



City of Bellevue

Annual Report



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Size
33.5
square miles

City in a Park

Bellevue means “beautiful view” in French, and most would agree that the city is aptly named.

With nearly 100 parks, a vast network of trails and greenbelts, and panoramic views of the Olympic and Cascade mountains, Bellevue is surrounded by natural beauty with Lake Sammamish to the east and Lake Washington to the west. It’s the largest city in King County’s Eastside and the fifth largest in the state.

Bellevue is the high-tech and retail center of the Eastside, with more than 150,000 jobs and a downtown skyline of gleaming high-rises.

With lovely parks, top schools and a vibrant economy, Bellevue is routinely ranked among the best mid-sized cities to live and work in the country.



Population
140,700



From left to right: City Councilmembers Jared Nieuwenhuis, Jennifer Robertson, Conrad Lee, Mayor John L. Chelminiak, Deputy Mayor Lynne Robinson, Janice Zahn and John Stokes

This is Bellevue, Washington where the world is welcomed. We believe our diversity is our strength. We embrace the future while respecting the past.

Over the course of 2017, Bellevue continued to grow and prosper while retaining the feel of a suburban city with great neighborhoods, excellent schools and a high quality of life. In January 2017, our community came together after an arson fire devastated Bellevue's only mosque. This past summer, we marked the completion of a 30-plus year vision to "complete the circle" at Bellevue Downtown Park with a new play area for children of all abilities called Inspiration Playground, made possible through a partnership with the Rotary Club of Bellevue. And in September, we celebrated the 20-year anniversary of the Bellevue Aquatic Center, a facility used by nearly 124,000 people annually. Also, innovation began to soar at the Global Innovation Exchange, a partnership between the

University of Washington and China's Tsinghua University, which opened its doors to students in the Spring District this past fall. We're continuing to attract more businesses in Bellevue, from Chinese technology companies Tencent and Baidu opening significant artificial intelligence R&D labs to Amazon returning to its Eastside roots with a huge new office.

Get to know our city and discover why more people are choosing Bellevue to live, work, learn and play.



John L. Chelminiak
John L. Chelminiak
Mayor



Brad Miyake
Brad Miyake
City Manager





Embracing Diversity

Bellevue prides itself on its diversity. Thirty-seven percent of its residents were born outside of the U.S. and over 50 percent of residents are people of color.

Fully launched in 2017, the Bellevue Diversity Advisory Network (BDAN) consists of a diverse group of 19 community members who provide support and advice on ways to improve the city's ability to communicate, collaborate and better serve Bellevue's diverse population. BDAN's work centers around outreach, engagement and culturally responsive governance.

In its seventh year, Bellevue's Cultural Conversations provides monthly gatherings for women to have a safe space to connect, inspiring change through storytelling, new friendships, and awareness of diverse cultures and common bonds.

Creating Opportunities

As a commitment to reduce barriers to gainful employment, the Supported Employment Program provides employment opportunities with the right amount of support to enable people living with disabilities to succeed. Since its inception in 2016, the city has hired eight supported employees throughout the organization. Bellevue was a nominee for the "Governor's 2017 Public Employer of the Year" for the successful work and impact of the Supported Employment Program.

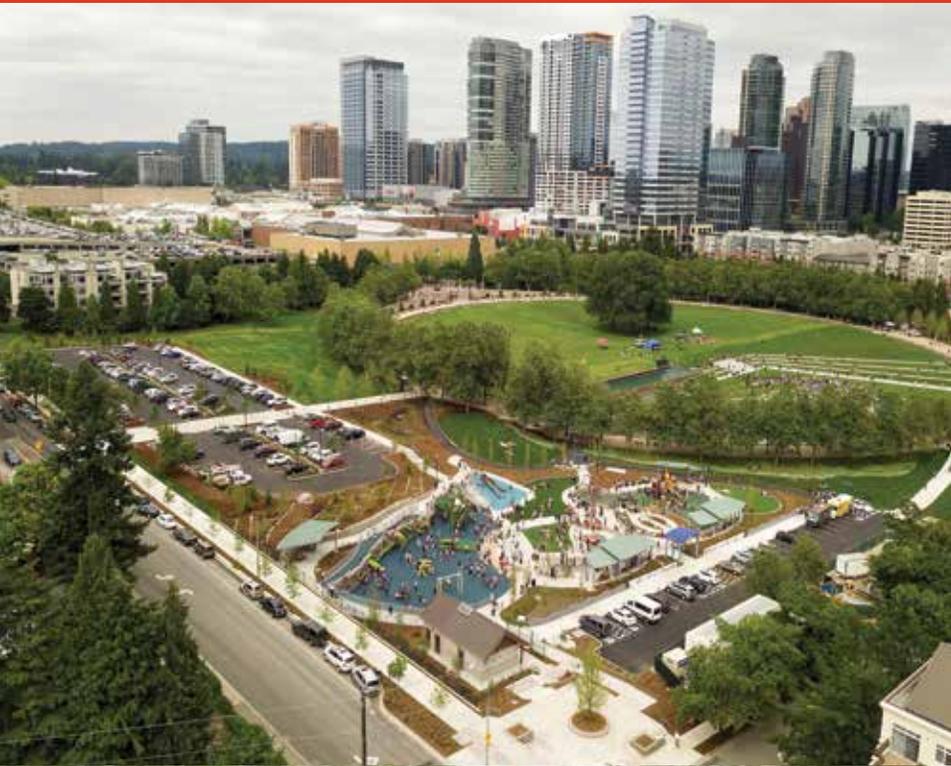
To expand access to employment opportunities, the city developed training on implicit bias along with a manual called Hiring for Equity. New city process recommendations include implementing a blind screening process, expanding outreach and postings of jobs to improve racial and gender diversity in candidate pools, and ensuring diverse review and interview panels.

