

**EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT #6**  
(JACKSON COUNTY)  
OREGON

**2026/2027 Annual Budget**  
**(Proposed)**



***To Be Adopted***  
*By the Governing Body of*  
*Evans Valley Fire District #6*  
*(Jackson County)*  
*Board of Directors Meeting*  
*June 18, 2026*

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**Budget Committee Members**

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Board of Directors Chair

**Tom Davidson**  
Fire Chief/Budget Officer

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**District Staff**

Deputy Chief Tom McGowan  
Rebecca Prettyman

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## Budget Calendar

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|---|---------------------|
| 1. Appoint budget officer   | January 8, 2026     |
| 2. Proposed budget preparation  | February/March 2026 |
| 3. Publish notice of the budget committee meeting<br>In the Newspaper (5 to 30 days before the meeting)   | April 2, 2026       |
| 4. Publish notice of the budget committee meeting<br>On <a href="http://www.evfire.org">www.evfire.org</a> (At least ten days before the meeting)             | April 2, 2026       |
| 5. Budget committee meeting   | April 23, 2026      |
| 6. Second budget committee meeting<br>(If needed)   | May 18, 2026        |
| 7. Publish notice of budget hearing<br>(5 to 30 days before the hearing)  | June 4, 2026        |
| 8. Hold budget hearing (Governing Body)   | June 18, 2026       |
| 9. Enact resolutions to <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Adopt budget</li><li>b. Make appropriations</li><li>c. Impose and categorize taxes</li></ol> | June 18, 2026       |
| 10. Submit tax certification documents<br>to the assessor by July 15, 2026  | June 23, 2026       |

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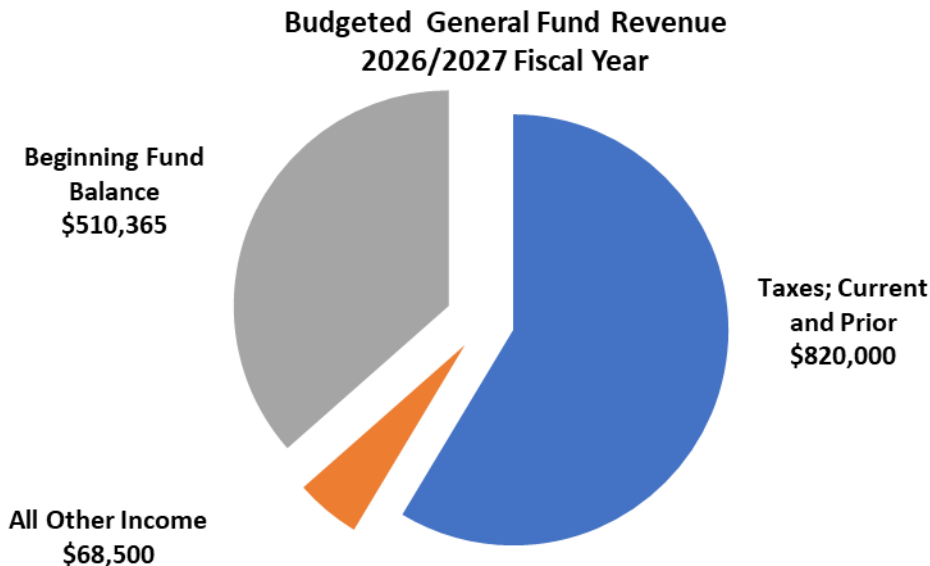
## Budget Message

I am pleased to present the proposed 2026/2027 fiscal year budget for Evans Valley Fire District #6 (EVFD). As the budget officer, I have prepared this budget in accordance with the Fire District's Strategic Plan as adopted by the Board of Directors and in compliance with Oregon Budget Law and Fire District Policy. This budget is designed to meet the current needs and anticipate the future requirements of the Fire District based on projected revenues. It does not include any new funds this year. The primary goal of this budget is to be fiscally responsible for the revenues we receive from our district patrons while providing services and programs that align with our strategic plan.

The Fire District operates on the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund. It has not created or added additional funds for the fiscal year 2026/2027.

