

Show Low Quarterly



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City's budget reflects continuing current levels of service

Like every business or household, the City of Show Low operates successfully by living within its means. A major tool is our annual budget which is built on a foundation of fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers, residents and customers.

Our fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30. The Show Low City Council adopted the fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020) budget on June 18. Our fiscal position has remained strong by making significant operational and long-term adjustments over the last few years. Unlike many cities, Show Low does not have a general property tax. Instead, we rely on sales tax revenues, state-shared revenues and user fees to fund the city's operations and programs.

Shopping locally keeps our tax dollars within our community to support local jobs, businesses and families. Because a large portion of

our operational revenues comes from state-shared revenues, the state's fiscal position also affects us. Like our city collections, the state continues to see increases in sales, gas and income tax collections. State-shared revenues are allocated to the city based on the state's 2017 population estimate of 11,098.

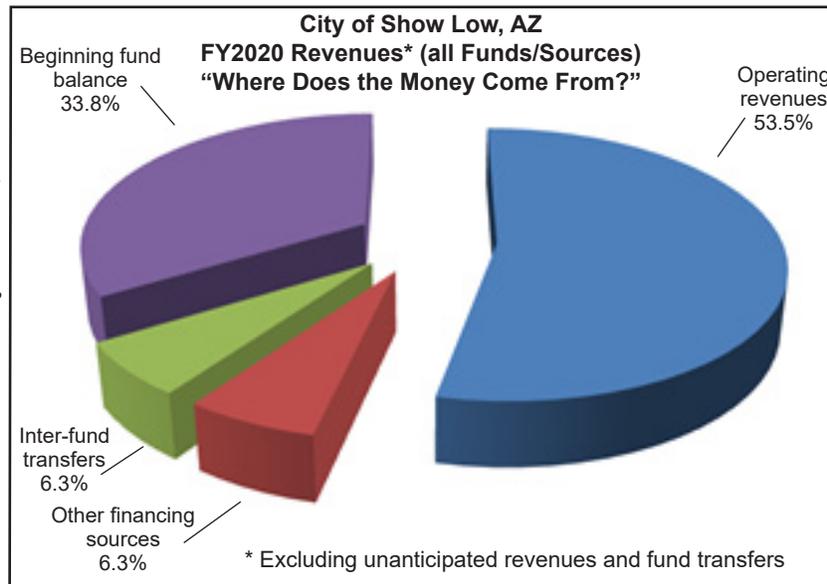
All money received by the city is spent on projects, public safety, community programs and providing services. The adopted fiscal year 2020 budget totals nearly \$52.6 million. It includes healthy reserve balances and continues to show built-up savings that will be used to complete planned large-scale capital projects

over the next few years.

The City Council and staff are committed to retaining our quality of life while providing the amenities offered by well-run communities within sensible fiscal constraints. Our employees deliver services and programs to local citizens, residents from neighboring communities and tourists. Departments include

police, public works (engineering, streets, water, sewer and airport), community development, community services and administration.

Whether you are a resident or a visitor, be assured that you are receiving high-quality city services. Our employees take pride in ensuring that Show Low is a great place to live, work and play. We are committed to nurturing our community's livability and the safety, health and well-being of those who live, work or visit our community.



Overview

The Mayor and Council strongly believe that maintaining our city's infrastructure continues to be the city's highest priority, and we do not want to move backwards. With this in mind, approximately \$9.7 million has been appropriated to maintain, improve and repair roadways, sidewalks, water lines, and sewer lines and make airport improvements. Overall, \$14.2 million has been allocated for capital projects (approximately \$2.3 million of which is grant-funded), \$1.6 million has been set aside

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Summit Healthcare expands services & technology

Summit Healthcare continues to make significant advancements in technology, equipment, and infrastructure to bring state-of-the-art healthcare to the communities it serves. Over the past few years, Summit Healthcare has invested more than \$185 million on improvements, which is impressive for a rural, not-for-profit facility.

In February 2018, Summit Healthcare broke ground on a \$90 million expansion project, which included a new Outpatient Services Pavilion, Administrative Services Building and Ambulatory Surgery Center.



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for future capital projects and \$2.9 million is held in reserve as a “rainy day” fund. The adopted budget of \$52.6 million reflects a \$6.0 million decrease from last year’s adopted budget, maintaining the city’s commitment to saving, building reserves, completing capital projects, and providing necessary and desired services.

