

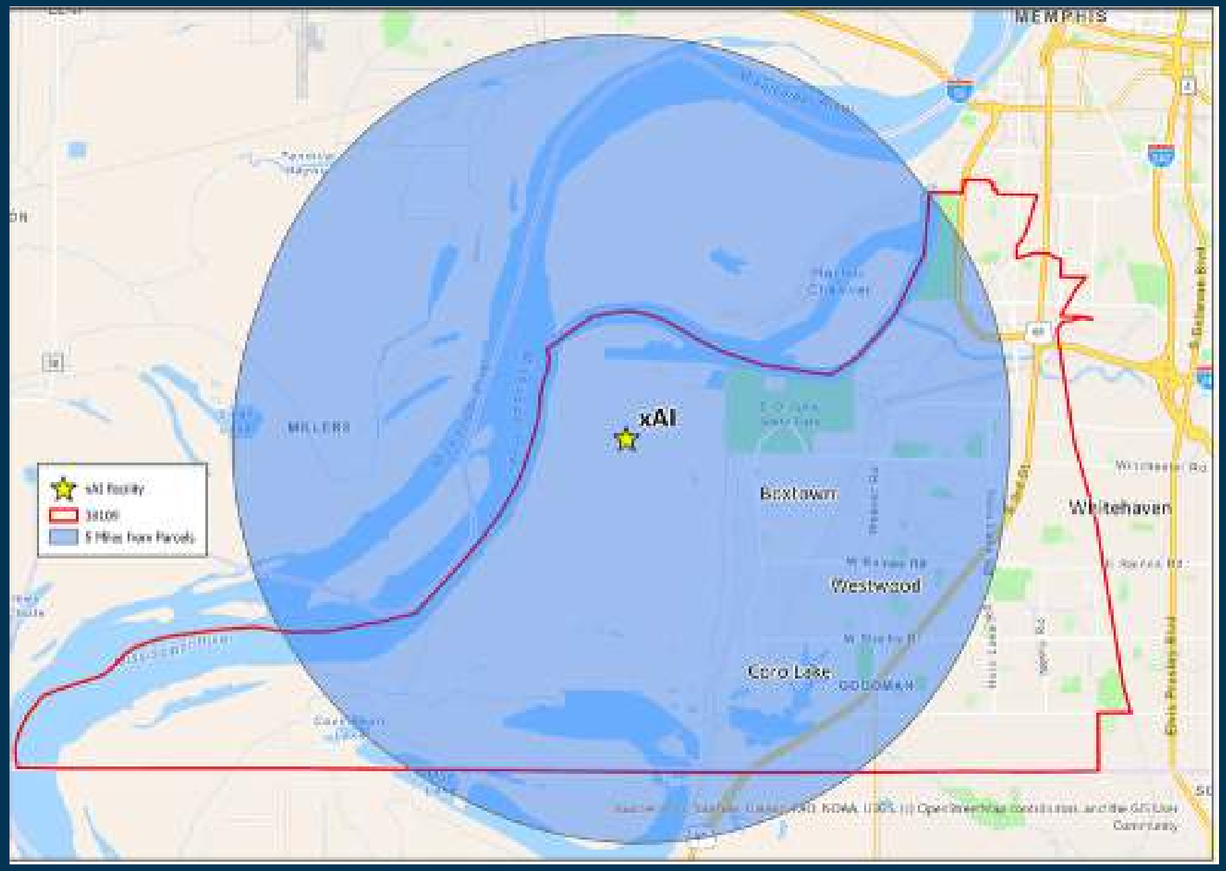
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# MEMPHIS
## COMMUNITY BENEFIT ORDINANCE
### BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR DATA CENTER TAX REVENUES COLLECTED IN FY26

*2026*

# $3,259,282

COLLECTED DURING **FISCAL YEAR 2026**

- FY26 Revenues ONLY; FY27 not included
- Must be spent in a 5-mile zone around the facility on Paul R Lowery Rd (“Investment Zone 1”)
- Searchable GIS mapping tool is being created
- FY27 Budget will be presented in at a later date after revenue is collected
- FY27 Budget will include the facility on Tulane Rd (“Investment Zone 2”)
- Ordinance requires a minimum allocation of 1% for environmental education




