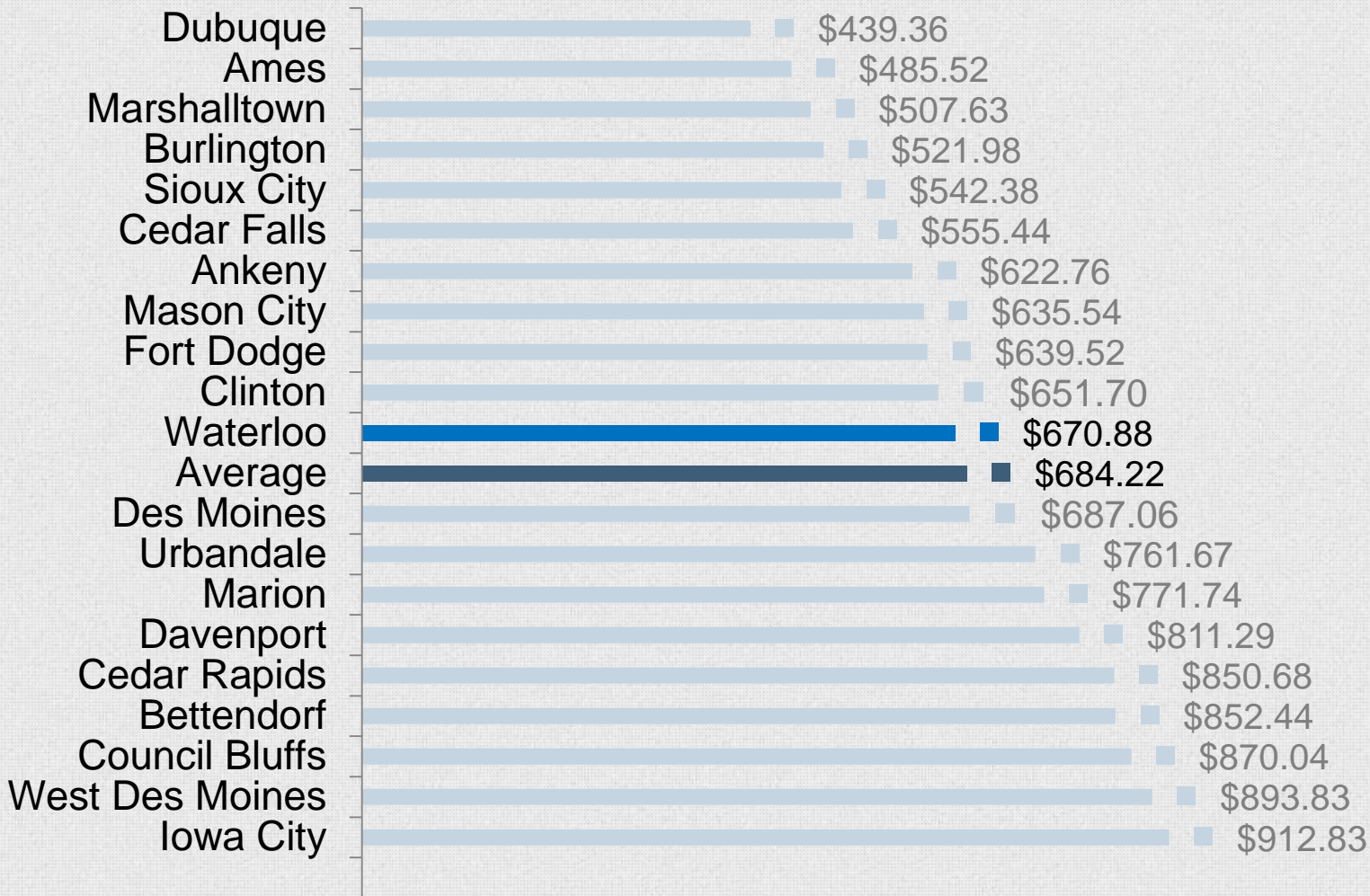


2021/2022 CITY TAX RATES, BY CONTROL COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT - LOCAL BUDGET DIVISION

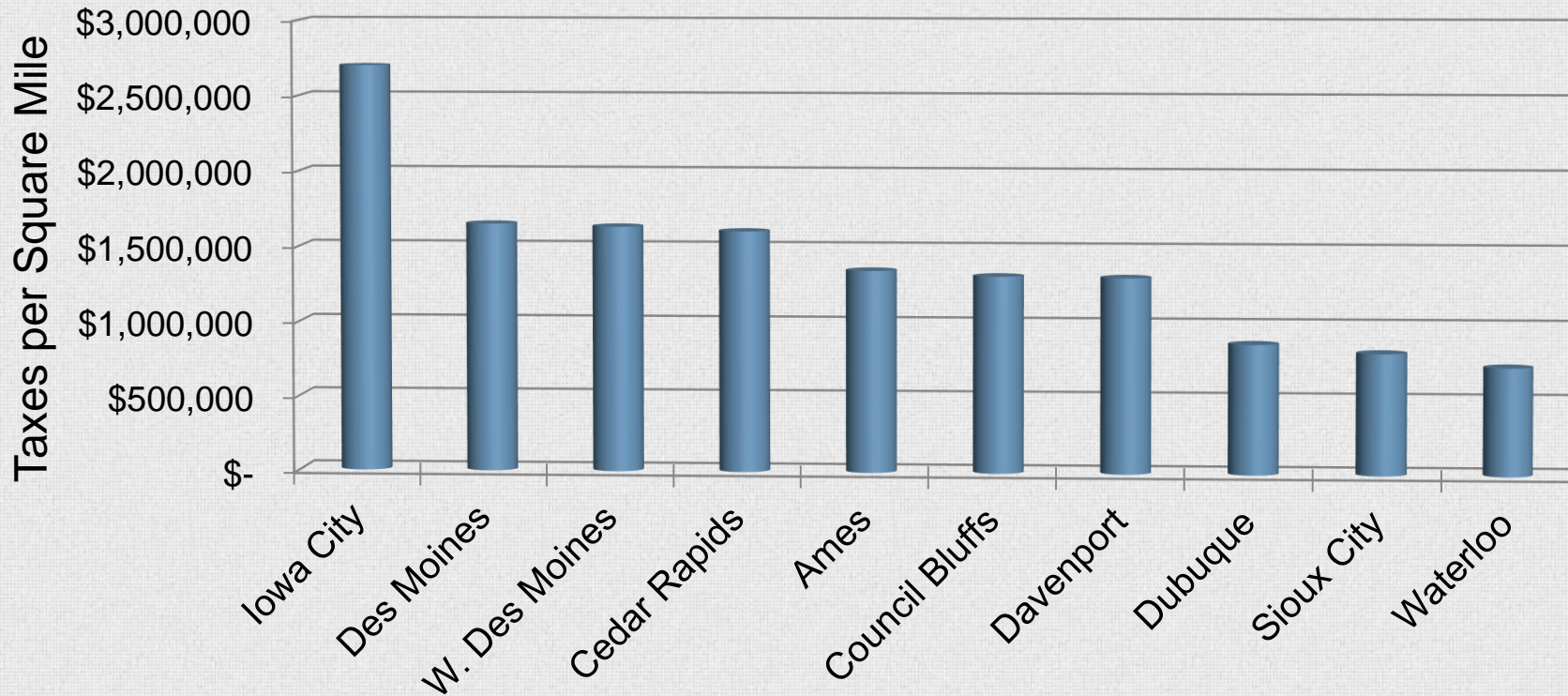
		TAXABLE VALUE					
POPULATION	2020	JANUARY 1, 2020	VALUATION	8.10 TAXES	TAXES LEVIED	TOTAL	LEVY
RANKING	CENSUS	REGULAR W G&E	RANKING	LEVIED	RANKING	LEVY	RANKING
1 DES MOINES	214,133	8,582,842,400	1	69,521,023	1	16.61000	4
2 CEDAR RAPIDS	134,268	7,053,755,873	2	57,135,423	2	15.87620	5
3 DAVENPORT	101,724	4,824,709,657	4	39,080,148	4	16.78000	3
4 SIOUX CITY	85,797	3,116,423,871	9	25,243,033	7	14.44931	7
5 IOWA CITY	73,998	4,261,347,436	5	34,516,914	5	15.67305	6
6 WEST DES MOINES	70,487	5,613,305,030	3	45,467,771	3	10.95000	11
7 ANKENY *	67,887	4,148,735,891	6	25,099,852	8	9.95000	13
8 AMES *	66,772	3,257,725,869	8	18,079,694	12	9.87363	15
9 WATERLOO	66,540	2,344,836,606	13	18,993,177	11	18.63188	1
10 COUNCIL BLUFFS *	62,056	3,048,023,514	10	23,286,900	9	17.53000	2
11 DUBUQUE	59,667	2,646,230,849	11	21,434,470	10	9.88899	14
12 URBANDALE	45,279	3,362,801,367	7	27,238,691	6	10.11000	12
13 CEDAR FALLS	40,456	1,964,300,512	14	15,910,834	13	11.38273	10
14 BETTENDORF *	39,102	2,538,387,552	12	14,397,277	15	12.80000	9
15 MARION	33,414	1,795,473,457	15	14,543,335	14	14.19976	8
*UNDER \$8.10 GENERAL LEVY LIMIT							