### General Fund

#### Revenue Summary



The proposed budget projects the current year's taxes to be collected of \$810,000 based on a 94% collectible rate of \$861,154. Jackson County assessor projects \$861,154 of taxes owed to Evans Valley Fire District #6 for the fiscal year 2026/2027, a 3% increase from last year. Factoring in a 94% collectible rate,

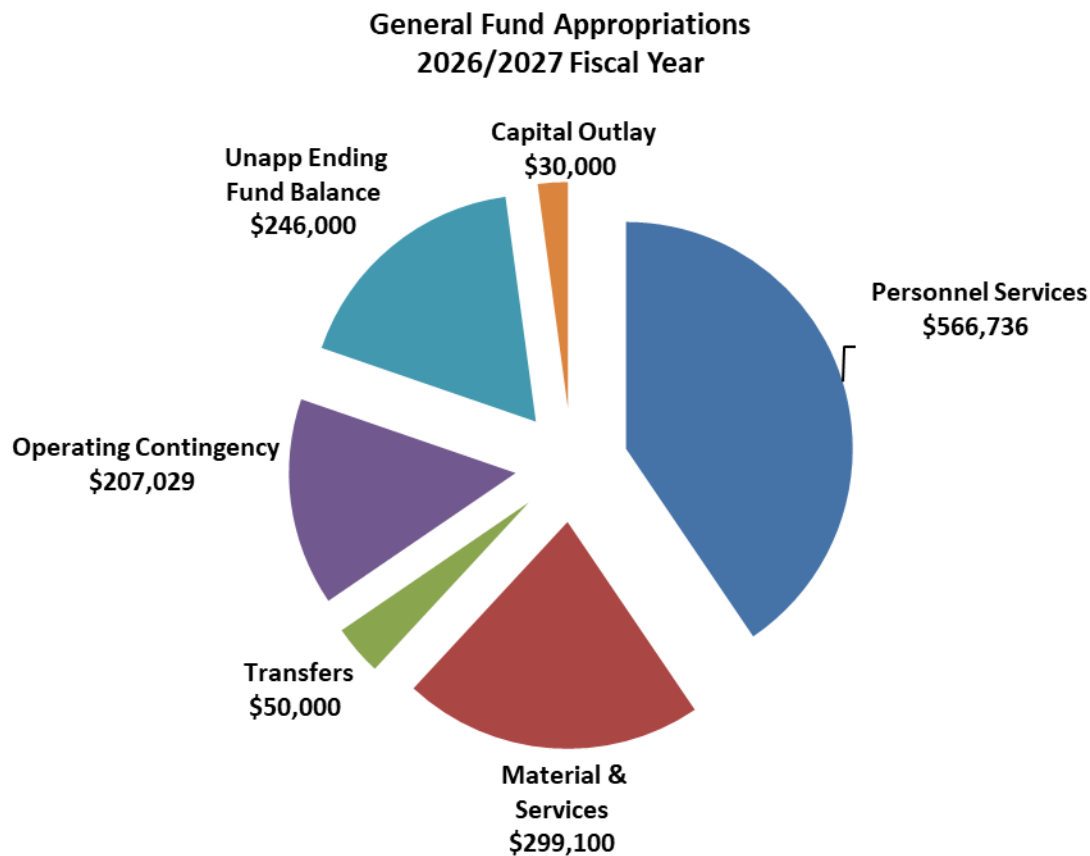
we expect tax revenue to be \$810,000. Current-year taxes are calculated at our permanent tax rate of \$1.2905 per \$1,000 of assessed value and a local option levy of \$1.35 per \$1,000 of assessed value. Prior year taxes are budgeted at \$10,000. All property taxes, current and previous years, account for 59% of the District's operating revenue. The Fire District's total operating revenue comprises the beginning fund balance, property taxes, interest earned, equipment sales, miscellaneous income, and grants. The proposed General Fund revenue is \$1,398,865, a 1.64% decrease from the fiscal year 2025/2026 budget.

## Personnel Services

The Fire District is currently staffed by five full-time employees, one part-time office administrator, six student firefighters, and 10 response volunteers. The personnel services budget is \$566,736, representing 64% of operating revenue and 41% of total fund expenses.

