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Proposed FY 2026 General Fund Budget Balancing Act

Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic
Associations, Inc.

What is Balancing Act?

- Balancing Act is an online budget simulation software designed to help governments engage citizens in the budget process.
- It allows users to explore the complexities of city government by creating their own budgets, allocating resources, and experiencing the trade-offs involved in balancing revenue and expenses.
- Balancing Act aims to educate the public about government finances and gather valuable feedback on budget priorities.



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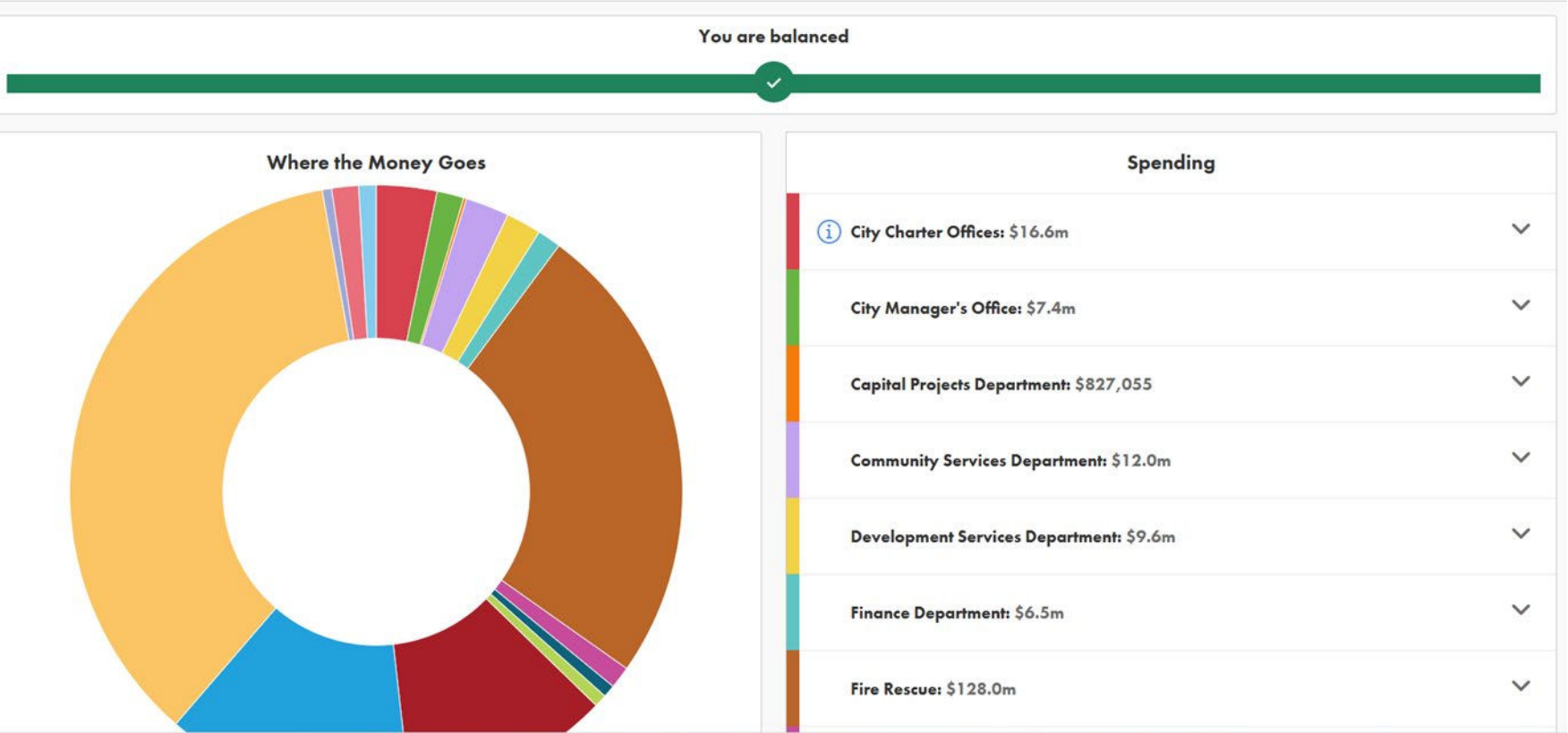
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You are balanced



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<https://fortlauderdale.abalancingact.com>



FY 2026 Proposed Budget Simulation Engagement*



- 1,350 pageviews of the simulation tool
- 102 hours of total engagement time
- 26 completed budget submissions



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Empowering Financial Transparency



- Makes complex financial decisions accessible
- Encourages financial transparency and education
- Only balanced or surplus budgets can be submitted



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Meaningful Public Participation



- 102 hours of active engagement equals deep community involvement
- Respondents explored trade-offs and funding priorities
- Responses were received from all four commission districts



Closing Summary



- Balancing Act collects actionable data on resident priorities
- High engagement reflects participants' thoughtful exploration of options
- Combination of education, financial transparency, and interaction contribute to success