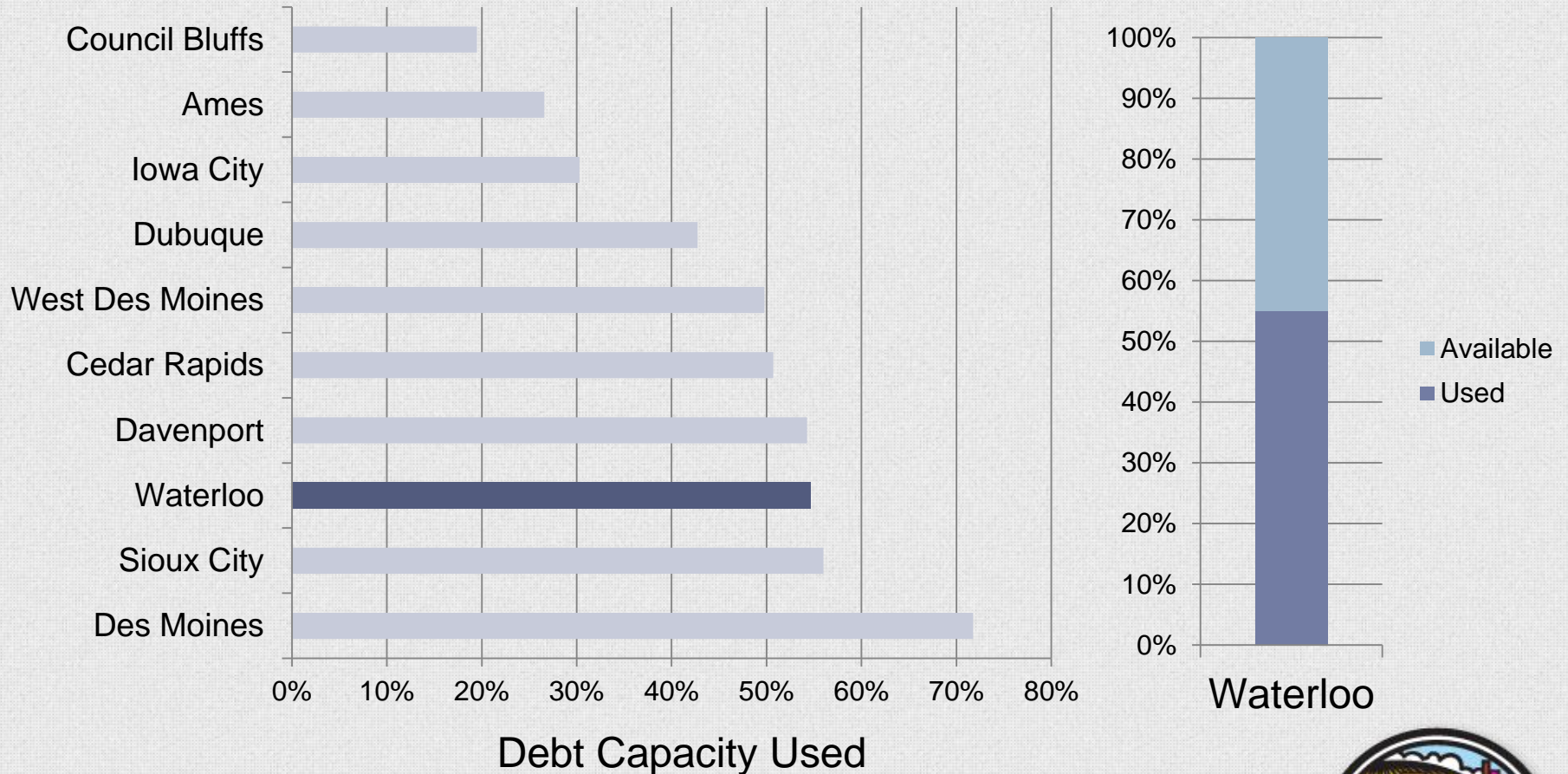
FY22 Taxes Per Capita



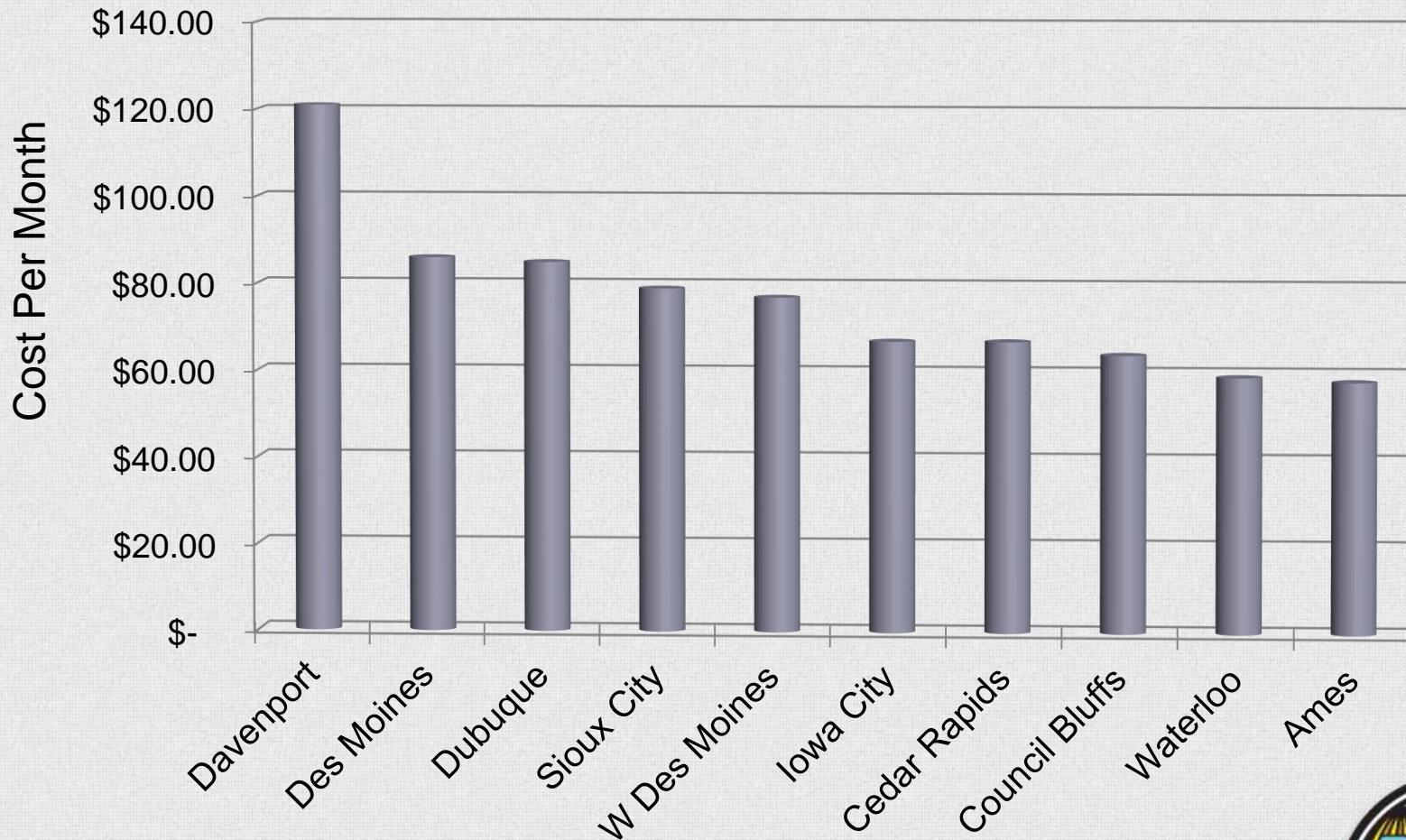
FY22 Taxes per Square Mile



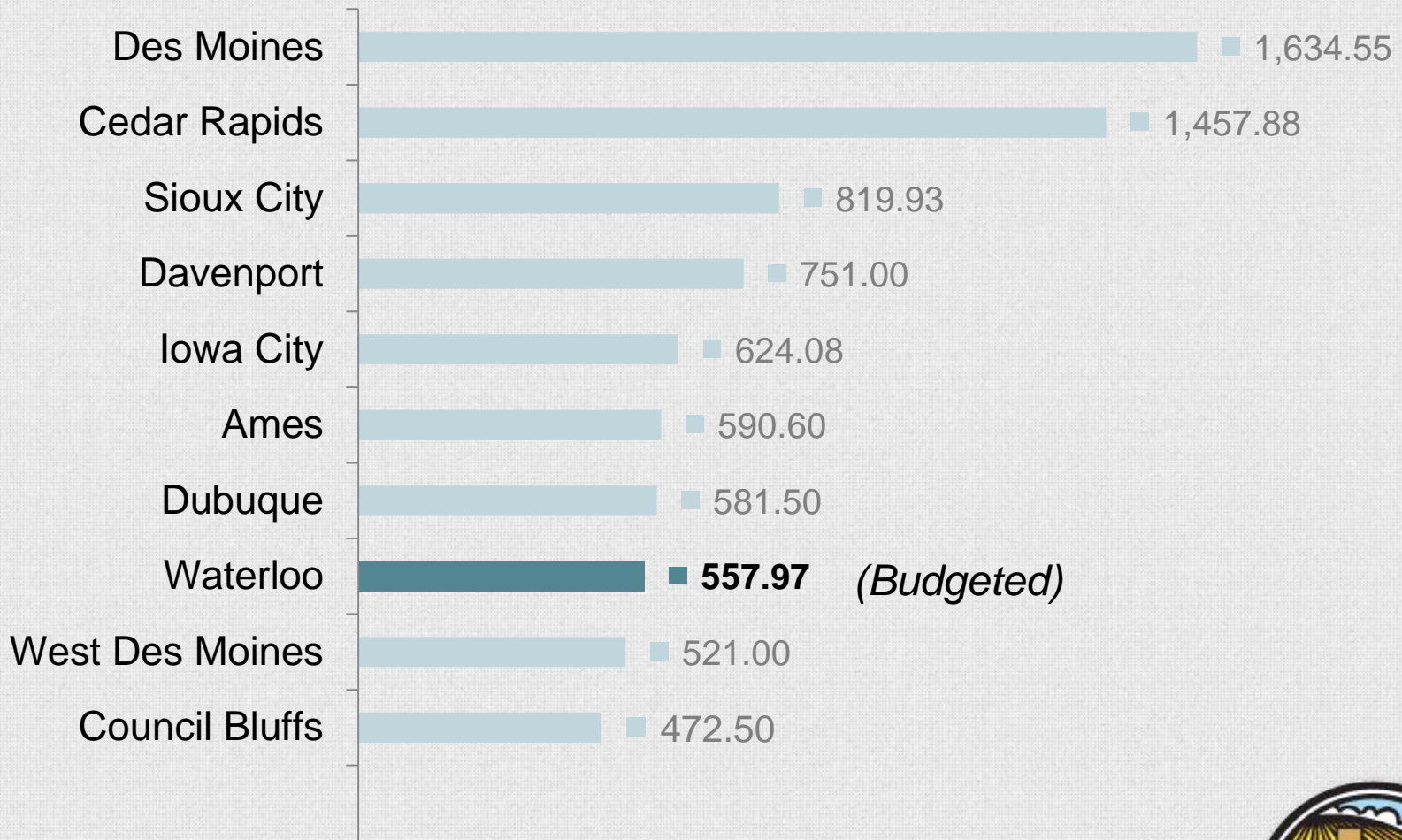
Borrowing Limit Comparison



Comparison of Monthly Utility Charges

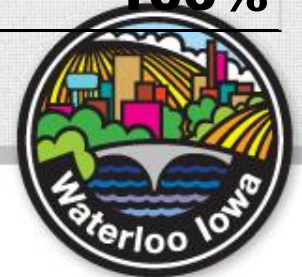


City Staffing Level Comparison



FYE23 Published Budget Highlights

Program	Tax Levy Portion	Percentage of Levy
Police and Fire	\$ 13.31525	71%
Debt Service	\$ 2.87924	15%
All Other Services	\$ 2.23711	12%
Total City Levies	\$ 18.43160	98%
Voted Levies		
Grout Museum Voted Levy	\$ 0.27000	1%
Library Voted Levy	\$ 0.27000	1%
Total	\$ 18.97160	100%



FYE23 Published Budget Highlights

Program - Breakout of Other	Tax Levy Portion
Building Inspections	\$ (0.11920)
Public Works	\$ 0.78994
Health & Social Services	\$ 0.12922
Culture & Recreation	\$ 2.76245
Community & Economic Development	\$ 0.18524
General Government	\$ 2.35897
General Revenue	\$ (1.94688)
State Backfill	\$ (0.51545)
Use of Fund Balance	\$ (1.40718)
Total Other	\$ 2.23711



