



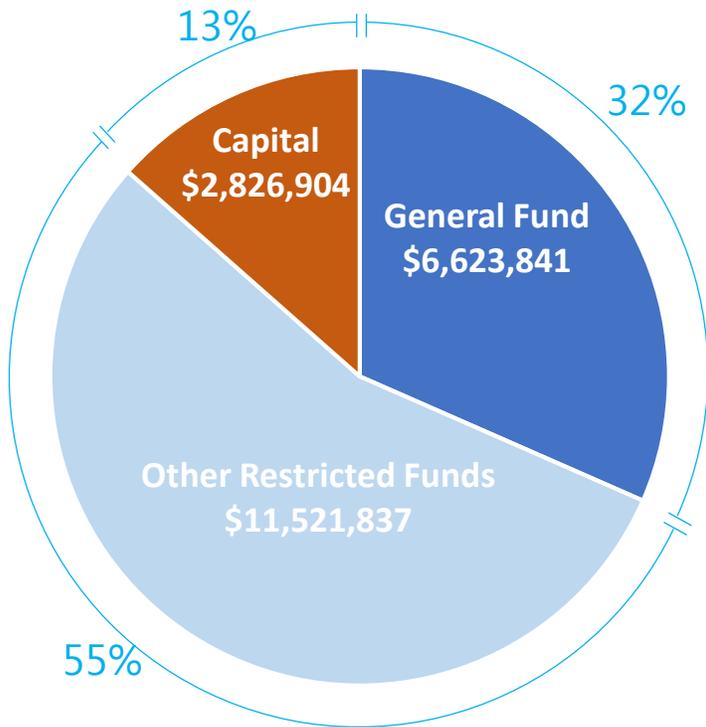
INDEPENDENCE
— KANSAS —

**FY 2018
CITIZEN'S
BUDGET**

INDEPENDENCE, KANSAS

Expense Summary

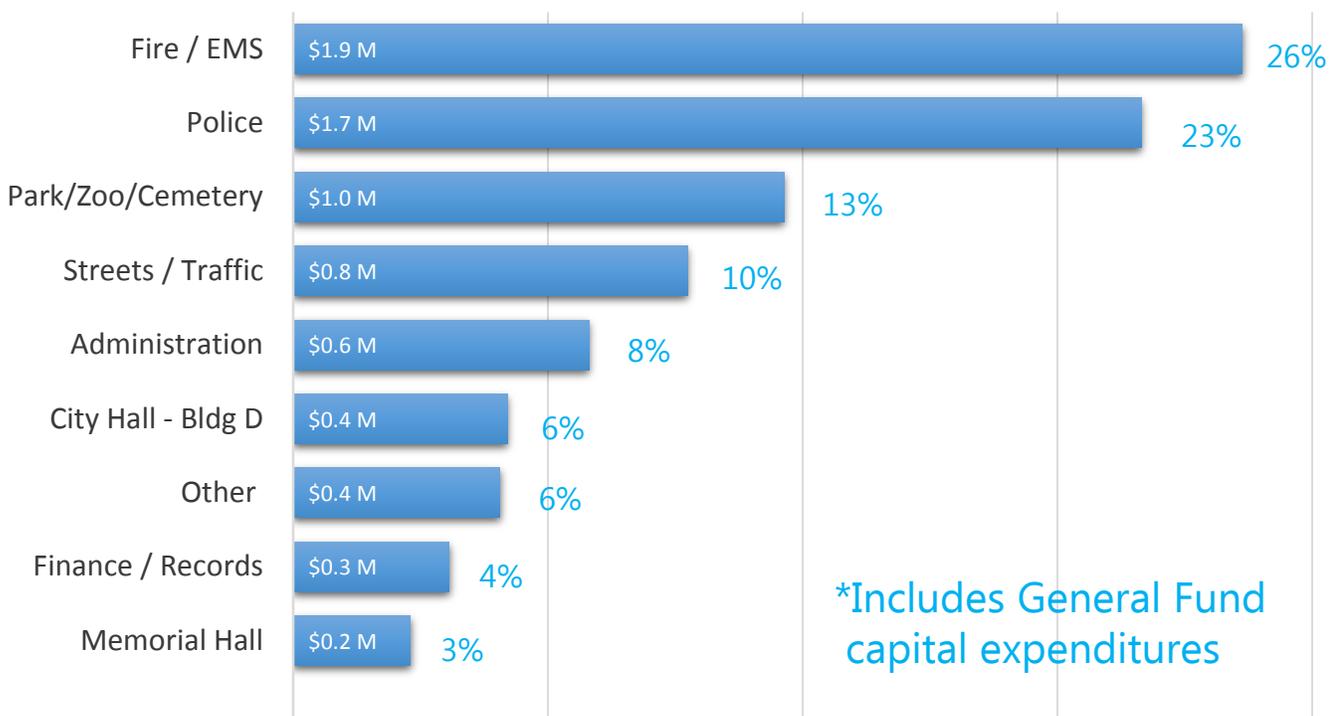
Total Expenses: \$21 Million



The City budget is divided into several funds to help organize and track expenses and revenues.

- **Restricted Funds** operate much like a business in that the fees charged for a specific fund help pay for the service provided through that fund. The Water and Sewer budget is the largest such fund – the money citizens pay in utility fees is put back into utility operations.
- The **General Fund** pays for those functions typically associated with a municipal government (e.g., police, fire, streets, parks, and community development) and usually receives its revenues from taxes collected.
- A **Capital** project is a large, expensive, one-time project where the total cost is greater than \$5,000 and its life expectancy is greater than five years.

