

# A Resident's Guide to the Cook County Budget

President's Recommended  
Cook County FY 2018 Budget

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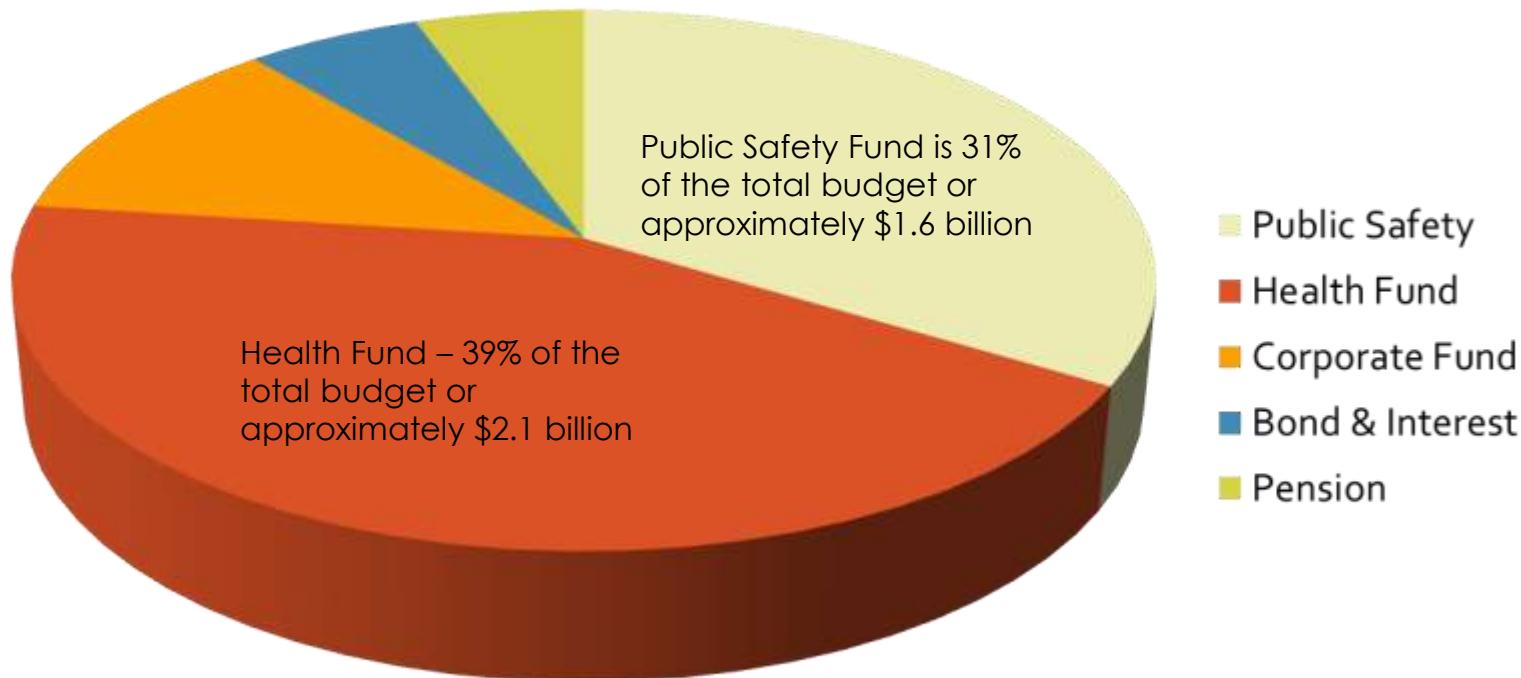


# Cook County Budget at a Glance

- The Total FY 2018 budget is **\$5.36 billion**.
- Cook County has **22,979** employees
- The four main functions of the County are:
  - Public Health
  - Public Safety
  - Tax and Real Estate Administration
  - Cook County Forest Preserve (under separate budget)
- Due to the repeal of the Sweetened Beverage Tax, Cook County will have an expected budget shortfall of **\$200 million**. This will be filled with new revenue, cuts, or both.

# Uses: FY 2018 Budget

The largest budget uses are for public health and public safety.