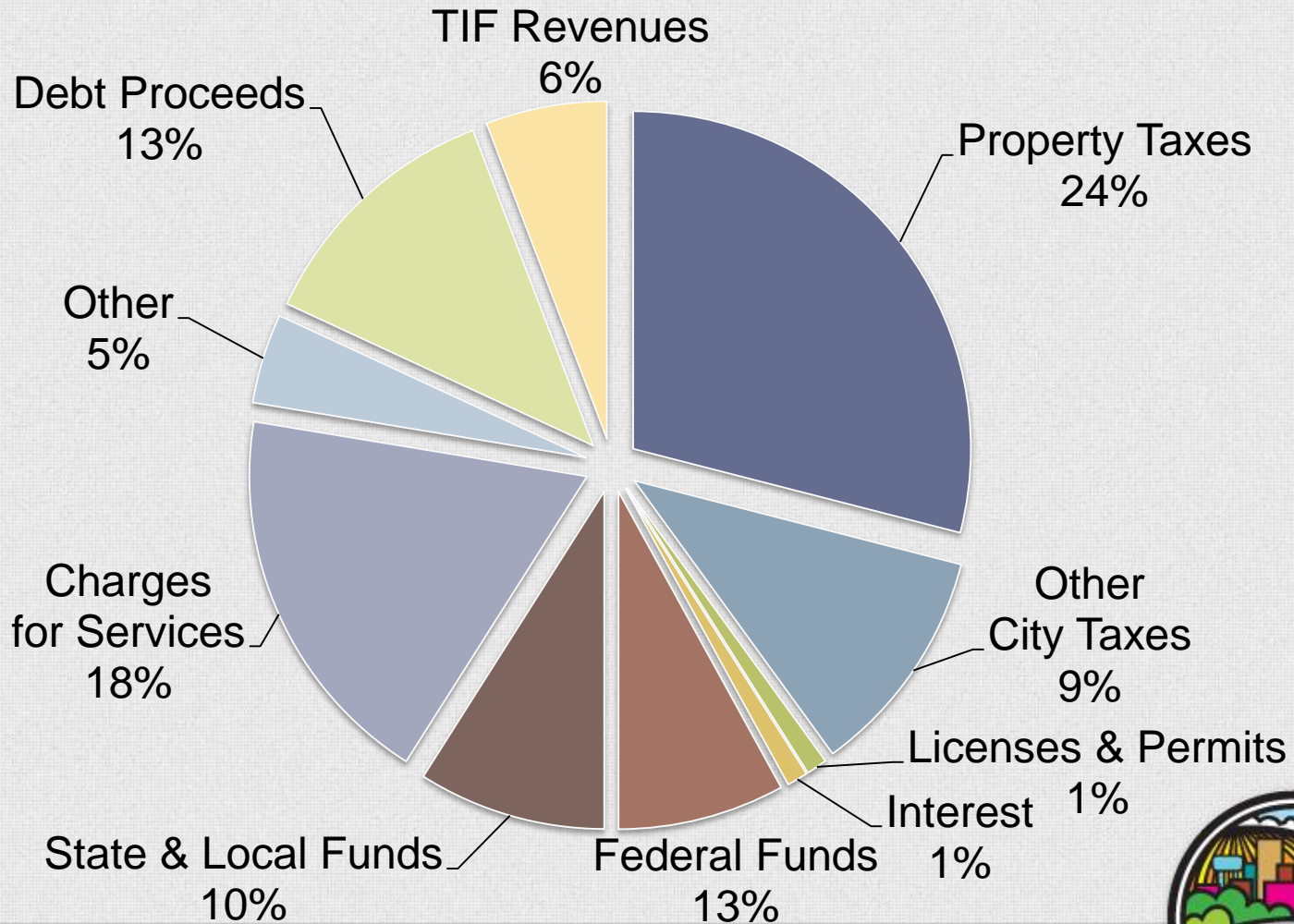
FYE23 Presented Budget Highlights

Tax Levy Rate	\$18.97160
Residential Change	3.30%
Commercial Change	1.82%
Multi-Residential Change	(3.83%)



Do my property taxes pay all the City's expenses?

No, They Don't!



For the Year Ending 6-30-23

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Where does my property tax dollar go?



**City of
Waterloo
46 cents**

**Waterloo
Schools
33 cents**

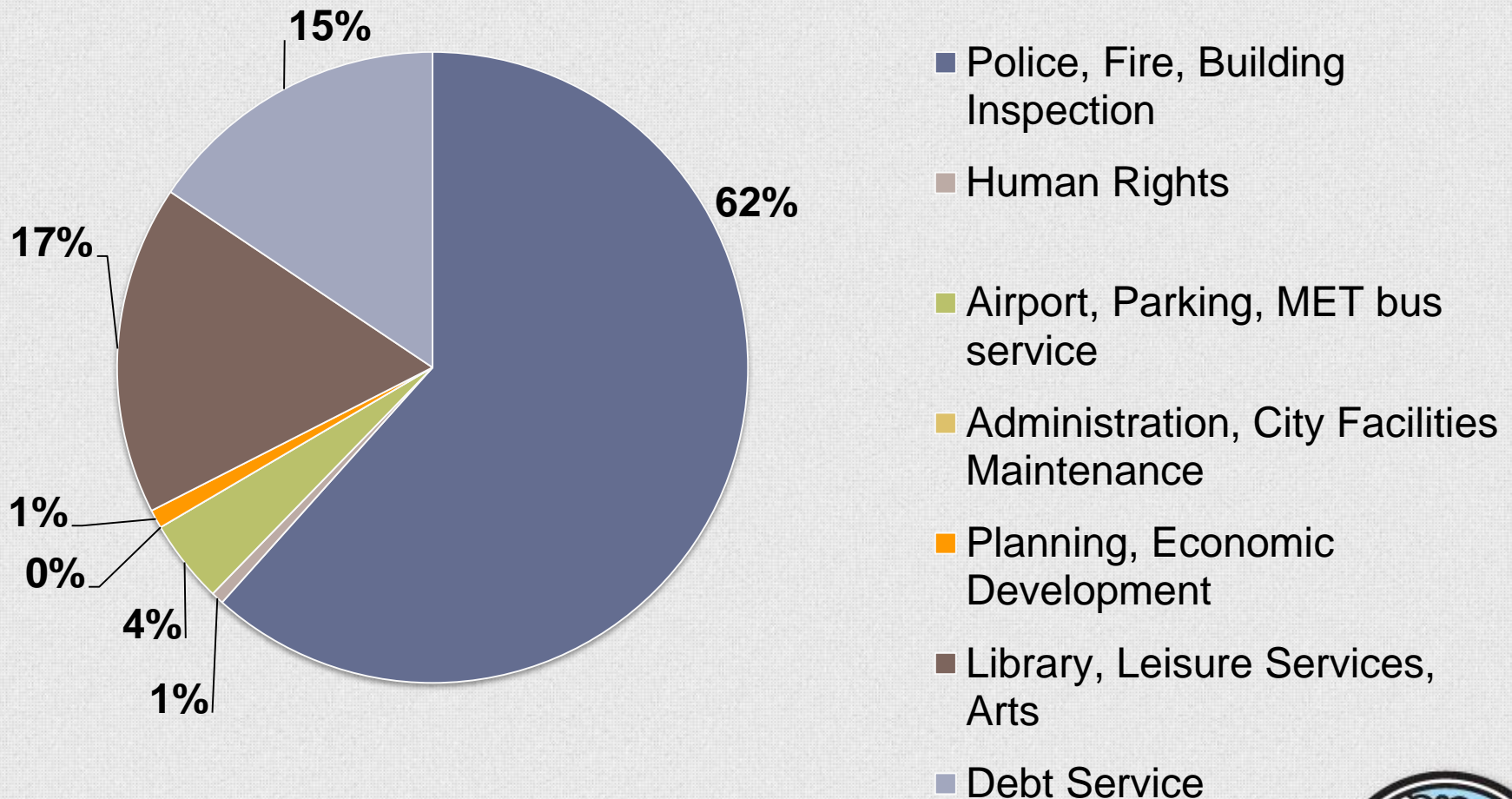
**Black
Hawk Co.
17 cents**

**Other
4 cents**

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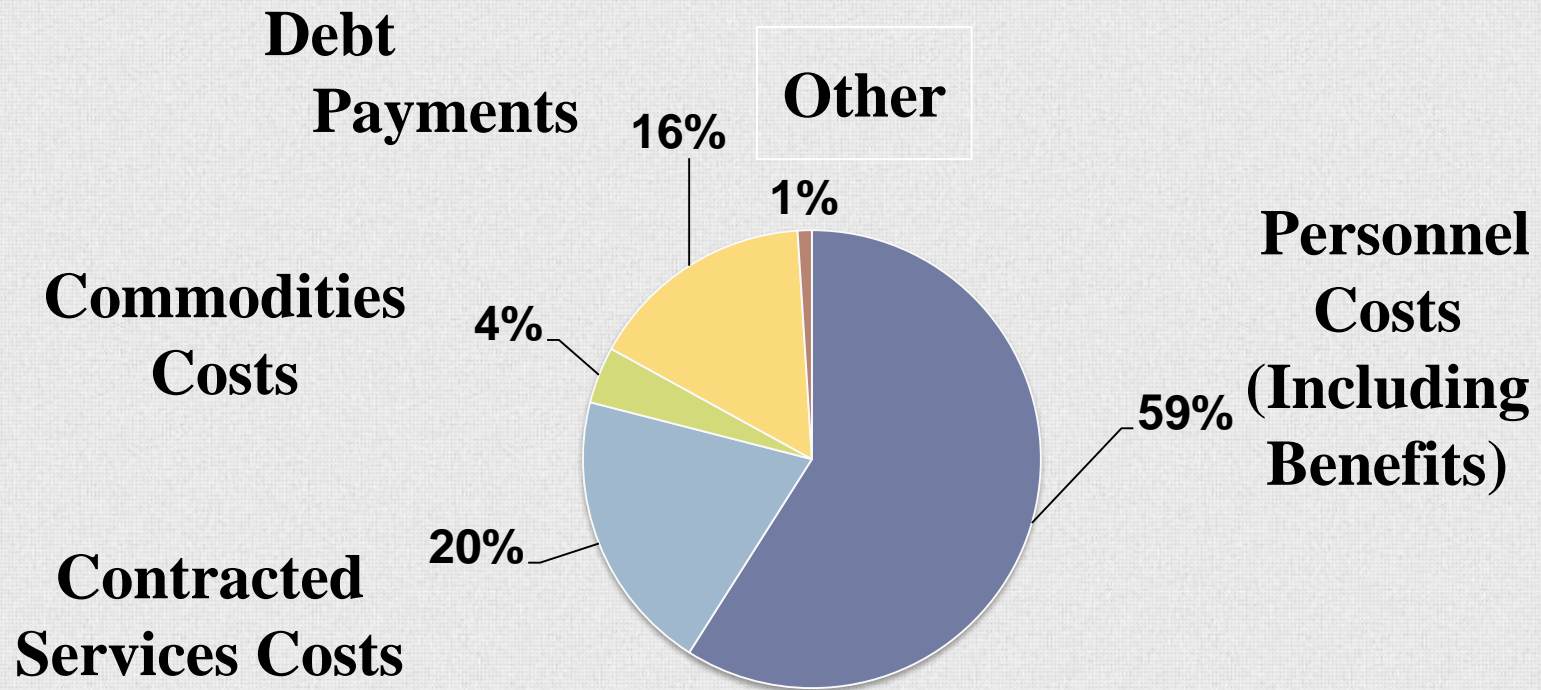
What do my property taxes pay for?