## Materials and Services

Materials and Services saw a 2% decrease in fiscal year 2026/2027. The total Materials and Services budget is \$299,100, which is 34% of operating revenue and 21% of total fund expenses. Materials and Services include allocations for our ECSO annual contract, First Due, and United Strategies and Consulting.



## Interfund Transfers

The 2026/2027 budget allocates a \$50,000 inter-fund transfer to the Capital Project Fund for 4% of total fund expenses.

## Capital Outlay Detail

The 2026/2027 budget allocates \$30,000 for capital projects. \$10,000 for two sets of Turn-Outs, \$20,000 for updating our station alerting system. The total allocation for Capital Outlay is \$30,000, which is 2% of total fund expenses.

## Operational Contingency

This budget has allocated \$207,029 in contingency, 15% of fund expenses.

## Unappropriated Ending Fund Balance

The 2026/202 budget allocates \$246,000 in unappropriated enduring fund Balance (UEFB). This is 30% of the taxes expected to be collected in the current and prior years.

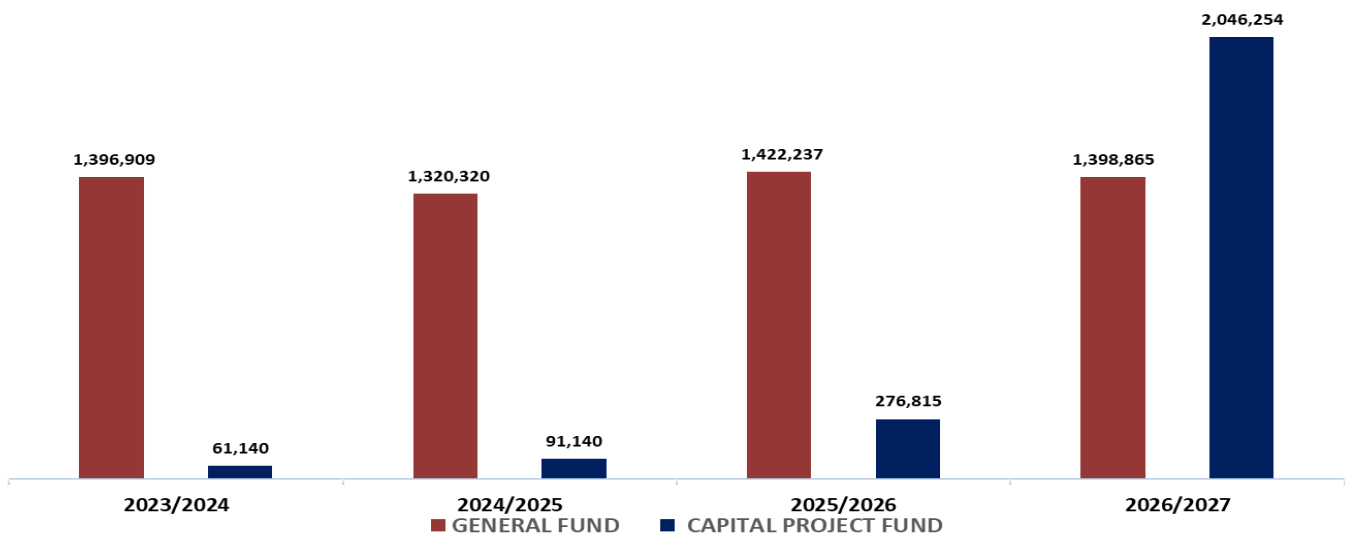
## Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Project Fund shows a proposed \$50,000 transfer for the 2026/2027 budget year, giving a balance of \$2,046,254. Within the 2026/2027 budget, we have allocated \$1,791,910 to complete our seismic retrofit of the fire station and \$100,000 for completing Brush 42's upfit. The remaining \$154,344 is reserved for future expenditures

## District Funding

The Fire District is funded primarily through property taxation. The District operates on the permanent tax rate of \$1.2905 per \$1,000 of assessed value and a local option levy of \$1.35 of assessed value. These two revenue sources support our current service level; services would have to be reduced without either. In addition, capital projects are generally funded through outside resources such as fundraisers and grants. The District must continue to utilize these funding opportunities to upgrade our facilities and equipment. Unfortunately, grant funds cannot be anticipated and will be added to the budget as they are received.

