

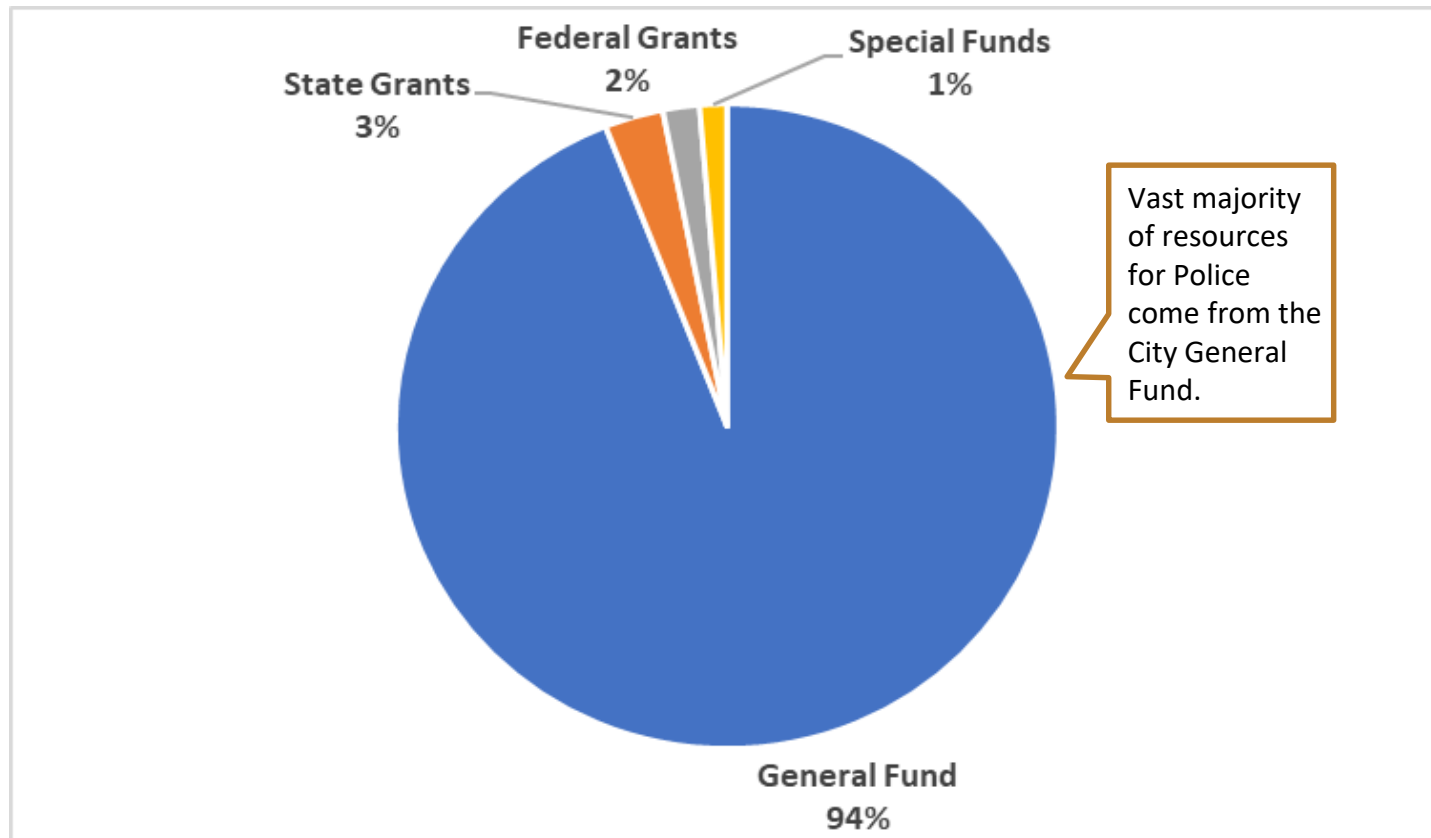
Police Budget Overview

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Police Budget by Funding Source

Fiscal 2022 Total Budget
\$555.1 Million



Police Budget by Service

Service	Dollars (\$ millions)	Percent
Administration	\$91.5	16.5%
Compliance	24.9	4.5%
Crime Lab and Evidence Control	22.7	4.1%
Criminal Investigations	59.1	10.6%
Data Driven Strategies	12.9	2.3%
Police Patrol	233.7	42.1%
Patrol Support Services	23.2	4.2%
Public Integrity	12.7	2.3%
Recruitment	34.0	6.1%
Special Operations	<u>40.4</u>	<u>7.3%</u>
Total Budget	\$555.1	100.0%

Why is Police Spending so High?

- In the United States, public safety is largely delegated to local governments, with limited availability for funding from Federal or State grants.
- Staffing coverage for many positions are required 24 hours per day, “around-the-clock.”
- Minimum staffing levels are required to respond to all calls for service, i.e. to report a crime, fire, or medical emergency.
 - *Approximately 2/3's of emergency calls require either Police or Fire personnel to respond to the scene to resolve or assist.*
- Salaries and benefits tend to be higher for public safety workers vs. other laborers, to compensate for required skills and danger level.

Police Efficiencies – Recent History

- Elimination or move to “on-call” posture for some non-critical specialized units such as Mounted, Aviation, Marine, and traffic-related units.
- Civilianization of certain administrative functions, such as forensic science, fiscal services, and human resources.
- Rollout of Telephone Reporting for non-critical crime reporting, which frees up officer time for more urgent calls for service.
- Change to a more efficient Patrol schedule, which requires more annual appearances and minimizes wasted overlap hours.
- Increasing the reimbursement rate for use of City police officers for special events or private security.
- All have led to significant reductions in overtime spending, which peaked at nearly \$50.0M in FY19 but reduced to 36.4M in FY21, a nearly one-third decline.

Questions?

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