Training in cultural competence skill building is regularly offered to employees. As of 2017, close to 50 percent of city staff have undergone the nine hour training program. Additionally, members of City Council, Boards and Commissions, and other nonprofit human service agencies have had the opportunity to take this training. The city also launched three Employee Resource Groups that include EmBrace (Employees of Bellevue for Racial and Cultural Equity), DART (Differently Abled Resource Team), and LGBTQIA (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual) and Allies.

The Finance Department is leading efforts to maximize equity and opportunity in the procurement process to small businesses, including those owned by women and minorities. The city held its inaugural Empowering Opportunity: M/WBE and SBE Procurement and Networking Seminar which was a huge success in December 2017.

Building Relationships through Volunteering

In 2017, 19 participants from various countries participated in a four-week Volunteer Bridge pilot program. Volunteer Bridge supports Bellevue's diverse population by introducing residents to volunteerism. The course included demystifying the volunteer process, panel discussions and connecting participants with organizations.



Parks and Community Services Impact

26,000 recreation program participants

6,000+ community members who volunteered 100,000 hours with an estimated value of \$3 million

\$78,158 in scholarships awarded to help income-eligible children, adults and families attend city camps and activities

57,000 residents reached through city's funding of 40 human services agencies and 75 programs

35 households served through the Home Repair Program



Investing in Parks

An iconic park is now complete downtown. Construction wrapped up on the 21-acre Bellevue Downtown Park and Inspiration Playground in June 2017. Finishing the circular promenade brings what started as a dream in 1983 for a world-class downtown park full circle. To make play available to everyone, the city partnered with the Rotary Club of Bellevue on the universally accessible playground.

During its 2018 Annual Celebration, the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA) recognized Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” and Inspiration Playground with a Place Making Award for the city and Rotary Club’s significant contributions to Bellevue’s downtown. Describing it as one of the world’s great urban

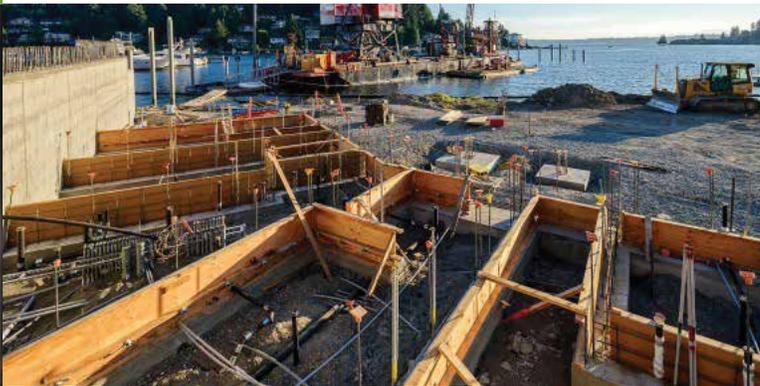
parks, the BDA said Downtown Park has played a major role in the growth and economic success of the area.

Meydenbauer Bay Park is a park that’s decades in the making. Construction began in spring 2017 on this park that will connect downtown to the scenic Lake Washington waterfront. The new community resource will increase coveted public waterfront access and feature a large public swimming beach, pedestrian pier, historic whaling building and new beach house. The work is expected to be completed in late 2018.

Environmental Stewardship

Puget Sound Energy developed a new “Green Direct” renewable energy program that allows local governments and major commercial customers to reduce their carbon footprint by purchasing energy directly from clean, renewable sources.

Bellevue has signed on to purchase half of its total energy usage (approximately 10.3 million kilowatt hours) from this program starting in 2019. The program will reduce the city’s overall municipal emissions by approximately 30 percent and further demonstrates Bellevue’s commitment to its Environmental Stewardship Initiative.



2017 Utilities Capital Projects Completed

- **Wilburton Sewer Project** (supporting the redevelopment of the Wilburton area)
- **Meydenbauer Bay Park Sewer Line Replacement** (supporting area residents' wastewater needs)
- **3.55 miles of new water main** installed throughout the city (ensuring reliable water supply for businesses and residents)



Protecting Our Natural Resources

Bellevue Utilities delivers high-quality drinking water, sewer and stormwater drainage services that sustain and improve our quality of life. The department manages runoff to local streams, Lake Washington and Lake Sammamish in 25 drainage basins. Bellevue Utilities' reliable wastewater disposal system ensures public health and safety, and protects the environment. Through waste hauler Republic Services, the department provides recycling, organics and garbage collection for single-family, multifamily and commercial customers in Bellevue.