### EVFD#6 Fund Totals



*Tom Davidson*

Tom Davidson  
Fire Chief/Budget Officer

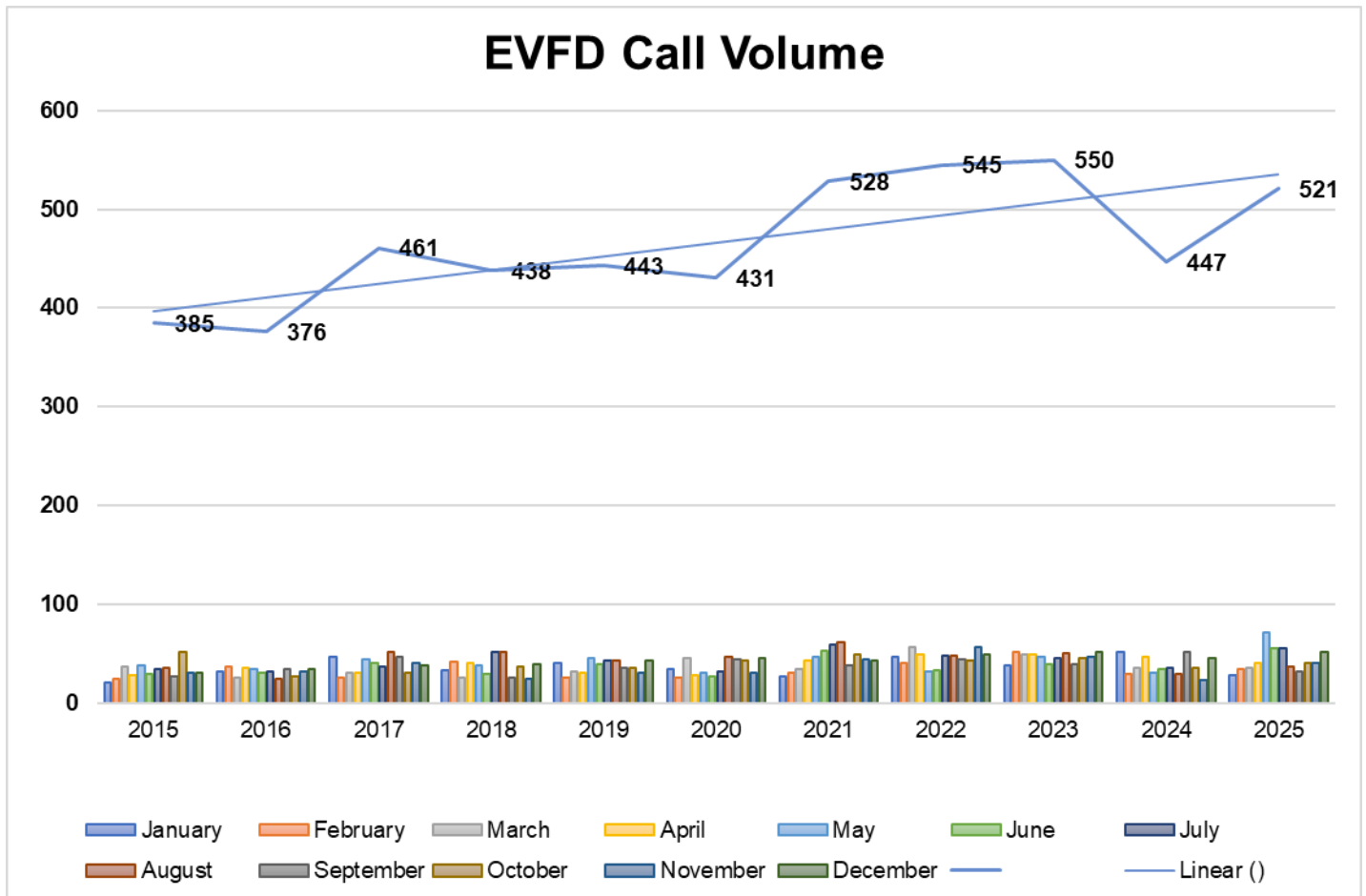
# District Overview

Evans Valley Fire District #6 (EVFD) proudly serves the unincorporated community of Wimer, Oregon—located just eight miles off the Interstate 5 corridor in scenic Southern Oregon. Our district covers 25.6 square miles of rugged mountains, valleys, and forests that comprise the Evans Creek watershed, providing emergency services to approximately 4,500 residents.

