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## Brandon Area Briefs

### January list needs at the Brandon Food Pantry

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To make appointments for either pickups or donations, call 582-7001. The BAFP is open from 4-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

BAFP executive director Linda Weber asks groups that conduct food drives to contact the Pantry prior to dropping off donations.

Used eye glasses and hearing aids for the Brandon Lions Club may also be dropped off at the BAFP.

### January sobriety checkpoints announced

A new year of sobriety

checkpoints begins as the South Dakota Department of Public Safety plans to hold checkpoints in 15 different counties during the month of January.

Checkpoints are scheduled for the counties of: Brown, Brule, Butte, Clay, Davison, Day, Fall River, Jones, Lake, Lawrence, Meade, Minnehaha, Spink, Stanley, and Walworth

The monthly checkpoints are designed to encourage people to not drink and drive. The checkpoints are funded by the South Dakota Office of Highway Safety and conducted by the South Dakota Highway Patrol with the help of local law enforcement.

Officials remind drivers not to drink and drive regardless of whether there is a checkpoint planned in their county. People who have been drink-

ing are urged to designate a sober driver or take an alternate form of commercial or public transportation.

### Brandon City Council meeting date change

Brandon City Council will meet for their first meeting of 2023 at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 3 in the Council Chambers.

### Clear snow from fire hydrants

The Brandon and Valley Springs volunteer fire departments remind residents to help clear snow from fire hydrants near their home. Remove any snow and ice within a three-foot perimeter of the hydrant and clear a path from the hydrant to the street.

### Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed puts out call for donations

The Ed Polzine Wild Game Feed committee is accepting donations of wild game and live and silent auction items for its 2023 wild game feed and auction. To donate, contact one of the following committee members: Harry Buck at (605) 366-0221; Stan Schoeneman at (605) 366-7842; Jill Meier at (605) 321-8423; or Todd Geerdes at (605) 553-2786.

The wild game feed - always held the Saturday evening before the Super Bowl - is Saturday, Feb. 11 at the Brandon VFW.

### Soup Supper fundraiser on tap for Jan. 20

The first soup supper of the new year in Valley Springs is set for Friday, Jan. 20 at the American Legion Hall. Chili and two varieties of soup will be served from 5-6:30 p.m. for a freewill donation.

### Ladies, Geriatric hockey leagues are Wednesday nights

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has a Ladies League from 7-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the McHardy Park outdoor rink, followed by the Geriatric Hockey League from 8-10 p.m. at the McHardy Park outdoor rink. The leagues are open to all levels of skaters/players.

### Pucks & Ponytails returns

Brandon Valley Hockey Association has brought back Pucks & Ponytails, which is geared for female skaters. The program is from 10-11 a.m. Saturdays on the BVHA's outdoor rink at Aspen Park. To learn more, visit [brandonvalleyhockey.com](http://brandonvalleyhockey.com).

Open skate at the rink is also scheduled from 8-9 p.m. Fridays.

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Dear Motor Medics,  
I've wrecked my car and my insurance company wants to total and take it from me. If I do that, I'll have to spend another 5000 to 6000 to get something comparable. I also need to get a school car for my son. My budget was 2000 for that until the collision occurred. They tell me I can buy my car back as is for 6000 and it needs about 6000 in repairs and I'm thinking about doing that and using it for my sons first car. What should I do?

David In Jackson Mississippi

Dear David,  
*There is a lot to think about there. First, we hope everyone is ok and that there were no injuries in the accident. When a car is involved in an accident and totaled by an insurance company it is very common to have an additional price to pay to get a comparable vehicle. We have seen many folks buy back cars that are totaled but buyer beware! Are you a body man that can assess the damages and what it will take to get back to a safe condition? If not, then it is imperative that you have one look at the car and get an idea of just how much it will take to be roadworthy and safe for your child. It doesn't have to be pretty, but it has to be safe. Get those costs and keep them in mind before moving forward.*

Take care, The Motor Medics

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Mark in Sioux City Iowa

Dear Mark,  
*Any vehicle you can't even drive or get a used vehicle inspection done on is a huge risk. If you have a budget of 6000 and spend it all and you haven't even driven the vehicle, what's to say that it doesn't need 3000 in repairs just to make it road-worthy? It may not need a thing but with over 200k chances are likely that it will need something. Auctions can be fun and a place to get a great deal but they also have been the source of a lot of disappointment when someone finds a deal that turns out to be not so good. On any used purchase, a title history check, and a used car inspection is a very good idea. These two things have saved many people a lot of heartache and money. If you can inspect the vehicle completely you can estimate anticipated repair costs.*

Take care, The Motor Medics.

