Balance Your Own Version of Dubuque’s City Budget

3 easy steps to learn & participate in the Fiscal Year 2022 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?
View your taxpayer receipt at: www.cityofdubuque.org/taxpayerreceipt

**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?**

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.

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

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

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

Use the budget simulation to balance the City budget at: www.cityofdubuque.org/budgetsimulation
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: www.cityofdubuque.org/budgetsimulation

**Step 1: Learn about Revenue and Spending**

- **Public Safety:** $29.6m
  - **Police:** $15.5m
  - **Click More Details** for more information, statistics & photos

**Step 2: Answer Scenario Questions**

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.

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Questions on Balancing Act or want to request a virtual presentation of the software? Contact the Finance Department at 563-589-4398