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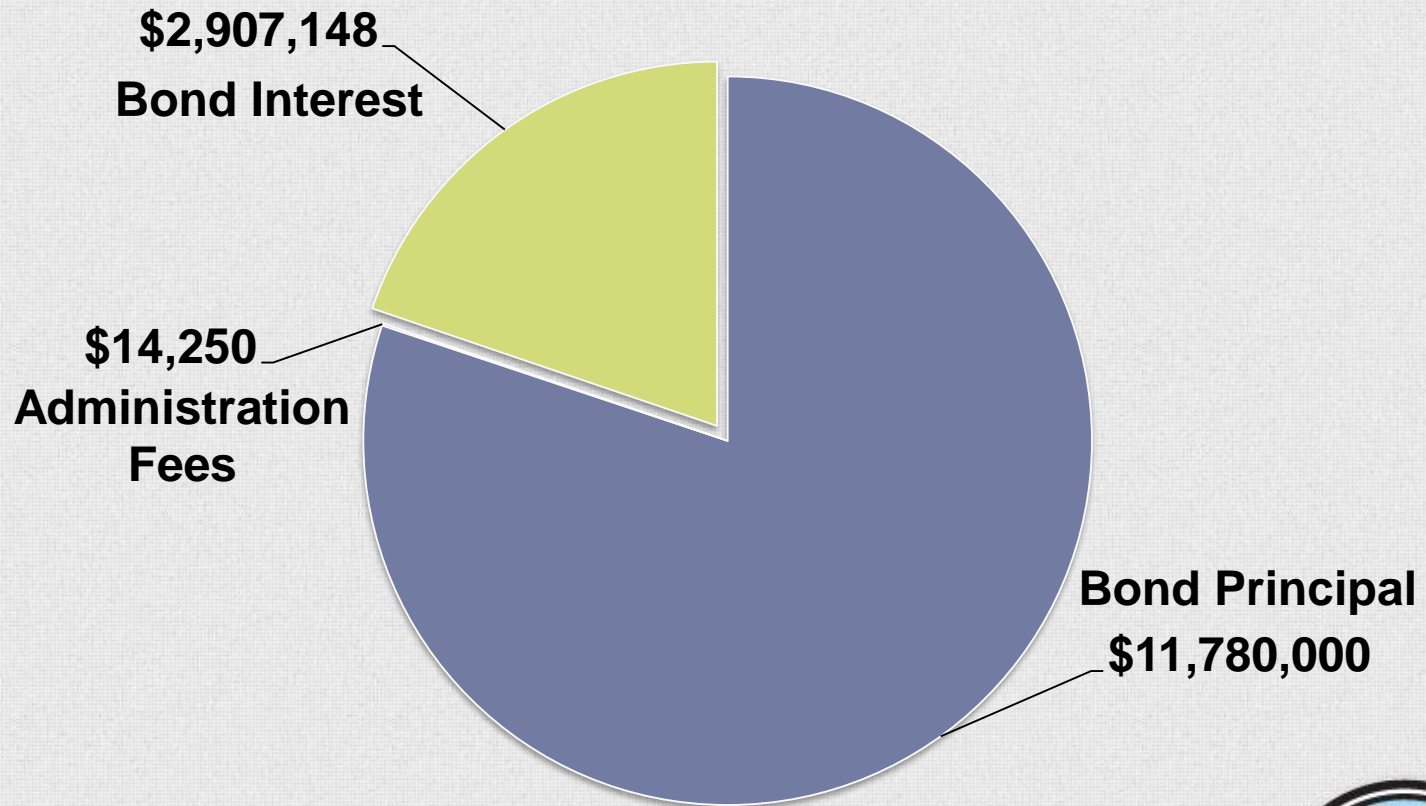
How is the money spent?



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How are debt service funds used?



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How is the tax bill on my home determined?

	FYE23	FYE22
• Assessed Value	\$105,720	\$100,000
• Times Rollback	.541302	.564094
• Equals Taxable Value	\$57,226	\$56,409
• Divide by \$1,000	57.2260	56.4094
• Times Total Tax Levy Rate	\$40.49195	\$40.15223
• Equals Total Tax Bill	\$2,317.21	\$2,264.96
• City Portion of Tax Bill	\$1,085.68	\$1,051.01
• Grout Portion of Tax Bill	\$15.45	\$15.23
• Projected Annual Incr (Decr)	\$34.67	\$35.38
• Percentage Incr (Decr) w/Grout	3.30%	3.49%



How are property taxes calculated?

- **County Assessor sets property values**
- **State sets “roll-back” or the percentage of total value that is taxable**
- **State issues “equalization orders” designed to equalize values of different categories of property every two years**
- **Cities, counties and school districts set their portions of the levy rate**



How are property taxes calculated?

- The State continues to increase the residential rollback, resulting in 54.1302% of a home's value being taxable for FYE2023
- Shifts the property tax burden more to residential (residential rose 20% over past 10 years while commercial fell 10% and multi-residential fell 45.5%)
- Residential rollback decreased 2.27% for FYE2023, while the commercial rollback remained the same



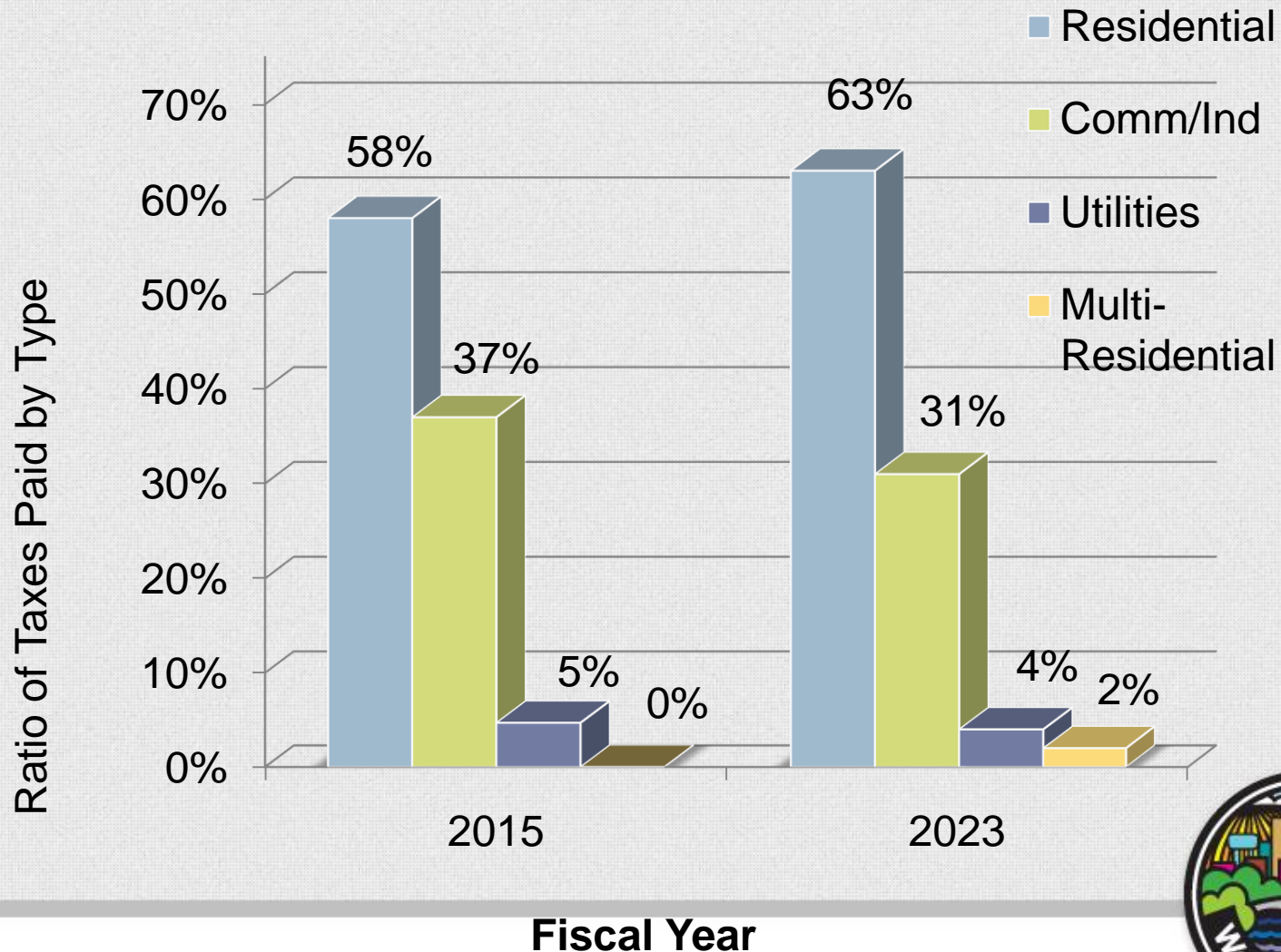
FYE23 All Funds Budget Impacts

Personnel Changes:

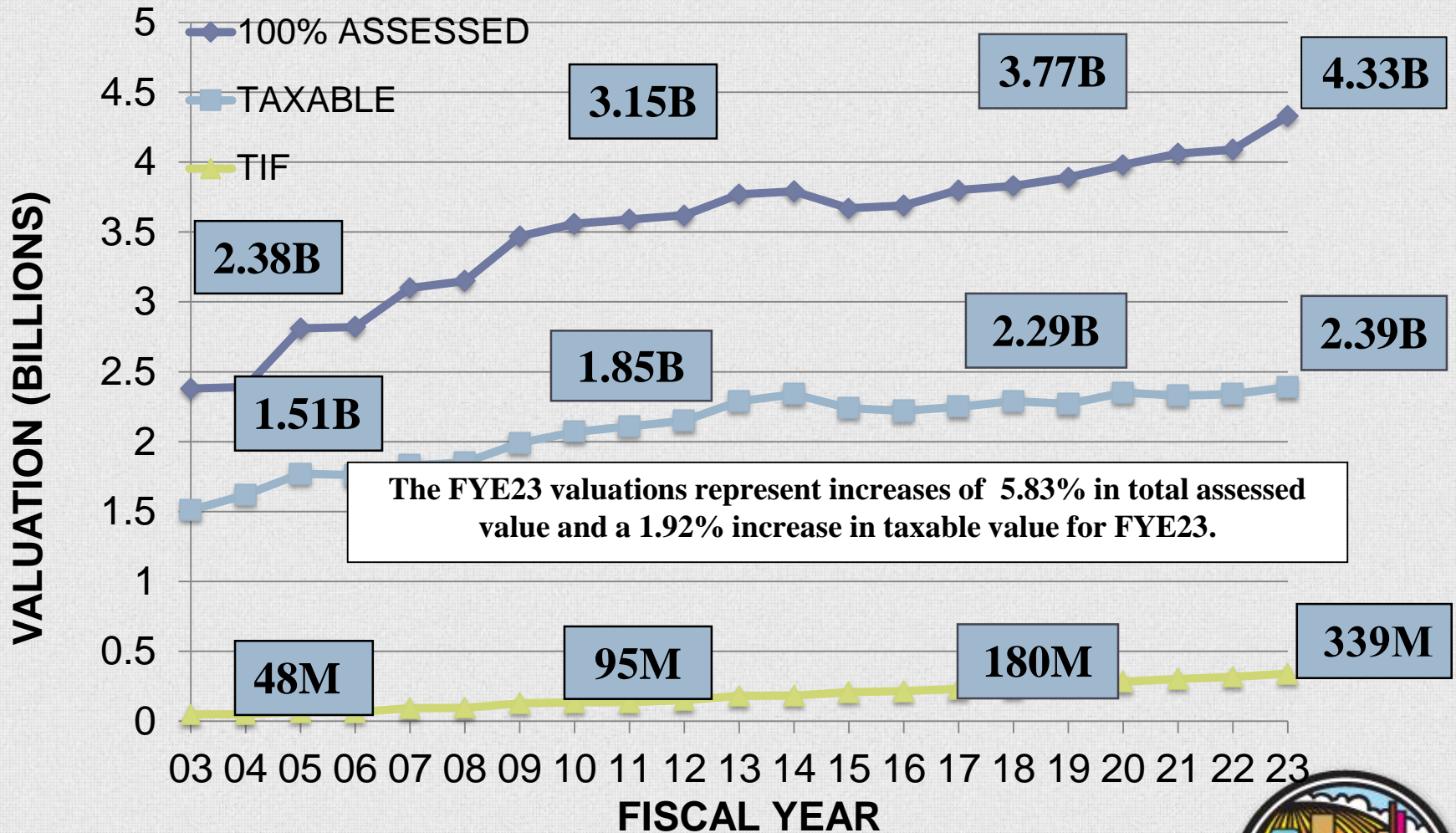
- **1 EMS Training Officer– General Fund**
- **(1) RTC Coordinator– General Fund**



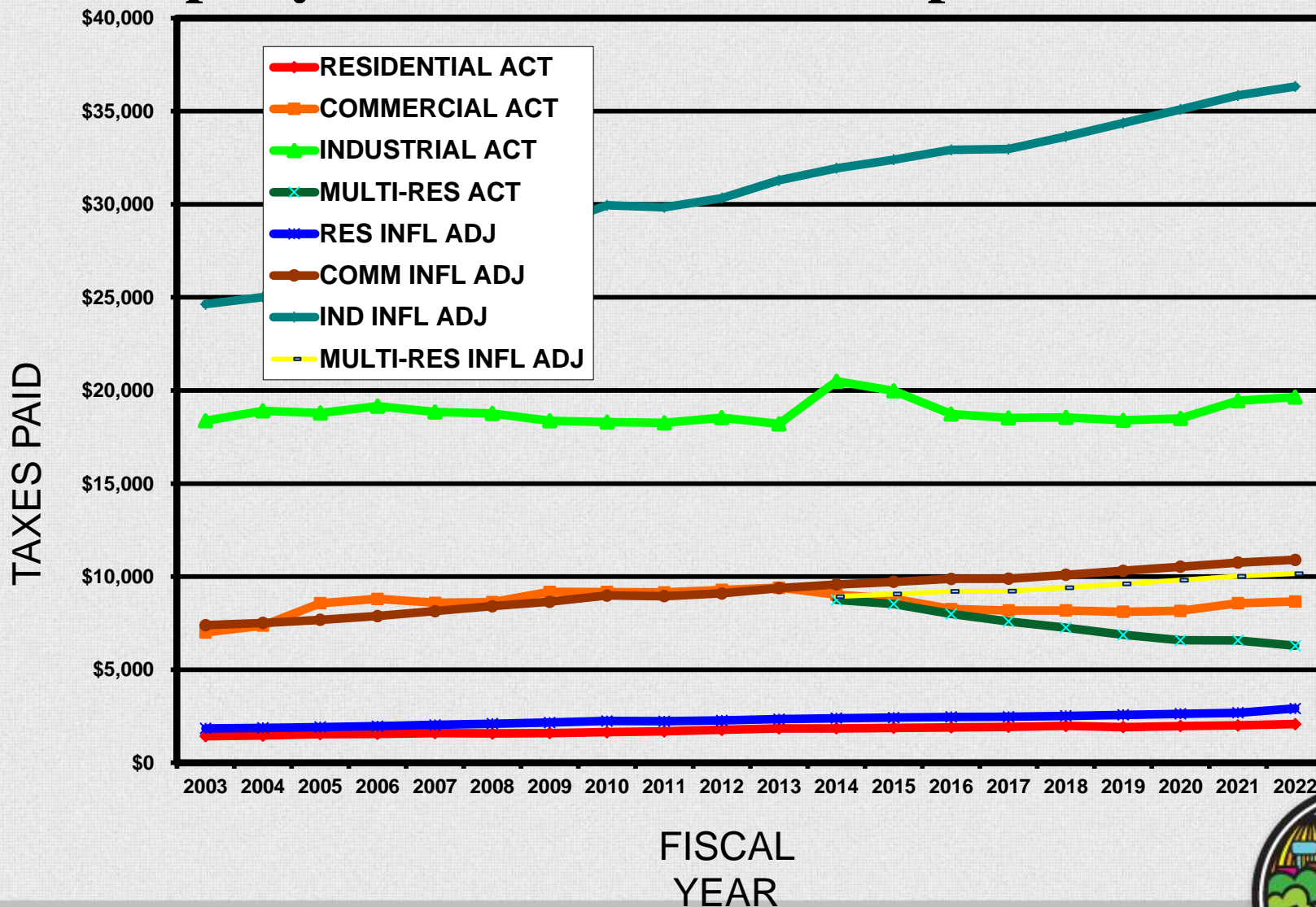
Has the share of taxes paid by homeowners changed over time?



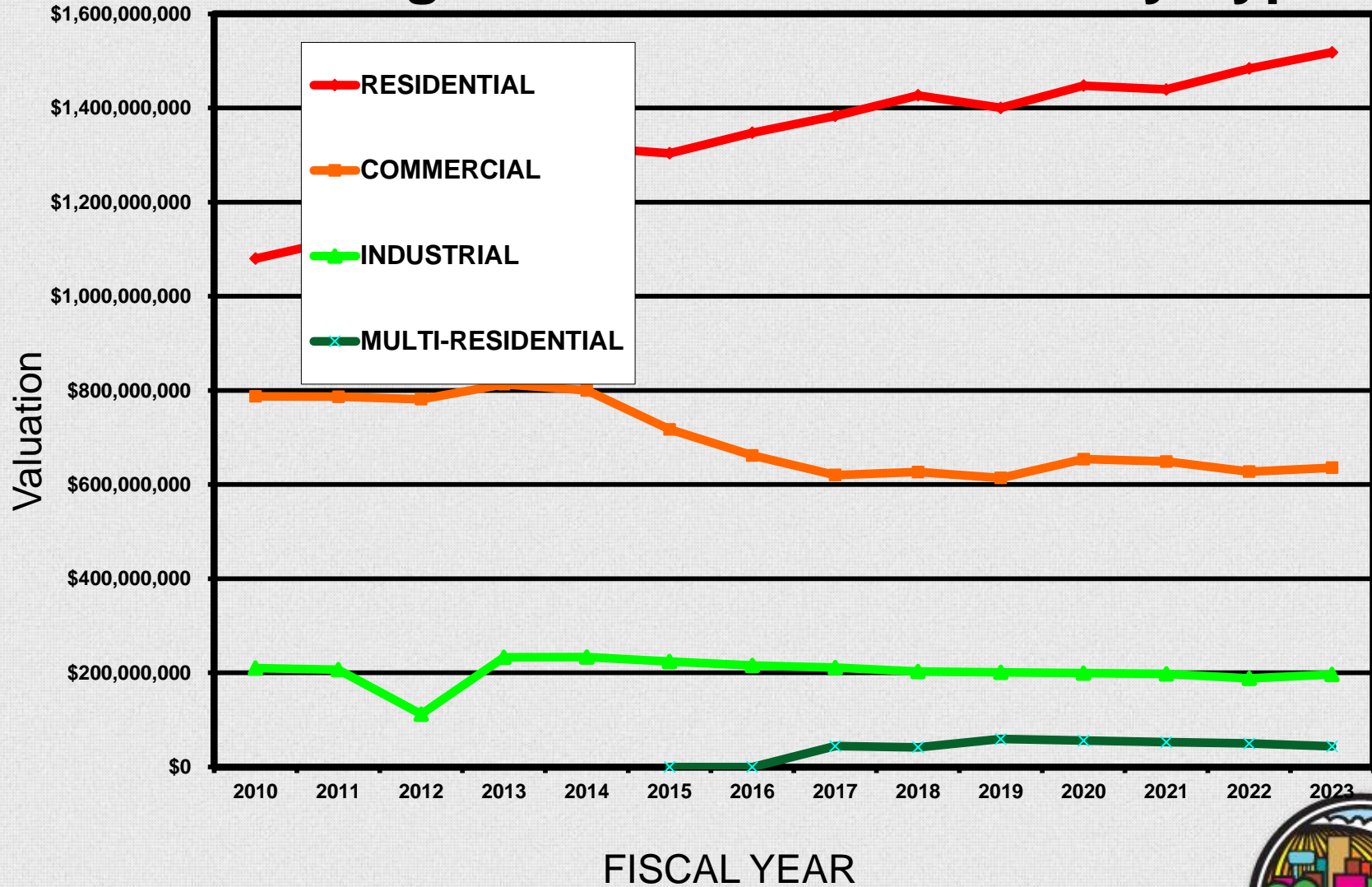
City of Waterloo Valuation Trends



Property Tax Trends With Comparison To Inflation



Change in Taxable Valuation by Type



FYE23 Budget Process

- ◆ Capital Improvements Program department requests sent out last fall. Staff reviewed them and meetings were set up with council members for their input.
- ◆ The Finance Department developed the base personnel budgets based on FYE22 staffing updated with FYE23 contractual rates (retirements, new hires, pensions, health care costs and pay rates). Information was provided to departments for review.
- ◆ Finance calculated the base budget using updated personnel costs and current year property valuations.
- ◆ Departments were directed to review and provide realistic revenue and leave expenses at the FYE22 approved budget amounts.
- ◆ Additional funding requests for critical needs were provided to the Finance Department in memo format.
- ◆ Budget options – Staff, council members and the public were encouraged to submit budget ideas and options to the Finance Department by **February 7**.
- ◆ Council adopted resolution for the maximum published levy publication February 15 (can't exceed rate for certain specified levies after publication) and set this hearing for March 7, 2022.
- ◆ Council adopted resolution for second budget publication March 7 (can't exceed rate or expense by program after publication).
- ◆ Budget hearing and vote scheduled for March 24.