Revenues

Each fiscal year the city starts the year with funds in the bank. This year, the beginning fund balance is approximately \$21.4 million. Through the course of the year, we project that an additional \$41.7 million will be collected through taxes, utility fees, grants and other income sources. Of this amount, about \$10.5 million is raised from the local city sales tax generated by everyone who shops at our local businesses. Although Show Low does not have a general property tax, residents do pay a small amount of property taxes for street and park lights.

The remainder of our revenue comes from state-shared revenues, building permit fees, utility (water, sewer, sanitation) payments and fees, debt, service charges and court fines. We regularly pursue federal and state grants as well as partnerships with other governments and agencies to help pay for programs and improvements. Last year, the city received \$2,631,116 in grants for a wide range of projects and activities. For fiscal year 2020, we have included known grants and contributions totaling \$2.3 million. An additional \$4.0 million has been included as an estimated amount to be allocated by the Mayor and Council as grants are received.

Expenses

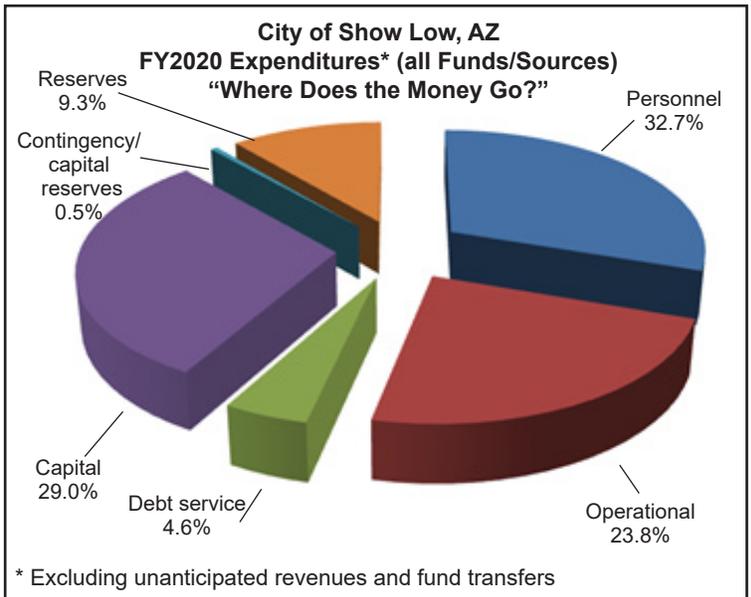
Although the adopted budget totals \$52.6 million, we anticipate spending approximately \$45.0 million this fiscal year. The variation comes from our reserves, savings and the estimated grant amount in the adopted budget total. In actuality, the city never spends all of these funds. Two major areas that the city spends its money are on capital projects (projects valued over \$50,000) and for city personnel to provide needed services. Consistent with the budget as a whole, these areas are relatively the same as last fiscal year.

This budget continues various programs with no reductions of current service levels. Overall, the city’s expenditure levels by service area reflect the city’s commitment to provide services directly to our residents. Operational expenditures (expenses) are the annual recurring costs borne by the city and normally exclude capital projects and other one-time purchases. Operationally, public safety is our largest expense. We estimate the city will spend nearly \$8.7 million in fiscal year 2020 on public safety activities.

The city has funded a number of major projects in fiscal year 2020. Some are newly funded, while others are ongoing. The following summarizes the key projects.

❖ **Water system improvements** – We budgeted \$3.2 million for water projects to benefit Show Low’s citizens in various areas, including replacing approximately 3,800 linear feet of six-

inch AC line with eight-inch PVC line with new fire hydrants and services, upgrading water lines in Fairway Park in phase IV of the project, 300,000 gallon tank site improvements,



water storage tank improvements, backup generators for wells, water line replacement in Sierra Vista (Reidhead), water line replacement on S. Cub Lake Rd. and on W. Cooley from Central Ave. to 8th Ave., and upgrading water line on McNeil from S. 5th Place to Deuce of Clubs.