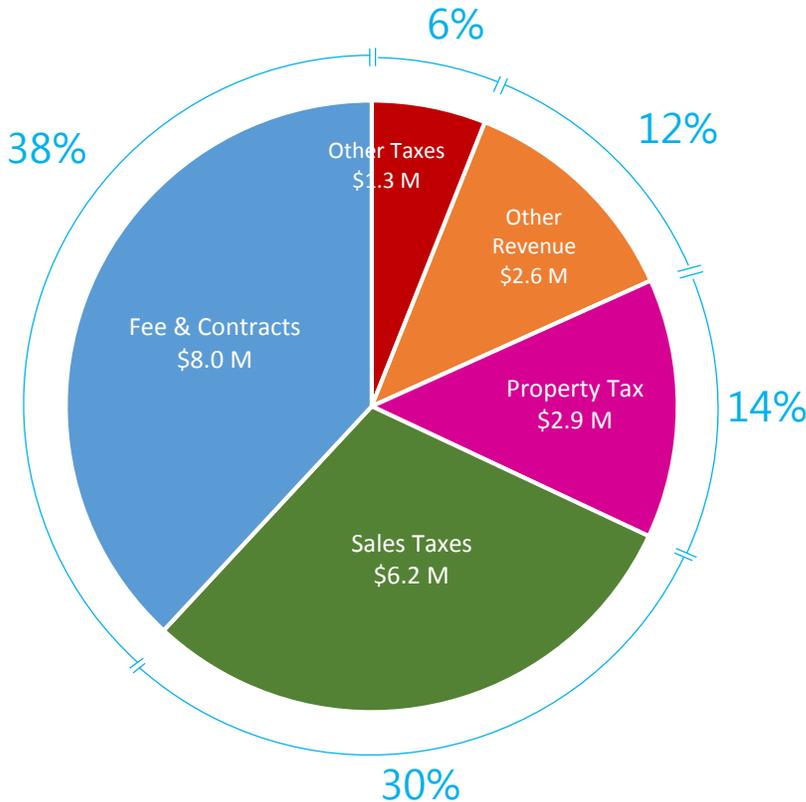
General Fund Expenses: \$7.2 Million*



*Includes General Fund capital expenditures

Revenue Summary

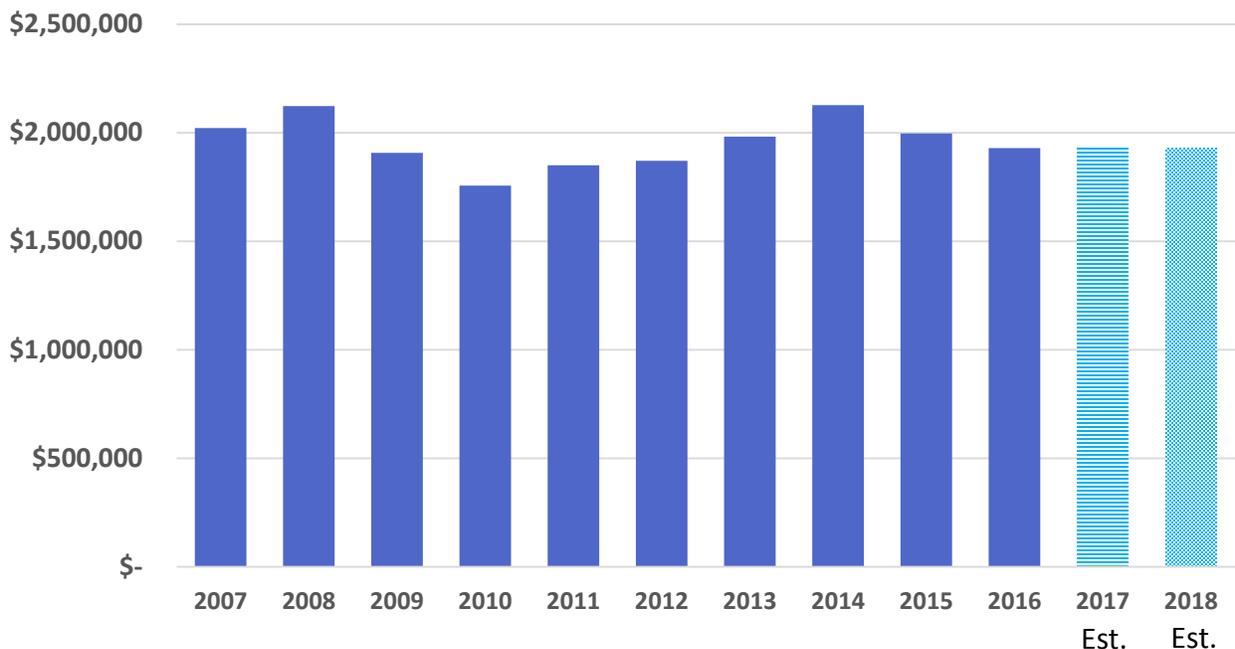
Total Revenues: **\$21 Million**



By law, a city is required to only spend what it has money to pay for. The City of Independence plans to collect \$21 million in revenue to pay for operations and capital purchases. **Sales Tax** & **Property Tax** make up about 44% of total revenue collected, though they make up about 54% of the General Fund revenue. Utilities solely fund the restricted Water & Sewer Funds.

