Quick Facts Sheet

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DAVE BIGGERS FOR MAYOR – QUICK FACTS SHEET

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Everything You Need to Know in One Page

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THE BIG NUMBER

TOTAL BUDGET: $1.13 BILLION

 Metro Council's own FY2026-27 adopted operating budget — $1,125,931,500
 No new taxes
 No deficit spending
 Balanced and realistic

The difference: Not how much. HOW we spend it.

Note on the figure: Metro Council adopted the FY2026-27 operating budget on 2026-06-25 (O-175-26 V.2 / ORD 110-2026) at $1,125,931,500 — the budget actually in force. This sheet quotes that figure everywhere. ($1,125.9M is the operating budget only; capital is a separate $185.2M and is not part of this claim.)

THE THREE INNOVATIONS

1. MINI POLICE SUBSTATIONS

- **What:** Small police offices – at least one in every zip code
- **Where:** Every neighborhood from West End to East End
- **When:** Phased rollout starting Year 1 — 12 / 24 / 36 / 63 stations by Year 4
- **Cost:** about $1.27M per station annually, most of it the pay of six officers LMPD already employs
- **Why:** Officers on foot, in YOUR neighborhood, preventing crime before it happens
- **Evidence:** 20-30% crime reduction from hot-spots and community policing (research bibliography)

2. 18 COMMUNITY WELLNESS CENTERS

- **What:** One-stop healthcare hubs in underserved areas
- **Services:** Primary care + mental health + addiction treatment + social services
- **When:** 6 per year over 3 years
- **Cost:** $2.5M per center annually, $45M when fully implemented
- **Why:** Address root causes of crime, reduce ER visits, better health outcomes
- **Evidence:** 35% reduction in ER visits, $5.60 saved for every $1 spent

3. PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

- **What:** YOU help decide how to spend money in your neighborhood
- **How:** Community meetings, democratic voting on priorities
- **Amount:** $15M across all districts
- **Why:** Your tax dollars, your voice
- **Evidence:** participatory budgeting results in New York, Paris and Porto Alegre are cited in the research bibliography

THE BUDGET BREAKDOWN

CATEGORY	ADOPTED FY2026-27 (Louisville Metro Ordinance O-175-26, Exhibit A)	OUR PLAN	% OF BUDGET (PLAN)
Public Safety	$528,287,900	$492,545,450	43.7%
Community Investment	$295,474,500	$323,746,150	28.8%
Infrastructure & Services	$151,112,400	$139,112,400	12.4%
Democratic Governance	$52,028,000	$73,588,000	6.5%
Support Services (includes the $19.2M employee raise pool, held in OMB until a pay plan splits it by department)	$99,028,700	$96,939,500	8.6%
TOTAL	**$1,125,931,500**	**$1,125,931,500**	**100%**

Public Safety's departments carry less because the jail shrinks and police oversight moves to the Inspector General (in Democratic Governance); the 18 wellness centres, a public-safety priority, are paid through Public Health (in Community Investment). Democratic Governance grows because the $15M participatory budget runs through Metro Council's 26 districts and police oversight moves to the Inspector General.

Per the Metro Employee Bill of Rights funding plan: $12.5M from department reallocations (counted inside the categories above) + $8.2M from revenue enhancements (occupational-license compliance, delinquency collection, parking, non-resident fees — this piece is new money collected better, not a reallocation) + $6.7M from efficiency savings. In the reallocation ledger, the $12.5M is the platform's administration saving and the $6.7M its efficiency saving; together they form a $19.2M raise pool, held in the Office of Management & Budget until a pay plan sets each department's share. The $8.2M is new revenue and sits outside the ledger.