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

- **Personnel Increases (Primarily Contractual):**

**Pay increases including payroll taxes,
overtime, and other pay-outs less**

positions not filled or moved **\$ 1,260,054**

27th Payroll **1,211,922**

Health insurance decrease **(21,396)**

Police & Fire pension decrease **(67,615)**

Increased retirement payments **(38,319)**

Total Personnel Increases **\$ 2,344,646**



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

Other Significant Non-Personnel Changes:

Increase in Sidewalk Expenses	60,000
Increase in MET funding	0
Increase in liability insurance	62,060
Increase in work comp expenses	267,543
Increase in Cemetery funding	10,000



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

- **Other Significant Non-Personnel Changes (continued):**

Increase Ambulance Expenses	319,090
Increase Police Expenses	81,245
Other expense changes	<u>(123,264)</u>
Total Net Non-Personnel Expense Changes	<u>\$ 676,674</u>



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

- **Significant Revenue Changes:**

Increased Ambulance Revenue	601,000
Increase in Sidewalk Revenue	60,000
Increased Golf Revenue	139,547
Increase in Clerk/Finance Revenue	256,400
Decrease in Young Arena Revenue	(75,000)
Other – Fees, Grants	<u>(324,063)</u>
Total Net Revenue Increase	<u>\$ 657,884</u>



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

- **Net Change in General Fund Property Taxes:**

Net increase in personnel expenses	\$ 1,132,724
Net cost of 27 th payroll	1,211,922
Net increase in other expenses	676,674
Net increase in revenue	(657,884)
Net increase in use of fund balance	(<u>919,730</u>)
 Total Net Increase in General Fund Property Taxes from FYE22	 \$ <u>1,443,706</u>



FYE23 General Fund Budget Impacts

- **Net Change in Property Taxes:**

Increase in General Fund property taxes	\$ 1,443,706
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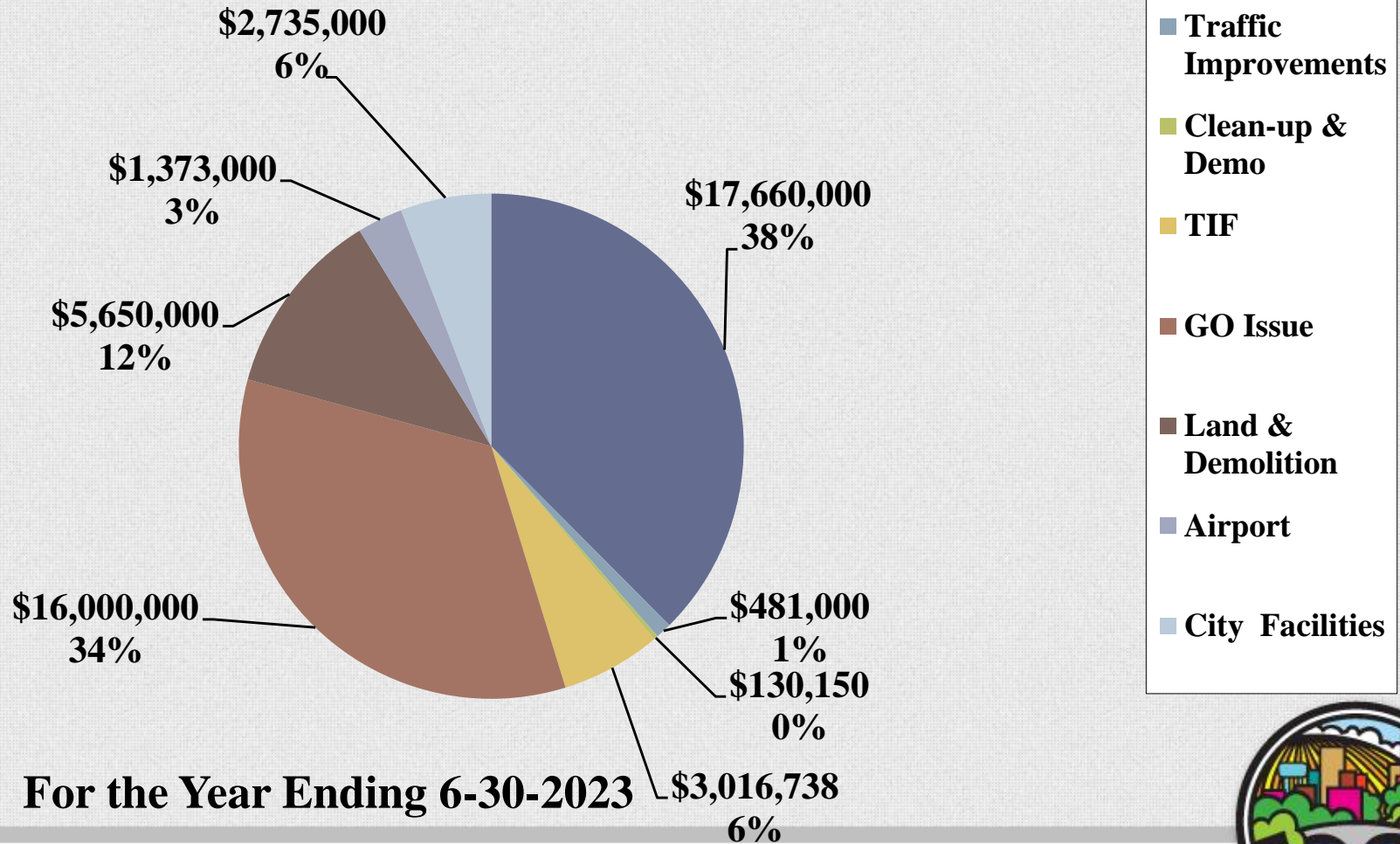
Increase in Debt Service Fund property taxes	257,499
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Increase special levy taxes for Library, Grout	<u>24,352</u>
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Net Increase in Total Property Taxes from FYE22	<u>\$ 1,725,557</u>
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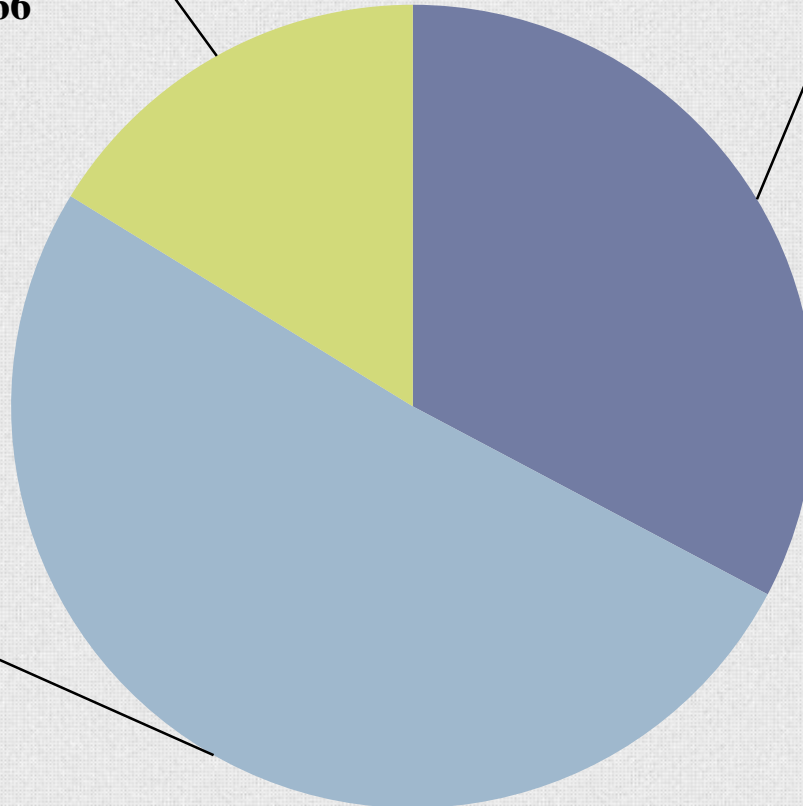
How are Capital Project Funds used?



How are sewer user fees spent?