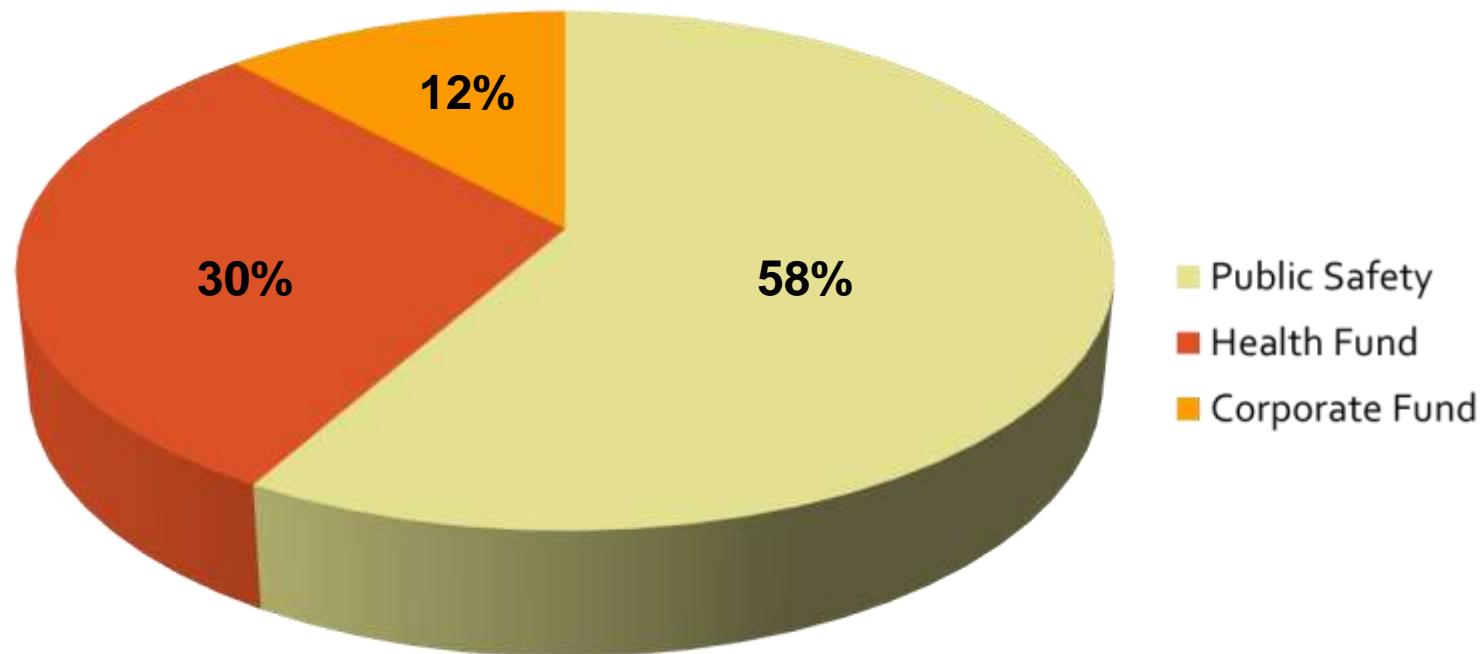


# Where does the money go?

- **83% - Personnel Services**
  - Salaries & benefits, total FY 2018 personnel expenses will be **\$2 billion**
- **7% - Contractual Services**
  - Accounts that are used to make payments for services that can only be performed by persons or companies with specialized skills and knowledge.
- **4% - Supplies and Materials**
  - Accounts that are used to purchase consumables, items of equipment with a unit cost of less than \$500, which are considered supplies and not capital equipment.
- **4% - Operations, Maintenance**
  - Purchases or expenses related to the operation and maintenance of facilities, office equipment, automotive, road repair equipment and all other plant or institutional equipment.
- **1% - Rental and Leasing**
  - Accounts under this category are used for payments related to the rental or leasing of automotive, institutional, medical and office equipment and the rental of offices or other facilities as required by various departments of the County.
- **1% - Capital Outlay**