The table below shows a 10-year history of the General Fund one percent Sales Tax. Also, one percent is collected in the Special Use Sales Tax Fund; this began in 2012 and is allocated to four areas: Property tax relief, facilities, streets/sidewalks, and ADA improvements.

General Fund 1% Sales Tax



Taxes

City Property Tax

The City Tax mill rate for FY 2018 is \$53.344

An average Independence home (\$70,000)
would generate \$429.42 in City Taxes

This equals \$36 a month for City Taxes

What can you get for \$36?

ONE of these...

3
Movies 

or

2
T-Shirts 

or

5
Meals 

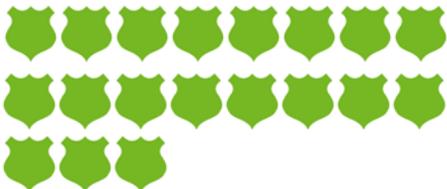
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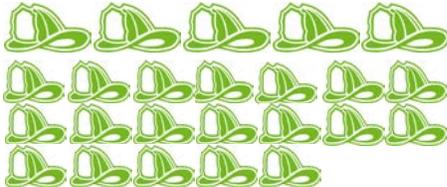
1
Bouquet
of
flowers

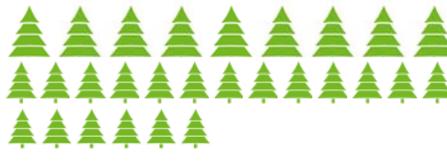


OR

ALL of these...