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Find out what city items brought the Commission together on Friday evening.

The Lynx boys rose to the top of the multi-team Floyd Farrand Wrestling Invite on Thursday, and on Friday, the Lady Lynx wrestlers took to the mats. Plus, Brandon Valley's boys' and girls' basketball teams competed in the Hoop City Classic at the Sanford Pentagon. Check out tomorrow's *Journal* for a recap of the Lynx in competition over the winter break.

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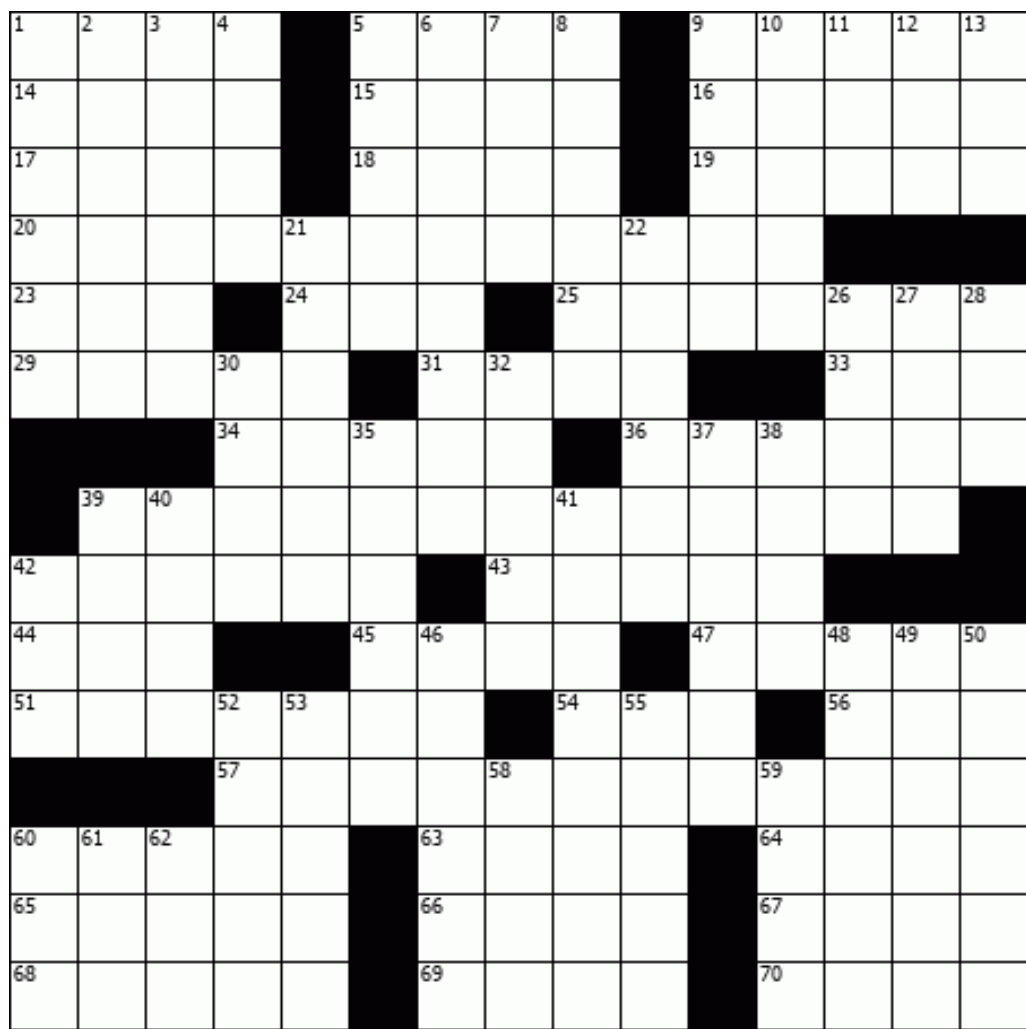
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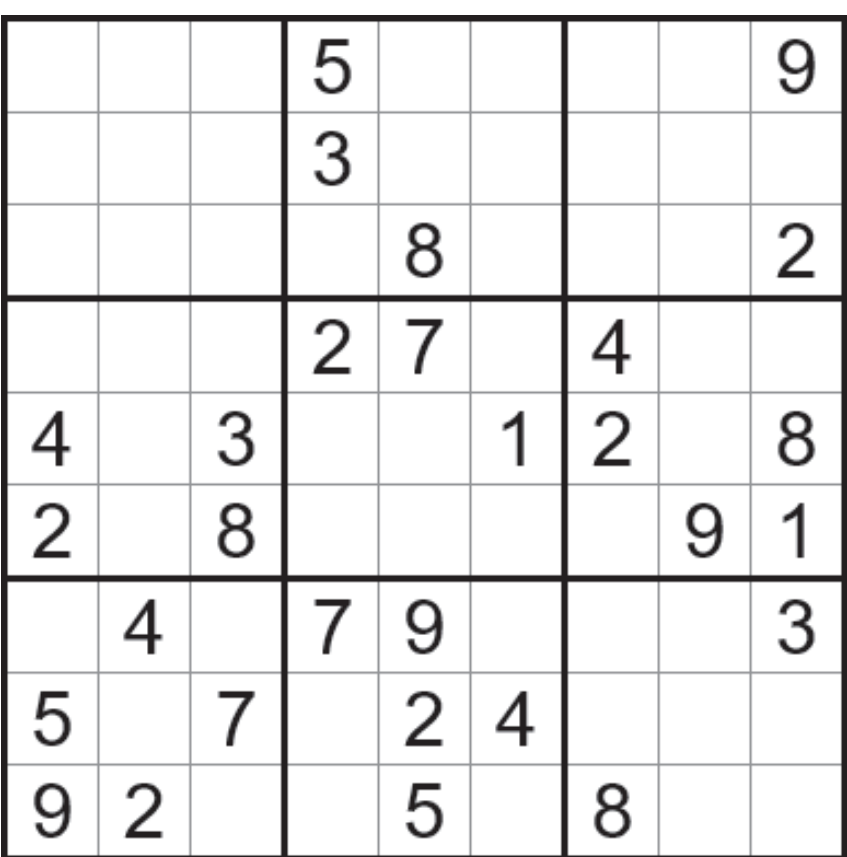
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  - 14. "Hip to Be Square" rocker Lewis
  - 15. Baseball Hall of Famer Slaughter
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  - 17. Grimm beastie
  - 18. Seniors' org.
  - 19. What "wine" and "dine" do
  - 20. 1985 sci-fi comedy
  - 23. Yakima-to-Coeur d'Alene dir.
  - 24. "Well, looky here!"