KEY COMPARISONS: CURRENT PLAN VS. BIGGERS

CATEGORY	CURRENT	BIGGERS	DIFFERENCE
Total Budget	$1,125.9M	$1,125.9M	**$0**
Police Budget	$268,393,800 (adopted FY2026-27, Exhibit A p.7)	$260,393,800	−$8,000,000: police oversight moves to the independent Inspector General; not a cut
Deployment	Centralized precincts	Neighborhood substations	**Smarter**
Healthcare	Scattered programs	18 wellness centers	**+$45M consolidated**

CATEGORY	CURRENT	BIGGERS	DIFFERENCE
Youth Programs	Scattered programs	$32.5M, one plan (Policy 06)	**$23.5M from inside the Parks and Library budgets**; $6M federal grants, $2M reallocated, $1M from employer partners
Administration	$52M	$38M	**-$14M (cut waste)**
Jail/Corrections	$67,956,700 (adopted)	$41,214,250	**−$26,742,450**: the jail shrinks $36,500,000 (bail reform, diversion); $9,757,550 of that stays for pretrial services and diversion
Community Voice	Minimal	$15M participatory	**+$15M**

Same total. Completely different priorities.

Police: Metro Council adopted $268,393,800 for LMPD for FY2026-27 (Exhibit A p.7, O-175-26 V.2). Biggers holds police flat. The $8,000,000 police-oversight programme moves to the independent Office of Inspector General, so oversight sits outside the department it oversees; LMPD's own line reads $260,393,800, and that is not a cut. "Flat" is before the raises officers win in their own contract. Jail/Corrections: the jail shrinks by $36,500,000 through bail reform and diversion; $9,757,550 of that stays in Corrections for pretrial services and diversion, so the department goes from $67,956,700 to $41,214,250.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM (NO NEW TAXES)

Same total, every dollar placed. The plan spends exactly Metro's adopted FY2026-27 operating budget, $1,125,931,500. A published reallocation ledger shows every department's adopted budget beside its budget under this plan, and the two columns add to the same total, to the dollar.

- **My five priorities come first, funded in full:** raises for Metro's non-union employees, Public Safety & Community Policing, the $15M participatory budget, Education & Youth Development, and Neighborhood Development. Together they ask $214.71M a year of Metro money. $206.51M of it is money Metro already spends; the other $8.2M of the raises comes from revenue enhancements (license compliance, delinquency collection, parking and non-resident fees).
- **Most of it is paid inside the departments that do the work,** by changing what they already spend money on. Money moves between departments only from sources the platform names or I have chosen: the smaller jail, the administration and duplication savings, the efficiency savings, $1M from juvenile detention, and Thrive by

Five’s Metro money.

- **Also funded in full:** Senior Services, Disability Rights & Accessibility, Arts, Culture & Tourism, and Technology & Innovation.
- **Partly funded, and growing:** Criminal Justice Reform, Environmental Justice & Climate Action, and Economic Development & Jobs start with what their departments can carry, and grow with outside money and with jail savings once those savings are proven.
- **Phased:** Public Health & Wellness and Food Systems & Urban Agriculture launch on their own non-Metro funding. Metro adds its share as the jail savings prove out.
- **The named gap:** about $20M of Health & Human Services programmes, mainly crisis stabilization centres, clinician-and-peer mobile crisis units and addiction treatment, has no Metro funding yet. The crisis teams that pair a social worker with an officer are funded, inside LMPD.
- **Police stay flat.** LMPD’s plan is $260.4M because the $8M police-oversight programme moves to the independent Office of Inspector General, so oversight sits outside the department it oversees. That is not a police cut. The flat figure is before the raises officers win in their own contract.
- **The back-office claim is about $21M,** not the $39M first stated: that is what can actually be placed, department by department.
- **Outside the operating budget:** Affordable Housing asks no Metro operating money (abatement reform, fees and federal funds), and Infrastructure’s $35M is a shift inside the separate capital budget.
- **The biggest bet is the jail.** The $36.5M only appears if bail reform and diversion shrink the jail population, so it is the first number the administration will report on.