Learning How to Live Greener

More than 200 members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Bellevue tried out sustainable ways of doing things as part of a "Greener Living Challenge." Over several weeks, from February to April, the young people in three clubs learned how to reduce waste and conserve resources. The Boys & Girls Clubs joined with Bellevue Utilities and the King County Housing Authority to develop a fun curriculum for students to learn about a specific environmental issue each week of the challenge. The challenges included promoting recycling and waste reduction, using natural cleaners, eliminating contaminants from going down local storm drains and sewer pipes, and conserving energy.

Operations and Maintenance Major Accomplishments

- Inspected **7,696** catch basins
- Cleaned **3,052** catch basins
- Repaired **454** drainage structures
- Assessed **250,000 feet** of sewer line by video
- Jet cleaned **500,000 feet** of sewer line
- Completed **95** sewer pipe repairs
- Responded to **82** drinking water concerns and requests for information
- Completed **829** private drainage system inspections
- Responded to **179** reports of improper release of pollutants

Ending homelessness

Working with other Eastside jurisdictions and agencies, the City of Bellevue provides a wide network of services to support individuals experiencing homelessness. This regional partnership provides a systemic response across several categories to prevent homelessness and make homelessness rare, brief and one-time when it does occur.

Bellevue's approach includes:

- Services to prevent homelessness
- Services for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Facilities for individuals experiencing homelessness
- Enforcement

Since 2008, Bellevue has hosted a low-barrier temporary men's winter shelter for men experiencing homelessness. The city has worked collaboratively with Congregations for the Homeless and other Eastside cities

to complete renovations at the city-owned Lincoln Center that's located near downtown. Modifications to the former office building included adding showers, kitchen and laundry facilities to renovate and better equip temporary facilities for the Men's Winter Shelter and Day Center. The temporary winter shelter opened several days earlier than anticipated this winter when temperatures dipped earlier than expected. The facility provides a safe and warm place to sleep and have meals along with connections to services necessary to begin a path out of homelessness.

The City Council also passed several pieces of legislation related to issues of homelessness and added enforcement tools. They include a permanent ban on safe injections sites within Bellevue, extending the prohibition of public camping to all city-owned property and public easements, modifications to enforcement tools related to improper disposal of wastewater, and modifications to the city's 24-hour parking codes.

In support of a City Council priority, the city has been working in partnership with King County, Congregations for the Homeless and Imagine Housing to site a permanent men's shelter and supportive housing facility in Bellevue.





MAJOR BELLEVUE EMPLOYERS

Bellevue College | Expedia | Puget Sound Energy | Bellevue School District | Microsoft | Symetra Financial | Boeing | Nordstrom | T-Mobile USA | Concur | Overlake Hospital Medical Center

Growing Forward

In the first overhaul to the downtown land use code in over 35 years, City Council adopted Bellevue's Downtown Livability Initiative that's aimed at making the city's fastest growing neighborhood more viable, livable and memorable. The adopted code amendments include the addition of standards to increase walkability, enhancements to neighborhood character, refinements to the amenity system and an allowance for taller buildings, coupled with added ground-level public open space and more slender towers.

The council also took strategic action to approve the city's Affordable Housing Strategy. The strategy describes over 20 specific actions intended to substantially increase the city's existing affordable housing stock over the next 10 years. Actions seek to preserve and create more affordable housing, expand housing choice in general and make it easier to build housing. Collectively, these actions will set the city on the path toward increased housing affordability, providing opportunity for people earning moderate or low incomes, such as teachers, office workers and others, to live in Bellevue.

Creating an Environment for Innovation

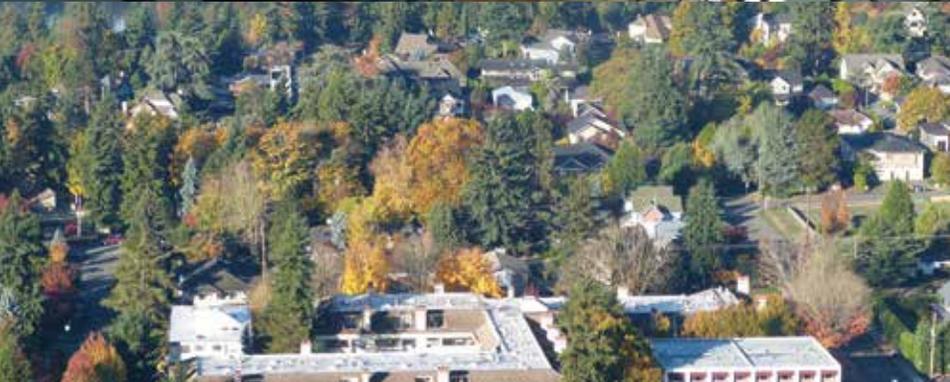
International companies continue to recognize Bellevue as an important innovation and technology center. In 2017, Bellevue welcomed four of China's largest technology firms—Tencent, Alibaba, Baidu and Huawei—to the city. Amazon opened a new 2,000 seat office in the Centre 425 building, and city staff joined the regional bid for its second headquarters. Co-working giant WeWork opened its doors at Lincoln Square and, in the Spring District, the University of Washington-Tsinghua University Global Innovation Exchange welcomed its first students.