- 25. Newborn
- 29. Summer TV fare
- 31. Astronaut's org.
- 33. Ebullience
- 34. Carps' cousins
- 36. Endangered longsnouted creatures
- 39. 1964 film subtitled "How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb"
- 42. Goalie's area
- 43. Swashbuckler Flynn
- 44. Bleated sound
- 45. Like some straits
- 47. Multiple 2003 Grammy winner Jones

- 51. Orchestra section
- 54. Superman's symbol
- 56. Tarzan portrayer Ron
- 57. 1968 Matthau/Lemmon comedy
- 60. Of the Holy See
- 63. Han's honey, in "Star Wars" films
- 64. Perceived
- 65. Good on a trampoline, say
- 66. Judge
- 67. Really long story
- 68. Lascivious deity
- 69. Misses the mark
- 70. AAA suggestions

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Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. Digits cannot repeat within the same row, column or box. **Solution on page 2**



- Down**
- 1. Baby party
  - 2. University of Oregon locale
  - 3. More macabre
  - 4. Henna user
  - 5. Dog controller
  - 6. Squeezer in the jungle
  - 7. "Me neither"
  - 8. Fluttering trees
  - 9. With 38-Down, noted Venetian traveler
  - 10. Wan
  - 11. Like some slippery roads
  - 12. Comic DeLuise