Money that moves between departments (every dollar from a named source; which source pays for which priority is shown for clarity, because the money is pooled):

From	Amount	Named source	Goes to
Department of Corrections	$26,742,450	A smaller jail: bail reform and diversion (the jail shrinks by $36,500,000; $9,757,550 of that stays in Corrections for pretrial services and diversion)	Wellness centres $20,512,450 · participatory budget $6,230,000
Office of Management & Budget	$14,000,000	Administration waste cut	Employee raise pool $12,500,000 · participatory budget $1,500,000
Facilities & Fleet Management	$12,000,000	Efficiency: procurement, technology, operations	Employee raise pool $6,700,000 · participatory budget $5,300,000

From	Amount	Named source	Goes to
Louisville Metro Police Department	$8,000,000	Police oversight moved out so it is independent (paid from LMPD's own patrol and overtime savings)	Office of Inspector General $8,000,000
Metro Technology Services	$7,289,200	Bureaucratic duplication eliminated	Neighborhood Development $6,759,200 · participatory budget $530,000
Office of Strategic Initiatives	$1,997,100	Thrive by Five's Metro money (its state-required share stays)	School-based childcare through the library $1,997,100
Louisville Free Public Library	$1,688,700	Room freed by Thrive by Five's money	Disability rights in Social Services $1,688,700
Youth Transitional Services	$1,000,000	Juvenile detention	Youth programmes through the library $1,000,000
TOTAL	**$72,717,450**		

A further $205.4M is re-pointed inside the departments that deliver each policy and programme. Police are the largest example: LMPD moves 378 officers from patrol into 63 substations, with $64.26M of their existing pay (about $170,000 each before overtime), cuts half of unscheduled overtime and leaves $20.7M of patrol posts unfilled as officers leave, which frees $96.01M; $88.01M of it pays for substations and co-responders inside LMPD and $8M funds independent oversight.

PUBLIC SAFETY INNOVATIONS

Mini Substations: At least one in every zip code

- Phased rollout over 4 years — 12 (Year 1) / 24 (Year 2) / 36 (Year 3) / 63 (Year 4)
- **Cost:** about $1.27M each = $80.01M at full deployment (budgeted for 63): $64.26M is the pay of 378 officers LMPD already employs, moved from patrol, and $15.75M is rent, running costs and vehicles

Mental Health Crisis Teams: 18 co-responder teams, one at each wellness center

- Social worker or therapist + officer pairs
- 8am to midnight at first, the peak crisis hours, growing to 24/7 as calls require
- **Cost:** $8M annually, paid inside LMPD's own budget

Community Detectives: 52 positions (2 per council district)

- Focus on PREVENTION, not just investigation
- Build relationships with youth, schools, community
- **Cost:** $8.8M a year (about $170,000 each before overtime), paid inside LMPD's own budget: detectives LMPD already employs, reassigned to the 26 council districts

School Zone Safety: 30 schools

- Protect kids, slow traffic
- High-visibility crosswalks, flashing school-zone signs and traffic calming
- Speed cameras as soon as Frankfort allows them — Kentucky law does not yet permit them in school zones
- **Cost:** $5M a year, re-pointed inside Public Works

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT PROGRAMS

Youth Development: $32.5M (Policy 06)

- After-school programs (3pm-7pm): $12M
- Paid summer jobs and year-round internships: $8M
- Early childhood education: $5M
- Year-round schooling pilot: $4M
- Library youth programs: $2M
- School support partnerships with JCPS: $1M
- Fair school funding advocacy in Frankfort: $0.5M

Paid for with $23.5M of Metro General Fund money, $6M in federal grants, $2M reallocated from programs that aren't working and $1M from employer partners.

Wellness Centers: $45M (18 centers)

- 4 nurses, 2 social workers, 2 mental health counselors per center
- Primary care, mental health, addiction treatment
- 5,000 sq ft community hubs
- Strategically located in underserved areas

Fire Prevention Centers: 15 locations

- Free home inspections and smoke detector installations, by fire crews on shift

- Youth fire safety education
- Centers in fire stations the city already owns
- **Cost:** about $2.2M a year at full build (a fire-safety specialist at each center, plus smoke alarms and teaching materials), phased
- *Paid for inside Louisville Fire, which stays flat at its adopted $85,520,300: half of Fire's unscheduled overtime, $1.37M, starts the program in Year 1, and the rest of the $2.2M is added only as Fire's own overtime-and-staffing review shows money that can move without taking an engine out of service.*

Parks & Recreation: $40,796,700 (Metro adopted FY2026-27; flat under my plan; $14M of it is re-pointed to after-school programmes and public art in parks)

- 18 major community centers
- Enhanced programming
- Coordinated with youth & wellness programs

Libraries: $31,399,100 under my plan (Metro adopted $30,090,700; it takes on youth jobs, after-school and school-based childcare)

- Community resource hubs maintained

STAFFING & EMPLOYMENT

No layoffs. No cuts to essential services.