*Investment Zone 1 in blue and 38109 boundary in red*

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# SPEND ON "PUBLIC PURPOSES"
*AS DEFINED IN ORDINANCE 5953*

## PUBLIC PROJECTS & PROGRAMS:

- Public buildings, facilities, infrastructure & equipment in "Surrounding Area" (the 5-mile radius Zone)
  - Capital costs to acquire, repair & improve
  - Operating costs to operate, staff & maintain
- Projects or initiatives related to economic development in Zone
- Projects or initiatives related to the "general welfare" of City residents in Zone

## GRANTS & FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- To governmental or nonprofit entities/organizations
- Serving the City, including "Surrounding Area"
- By providing or supporting affordable housing
- Or by providing other, unspecified services

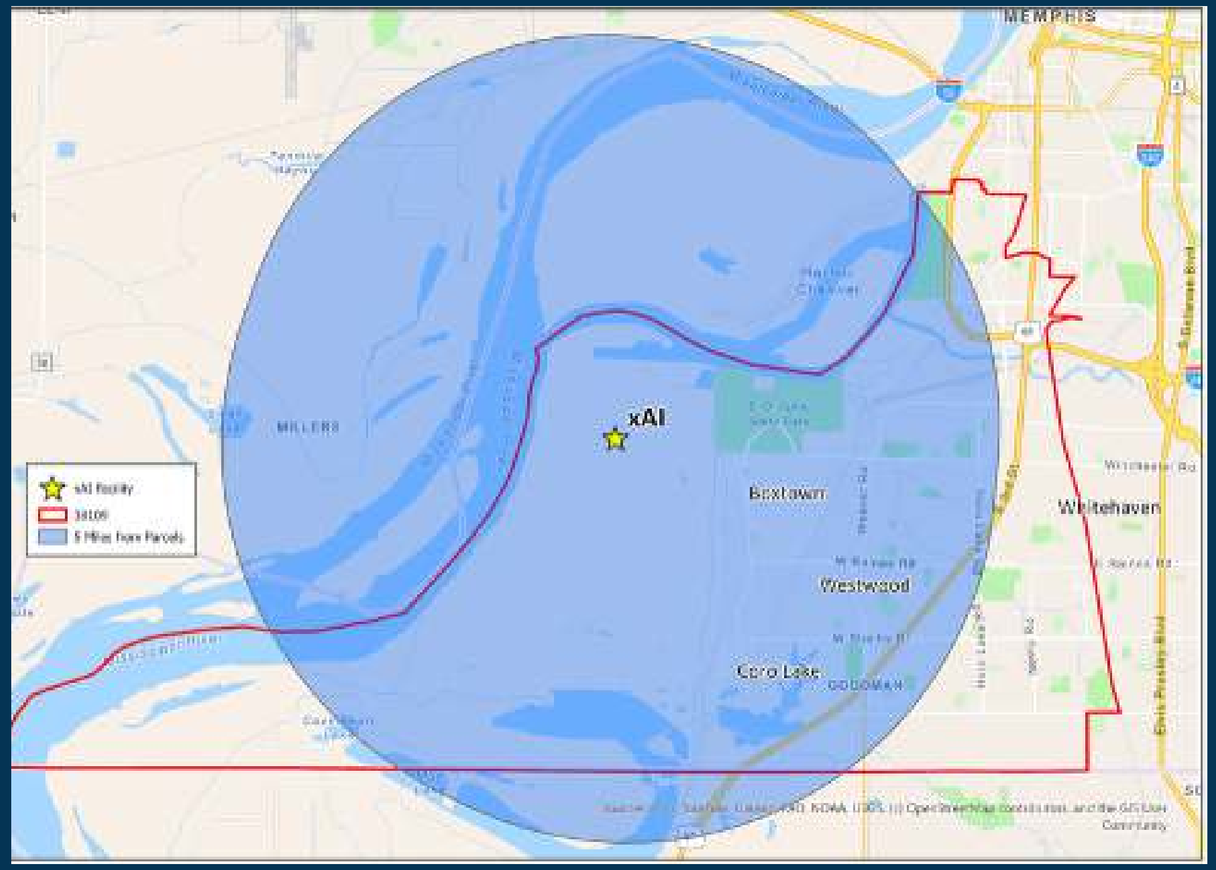
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- Public Safety & Community-Based Initiative Grants: $309,282
- Paid Neighborhood Cleanup & Beautification Jobs: $250,000
- Board-Up & Demolition of Properties: $250,000
- Blight Mitigation & Remediation: $150,000
- Cooling & Air Quality Equipment for Residents: $125,000
- Environmental Education: $100,000
- Healthcare-Focused Organization Grants: $50,000
- Memphis City Beautiful: $25,000