19
Police
Officers 

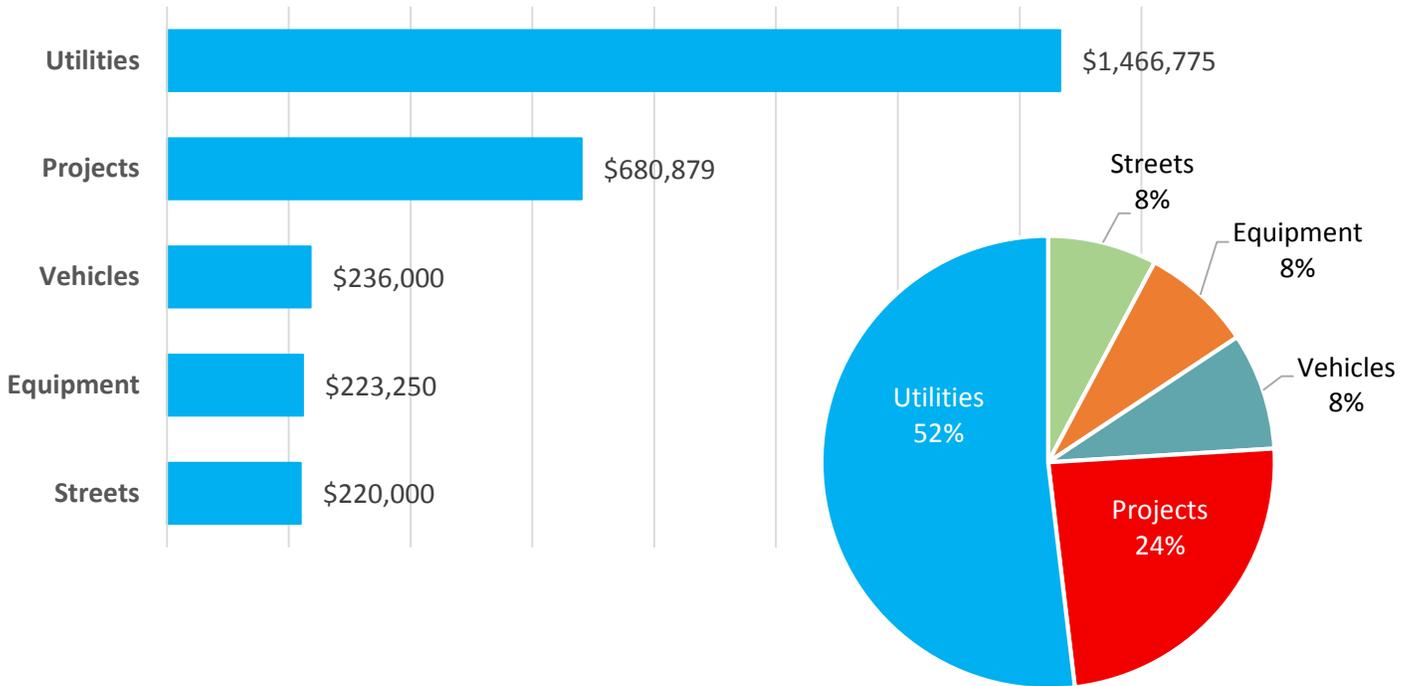
24
Fire &
EMS 

121
Acres
of
Parks 

+ 
104 miles of streets, 130+ miles of water
lines, and more!

Capital Projects

FY 2018 Capital Projects: \$2.8 Million



Top 5 Capital Projects

\$ 150,000 [Street Maintenance](#)

This project is funded by the Economic Development Fund and will pay for the maintenance of various streets.

\$ 136,300 [Airport South Ramp Run-up Rehabilitation](#)

This project is funded from the Special Use Sales Tax fund and will repair a portion of the taxiways at the airport.

\$ 100,000 [Wald Avenue Lift Station Upgrade](#)

This project is funded from sewer user fees and will upgrade the lift station located on Wald Avenue.

\$ 100,000 [Paint North Water Tower](#)

This project is funded from water user fees and will repaint the north water tower to maintain the integrity of the tower.