 All current city employees keep their jobs
 Reassignments to better positions
 New jobs created in wellness centers, youth programs
 All union contracts honored
 Training provided for new roles

New positions created:

- Wellness center staff: ~180 positions
- Youth program workers: ~200 positions
- Community facilitators: ~25 positions
- **Total new jobs: 400+**

IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE

FIRST 100 DAYS:

- Choose the first 3 mini substation sites, release the designs and begin construction
- Announce wellness center partners, begin site selection with the first six communities and soft-launch the first center
- Start participatory budgeting
- Deploy mental health crisis teams
- Expand youth programs to all districts

YEAR 1 TARGETS:

- 12 substations operational
- 6 wellness centers serving communities
- First summer of paid jobs for young people
- Participatory budgeting first cycle complete
- Crime data showing early trends

YEARS 2-4:

- Substations: 24 total (Year 2) → 36 total (Year 3) → 63 total, every zip code (Year 4)
- Wellness centers: 12 total (Year 2) → 18 total, complete (Year 3)
- Programs at full capacity
- Measurable outcomes in crime, health, community satisfaction
- Model for other cities

4-YEAR GOAL: 20-30% crime reduction from substations, 35% from youth programs

THE EVIDENCE

Sources are in the Research Bibliography.

Community Policing (Mini Substations):

- Boston, Los Angeles and Oakland programs are documented in the bibliography

- 20-30% average crime reduction

Community Wellness Centers:

- 35% reduction in ER visits
- $5.60 ROI for every $1 spent

Youth Employment Programs:

- 35% reduction in violent crime among participants

Participatory Budgeting:

- New York City: residents vote directly on community projects
- Paris and Porto Alegre are also documented in the bibliography

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TOP 10 VOTER QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Where does the money come from?
Reallocation within the same $1,125.9M Metro operating budget. No new taxes.

2. Is this “defunding the police”?
No. Police stay flat at the $268,393,800 Metro Council adopted for FY2026-27; the $8,000,000 police-oversight programme moves to the independent Inspector General, so LMPD’s own line reads $260,393,800. We’re deploying officers smarter – IN neighborhoods, not just responding to 911.

3. Will this raise my taxes?
No. Same total budget as the one Metro Council just adopted for FY2026-27.

4. What about violent crime?
Full police response maintained + prevention through community presence and youth programs. Evidence shows a 20-30% reduction from community policing and 35% from youth programs.

5. Has this worked anywhere else?
Yes. Community policing and violence-reduction programs in Boston, Los Angeles and Oakland are documented in the Research Bibliography.

6. What happens to current city employees?
No layoffs. Reassignments to new positions. All union contracts honored. 400+ new jobs created.

7. When will we see results?
Early indicators in Year 1. Significant measurable outcomes by Year 2-3. Full transformation by Year 4.

8. What about potholes/infrastructure?
Public Works stays at its adopted $68,833,700. Infrastructure & Services as a whole goes from $151.1M to $139.1M because Facilities & Fleet saves $12M on purchasing and operations, not on repairs.

9. Can we afford this?
Yes. The budget is balanced: it spends exactly the adopted total. My five priorities are funded in full; the other policies are funded, phased, or growing as savings are proven, and the one gap is named. Actually saves money long-term through prevention vs. crisis response.

10. Why should I trust this?
Not promises – evidence, with sources in the Research Bibliography. Every dollar accounted for. Transparent implementation — see the published reallocation ledger.