# Cook County Workforce

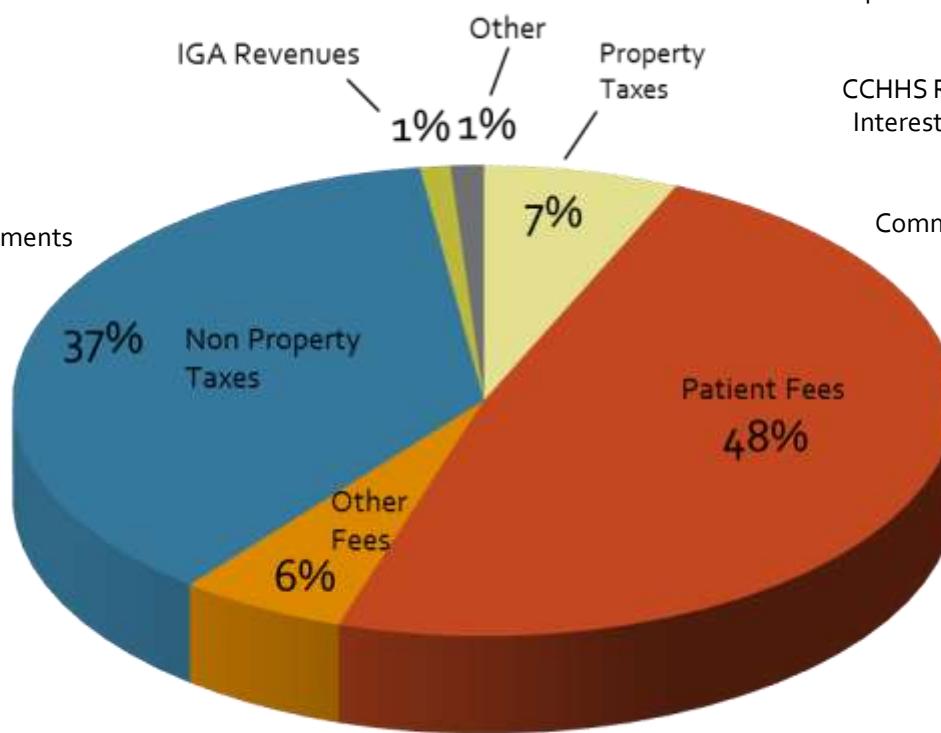
Almost 13,382 or 58% of employees work within the Public Safety Fund, including Sheriff's Officers and Public Defenders.  
80% of County personnel is unionized.



# Sources of Revenue

## Intergovernmental Revenues (IGA)

Federal, State and Private Grants  
Motor Fuel Tax Grant  
Retailer's Occupation Tax  
State Income Tax  
Personal Property Tax  
Off Track Betting Commission  
Probation Officers  
Reimbursement from Other Governments



## Non Property Taxes

Cook County Sales Tax  
Use Tax  
Alcoholic Beverage Tax  
Cigarette Tax  
Gas Tax  
Retail Sale of Motor Vehicles  
Wheel Tax  
Parking Lot / Garage Operations Tax  
Amusement Tax

## County Revenues

## Other Revenue

Dept. of Public Health Environmental Fees  
Debt Proceeds  
Capital Improvements  
CCHHS Revenue (Cafeteria, parking, etc.)  
Interest Earnings/Working Cash Transfer  
Licenses, Leases and Rentals  
Real Estate Management  
Commissions on Public Telephone Use  
Highways Sales of Permits  
Medical Examiner Fees  
Dept. of Public Health Grants  
Permits  
Election Revenue  
Vehicle Purchase Fund