The Innovation Triangle of Bellevue-Kirkland-Redmond promoted the area's technology industry to international business decisionmakers. Startup 425—which promotes small business and entrepreneurship on Seattle's Eastside—dramatically increased its program offerings through a partnership with the King County Library System. In 2017, its workshop series for early-stage entrepreneurs operated at capacity registration of more than 300, with 60 percent of all attendees identifying as a minority and 62 percent identifying as women. Other programs focused on international business development and mobile technology.

Bellevue launched Creative Edge, an in-depth study of the regional creative economy. Area creatives include not just artists, writers and musicians, but also game designers, interactive media experts and augmented reality/virtual reality developers.



City of Bellevue



15,204
permits issued

\$718,000,000
estimated construction
valuation

92,250
inspections completed

80 percent
online permit
applications

76 percent
online inspection
requests

1,270
new multifamily
dwelling units issued

1,471,608
new multifamily
square footage issued

648,825
new office & tenant
improvement square
footage issued



Permit Volumes and Valuations

The city issued 15,204 permits with an estimated construction value of \$718 million.

- \$417 million for major commercial building projects
- \$143 million for commercial alterations, tenant improvements
- \$117 million for new single-family residential projects
- \$41 million for single-family residential alterations

Inspections

The city conducted 92,250 inspections, a 12.5 percent increase from 2016.

Online Services

Customers are taking advantage of the city's online permitting services, as illustrated by the number of permits submitted through MyBuildingPermit.com (MBP), the regional permitting portal. In 2017, 80 percent of city permit applications and roughly 76 percent of inspection requests came through MBP.

New Multifamily Dwelling Units

The city issued 1,270 multifamily dwelling units, totaling 1.47 million square feet, a 14.6 percent increase in square footage from 2016.

New Office and Tenant Improvement Square Footage

The city issued 648,825 square feet of new office and tenant improvement square footage, a 31.7 percent increase from 2016.

Open Data Portal

As of December 2017, permitting data (1998 to present) is now available on Bellevue's Open Data portal, <https://data.bellevuewa.gov/browse?tags=permit>.

New Multifamily Dwelling Units



increase in square footage

14.6 percent

from 2016



The Transportation Department strives to provide a safe, efficient and balanced transportation network—including streets, sidewalks and bike paths. It's a big job in Bellevue, which has more than 200 signalized intersections, 325 miles of sidewalks, 1,100 lane miles of roadway, 3,200 city-owned street lights and 17,000 street signs.

2017 Highlights

Northup Way Connection to SR 520 Trail

A project to fill in a missing link on the SR 520 regional trail was completed in November 2017. Improvements on Northup Way, from Northeast 33rd Street to Northeast 24th Street, include new sidewalks, bike lanes and landscaping.

120th Avenue Northeast improvements

In November, community members celebrated the completion of key mobility projects on 120th Avenue Northeast. Phased improvements between Northeast Third and 16th streets started in 2014 and wrapped up in 2017. Among the upgrades are new travel lanes, new bike lanes, wider sidewalks and landscaping.



Federal TIFIA loan for BelRed improvements

In May, Bellevue finalized a \$99.6 million federal Transportation Infrastructure Financing and Innovation Act loan (TIFIA) to help pay for major road improvements in the BelRed area.

Neighborhood Safety, Connectivity and Congestion Levy

In the first year of the 20-year levy program, a handful of transportation improvements were completed, but the primary focus was on designing 40-plus projects citywide, many of which will be built in 2018.



In July 2017, residents in the Chevy Chase neighborhood and others marked construction of the first levy-funded improvement. The new section of sidewalk fixes one of more than 360 sidewalk defects in the Crossroads area.

The levy generates \$7.4 million per year to address a backlog of neighborhood projects citywide. It funds improvements such as new crosswalks and radar signs, new sidewalks and bike lanes, technology enhancements, and the design of congestion reduction projects.

Other Accomplishments

- Bellevue secured a \$5.95 million grant from the Washington State Transportation Improvement Board to help pay for a segment of Northeast Spring Boulevard, a new east-west roadway in the BelRed area.
- Extreme weather made it a busy year for street maintenance crews, who responded numerous times to impacts from snow and ice, high winds and flooding.

East Link Light Rail Transforming Landscape

Construction of Sound Transit's East Link light rail extension began in earnest in 2017. East Link will extend 14 miles from downtown Seattle to the Overlake area in Redmond, with 10 stations in Mercer Island, South Bellevue, downtown Bellevue, BelRed (Bellevue) and Overlake. Six of the stations are being built in Bellevue.

By year's end, excavation of a downtown tunnel had passed the halfway mark, construction of the South Bellevue Station and new parking garage was well underway, and an elevated guideway section was lifted into place above 112th Avenue Northeast.

One of the primary requirements set forth by the City Council was for Sound Transit to mitigate, or lessen, construction impacts. In 2017, city staff worked with Sound Transit and its contractors to ensure that happened. Key mitigation measures include traffic management, tree preservation and managing construction work hours and noise.



All About Bellevue

The city's government channel, Bellevue Television, is where you can discover Bellevue again and again through video. Watch live and recorded broadcasts of City Council meetings, arts events and the local magazine show, Lake to Lake, on Comcast cable channel 21 and YouTube. In 2017, programming expanded with the addition of BellevueNOW, a quarterly show exploring current issues and opportunities in Bellevue, and Just a Minute Today in Bellevue, an ongoing video series highlighting different city services and programs taking place that day.