- **$3,259,282**: TOTAL




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# INVESTMENTS ALIGN WITH WHAT RESIDENTS TOLD US

*250 COMBINED SURVEY RESPONSES, JULY 2025 - MAY 2026 - 74% FROM 38109*

| RESIDENT PRIORITY | TOP PRIORITY |
|---|---|
| Home Repair & Weatherization | #1 Priority - Score 7.67 |
| Public Safety & Crime Prevention | #2 Priority - Score 7.64 |
| Road Repairs & Infrastructure | #3 Priority - Score 7.50 |
| Blight Remediation | #4 Priority - Score 7.19 |
| Parks & Community Centers | #5 Priority - Score 7.50 |
| Youth Programming | #6 Priority - Score 6.53 |
| Community Cleanups | #7 Priority - Score 6.44 |
| Food Pantries & Food Access | #8 Priority - Score 6.38 |
| Grants to Nonprofits | #9 Priority - Score 6.21 |

## OTHER PRIORITIES - OPEN ENDED

- Air Quality + Environmental Concerns
- Jobs + Economic Development
- Utilities + Direct Financial Relief
- Senior Services
- Public Transit

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# PROPOSED PROJECTS

*BASED ON COMMUNITY FEEDBACK & SURVEYS AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS, THE FOLLOWING SPENDING CATEGORIES ARE PROPOSED:*

## CLEANING UP:

- Illegal Dumping & Debris Removal
- Demolition & Board-up of Vacant Properties
- Paid Community Cleanup Workforce Program
- Memphis City Beautiful Volunteer Cleanup Program

## COMMUNITY:

- Home Repair Program
- Cooling & Air Quality Device Distribution
- Grant Program for Public Safety & Community-Based Initiatives
- Environmental Monitoring & Reporting
- Environmental Education

# HOME REPAIR ASSISTANCE

Funding Allocation:

# $2,000,000

- Budget Type: Operating Expense
- Division: Housing and Community Development
- Existing or New Project: New program



**Purpose:**
To address critical repair & accessibility needs, ensuring that residents can remain safely in their homes.
**Project Description:** This program will support critical home repair needs (such as roofs, heating & air conditioning), accessibility modifications (such as insulation & window repairs), and other major housing deficiencies that impact housing stability, indoor air quality, and quality of life. This program will leverage assistance from existing lead and weatherization programs and innovative community partnerships.

**Budget Breakdown:**
Direct rehabilitation costs
And Contractor support

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# GRANT PROGRAM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY BASED INITIATIVES

Funding Allocation:

# $359,282

•Budget Type: Grants
•Division: Executive / Joint Office of Neighborhood Safety & Engagement
•Existing or New Project: Location specific grant pool




**Purpose:**
To support a variety of non-governmental efforts underway to improve the community

**Project Description:** Grants will be distributed to organizations undertaking both public safety and community support initiative serving residents of the Investment Zone. Funding should primarily be used for programming but can also be used to address facility capital repair needs that are demonstrably integral to provide services.

**Use of Funds:** Eligible organizations would include violence prevention, youth mentoring, after school activities, workforce development, violence intervention, conflict resolution, mental health services, post incarceration reentry support, food assistance, neighborhood watch programs, and environmental safety measures

**$50,000 will be earmarked specifically for healthcare organizations.**

# PAID COMMUNITY CLEANUP: WORKFORCE PROGRAM

Funding Allocation:

**$250,000**

- Budget Type: Operating Expense
- Division: Community Enhancement
- Existing or New Project: New Project



**Purpose:**
To employ residents to improve neighborhood conditions in Zone 1.

**Project Description:** The program will provide paid work opportunities for local residents to assist with litter removal, beautification efforts, maintenance of public spaces, mitigation of illegal dumping, and neighborhood cleanup activities throughout the Zone.