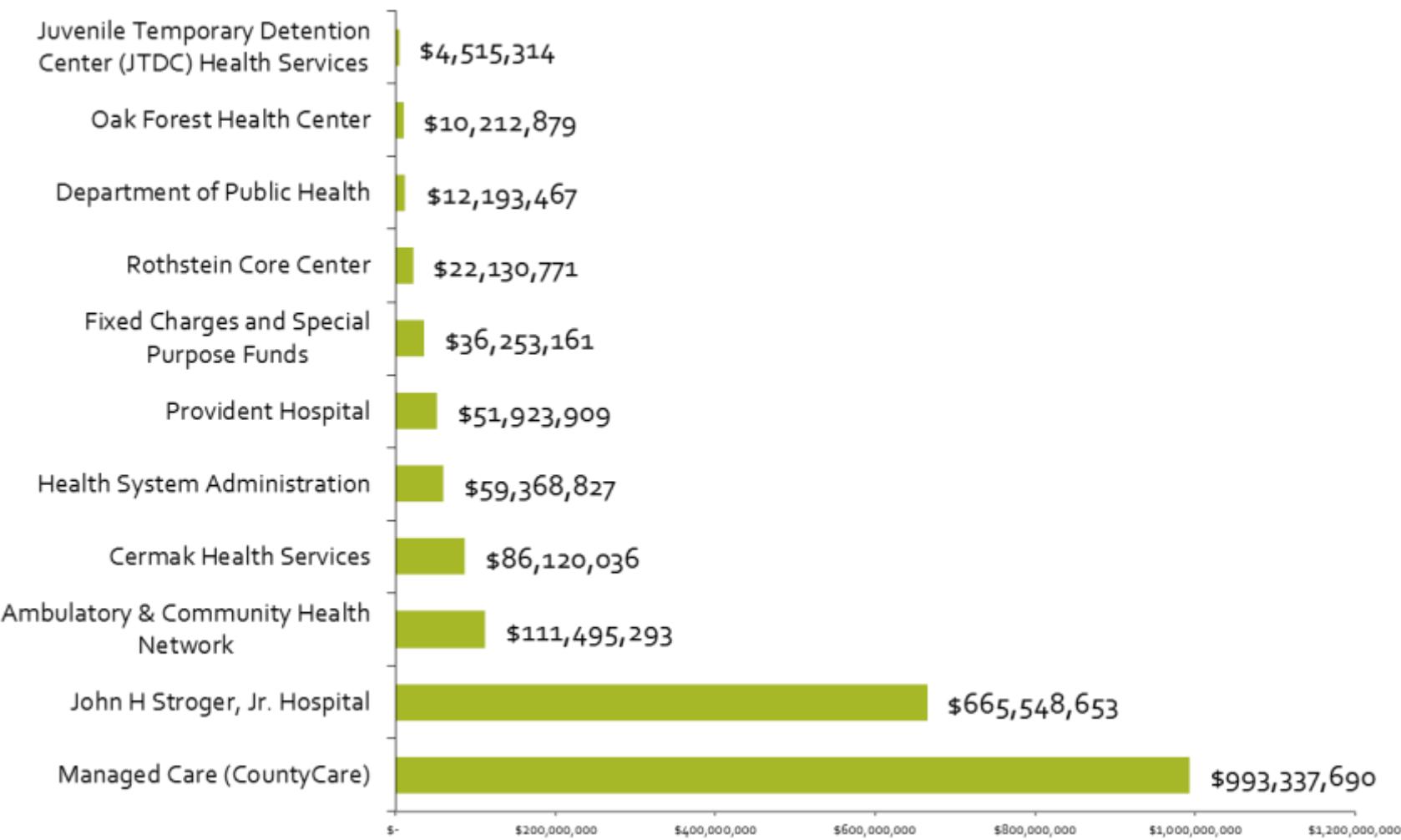
## Other Fees

Birth and Death Records  
Transcripts Records  
Subpoena Fees  
Filing Fees  
Summons & Court Orders  
Evictions  
Delinquent Taxes  
Real Estate Transactions

# The Public Health System

- The Cook County Health and Hospitals System (CCHHS) comprises **40%** of the County budget or **\$2.05 billion** :
  - In FY 2018, CountyCare will serve 225,000 patients per month - up from 140,000 members in FY 2017.
  - CCHHS provides nearly half of all charity care in the County, totaling \$553 million in FY 2018
  - 16 County run clinics that provide primary and specialty care to patients in communities throughout the County.
  - Cermak Health Services, providing comprehensive health care to the nearly 100,000 men and women that enter the Cook County Jail each year.
  - JTDC Health Services, provides comprehensive physical, mental and dental health care to the 4,000 young adults in the Juvenile Temporary Detention Center.

# Public Health System Services & Budget



# The Public Safety System

- The Public Safety Fund comprises **34%**, about **\$1.38 billion**, of the Cook County Budget and includes:
  - The Sheriff, Chief Judge, State's Attorney, Public Defender, and the Clerk of the Circuit Court.
  - The **Sheriff** is responsible for running the largest single site jail in the Country.
    - Nearly 100,000 people enter the Cook County jail each year.
    - As of Aug 2017, there was fewer than 7,200 detainees in the General Population of the Jail, a reduction of 25%.
  - The **State's Attorney** represents the County in all criminal and civil litigation against the County.
  - The **Cook County Public Defender** provides legal counsel to those who are charged with a criminal offense and are unable to afford private representation.
  - The **Chief Judge's Office** is responsible for the administration of the Circuit Court of Cook County. The Chief Judge oversees 400 judges and 2,660 non-judicial employees.
  - The **Clerk of the Circuit Court** is charged with keeping all of the records for the Circuit Court of Cook County including civil, criminal, traffic, and juvenile cases.