- ❖ **Road improvements** – We budgeted \$4.8 million for roads, including milling and overlaying roads in the Sierra Vista subdivision, completing the extension on E. Thornton from Central Avenue to 6th Street. Contingent upon receiving grant funding, we will install approximately 2,600 linear feet of roadway 24 feet wide on Joe Tank Road with drainage crossings and ribbon curb on each side. Sidewalks will be added on McNeil from Central to Pomeroy's, on N. 16th Ave. from McNeil to Old Linden Road, and on S. Central Ave.
- ❖ **Wastewater system improvements** – We budgeted \$1.5 million for sewer projects, including making improvements to W. Cooley and replacing the sewer main in Fools Hollow near 24th Drive. Other funds are set aside to replace manholes, which deteriorate over time, as part of our ongoing maintenance program.
- ❖ **Airport improvements** – Pavement improvements will be made to the south apron and the airport master plan will be updated.
- ❖ **Park improvement projects** – At City Park, a new double zip line will be added and improvements will be made at the Old Pavilion. In addition, the carpet will be replaced at the City Campus Gym.

A copy of the final budget is available online at the city’s website at showlowaz.gov. Direct questions to Justin Johnson, Administrative Services Director, at (928) 532-4024.

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The Administrative Services Building opened in March 2019 and houses multiple departments, including accounting, administration, business offices for hospital and physician clinics, human resources, and medical records.

The Outpatient Pavilion opened in late June 2019 and includes Serenity Spa, outpatient diagnostic imaging, laboratory, pharmacy, and therapy services. The Ambulatory Surgery Center is scheduled to open in August.

An open house will be scheduled for later this summer. For details and to learn more about Summit Healthcare's expansion, visit summithealthcare.net.

Helpful tips for sheds, fences and foundations

Our building department employees have the expertise to help homeowners with all sorts of construction-related questions. Here are helpful tips for the top three issues we come across.

Shed permits & placement – Thinking of putting a shed on your property? It is common to want one for additional storage. To avoid issues related to its placement, you should know that all sheds must meet minimum required setbacks from property lines. Because these setbacks can vary from neighborhood to neighborhood based on the zoning classification, contact the city to determine the minimum setbacks for your property. We offer shed permits at no charge for all sheds without utility connections or those that are smaller than 200 total square feet in size. Any sheds larger than 200 square feet or those with utilities connected to them require a building permit.



Fence permits & placement – How about adding a fence for privacy or to beautify your yard? Fences must be built entirely on your property. Fence heights may vary based on your property's location and zoning classification. City staff can help explain the various requirements, including fencing materials, setbacks, vegetation, view-obscuring and non-obscuring fences. We also offer fence permits at no charge.

Preventing foundation damage – Homeowners take pride in their property by adding landscaping to beautify the yard. Take steps beforehand to avoid damaging the foundation of your home, which can result in very costly repairs. The major culprit comes from not sloping the grade away from the foundation to ensure water flows away from the house when landscaping is watered or irrigated. Water can pool against the foundation and, over time, cause significant damage.

For any questions related to sheds, fences or foundation damage, call our building department at (928) 532-4050.

You count!

By law, a Census of all individuals living within the United States is conducted every ten years. The 2020 Census is rapidly approaching and will be conducted beginning April 2020. This will be an historic Census, with online forms being the primary tool for responses. The traditional Census approach of knocking on individual doors will only occur if a resident has not responded online.

Population figures are used for a number of different purposes, including allocation of Congressional representation and federal and state funding for local communities. This funding is used by your local governments to help provide services and amenities.

Historically, Show Low has used these funds to help fund the bus service, to maintain and construct new roads and to construct new amenities such as the dog park, the new pickleball courts, and new playground equipment at City Park. Each individual resident counted in the Census helps add to the available funding for these types of projects.

Our part-time residents are also invited to participate as a Show Low resident in the 2020 Census. Simply list your Show Low residence as your primary residence on the Census form to be counted as a Show Low resident. Assistance will be available for those with questions or who would like help filling out the form.

Remember, you count!



E-waste recycling event

The 11th annual free region-wide electronic waste and tire recycling event is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, August 24, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Navajo County Penrod Facility, 251 N. Penrod Road in Show Low. Drop off unwanted televisions and computer monitors (limited to one per vehicle for no charge. Additional televisions and computer monitors may be dropped off for an extra charge), computer equipment, batteries (no vehicle batteries), chargers, cell phones, VCRs, CD and DVD players, printers, small appliances, fax machines, stereos, cables, cords and used tires (no rims). No large appliances (washers, dryers, refrigerators, etc.) or waste from commercial businesses will be accepted. Call (928) 532-4124 for more information.



