

## CITY COUNCIL

### Department Description and Mission

The Houston City Council serves as the legislative body with power to enact all ordinances and resolutions. The Members of Council jointly determine policy and initiate legislation. The City Council convenes twice weekly to administer duties set forth by the City Charter.

There are sixteen Council Members who represent eleven geographical districts and five at-large positions. The Council Members respond to several thousand constituents' calls and letters weekly, hold community meetings, and attend civic organization meetings.

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

**Business Area Program Summary**

Business Area: City Council  
 Bus. Area No : 5500

**Budget By Program (\$ in thousands):**

Program	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps
City Council Offices	0	7,746	0	9,364	0	9,492
Council District Service Program	0	3,610	0	9,346	0	5,784
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	0	1,808	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>13,164</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18,710</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>15,276</b>

**FTEs by Program:**

Program	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs
City Council Offices	65.8	0.0	75.1	0.0	82.1	0.0
Council District Service Program	1.9	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.5	0.0
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>77.4</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>84.6</b>	<b>0.0</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

**Business Area Program Detail**

**Business Area : City Council**

**Bus Area No. : 5500**

**City Council Offices**

**Description:**

Serves as a legislative body with power to enact all ordinances and resolutions. The Council Members determine policy, initiate legislation, and administer duties set forth in the City Charter.

**Goal:**

Review, and revise existing policies and programs, and develop a strategic plan to better serve existing businesses while attracting new commerce to better stimulate the economy. To develop a long-term sustainable financial plan for the City of Houston by aligning available resources with community priorities in order to provide beneficial, meaningful, and valued services and programs. Develop a strategic plan to better address current and future City expenditure and revenue needs while continuing to provide high quality municipal service. Create financial plans for future growth and future maintenance.

**Mayor's Priority:** Government that Works

(\$ in thousands)

Fund	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps
General Fund	0	7,746	0	9,364	0	9,492

**Staffing:**

Fund	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs
General Fund	65.8	0.0	75.1	0.0	82.1	0.0

**Performance Measure:**

Performance	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Target	FY2024 Estimate	FY2025 Target
Expenditures Adopted Budget vs Actual Utilization	96%	100%	100%	100%

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

**Business Area Program Detail**

**Business Area : City Council**

**Bus Area No. : 5500**

**Council District Service Program**

**Description:**

Council District Service Project Program establishes a method to address minor neighborhood issues. Funding for each District Council Member will be allocated (At-Large Council Members not included); an equal amount to be utilized based on neighborhood needs and constituents' input.

**Goal:**

Repair, maintain, and improve City assets, including streets, sidewalks, sewer systems, buildings, parks, and trails to better serve the community, anticipate future needs and prevent further degradation. Facilitate an ongoing conversation with the constituents that captures all the considerations involved in their communities. Assuring all interests are addressed and reflected with the funds provided via this program.

**Mayor's Priority:** Government that Works

(\$ in thousands)

Fund	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps
General Fund	0	3,610	0	9,346	0	5,784

**Staffing:**

Fund	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs	FTEs	OT FTEs
General Fund	1.9	0.0	2.3	0.0	2.5	0.0

**Performance Measure:**

Performance	FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Target	FY2024 Estimate	FY2025 Target
# of CDSF projects submitted	294	250	275	300
# of CDSF projects completed	133	250	150	300

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

**Business Area Program Detail**

**Business Area : City Council**

**Bus Area No. : 5500**

**Debt Service and Interfund Transfers**

**Description:**

Budget allocations included in this section reflect debt service payments and/or interfund transfers.

**Goal:**

To effectively manage debt service payments and interfund transfers.

**Mayor's Priority:** Government that Works

(\$ in thousands)

Fund	FY2023 Actual		FY2024 Estimate		FY2025 Budget	
	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps	Revs	Exps
General Fund	0	1,808	0	0	0	0

**FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET**

**Business Area Budget Summary**

Fund Name : General Fund  
 Business Area : City Council  
 Fund No. /Bus. Area No. : 1000 / 5500

		FY2023 Actual	FY2024 Current Budget	FY2024 Estimate	FY2025 Budget
Expenditures	Personnel Services	7,828,151	8,838,186	8,822,364	8,848,431
	Supplies	361,499	438,443	168,797	169,619
	Other Services and Charges	2,313,297	9,104,504	9,715,877	6,255,233
	Equipment	126,997	106,559	0	0
	Non-Capital Equipment	725,458	222,346	3,000	3,000
	Total M & O Expenditures	11,355,402	18,710,038	18,710,038	15,276,283
	Debt Service & Other Uses	1,808,463	0	0	0
	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>13,163,865</b>	<b>18,710,038</b>	<b>18,710,038</b>	<b>15,276,283</b>
Revenues		0	0	0	0
Staffing	Full-Time Equivalents - Civilian	67.7	77.4	77.4	84.6
	Full-Time Equivalents - Classified	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Full-Time Equivalents - Cadets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total	67.7	77.4	77.4	84.6
	Full-Time Equivalents - Overtime	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Significant Budget Changes and Highlights**

- o The FY2025 Budget provides funding for health benefits and pension contributions.
- o The FY2025 Budget provides funding of \$568,787 for each Council office.
- o The FY2025 Budget includes funding of \$5,500,000 for the Council District Service Project Program.
- o The FY2024 Estimate reflects utilization of the FY2023 Council District Service Fund rollover amount of \$3,563,814.

**General Fund  
 City Council  
 Year over Year Expenditure Change**