**Budget Breakdown:**
Workforce wages & payroll costs: 80–85%
Administration & program management: 15-20%
Hourly pay structure: $20/hour and capping at 4 hours a day.

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# TACKLE BACKLOG OF BOARD-UP & DEMO

Funding Allocation:

# $250,000

- Budget Type: Contracts
- Division: Community Enhancement
- Existing or New Project: Provides significant funding increase for ongoing work addressing vacant & blighted properties.



**Purpose:**
To tackle the division's backlog of residential and commercial properties in Zone 1 that need to be boarded up or demolished and to prevent future backlogs.
**Project Description:** Community Enhancement will utilize private vendors to board-up and demolish vacant properties, after completing the requisite process for properties in violation.

**Budget Breakdown:**
Allocated to board-up and demolition costs for vacant commercial and residential properties in the zone, targeting the existing backlog so the City can move from reactive cleanup to sustained upkeep.

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# BLIGHT REMEDIATION: CLEAN UP DEBRIS & ILLEGAL DUMPING

Funding Allocation:

**$150,000**

- Budget Type: Operating Expense
- Division: Community Enhancement
- Existing or New Project: Provides significant funding increase for ongoing work around illegal dump sites and debris removal.



**Purpose:**

To mitigate & remediate sources of blight within the eligible zone for the benefit of the health, safety, and mental well-being of City citizens

**Project Description:**

Provide litter removal, grass mitigation, cleanup of vacant lots & illegal dump sites, servicing new garbage cans, and hauling & disposal by private vendors, similar to FY25 Blight Zero corridor cleanups. Installation of trash cans and cameras to help prevent improper disposal in the future.

**Use of Funds:**

Procurement & installation of garbage receptacles at locations with a history of high litter levels

Cleanup of debris from rights-of-way & vacant lots and servicing new trash cans (by private vendors)

Monitoring & cleanup of illegal dump sites. Includes procurement of site cameras (about $200 each)

# COOLING & AIR QUALITY DEVICE DISTRIBUTION

Funding Allocation:

**$125,000**

- Budget Type: Operating Expense
- Division: Office of Community Affairs, Executive, and nonprofit partner to be named
- Existing or New Project: New project



**Purpose:**
To provide some immediate cooling relief and community air quality monitoring for area residents.
**Project Description:** Distribute window air conditioners, box fans, HVAC filters, and air purifiers to residents of the Zone. Installation services would be included for window air conditioners. Initials targets would be households with family members who are senior citizens, young children, or have physical, mental or developmental challenges that impact their ability to regulate body temperature and/or leave home to seek a cooler environment.

**Budget Breakdown:**
Procurements
Professional Services
Labor for distribution and installation

# MEMPHIS CITY BEAUTIFUL VOLUNTEER CLEANUP PROGRAM

Funding Allocation:

**$25,000**

- Budget Type: Operating Expense
- Division: Memphis City Beautiful in Community Enhancement
- Existing or New Project: Existing Program




**Purpose:**
To expand volunteer and community beautification activities and encourage residents to take pride in ownership of their communities.
**Project Description:** Program will expand volunteer recruitment, neighborhood cleanup events, beautification activities, and community engagement efforts throughout the Zone.

**Budget Breakdown:**
Resources to support increased volunteer mobilization beautification projects, and community-led initiatives, including procurement of cleanup tools and supplies and other materials for volunteer use, safety & support.

# ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

## FUNDING ALLOCATION: $100,000

- **Purpose:**
- To increase knowledge on environmental issues.
- **Project Description:** Education efforts to understand the reports on local air quality as well as address topics such as: current threats to the environment, potential impacts of environmental hazards on public health.
- **Use of Funds:** Costs for curriculum development, speaker fees, session expenses such as refreshments, production of educational materials, and giveaways of weatherization starter kits to help participants apply the lessons at home.

**Budget Type:** Operating Expense
**Division:** Memphis Libraries - **New Project**

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## THANK YOU