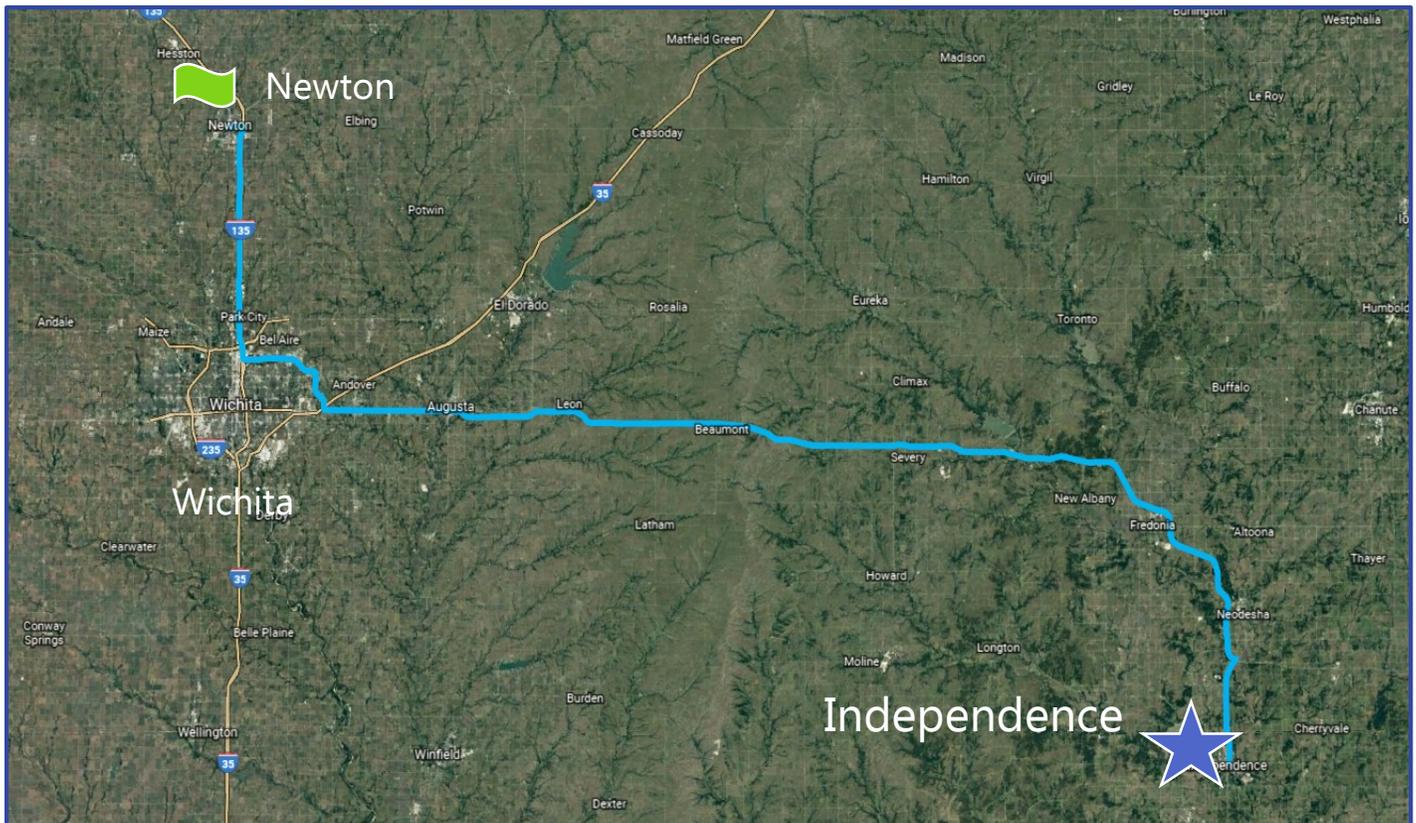
\$ 90,000 [ADA Improvements to Park Walkways](#)

This project is funded from the Special Use Sales Tax for ADA improvements, and will bring sidewalks in Riverside Park, including the oval area, up to ADA standards.

Utility Improvements

Total Utility Capital Budget: \$1.46 Million

The City plans to spend \$2.8 million on capital improvements in FY 2018. Of the eight departments in the Capital Improvement Plan, projects associated with the Utilities Department made up \$1.46 million, or 52% of the program. This amounts to 18 projects. Within Utilities, \$250,000 is for water treatment and distribution, including \$100,000 to paint the North Water Tower; \$104,000 for water line projects; and \$10,000 to clean the water treatment plant intake. The Wastewater Collection and Treatment budget has \$315,000 in projects, including \$100,000 to upgrade the Wald Avenue lift station and \$100,000 to sandblast and paint the clarifier drives.