# Public Safety Fund Major Uses

## Bureau of Administration

Medical Examiner: \$ \$14,406,960  
Office of Adoption: \$966,512

## Courts

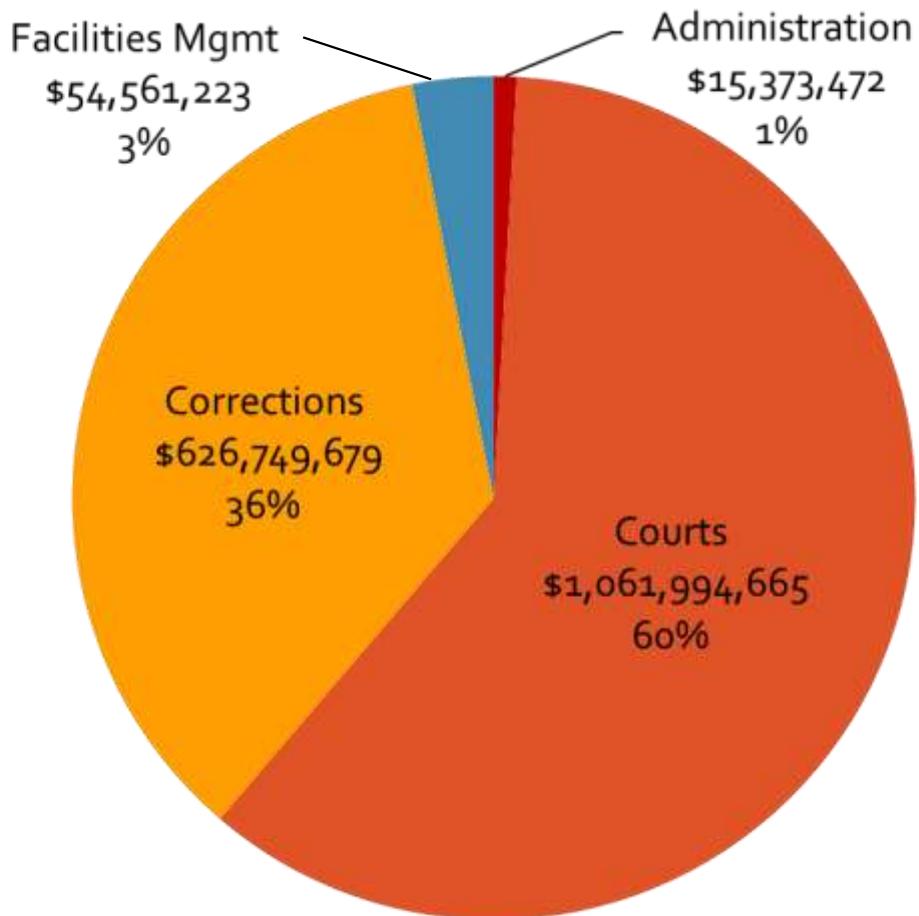
Office of the Chief Judge: \$ \$43,711,563  
Adult Probation Dept.: \$54,075,496  
Judiciary: \$13,821,422  
Public Guardian: \$21,857,964  
Forensic Clinical Services: \$3,193,108  
Social Service: \$13,185,974  
Juvenile Probation and Court Services: \$48,331,080  
Juvenile Temporary Detention Center: \$68,742,703  
Circuit Court/Office of the Clerk: \$114,149,968  
Public Administrator: \$1,391,634  
Public Defender: \$76,069,750  
State's Attorney: \$126,097,201  
Dept. Homeland Security: \$1,896,535  
Fixed Charges & Special Purposes: \$475,470,267

## Corrections

Office of the Sheriff: \$2,383,252  
Sheriff's Administration: \$32,174,691  
Office of Professional Review: \$8,572,089  
Bureau of Information and Administration: \$10,796,524  
Court Services Division: \$102,324,639  
Police Department: \$70,657,410  
Department of Corrections: \$397,641,960  
Sheriff's Merit Board: \$2,199,114

