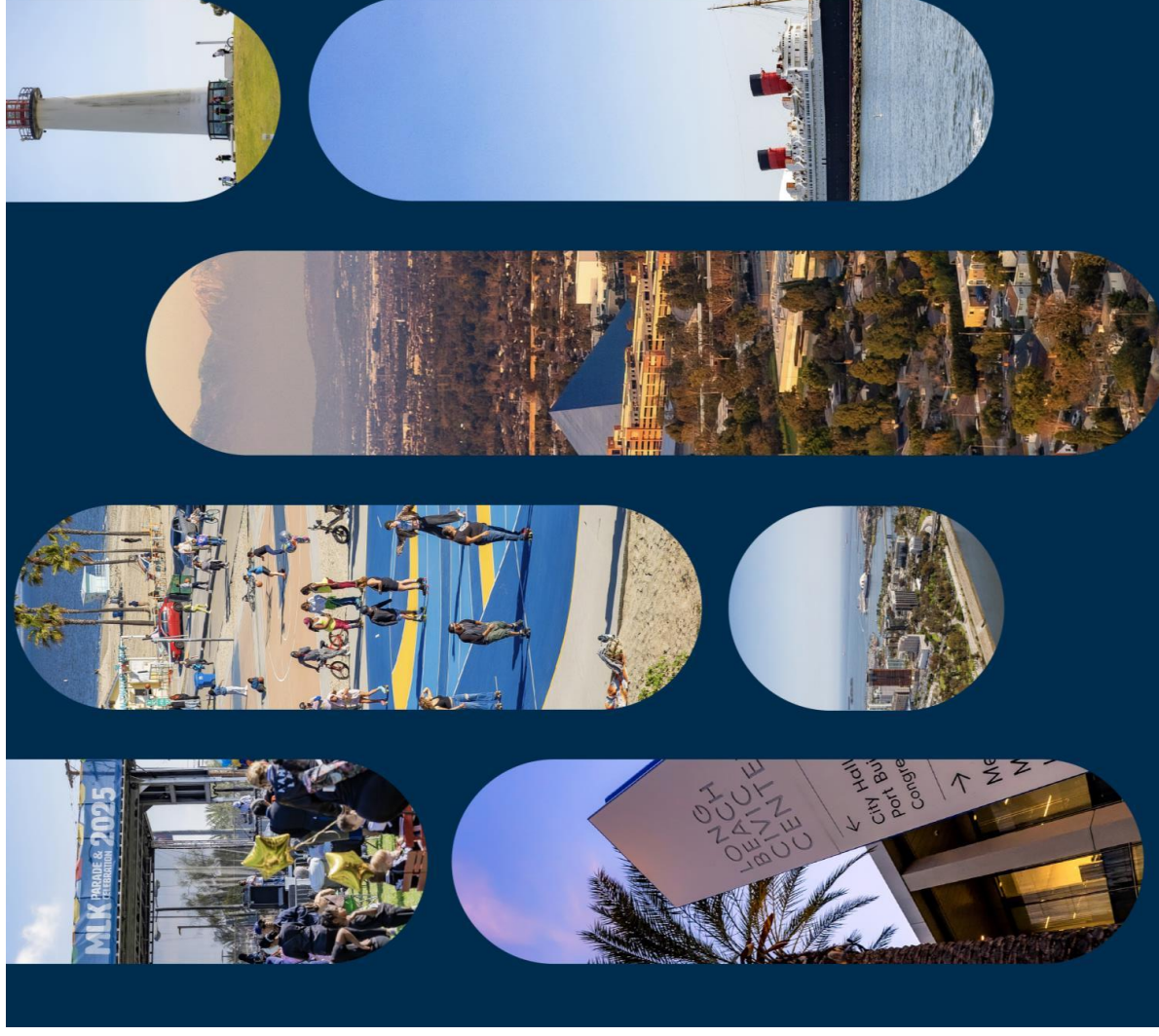


Community Development Department FY 26 Proposed Budget Overview

Budget Hearing
August 19, 2025



Key Services

Build and sustain a safe, resilient and equitable Long Beach



Oversee physical development



Invest in and protect affordable housing



Plan and vision the City's future



Provide comprehensive code enforcement



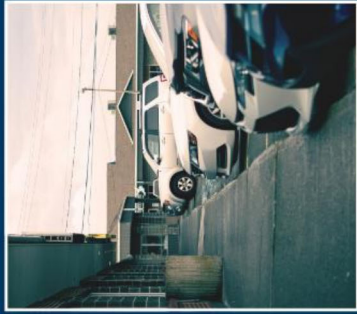
Facilitate and streamline the development process