**Debt Service for Sewer
System Improvements**
\$5,013,666
16%

**Plant & System
Maintenance Operations**
\$10,116,434
33%

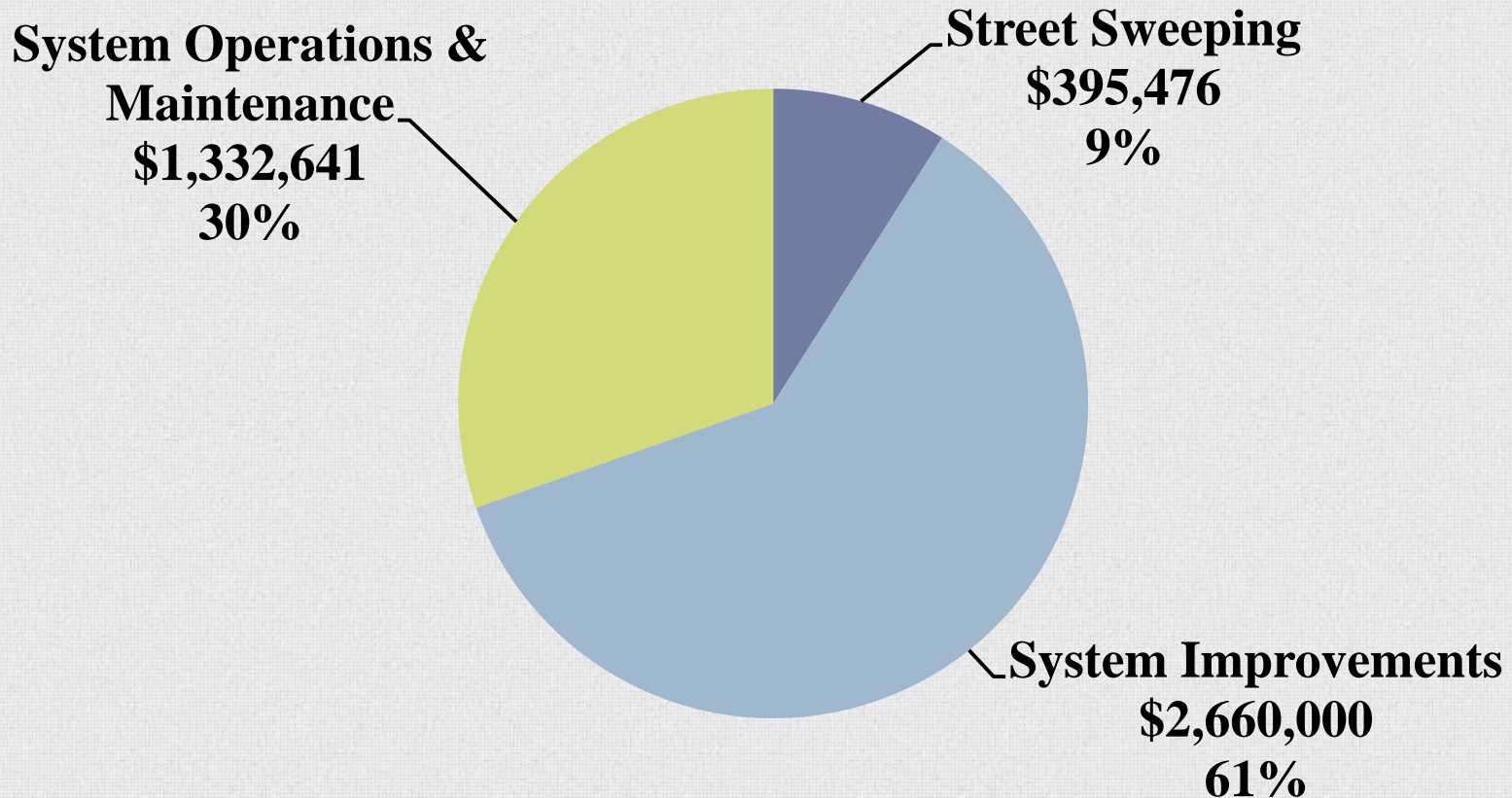


System Improvements
\$15,756,469
51%

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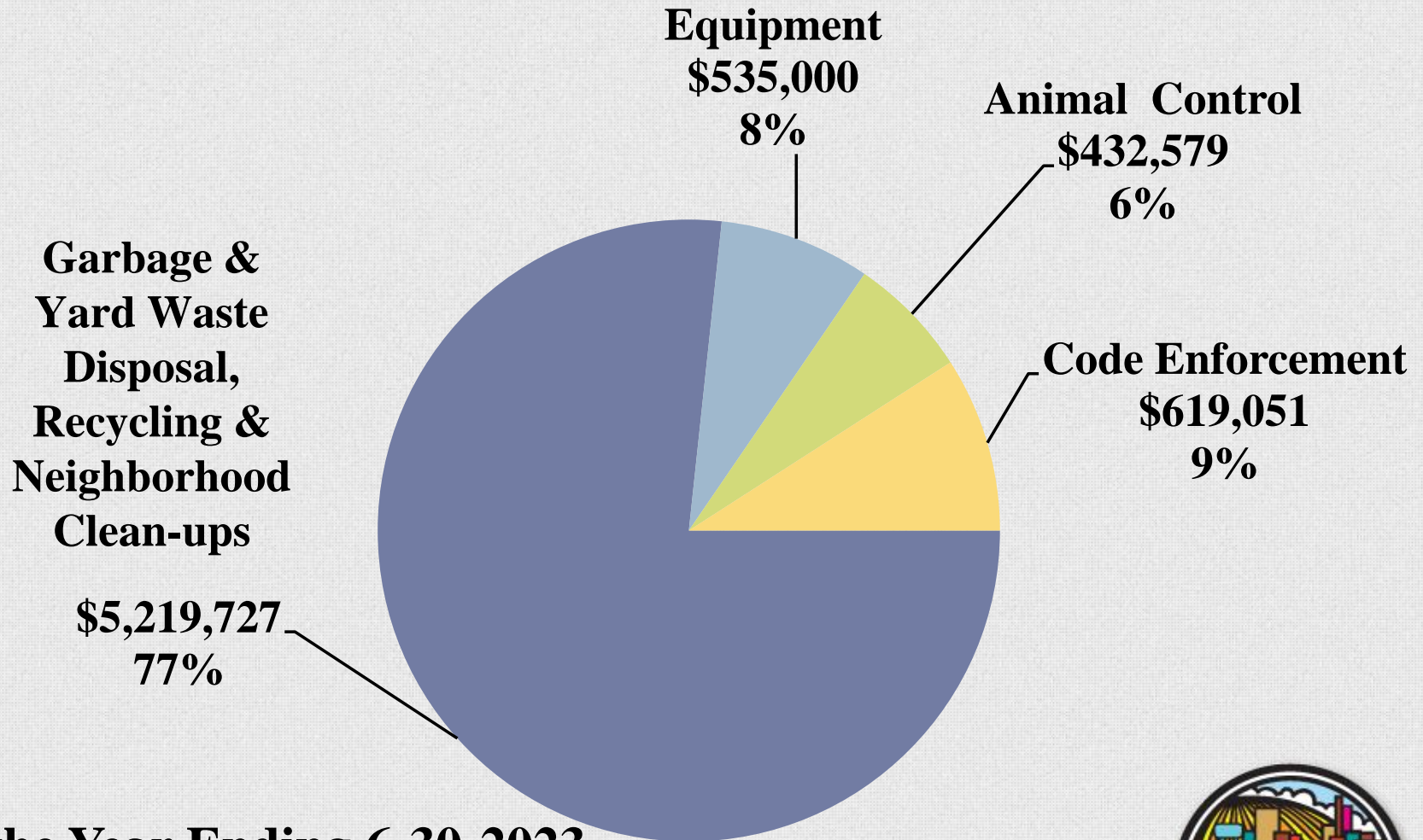
How are storm water user fees spent?



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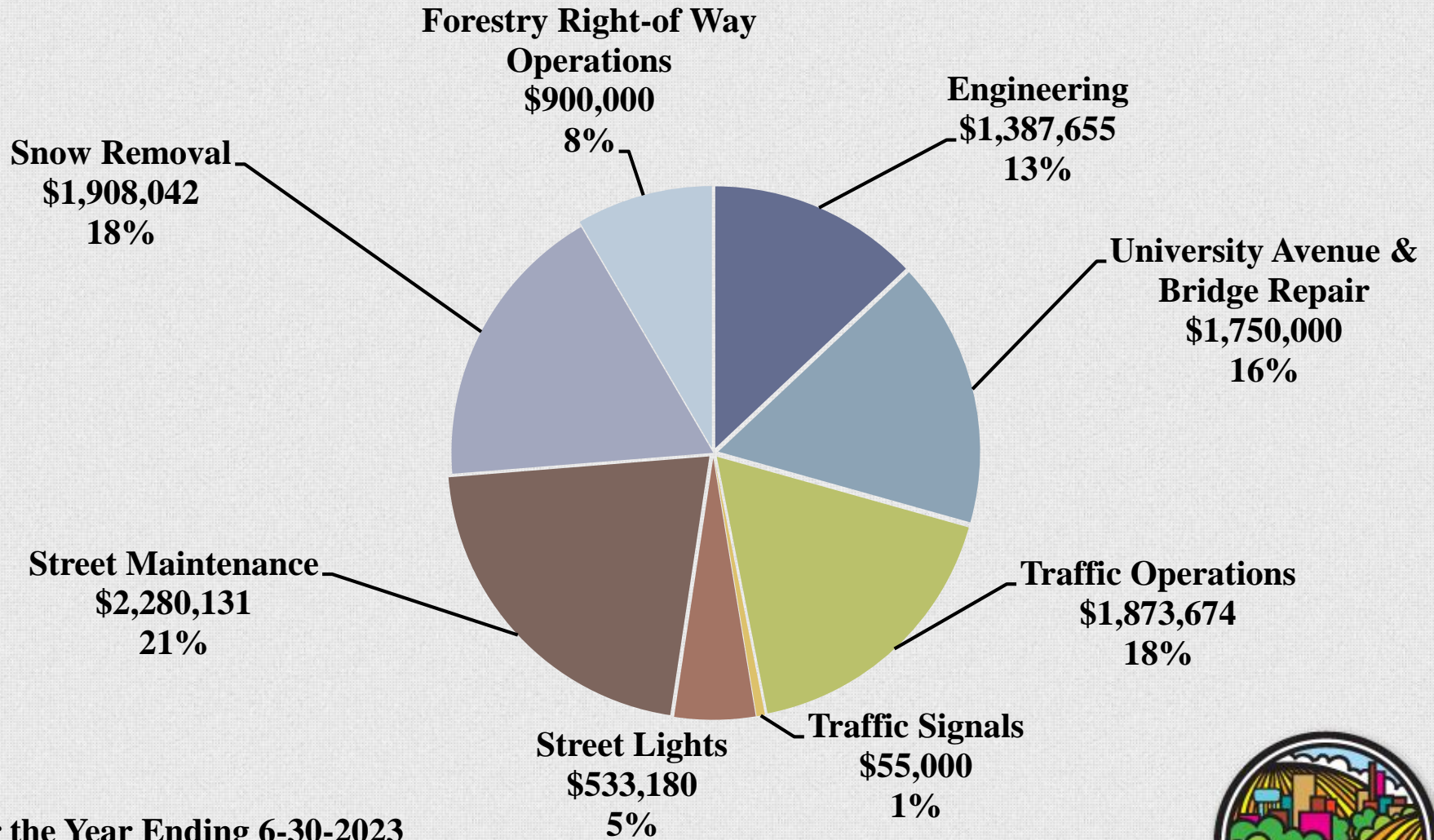
How are garbage user fees spent?