## Department of Facilities Management

Dept. of Facilities Management: \$ \$54,561,223

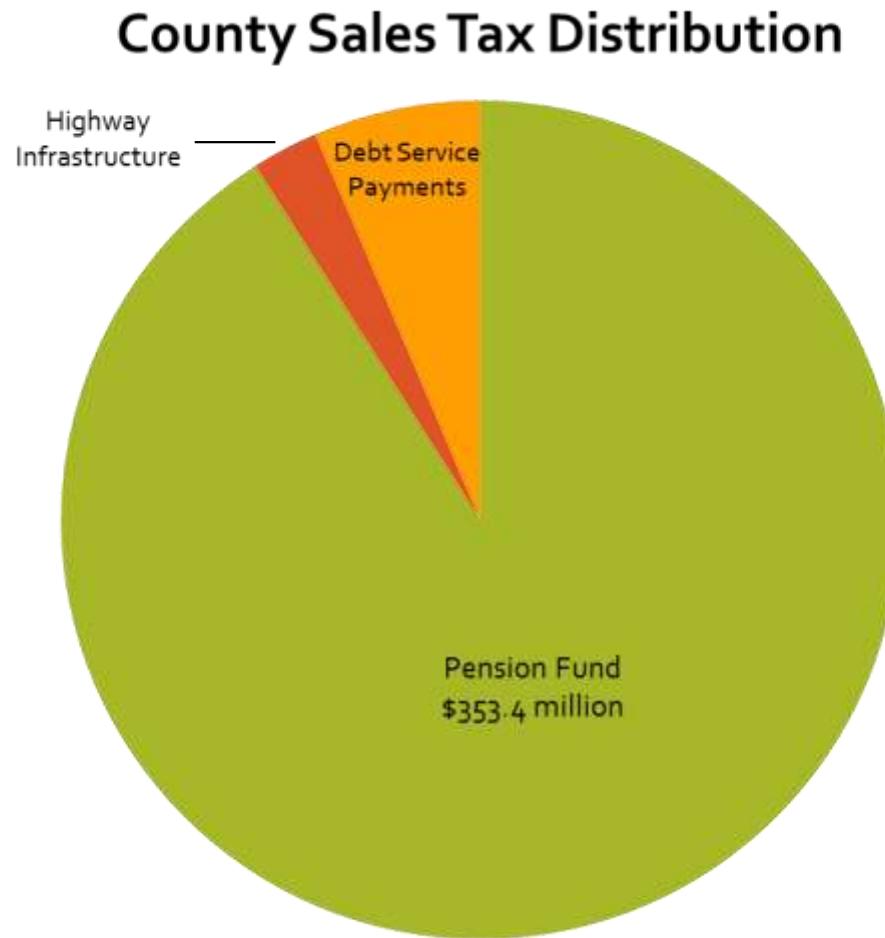


# Administration & General Taxing Bodies

- The Corporate Fund comprises **14%**, or about **\$569 million** of the Cook County Budget.
  - This fund supports general governmental management and support services for the County.
  - Includes financial oversight and reporting functions, payment of bills and contract awards, economic and human development, the maintenance of highways, environmental monitoring and control, homeland security coordination, capital planning and policy.
- This fund also supports the assessment, administration and collection of the property tax, sales tax, and various fees including:
  - The **Cook County Assessor's Office** is responsible for assessing the value of each of the 1.7 million parcels of property in Cook County.
  - The **Cook County Board of Review** is responsible for hearing citizens' appeals of their property tax assessment made by the Assessor.
  - The **Cook County Treasurer** is the County's banker, responsible for mailing tax bills, collecting taxes on parcels of real property and distributing the revenue throughout the County.
  - The **Cook County Recorder of Deeds** maintains the land records for the County including records of all real estate transactions.
  - The **Cook County Clerk** maintains all of the County records and books including birth, death and marriage records.

# Where Does the County Sales Tax Go?

- The Cook County sales tax was established on September 1, 1992 at a rate of .75%.
- The Cook County sales tax rate is currently 1.75%.
- This raises approximately \$780 million in FY 2018 and is distributed between the Public Safety and Corporate Fund.
- 1% of the sales tax is dedicated to the Pension Fund.



# The Sweetened Beverage Tax

- In October 2016, the Board of Commissioners approved a Sweetened Beverage Tax at the rate of one cent per fluid ounce to go into effect on July 1, 2017 and was expected to collect \$200 million for FY 2018.
- On October 11, 2017 the Board of Commissioners voted 15-2 to repeal the Sweetened Beverage Tax effective December 1, 2017.
- This created a \$200 million dollar gap which will be addressed by either cutting costs, new revenues, or both before the start of FY 2018.

# Budget Timeline

December 1, 2016	May/June 2017	July 2017	October 2017	November 2017
The fiscal year begins	All agencies and departments submit budget requests	The President conducts public budget hearings on preliminary budget	The President submits the Executive Budget Recommendation	County Board votes to approve and adopt

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