Balance Your Own Version of Dubuque’s City Budget

3 easy steps to learn & participate in the Fiscal Year 2020 budget process:

1. **Generate your taxpayer receipt** Instructions below
2. **Decide if our priorities are right.** Do you have different ideas of how to spend?
3. **Provide your feedback with our Balanced Budget simulation.** Instructions on the reverse side.

Where do your tax dollars go?

**Step 1: Answer a few simple questions**

- What's your annual income?
- What's your age?
- What percentage of your shopping for goods and products do you do within the locality?
- Do you own a home?
- What is the taxable value of your primary residence?

**Step 2: Check out your estimated taxpayer receipt**

- [View Your Estimated Tax Receipt](#)

Share this cool tool with your friends & family!

Click the information button for a link to Beacon, the City assessor’s page. Search for your address to find the assessed value of your home.

- [View Your Estimated Tax Receipt](#)

Click the information button to view what is included in the expense

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Your total is at the bottom. Click the information icon to view the split between property and sales tax

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Use the budget simulation to balance the City budget at: [bit.ly/2020DBQBudgetInput](http://bit.ly/2020DBQBudgetInput)
How do YOU think the City of Dubuque should spend its money?
The City budget is a balancing act. Use our budget simulation to try it yourself at: bit.ly/2020DBQBudgetInput

Step 1: Learn about Revenue and Spending

- Public Safety: $29.6m
  - Police: $15.5m
  - $15.5m
  - $0.00
  - $15.5m

Click More Details for more information, statistics & photos

Click the information icon for to view what is included in the amount

Step 2: Answer Scenario Questions

- Culture and Recreation: $12.7m

Some categories include scenario questions on budget options for you to vote on your preference. Notice how choosing different options will impact the budget.

Step 3: Adjust spending and revenue categories & provide comments

- Increase budget amount
- Decrease budget amount
- Reset to original budget amount

Adjusting the Property Tax Rate on the Revenue side is one option for offsetting increased spending

Step 4: Submit a Balanced Budget

The indicator tells you how much money you need to adjust to get in balance. The City of Dubuque is required by law to submit a balanced budget.

Is everything in balance?
Submit your budget to let us know what you think! Budgets are submitted anonymously and demographic exit questions are optional


Questions on Balancing Act or want to request a group presentation of the software? Contact the Budget Office at 563-589-4110