Calendar of Events

Aquatic Center: (928) 532-4130 ♦ Recreation: (928) 532-4140 ♦ Public Library: (928) 532-4070

ONGOING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Show Low Main Street farmers' market & art walk, Saturdays 9 a.m.–1 p.m., Festival Marketplace (ends 09/28)

SPECIAL LIBRARY EVENTS & CLUBS (held at Public Library):

Game Zone (ages 8-17), Fridays 2–3:30 p.m., Wii-U and board games

Roblox Club (ages 8-18) on First Friday of each month from 4–5:30 p.m.

STEAM Club (ages 5-18) 4–5 p.m. on 07/18, 08/01, 08/15, 09/05 and 09/19 (develop science, technology, engineering, arts, math skills)

Itsy Bitsy Storytime (ages 0-2), Wednesdays 10–10:30 a.m.

Family Storytime Thursdays 10–10:30 a.m., starting 07/11

Cook the Books 10–11 a.m. on 07/15, 08/19 and 09/16

Adult DIY (do-it-yourself) adult craft activity 11 a.m. on 07/02, 08/06 and 09/03

White Mountain Poetry Circle (adults 18+) 11 a.m. on 07/06, 08/03 and 09/07 (share poems, enjoy fellow poets)

No Strings Attached Book Club 10-11 a.m. on 07/13, 08/10 and 09/14

07/01– 8 a.m., Summer Play Days (ages 5-12); weekly drop-
07/25 in/drop-out program with activities

07/04 Fourth of July events (city offices closed):

9 a.m., along the Deuce of Clubs, **Annual Parade** (theme: "Summer, Sizzle, & Sparkle")

3–10 p.m., Show Low football stadium complex, 500 W. Old Linden Road, **FreedomFest** (food vendors, fun zone, live concerts, plus fireworks at 9 p.m., weather permitting)

07/08 Swimming Lessons (Session 3), Aquatic Center

07/09 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/12 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

07/13 10 a.m., City Park, Senior Field, **Mini Mud Run** (ages 2-10, check in: 9:30 a.m.) — register by 07/10

07/16 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

07/20 6–8:00 p.m., Public Library, **NASA @ My Library - 50th Anniversary of the Moon Landing**

07/23 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

07/25 7–9 p.m., Aquatic Center, **Santa Splash Party**; pool party in July with Santa Claus

08/03 SPECIAL EVENT: 5–10 p.m., Show Low Regional Airport, **Hangar Dance** to honor our veterans, \$35 per person; call (602) 751-4075 for ticket information

08/06 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

08/06 Women's Volleyball games begin — register 07/01–07/27

08/09 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

08/10 24th Annual Tri in the Pines (ages 14+) & **Youth Tri in the Pines** (ages 5-14) — register 06/01–07/31

08/12 Fall Coed Volleyball registration begins (ends 09/20)

08/13 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

08/16 8 p.m., Show Low Regional Airport, **Movie in the Park** (Disney's *Valiant*)

08/19 Fall One Pitch Coed Softball begins (tentative start date) — register 07/01–08/03

08/20 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

08/24 6–8 p.m., City Campus Gym, **Mom and Son NERF Battle** (ages 5-13); two hours of target practice and battles (bring your own NERF gun) — advance registration starts 07/22, until sold out

08/27 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

08/31 noon – 10 p.m., Frontier Fields, **Battle of the Bands and Food Vans** (bands and food trucks battle for prizes, plus arts, crafts, music)

09/03 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/07 3–8 p.m., City Park, **Music in the Park & End of 100-Mile Challenge** (live music, free kids' activities, pie eating contest, and craft/food vendors) bring camp chair or blanket

09/09 Fall Swim Lessons Registration, 9 a.m., Aquatic Center

09/10 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

09/13 10 a.m., Public Library, **Show Low Library Friends** meeting (public welcome)

09/17 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **City Council Regular Meeting**

09/24 7 p.m., Council Chambers, **Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**

Quarterly newsletters (January-March, April-June, July-September, October-December) are produced by the City of Show Low, mailed with the utility bills and available at showlowaz.gov. Direct questions to (928) 532-4060 or 532-4061.