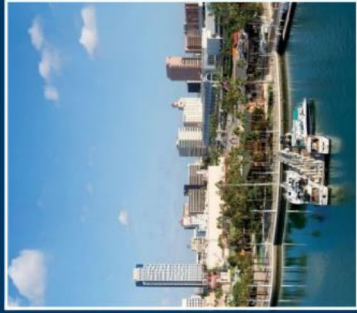
Support community engagement programs

Accomplishments

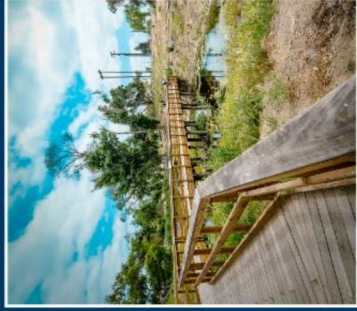
Policy Changes and Planning



Updated Change of Use parking standards to minimize regulatory burdens on businesses



Released **Draft Downtown Shoreline Vision Plan** to transform the City's waterfront



Began update to the **Open Space and Recreation Element**



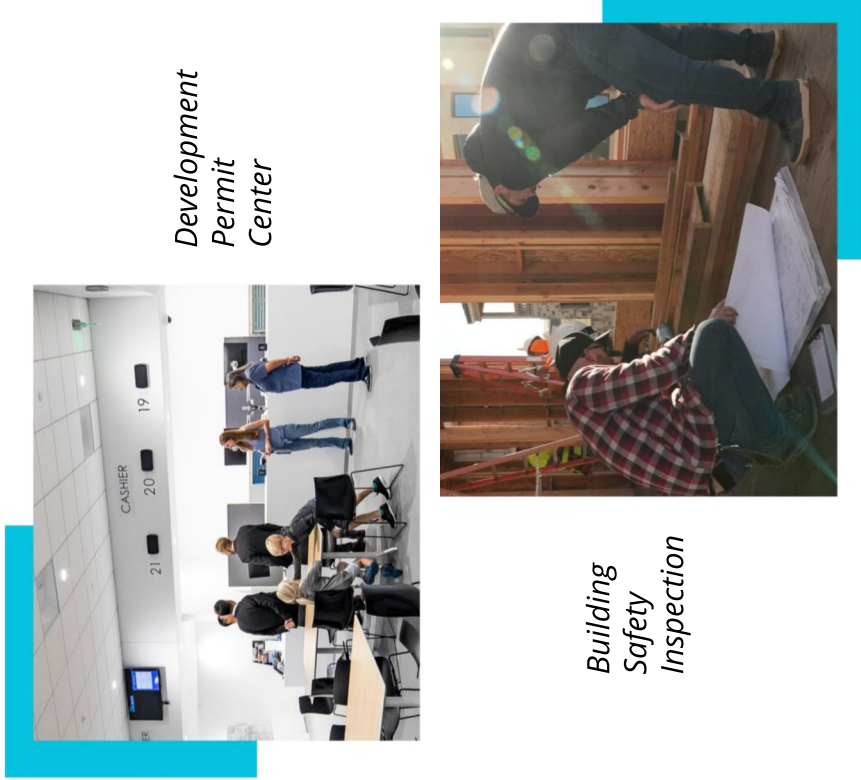
Expanded Inclusionary Housing as a Citywide requirement