Stay informed about city happenings through BellevueWA.gov. The redesigned website launched in June 2017, offering users an improved mobile experience with greater functionality. Approximately 81 percent of the website visitors access the city website on a mobile device.

City Services at Your Convenience

Bringing government to you, Mini City Hall is located inside the Crossroads Shopping Center. The fully equipped satellite office specializes in personalized customer service and outreach to Bellevue's diverse population.

Mini City Hall

22,000
visitors

46,000
requests processed

700+
volunteer hours

City Hall City Services

24,500
walk-in customers

22,800
phone calls

140+
language interpretation

Access to City Services

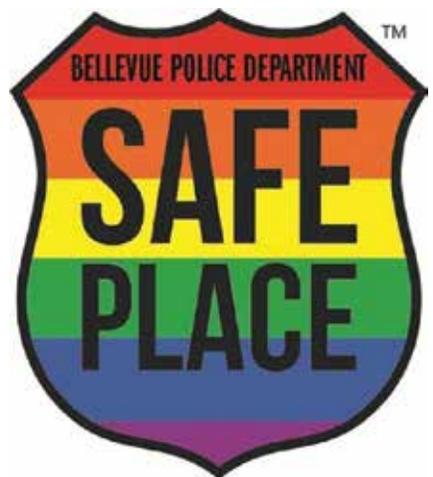
In 2017, the city's public service desk at City Hall, called Service First, served thousands of walk-in customers and fielded nearly as many phone calls at the city's primary phone number, 425-452-6800.

Service First coordinators assist Bellevue's diverse community in person and over the phone with interpretation access to over 140 languages.

The community's use of the MyBellevue mobile app and online customer assistance portal continued to be strong with over 3,100 submissions reporting issues and seeking assistance or information from the city.

2017 Most Popular Submissions through MyBellevue

1. Street maintenance
2. Abandoned vehicle report
3. Traffic concern
4. Graffiti cleanup request
5. Street light issue



At Your Service

The Bellevue Police Department (BPD) continues to provide professional police services to all those who live, work and visit Bellevue.

2017 Achievements and Milestones

Bellevue has a very low rate of violent crime. In a 2017 study conducted by SmartAsset, the city was ranked as the eighth safest city in the United States. There are about 97 violent crimes per 100,000 residents, which is the sixth-best rate out of the 200 cities in the study. Additionally, Bellevue is home to the 12th lowest vehicular mortality rate.

The Police Department launched Compstat in 2017. Compstat is a data-driven model of policing that was pioneered by the New York City police department. The model uses data to identify crime trends and direct our limited police resources to the areas where they can make the biggest impact on crime.

In July, the department launched the BPD Safe Place program, which is modeled after a similar program started by the Seattle Police

Department. The Bellevue Police Department Safe Place program creates safe locations for individuals to visit if they feel they have been a victim of anti-LGBTQ crimes. Signage is displayed by participating community members, businesses, schools and organizations that work closely with Bellevue Police. The Safe Place program is part of an effort to reduce anti-LGBTQ crimes, reduce LGBTQ student bullying and encourage the reporting of LGBTQ crimes.

Bellevue Police worked with the city's legal department and the District Court to make video arraignments a reality. Video arraignments allow suspects accused of crimes to be arraigned from the facility in which they are being held rather than having to be transported to the court, resulting in increased efficiency, reduced costs associated with prisoner transport, and lower emissions.

Recruiting and hiring continues to be an ongoing effort. In 2017, the police department hired 20 new officers. In early 2018, Bellevue Police will launch a comprehensive recruiting campaign to address vacancies due to retirements and achieve more diversity within the department by increasing the pool of eligible applicants.





Bellevue Fire and Emergency Services

The Bellevue Fire Department has nine fire stations, plus a paramedic unit stationed at Overlake Hospital, strategically located throughout the city to maximize coverage and minimize response times. All Bellevue fire stations are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by three separate shifts.

Bellevue Fire also provides fire and emergency services to the communities of Newcastle, Medina, Clyde Hill, Hunts Point, Yarrow Point and Beaux Arts Village.