We are a combination fire district with a paid Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, one part-time office administrator, and three Shift Officers, supported by 16 interior-certified volunteer firefighters. Our volunteers handle a range of responsibilities, from emergency response to administrative duties, enabling us to maintain effective operations with limited staffing.

A cornerstone of our staffing model is the Student Staffing Program, in which students receive college tuition and book assistance in exchange for 10 24-hour shifts each month. This program has significantly reduced our response times and has been honored with the Outstanding Program Award from the Special Districts Association of Oregon.

EVFD is governed by a five-member Board of Directors, all of whom are community members committed to the district’s success.



## Call Volume and Area of Response

Over the past decade, EVFD has experienced a steady 4.2% annual increase in call volume. Approximately 60% of our responses are for medical emergencies, with the remainder consisting of structure fires, wildland fires, rescues, and public assistance calls.

We operate from a single, centrally located station and serve the 4,500 residents within our district boundaries. We also provide automatic aid to an additional 10,000 people in nearby areas. Through mutual aid agreements facilitated by the Rogue Valley Fire Chiefs Association, EVFD protects 278,000 residents across 4,440 square miles. We respond to an average of 45 automatic and mutual aid calls each year.

### **Commitment to Training and Community Service**

Our district emphasizes personal and professional development through a robust training program and efficient administrative oversight. Given our membership's average tenure of only 1.5 years, we place strong emphasis on volunteer recruitment, training, retention, and incident operations. This structure enables the Fire Chief to focus on long-term planning, administrative leadership, and incident command.

EVFD's success is built on the dedication of its volunteers, the steadfast support of its community, and consistent, strong leadership.

# EVANS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT #6

## 2024-2027 Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is a dynamic document vital to our Fire District's success. It establishes our organization's goals and creates an assessment tool for measuring successful outcomes.

Our Strategic Plan identified five goals:

### 1. Enhance Community Resilience

**Objective:** Increase preparedness and resilience to hazards through education, assessment, and community engagement.

- **Community Risk Reduction**
    - Develop and distribute educational materials on fire, flood, and other hazards specific to our community by July 2025.
    - Conduct a hazard vulnerability assessment to identify and map high-risk areas by June 2026.
  - **Community Education and Engagement**
    - Launch a semi-annual newsletter by October 2024 to keep residents informed.
    - Host annual Open House and Town Hall events starting Fall 2024.
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### 2. Strengthen Financial Stability

**Objective:** Secure and diversify funding to sustain operations, enhance services, and meet the community's evolving needs.

- **Financial Planning**
    - Develop a comprehensive financial plan that assesses operational costs, forecasts future needs, and identifies financial gaps by Spring 2025.
    - Share financial assessments with residents for transparency.
  - **Alternative Revenue Sources**
    - Seek grants and establish partnerships with local businesses.
    - Expand existing fundraisers through community-driven programs.
    - Explore additional revenue from community-based services, like training programs or a Wildland Division, to support the district financially.
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### 3. Enhance Training and Professional Development

**Objective:** Improve firefighter skills, foster professional growth, and establish career paths within the district.

- **Collaborative Training**
  - Work with nearby fire districts and emergency service providers for shared training resources and industry best practices.
- **Career Development**

- Develop clear pathways for promotion across all roles by Winter 2026.
- Promote personal growth opportunities at all levels, fostering a culture of professionalism, skill development, and pride in work.

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#### **4. Upgrade Infrastructure and Equipment**

**Objective:** Modernize and maintain district facilities and equipment to ensure reliability and effectiveness in emergency response.

- **Facility Assessment**

- Conduct a thorough assessment of current facilities to identify and determine urgent and long-term improvement needs by Spring 2026.

- **Equipment Replacement Plan**

- Create a phased plan to replace aging equipment based on life cycles to maintain operational readiness by Spring 2025.

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#### **5. Improve Recruitment and Retention**

**Objective:** Build a strong, motivated team through proactive recruitment strategies and initiatives to retain top talent.