- 13. Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
- 21. Snacks with holes
- 22. More in order
- 26. Tel \_\_
- 27. Goodyear product
- 28. Initials on an ambulance
- 30. Astronomical bear
- 32. Ed who played Santa in "Elf"
- 35. Dig (up)
- 37. "The Tempest" king
- 38. See 9-Down
- 39. "Confound it!"
- 40. Kind of admiral
- 41. More avaricious

- 42. "CSI: Miami" network
- 46. She had a tryst with Tristan
- 48. Echo
- 49. Assert without proof
- 50. "Laughing" critters
- 52. Boot-shaped country
- 53. Ranger or Sabre, for short
- 55. Pulls a fast one on
- 58. Bucks and does
- 59. Sputnik launcher: Abbr.
- 60. Ballet step
- 61. Turkish title
- 62. "The \_\_ and the Pendulum"

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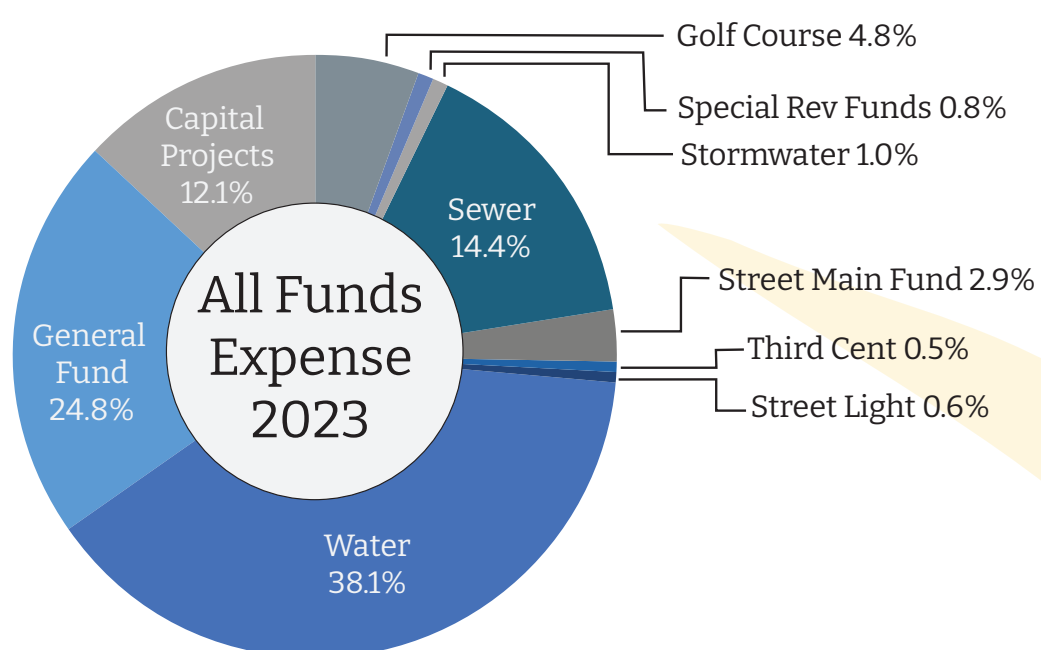
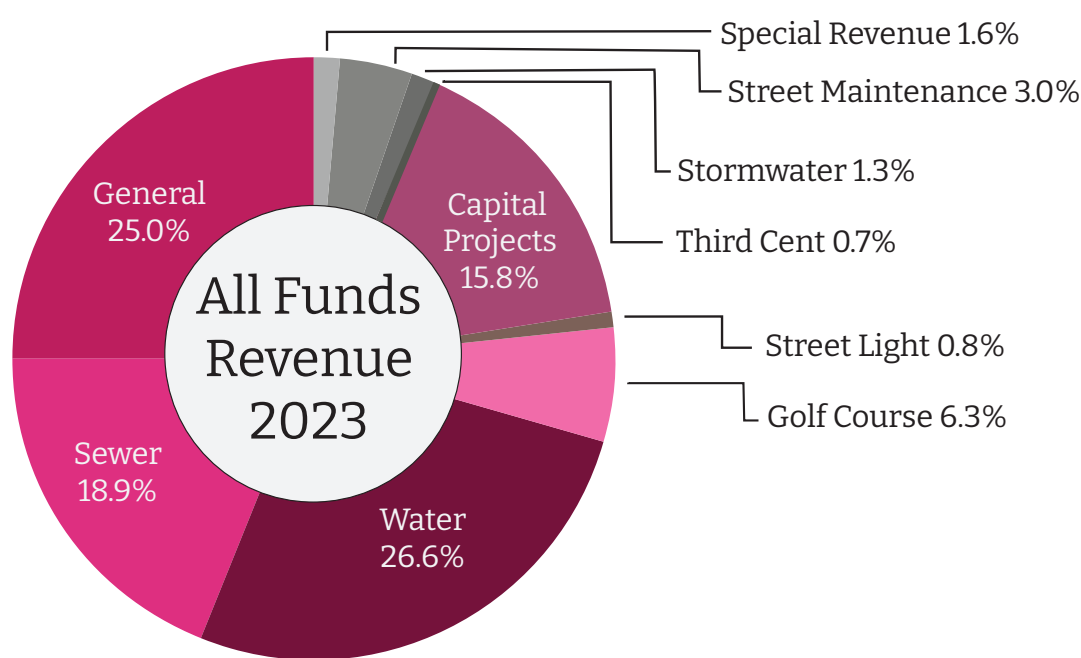
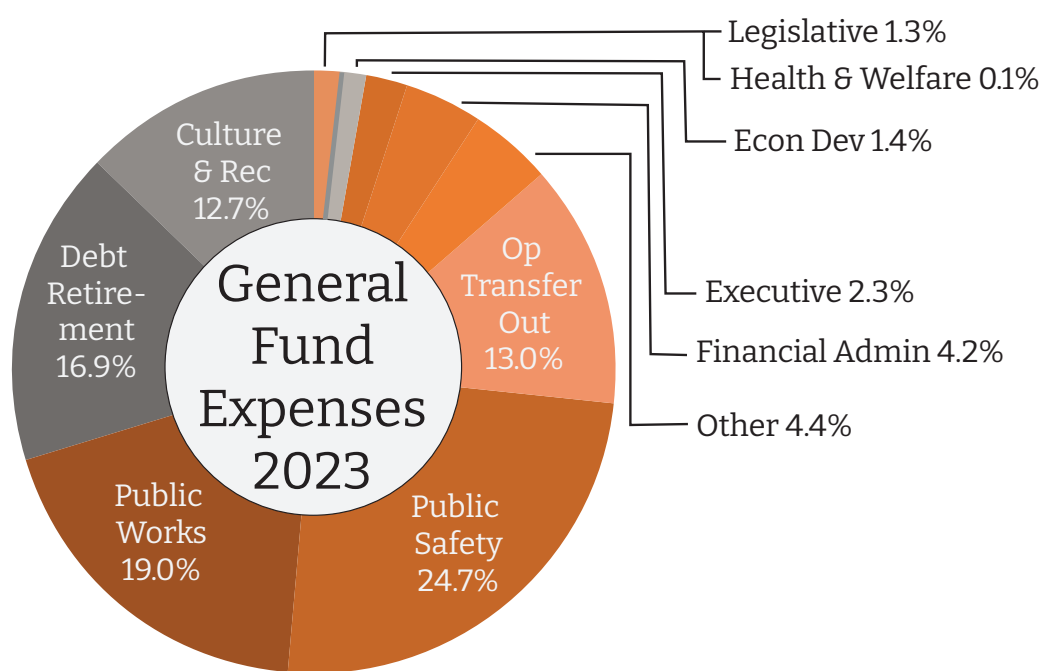
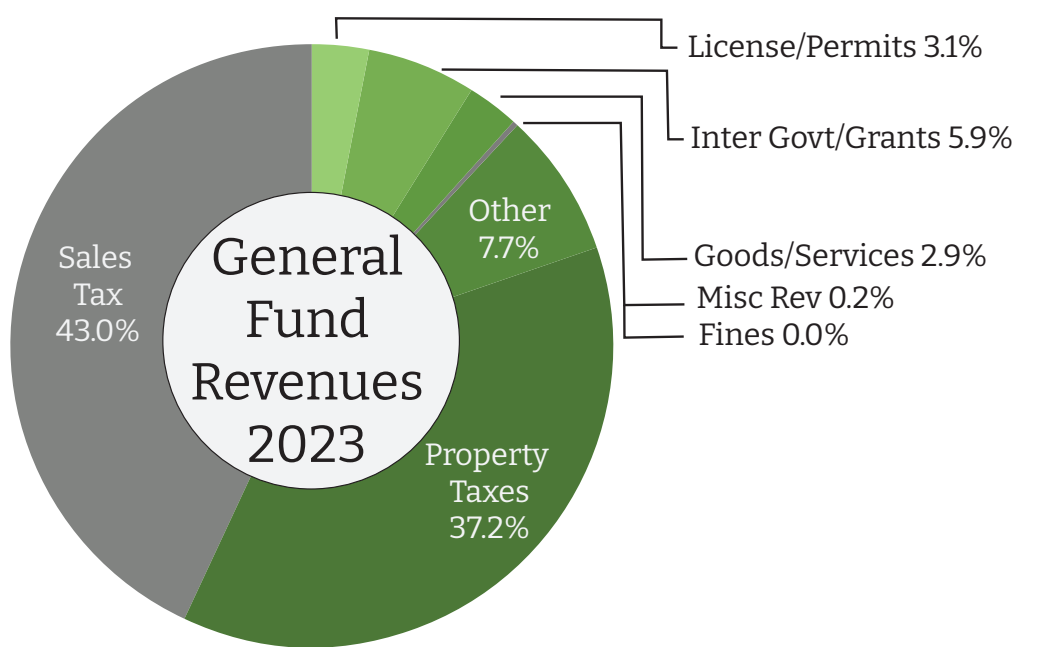