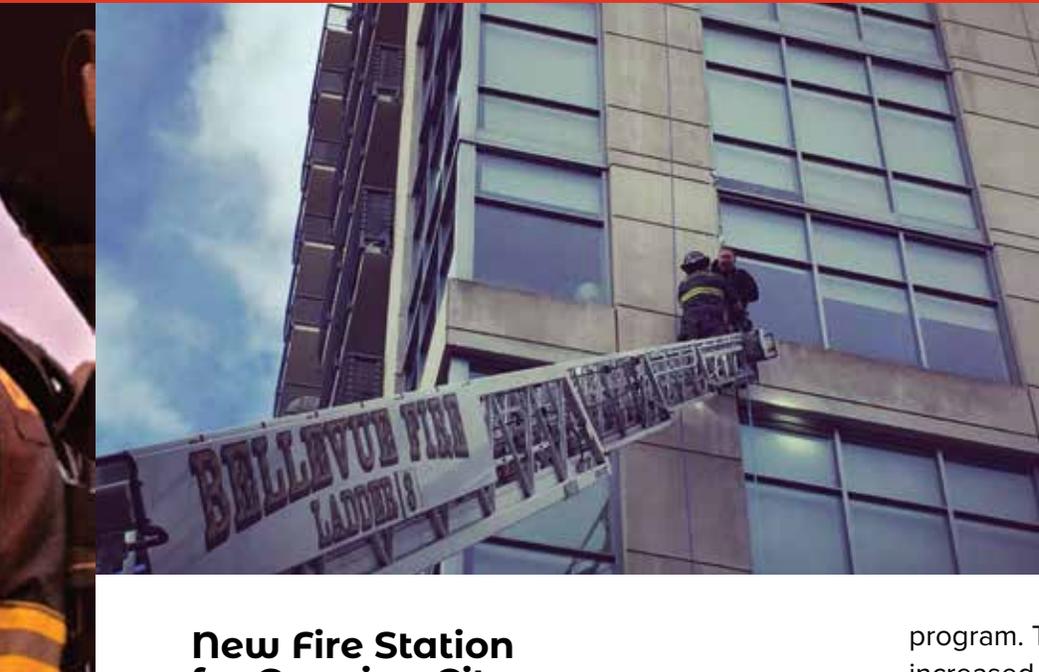
The department is a regional paramedic level service provider and one of six partner agencies that make up the King County Medic One program. In addition to serving the residents of Bellevue and contract cities, Bellevue Fire paramedics provide service to 370 square miles (300,000 residents) from Mercer Island to the top of Snoqualmie Pass.

Bellevue Fire has maintained continuous international accreditation from the Commission of Fire Accreditation International since 1998. The department also maintains a Class 2 rating from the Washington State Survey and Rating Bureau. Bellevue is one of only two departments in the state that holds both international accreditation along with a Class 2 rating.

Bellevue Fire CARES

In 2017 Bellevue Fire CARES, which stands for Citizen Advocates for Referral and Education Services, added a daytime response unit. Bellevue Fire CARES is an internal referral program utilized by Bellevue fire and police departments to reach residents in our community outside of the 911 emergency system.

By having a full-time professional social worker on staff and Master of Social Work student interns, the CARES1 team responds alongside Bellevue first responders. The aim of the CARES1 team is to address emergent on-scene social service resource needs and bridge the gap between these services and first responders.



New Fire Station for Growing City

The city is currently in the process of acquiring property for a new fire station, known as Fire Station 10. Its location will be on the west side of 112th Avenue Northeast and NE 12th Street, north of McCormick Park. A portion of the revenue from the Fire Facilities levy, that was approved by Bellevue voters in November 2016, will be used for building the new station.

The design work for Fire Station 10 is scheduled for spring 2018 through 2019. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2020.

Planning for Emergency Situations

Staff from the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) teach emergency preparedness and participate in many community events, reaching approximately 1,500 residents every year.

In 2017, OEM implemented a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) "lite" program which teaches emergency and life-saving skills in a shorter, one session format rather than the traditional eight-week-long

program. This abbreviated CERT format allows increased accessibility and a wider audience for community outreach and emergency preparedness efforts. These training programs for the public help improve community resiliency in case of a significant emergency such as a prolonged power outage or earthquake.

Bellevue Fire Fast Facts

19,825

incident responses

60 percent

cardiac save rate (2016)

8,673

patient transports to area hospitals

296

people trained in CPR, AED and first aid

85 percent

fires confined to room of origin

3,913

fire and life safety inspections



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Learning from One Another

Throughout the year, the city hosted a series of neighborhood forums to improve communication and deepen understanding across differences.

In 2017, neighborhood forums partnered with King County Library, and included topics such as: The Changing Face of Bellevue's Neighborhoods; Civil Disagreement: Can We Talk; Exploring Cross Cultural Communications; and Under Our Skin – What do we mean when we talk about race?

Summer Chats and Neighborhood Leadership Gatherings provided opportunities for residents and city leadership to have direct communication on the priorities of residents. These conversations affirmed the love that residents have for their neighborhoods and led to an exchange of ideas about a range of topics regarding Bellevue's neighborhoods.

Resolving Conflicts

Neighborhood Mediation provides skilled mediators who create a safe and confidential environment for residents to resolve conflicts through mutually agreed upon solutions, rather than decide who is right or wrong. In 2017, Neighborhood Mediation responded to over 300 individual cases.

City-trained mediators were able to assist both parties in reaching an agreement in 70 percent of cases. Common issues that can be resolved include: noisy neighbors, landlord/tenant disputes, parking issues, barking dogs, trees, fences and property lines, and property maintenance.

Building Community

The city's NeighborLink Program brings neighbors together in a spirit of community, service and celebration. The program encourages and supports neighborhood efforts that build healthy, lasting connections. In 2017, over 3,000 residents participated in over 41 summer community events, including summer block parties and emergency preparedness gatherings that are designed to help neighbors meet neighbors and support one another.

In 2017, the city celebrated the 10-year anniversary of its partnership with JubileeREACH's Day of Sharing and Caring, helping individuals improve the appearance and safety of their homes. Over the last decade, more than 145 homes have been improved by caring community volunteers with landscaping, painting, yard work and minor home repairs.