Recognized as a leader in outreach and engagement for work on **LGBTQ+ Cultural District development**

Accomplishments

Streamlining the Development Process



Deployed virtual counter services, serving over 300 customers



Added walk-in kiosks decreasing in-person wait times



Issued 12,035 permits, assisted more than 31,000 customers via the building help line and conducted 56,047 inspections



Initiated LB Builds – Enterprise Land Management system and new software, Clariti, to modernize licensing and permitting

Accomplishments



Development and Affordable Housing

- **Entitled** 1,788 housing units and **issued permits for** 1,704 units now **under construction**, including 747 ADUs
- **Completed** 1,204 new units now **available** for tenants
- **Managed** lease-up of 22 **very low-income units** at Meta Housing Harbor Yard Apartments
- **Assisted 60+ homeowners with grants** for roof repairs



Charles Sloan, recipient of the Home Improvement Roof Grant Program (HIRGP).



Code Enforcement

- **Conducted** more than 14,000 Code enforcement inspections
- **Updated** the **Short-Term Rental program** to strengthen enforcement
- **Proactively inspected** 1,487 multi-family housing units to support safe, adequate rental housing

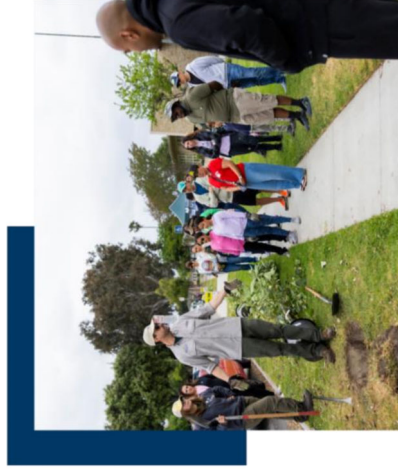


Code Enforcement staff conducting an inspection

Accomplishments

Support for Community and Neighborhoods

- **Advanced the Westside Promise (WSP)** 10-year initiative to continue long-term community investment
- **Facilitated 20+ WSP events** - Brooms Across West Long Beach cleanup, Beach Streets, a Westside Market Study, Love Your Block Civic Deliberation workshops, an LBCC Fall Registration Workshop, and **Westside Fest** on **Sept 13, 2025**
- **Secured** funding for capital improvements for **WSP** at Silverado Park and Admiral Kidd Park
- **Awarded** more than **20 microgrants** to neighborhood associations to **support community events and projects**
- Coordinated over **100 clean-up events**, engaging **1,100+ volunteers** and removing nearly **1,500 tons of trash**
- **Hosted** resource-driven events like the **Home Improvement Expo**, which drew **200+ attendees** and featured live demos, hands-on activities, and valuable resources