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## CITY FINANCES

### 2023 Budget



#### OVERVIEW OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

Cities use an accounting system called fund accounting. Funds are accounting devices that the City uses to keep track of specific sources of funding (revenue) and spending (expenses) for particular purposes. The City of Brandon maintains fifteen funds. Some of these funds include the General Fund, Water Fund, Sewer Fund, Street Maintenance Fund and the Street Light Fund. Below is an overview of some of the funds the city maintains. Visit <https://cityofbrandon.org/finance> for a detailed budget, audit and more.

#### GENERAL FUND

Revenue for the general fund comes mostly from property and sales tax revenue. Departments included in this fund are general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation and more.

#### STREET MAINTENANCE FUND

Revenue for the street maintenance fund comes from an annual street maintenance fee on your property taxes. The 2023 assessment is \$2.50 per front footage of your lot. The revenue is used to maintain or repair public streets, like our annual Slurry Seal. A Slurry Seal is done each year in an area of town to extend the life of the road. Replacing curb and gutters, street patching and striping roads are other repairs done on streets to extend the life.

#### WATER FUND

Revenue for the water fund comes from water usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the water fund. The water revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. 2022 major capital projects included Water Tower, Water Treatment Plant, Water Meter Replacement Phase III and new water lines for Core Phase 2A.

#### SEWER FUND

Revenue for the sewer fund comes from sewer usage on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the sewer fund. The sewer revenue helps pay for operations, maintenance, capital projects and debt. The City has an agreement with the City of Sioux Falls to ship our waste to the Sioux Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant. This is the largest operational cost the City of Brandon has for the sewer fund, coming in at over \$1.2 million dollars in 2022. Studies to compare options and cost have been done in the past, with this being the best option for the City. Those studies can be viewed at <https://cityofbrandon.org/publicworks>. 2022 projects included new sewer lines in the Core Phase 2A area, Westside Sewer Extension, and Preliminary Design on Dual Force Main.

#### STREET LIGHT FUND

Revenue for the street light fund comes from street light fee on your monthly utility bill and this revenue remains in the street light fund. The street light revenue helps pay for crossing lights, street lights, all of the streets lights in residential areas and major roads throughout the City of Brandon. A 2022 project included adding lights in the Core Phase 2A project to improve the lighting and safety of the area.

This is a brief overview of the City of Brandon finances. For a complete budget or audit report visit <https://cityofbrandon.org/finance>. City finances are very different from private business. Should you have any questions, you may reach out to City Finance Officer, Christina Smith at 605-582-9056.