Budget Breakdown

Bellevue is a full service city, providing municipal services directly to the community it serves. These services include police, fire, transportation, parks, legal, information technology, permitting, finance, facilities, human resources, city planning and utilities.

The city’s budget prioritizes services that are identified by community priorities, or outcomes. Budget outcome areas are Economic Growth and Competitiveness, Healthy and Sustainable Environment, Improved Mobility and Connectivity, Quality Neighborhoods and Innovative, Vibrant and Caring Community, Responsive Government and Safe Community.

The budget is a policy document establishing a citywide operational plan and furthering the strategy for progress in meeting the city’s infrastructure needs. The 2017-2018 mid-biennium budget, adopted by the City Council in November 2017, totals \$1.612 billion.

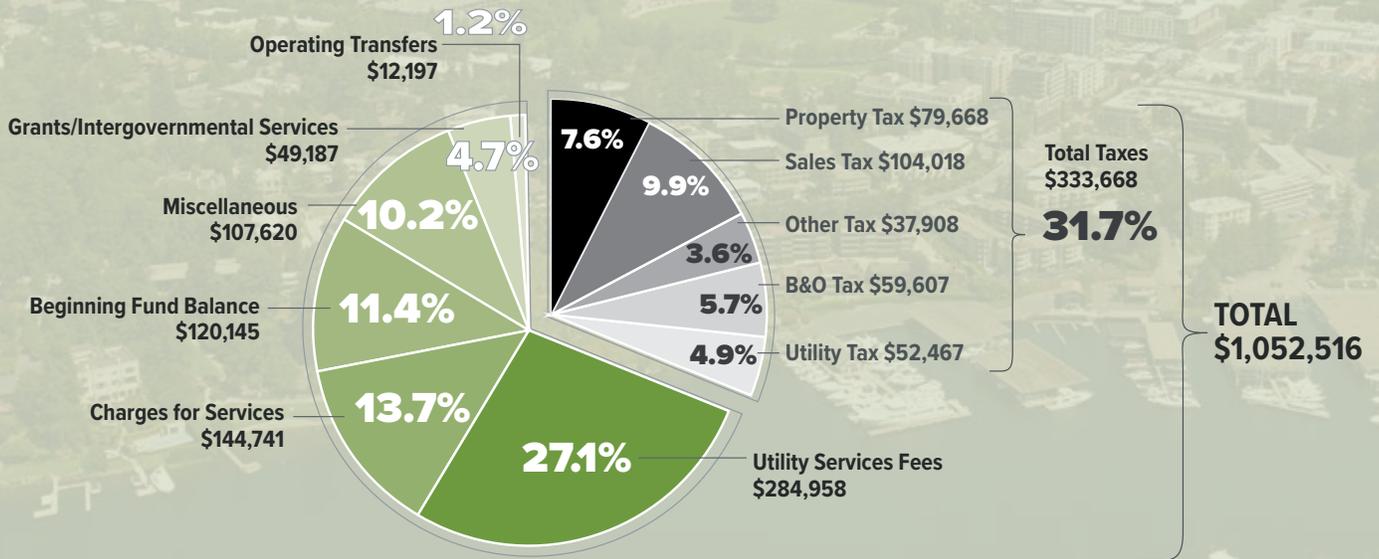
This biennial budget includes a two-year appropriation for operations (\$1.053 billion), special/dedicated purposes (\$66 million) and capital investments (\$413 million.)

The 2017-2018 operating budget and the 2017-2023 capital investment program (CIP) plan include the resources needed to maintain current operations, build new key infrastructure and add carefully targeted investments. Highlights of the budget include: funding council priorities such as increasing funding for economic development, smart cities, the Eastside Rail Corridor and early implementation of the Grand Connection; voter approved ballot measures funding improvements to neighborhood safety, connectivity and congestion and fire facilities, and completing Phase I of Meydenbauer Bay Park and the Downtown Park Circle. The budget also grows city reserves to help prepare for known future events and to assist in a modest downturn. The budget is based on council’s vision that Bellevue is “the city where you want to be.”

Definitions and Examples of Governmental Funds

Fund Types	Appropriation	What does it buy?
Operational Funds (General Fund, utility funds, other enterprise funds, and internal service funds)	\$1,052,516,000	Operating functions such as Police, Fire, Parks, Community Development, Transportation, Development Services/Permitting, Water, Storm and Surface Water, and Wastewater. Administrative operations such as City Council, City Manager, Technology, City Clerk, City Attorney, Finance, Service First Information, Fleet and Facilities.
Special Purpose Funds	\$65,982,000	These needs are funded by restricted money dedicated for a special purpose, such as grants, donations, debt service, firemen’s pension and housing.
Capital Investment Funds (General and utilities including reserves)	\$412,811,000	Provides for major public facility improvements for items such as park development, transportation roadways, signals, sidewalks, and water and sewer pipes.