Tree Planting at Carver Elementary, May 2025

FY 26 Focus and Proposed Budget Highlights

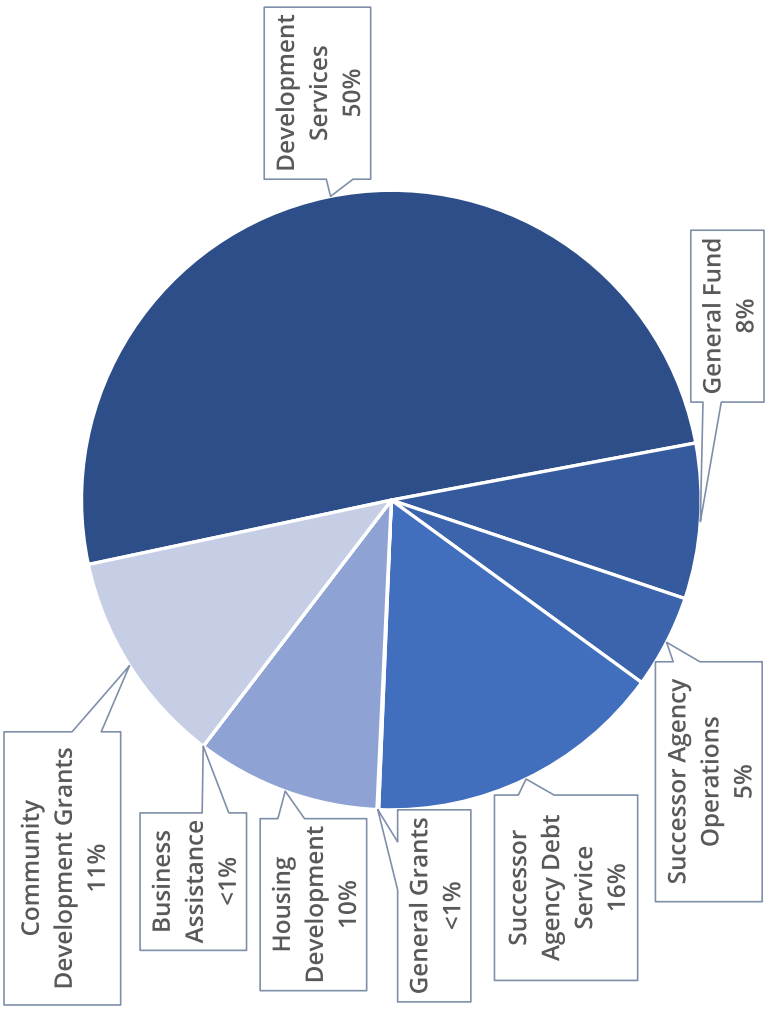
All Funds

- Budget - \$83,984,551
- FTEs – 259.58 vs 255.58 in FY 25

Development Services Fund

	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026
Revenue	\$39M	\$42.5M
Expenses	\$44.9M	\$42.3M
FTEs	167.38	177.48

Expenditures by Fund Group - \$84M



FY 26 Focus and Proposed Budget Highlights

Align Resources and Needs



Fee increase to ensure cost recovery

Reorganization of Planning Bureau Divisions

- Environmental and Cultural Resources
- Long Range Planning
- Project Planning, which includes Signature Projects
- Zoning Administration



Established a new Division and expanded staffing within Code Enforcement to enhance oversight of special enforcement programs