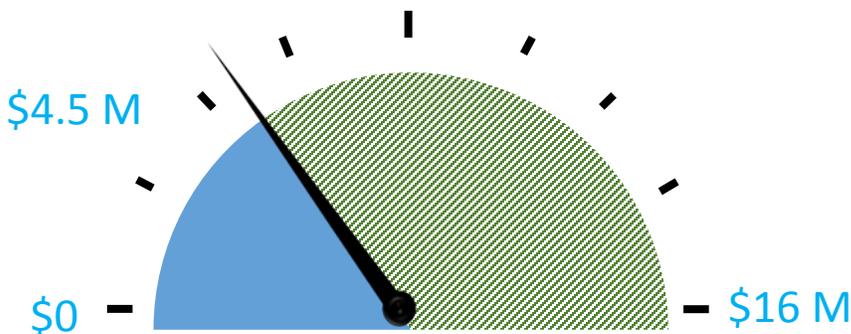
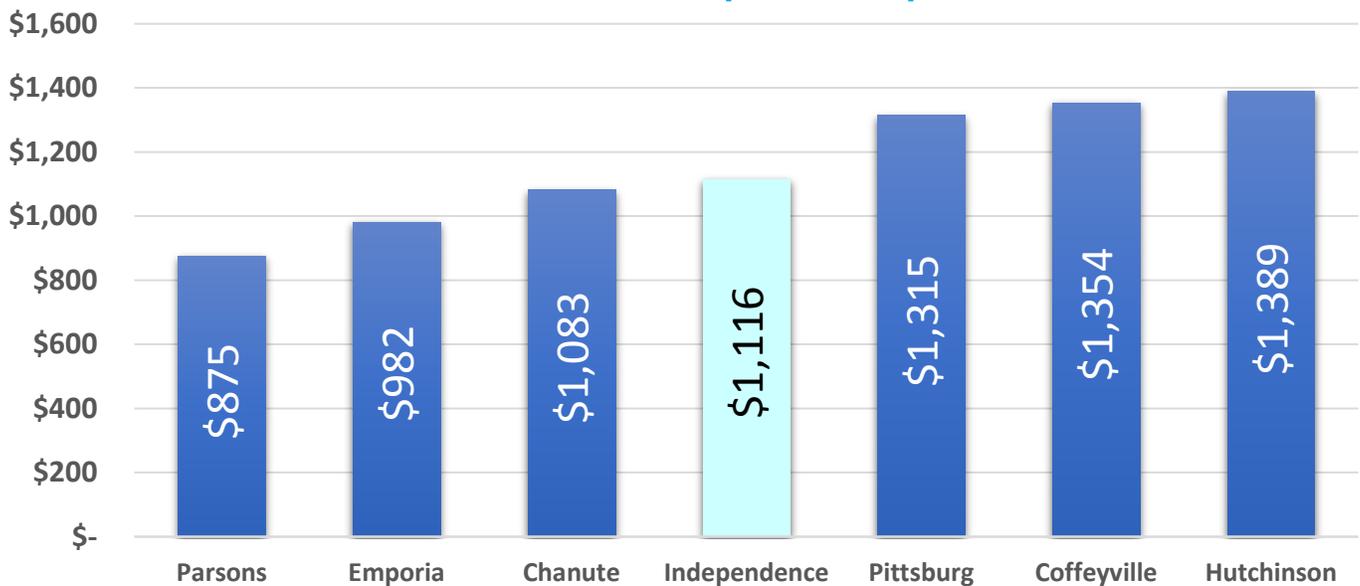
130 Miles The City of Independence maintains about 130 miles of water lines. That's equivalent to the distance from Independence to Newton, just north of Wichita - a two-hour-and-15-minute commute (depending on traffic)!

City Debt

Total City Bond Debt: \$9.2 Million

As of June 30, 2017, the City has \$9,225,000 million in outstanding (unpaid) General Obligation debt in the form of bonds. Most of these bonds are for ADA street/sidewalk, quality of life, and utility projects. While bonds can be useful for funding necessary projects, the City of Independence is working to reduce its current debt. In 2016, the City refunded a school bond which is expected to provide a net savings to taxpayers of over \$112,000.

Direct Debt per Capita



Actual Debt vs. Debt Limit

Actual Debt is 28% of Limit

The State of Kansas limits how much debt cities can have to 30% of its assessed valuation. For fiscal year 2017 Independence's debt limit is \$16 million. Actual debt for the City which counts against the debt limit is only \$4.5 million, or 28% of our allowable debt limit.

Budget Information



For the full [FY 2018 Budget](#) and the [FY 2018 – FY2023 Capital Program](#) please visit Independenceks.gov,* or stop by City Hall.

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*FY 2018 Budget Link: <http://www.independenceks.gov/DocumentCenter/Home/View/934>

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