2017–2018 Total Operating Resources (\$000s)



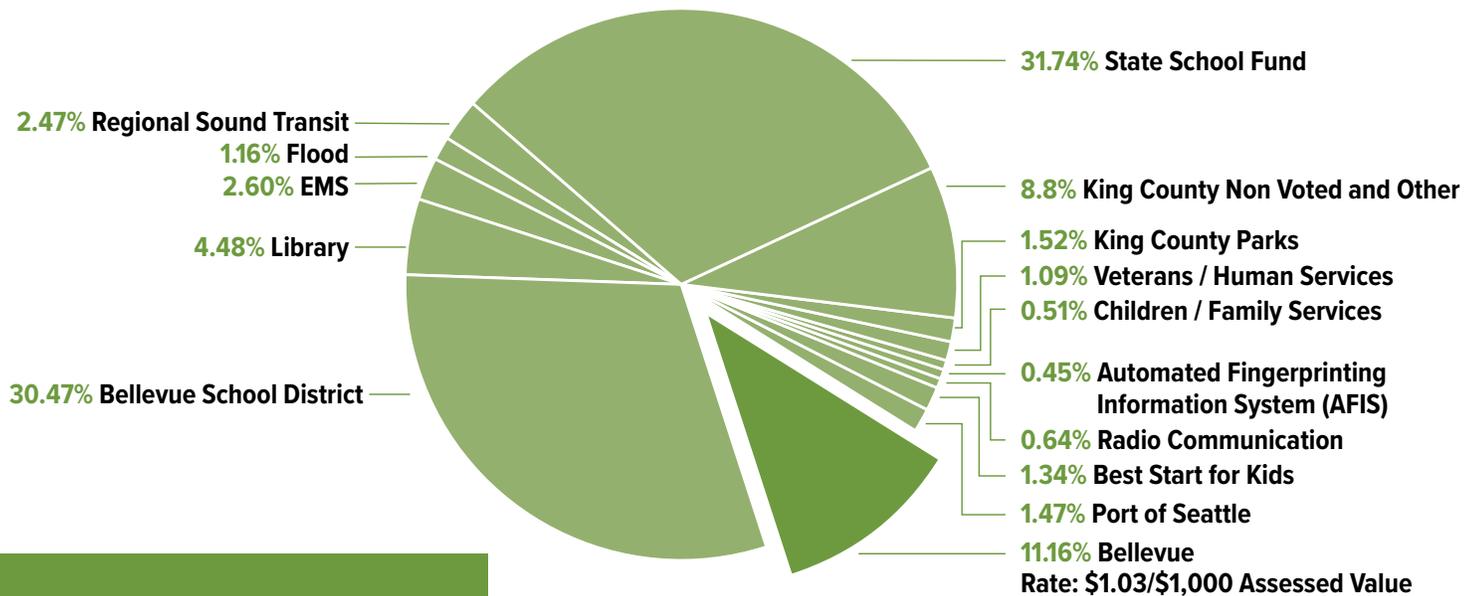
The city is funded through a diverse collection of resources. Many of the resources received are dedicated to a specific purpose and cannot be spent on non-related services or programs. For example, rate revenues received from water service can only be used for that purpose and cannot be used to pay for general services or other types of utility services. Similarly, funding received from Development Services permits can only be used for services related to delivering permits.

About Property Taxes

Property taxes are collected and assessed exclusively by King County. The King County Treasury collects property taxes on behalf of the state, cities and taxing districts, and then distributes the revenue to local governments, such as the City of Bellevue. Residential property is assessed each year at its full market value by the King County Assessor.

2018 Levy Rate Distribution

Total Rate: \$9.19/\$1,000 Assessed Value



Total Sales Tax 10 percent

6.5% State tax

plus 3.5% Local tax

0.85% City

0.15% County

1.4% Sound Transit tax

0.9% Metro Transit

0.1% Mental Health

0.1% Criminal Justice



The City of Bellevue received many awards and recognitions in 2017 and early 2018.

- The Bellevue Downtown Association recognized the City of Bellevue and Rotary Club of Bellevue with a 2018 Place Making Award for Downtown Park “Complete the Circle” and Inspiration Playground. The project marks the completion of a 30-plus year vision for the park.
- The National Association of Fleet Administrators honored the City of Bellevue’s fleet operations with a #2 ranking among the 100 Best Fleets in North America.
- Puget Sound Personnel presented the city’s Transportation Department with its Supported Employment Champions Award in 2017.
- The Center for Digital Government named Bellevue a 2017 Digital Cities Survey winner with 4th place honors for the city’s work to improve resident services, enhance transparency and encourage public participation.
- An innovative project that uses technology intended to prevent death and serious injury from traffic crashes earned a national transportation achievement award for safety from the Institute of Transportation Engineers. The “Video Analytics Towards Vision Zero Partnership” is a collaboration between Bellevue, Microsoft, the University of Washington and more than two dozen other organizations in North America.
- The Public Technology Institute awarded Bellevue with a 2017 Technology Solutions Award in the public safety category for its Fault Tolerant Shared Network.
- Bellevue is the recipient of Snohomish County’s Partner of the Year Award for its eCityGov Alliance work on the MyBuildingPermit.com virtual permit center.
- The City-County Communications & Marketing Association recognized Bellevue with a 2017 Award of Excellence for its City of Bellevue Annual Report.
- Bellevue Television was honored with 2017 Government Programming Awards through the National Association of Telecommunications Officers and Advisors in two categories: 3rd place in the ethnic experience category for the Ebony Fashion Fair video and an honorable mention in the magazine format series category for the Lake to Lake show.





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