- **Retention Program**

- Implement initiatives to improve retention across all roles, focusing on employee recognition, career development, and work-life balance improvements by Fall 2025.

- **Recruitment Strategy**

- Develop proactive recruitment efforts targeting schools, local training programs, and community events to build a strong talent pipeline by Fall 2025.

# Evans Valley Fire District #6

2026/2027 Fiscal Year

Budget Detail by Account

3/27/2026

## GENERAL FUND

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### Revenues

2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
Actual	Actual	Budget					
452,360.00	462,007	769,673	4000	Taxes; Current	810,000	0	0
9,279.00	9,279	10,000	4002	Taxes; Prior	10,000	0	0
39,679.00	35,952	40,000	4100	Interest	30,000	0	0
5,500.00	0	0	4106	Sale of Equipment		0	0
37,000.00	47,544	35,000	4105	Grants; Local, State, Federal	35,000	0	0
0.00	2,500	2,000	4030	Donations	2,000	0	0
1,552.00	4,182	1,500	4150	Miscellaneous Income	1,500	0	0
851,539.00	758,856	564,064	4001	Beginning Fund Balance	510,365	0	0
<b>1,396,909</b>	<b>1,320,320</b>	<b>1,422,237</b>		<b>Revenue Totals:</b>	<b>1,398,865</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

-1.64% Budget Increase  
from Prior FY

LB 30 & 31 Forms

### Personnel Services

2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	Account	Description	FTE	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
Actual	Actual	Budget						
76,100.00	83,200	85,800	5101	Fire Chief	1	88,400	0	0
0.00	0	65,000	5102	Operations Chief	1	70,000	0	0
109,916.00	145,003	165,000	5107	Line Staff Payroll	3	170,500	0	0
17,252.00	21,525	26,836	5103	FICA/Medicare PR Taxes	0	28,677	0	0
3,908.00	12,533	15,000	5104	Workers' Comp Ins (SAIF)		21,000	0	0
28,547.00	31,278	77,422	5105	PERS Retirement		72,529	0	0
49,240.00	59,220	78,000	5106	Health/Dental Insurance		76,530	0	0
2,244.00	2,505	3,000	5108	Unemployment Insurance		3,100	0	0
	250	1,000	5109	Oregon Worker Benefit Fund/ Oregon Paid Leave		1,000	0	0
39,499.00	51,734	35,000	5110	Part Time Payroll	0	35,000	0	0
	0	0	5111	Overtime			0	0
<b>326,706</b>	<b>407,248</b>	<b>552,058</b>		<b>Personal Services Totals</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>566,736</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

69% of Taxes Current/Prior  
64% of operating revenue  
3% Budget Increase from Prior Yr

# Evans Valley Fire District #6

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**Material & Services**

Material & Services								
2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026				2026/2027	2026/2027	2026/2027
Actual	Actual	Budget	Account	Description		Proposed	Approval	Adopted
8,261.00	6,716	12,000	5201	Fuel		12,000	-	-
30,669.00	27,900	24,000	5203	Vehicle Repair & Maint.		24,000	-	-
8,312.00	8,006	8,000	5204	Building Repair & Maint.		8,000	-	-
300.00	200	0	5205	Radios, Pagers, Repair & Maint.		-	-	-
2,208.00	1,854	3,500	5206	Station Supplies		3,000	-	-
1,308.00	1,118	1,500	5207	Tools; Apparatus & Station		1,500	-	-
9,389.00	11,518	13,000	5208	Training		10,000	-	-
3,263.00	2,143	3,000	5209	Office Supplies		3,000	-	-
26,013.00	27,725	75,000	5210	Service Contracts (ECSO, First Due, etc)		56,000	-	-
423.00	805	2,000	5211	Firefighter Misc. Supplies		2,000	-	-
2,174.00	283	2,000	5212	Fire Prevent. & Public Ed.		2,500	-	-
18,887.00	22,006	23,000	5215	Insurance		23,000	-	-
2,467.00	630	3,500	5216	Election/Legal		3,500	-	-
10,680.00	7,602	7,000	5217	Accounting		7,000	-	-
11,200.00	12,600	13,500	5218	Audit		15,500	-	-
5,347.00	7,199	6,000	5219	EMS Supplies & Fees		5,000	-	-
3,728.00	3,787	3,500	5220	Health & Safety		3,500	-	-
1,704.00	2,054	4,000	5221	SCBA Repair & Maintenance		3,000	-	-
5,261.00	4,217	10,000	5222	Volunteer Retention & Recruitment		16,000	-	-
2,725.00	2,866	2,600	5223	Membership Dues		2,600	-	-
1,037.00	7,076	5,000	5224	Information Technologies		10,000	-	-
80.00	17	2,000	5225	Furnishings		2,000	-	-
2,580.00	200	0	5226	Reimbursements		-	-	-
34,589.00	50,431	53,100	5227	Student Program		56,500	-	-
6,326.00	4,299	7,000	5229	Uniforms/Attire		7,000	-	-
16,429.00	19,145	19,000	5231	Utilities		19,000	-	-
1,744.00	1,948	3,000	5232	Professional Development		3,000	-	-
0.00	0	500	5233	Grant Writing		500	-	-
<b>217,104</b>	<b>234,345</b>	<b>306,700</b>	<b>Materials &amp; Services Totals</b>			<b>299,100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