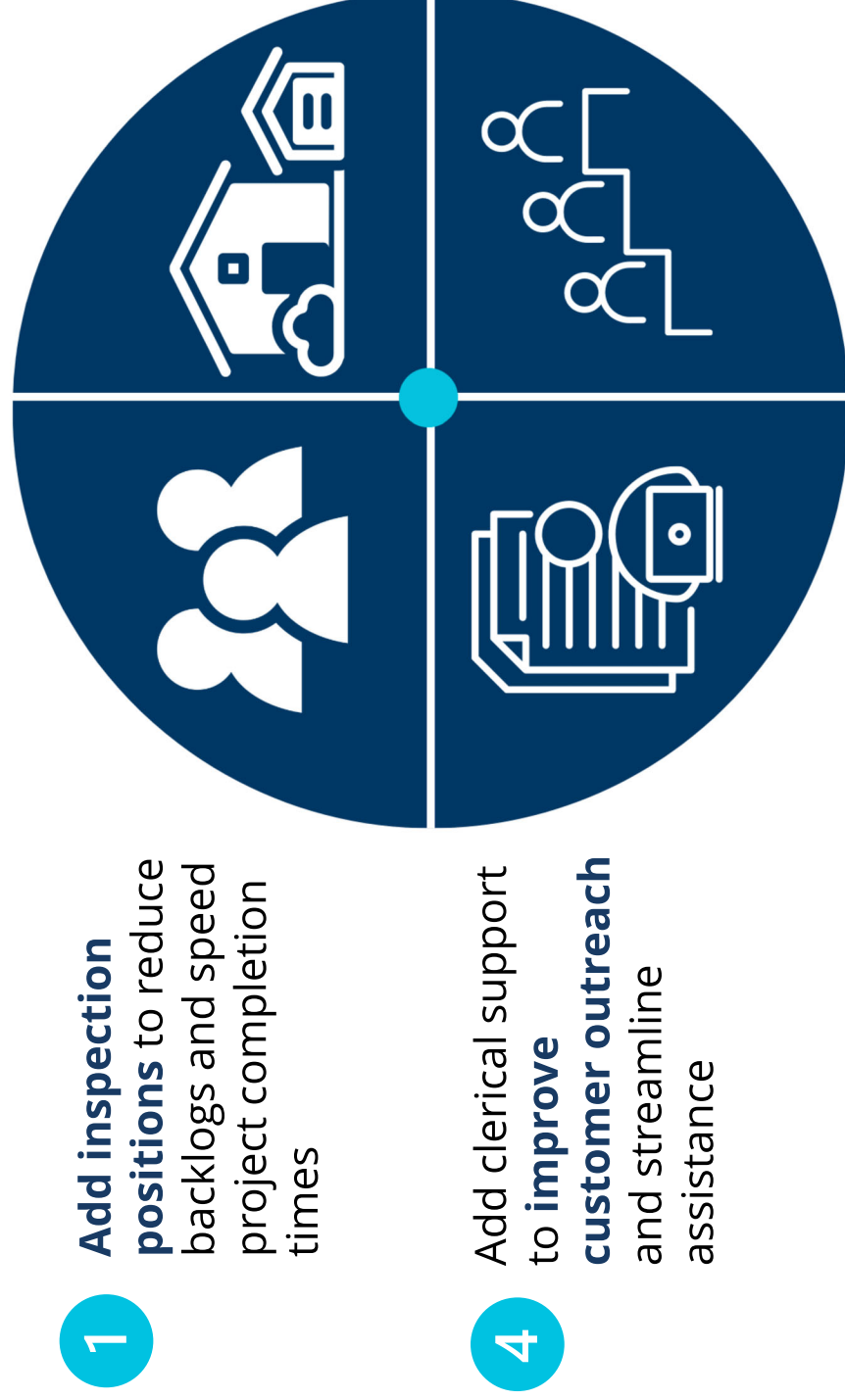
- Multi-family Housing Inspections
- Short-Term Rental
- Vacant Storefront



Technical corrections to align budget with actual staffing levels

FY 26 Focus and Proposed Budget Highlights

Increase Capacity and Customer Service



FY 26 Focus and Proposed Budget Highlights

Resources for Communications, Equity and Training



Add two new Communications positions to strengthen community outreach and advance digital strategy, including website enhancements



Increase funding for marketing and consulting services for community engagement events and services



Launch a pilot **Community Connector Program** to explore alternative engagement strategies for reaching historically excluded communities



One-time **funding allocated for training** on the upcoming triennial update to the California Building Standards Code

FY 26 Focus and Proposed Budget Highlights

Supporting High-Priority, Long-term Initiatives



1 Reallocate resources for the **Contractor and Subcontractor Verification Program** to provide an inspection component



2 Add dedicated, ongoing funding for **Westside Promise**

Challenges and Opportunities



Uncertainty with Federal Community Development Grants

- Current funding allocated through 2026
- Developing contingency plans for 2027 and beyond
- Identifying new funding streams
- Coordinating with County and State agencies



Changes in Development Activity

- Expenses outpacing revenues
- Increase fees, monitor revenue and use reserves

Challenges and Opportunities



Nuisance activities and securing neighborhoods

- Increased interdepartmental coordination with partners

Impact of LB Builds – ELM on capacity

- Requires significant involvement of Department experts
- Use strategic implementation timeline to reduce impact to operations
- Potential to greatly improve the customer experience, investment and revenues beginning in 2028.



Thank you!

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