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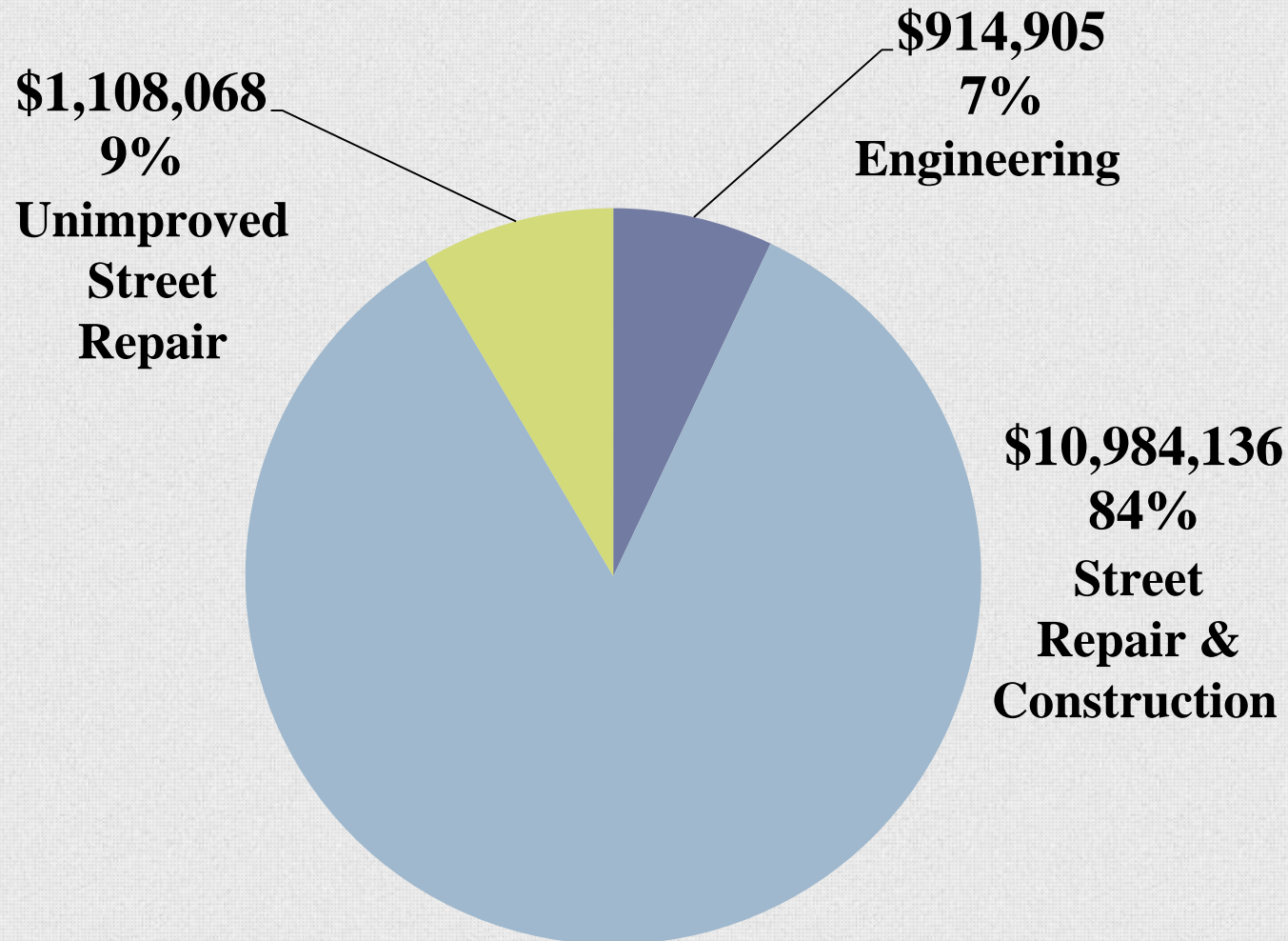
How are Road Use Tax Funds used?



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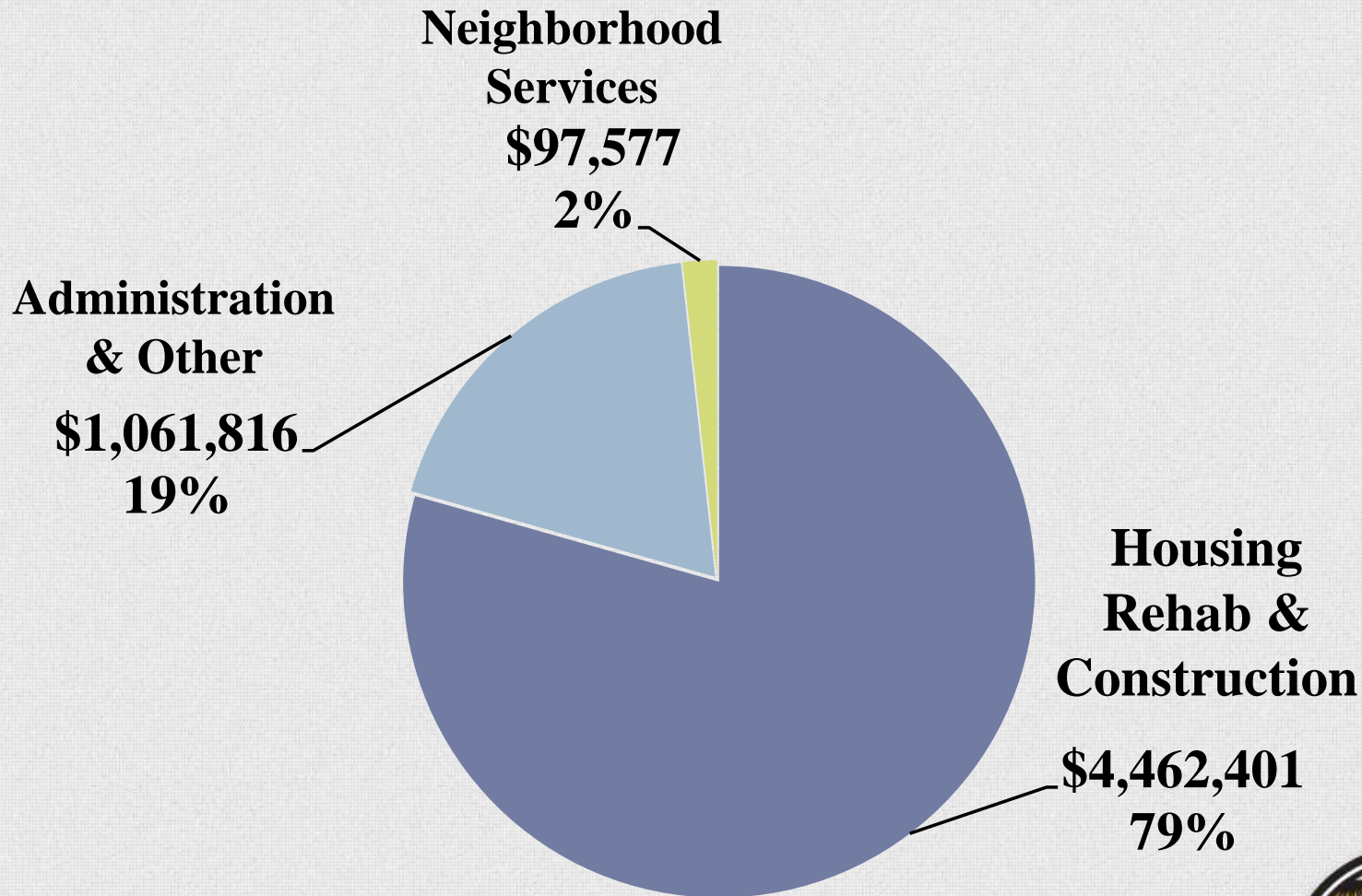
How are Local Option Tax Funds used?



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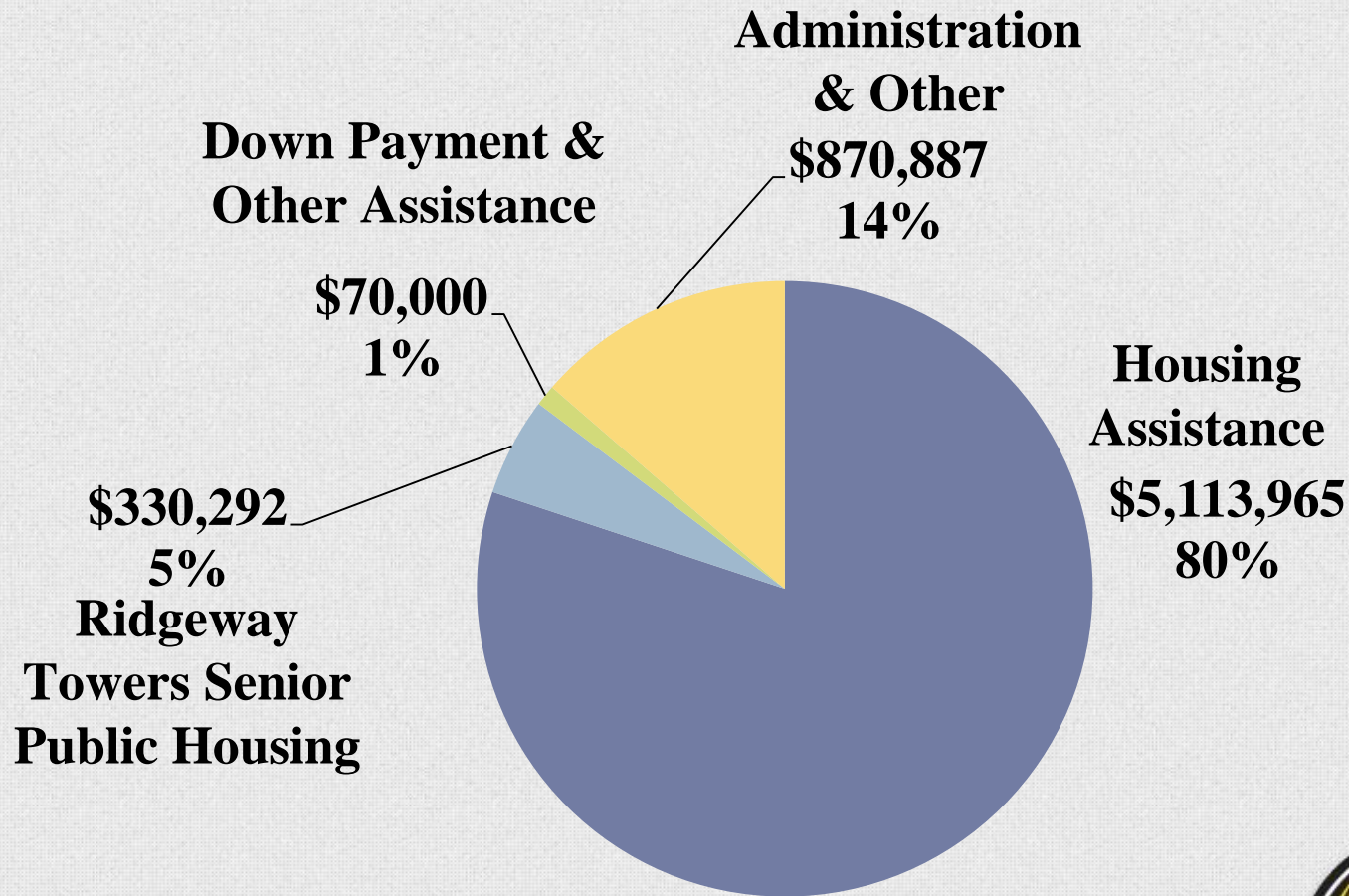
How are Federal Block Grant Funds used?



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How are Federal Housing Funds used?



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City of Waterloo FYE2023 Budget

- **Still have questions? Please call City Hall - Mayor Hart or Michelle Weidner will be glad to help.**
- **Thank you for participating in the development of the FYE2023 budget!**
- **A special thank you to Mayor Hart, the City Council, the Finance Department staff, and all City departments for their work to develop the budget and for the service they provide to our citizens year-round.**