34% of Operating Revenue  
 -2% Budget Increase from Prior Yr  
 36% of Taxes Current/Prior

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Budget Detail by Account

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**Transfers**

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
40,000.00	30,000.00	200,000	6310	Transfer to Capital Projects Fund	50,000	0	0

**Operating Contingency**

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
0.00	0.00	59,577	5401	Operating Contingency	207,029	0	0
					25% of property taxes		

**Capital Outlay**

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
54,243	22,391	70,000	5301	Department Equipment	30,000	0	0
0	0	0	5303	Pagers & Portable Radios	0	0	0
0	0	0	5306	Turn-Outs & Brush Gear	0	0	0
0	0	0	5307	Apparatus & Equipment	0	0	0
0	0	0	5309	Hoses, Nozzles & Appliances	0	0	0
54,243	22,391	70,000			30,000	0	0

**Debt Service**

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
0.00	0.00	0		Debt Service Principal	0	0	0
0.00	0.00	0		Debt Service Interest	0	0	0
<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>Debt Service Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**Unapp Ending Fund Balance**

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
758,856	626,336	233,902		Unapp Ending Fund Balance	246,000	0	0
					30% of property taxes		

**Expenditures Totals**

1,396,909	1,320,320	1,422,237		<b>Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>1,398,865</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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**Revenue Totals**

1,396,909	1,320,320	1,422,237		<b>Revenue Totals</b>	<b>1,398,865</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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**Difference between Revenue & Expenditures**

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Budget Detail by Account

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## CAPITAL PROJECT FUND

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### Revenues

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
40,000.00	30,000.00	200,000	5702	Transfer from General Fund	50,000	0	0
0.00	0.00	0	5705	Other/Flex Lease/Grants	0	0	0
21,140.00	61,140.00	76,815	5701	Beginning Fund Balance	1,996,254	0	0
<b>61,140</b>	<b>91,140</b>	<b>276,815</b>		<b>Capital Fund Revenue Total</b>	<b>2,046,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Expenditures

2023/2024 Actual	2024/2025 Actual	2025/2026 Budget	Account	Description	2026/2027 Proposed	2026/2027 Approval	2026/2027 Adopted
0.00	0.00	100,000	5908	C/O; Buildings/Land	1,791,910	0	0
0	14,325.00	0	5907	C/O; Apparatus and Vehicles	100,000	0	0
			6001	Contingency	0	0	0
61,140.00	76,815	176,815		Reserve for Future/Ending Fund Balance	154,344	0	0
<b>61,140</b>	<b>91,140</b>	<b>276,815</b>		<b>Capital Fund Expenditure Totals</b>	<b>2,046,254</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Difference between Revenue & Expenditures (CF)

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2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026		2026/2027	2026/2027	2026/2027
1,458,049.00	1,411,460.00	1,699,052	Revenues	3,445,119	0	0
1,458,049.00	1,411,460.00	1,699,052	Expenditures	3,445,119	0	0
<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

Increase from Prior Year    102.77%