THREE STORIES TO SHARE

MARIA – Mental Health Crisis

- Current: 911 → Police → ER → No follow-up → Crisis repeats
- Under Biggers: Crisis hotline → Mental health team → Wellness center → Ongoing treatment → Crisis resolved
- **Result:** Maria gets help, not handcuffs

JAMES – At-Risk Youth

- Current: After school → Hanging out → Trouble → Juvenile system
- Under Biggers: After-school program → Mentoring → Summer job → Life skills → College/career
- **Result:** James thrives instead of just survives

YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD – Safety

- Current: Distant precinct → Car patrols → Anonymous officers
- Under Biggers: Mini substation → Walking patrols → Officers know residents by name
- **Result:** Prevention, trust, community

SOUND BITES FOR SOCIAL MEDIA

 “Same budget. Smarter priorities. Better Louisville.”

 “Mini substations in every zip code. 18 wellness centers. 0 new taxes.”

 “Metro budgets $67.96M, all funds, for the Department of Corrections, which runs the jail (adopted FY2026-27). I shrink the jail by $36.5M through bail reform and diversion: $9.76M of that pays for pretrial services and diversion, and $26.7M goes to wellness centers and participatory budgeting.”

 “Evidence-based, not politics-based.”

 “Your tax dollars. Your voice. Participatory budgeting.”

 “Police in neighborhoods, not just in cars. Prevention, not just response.”

 “Same total as the budget Metro Council just adopted. Completely different outcomes.”

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REMEMBER THE MESSAGE

Same Money. Different Louisville. Better Results.

This isn’t radical – it’s proven.
This isn’t expensive – it’s the same total.
This isn’t risky – it’s evidence-based.

Louisville deserves better. Louisville deserves this budget.

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What This Means for YOUR Neighborhood

Every Louisville neighborhood is unique. Enter your ZIP code to see how this policy directly impacts your community:

Find Your Mini Substation

Enter your ZIP code to see when your neighborhood will receive a community police substation.

[ ] Find My Substation

63 mini substations across Louisville, at least one in every ZIP code, phased in over 4 years.

Part of my comprehensive public safety plan.

See the Budget Impact

Explore how this policy fits into my comprehensive $1.13 billion budget plan:

How Does My Budget Affect You?

See your personalized impact - zero tax increase, real benefits

 Household Income $50,000 50000
 Children in JCPS 0 0
 Your ZIP Code

Your Personal Impact

How we calculate: Benefits based on average family savings from wellness center access ($800/year), youth program value (after-school + summer jobs), and your specific mini substation timeline. All benefits come from the same $1.13B budget - zero tax increase.

Share your results with friends and family:

 Share My Results

⚖ Compare This Policy

See how my approach differs from current administration policies:

⚖ My Plan, Category by Category

Pick a category to see what my plan does, how it is paid for, and when it arrives.

 Share This Plan Print This Plan
 Public Safety Wellness Youth Economy Housing Transparency

Public Safety & Policing

My Plan

Community-based mini substations

Approach

- 63 mini substations across Louisville (4-year deployment)
- Officers living and working in communities they serve

- Preventative community policing model
- Year 1: 12 substations in highest-need areas

Timeline Year 1-4 phased rollout
Budget Same $1.13 billion; no new taxes; priorities re-pointed inside the adopted budget
Impact Projected response times: 3-5 minutes (campaign estimate)

Mental Health & Wellness

My Plan

Wellness centers placed by health need

Approach

- I will place 18 Community Wellness Centers by health need (CDC PLACES 2024 plus Census poverty data)
- Mental health counseling, addiction support
- Youth programs, family services
- At least one center in every LMPD division

Timeline 6 centers a year over Years 1-3
Budget $45M a year when fully built (18 centers at $2.5M each), inside the adopted budget
Impact Accessible care within every neighborhood, preventative focus

Youth Development

My Plan

Comprehensive youth investment

Approach

- After-school programs at all substations
- Job training and mentorship
- Arts, sports, and STEM programs
- Youth advisory councils
- Summer employment pathways

Timeline Immediate implementation with substation rollout

Budget $32.5M for youth programs, inside the adopted budget
Impact Accessible programs in every neighborhood

Economic Development

My Plan

Community wealth building

Approach

- Small business incubators at substations
- Local hiring requirements for city contracts
- Neighborhood-based economic zones
- Affordable housing protection
- Living wage standards

Timeline Immediate policy changes, 4-year infrastructure build
Budget Same $1.13 billion; no new taxes; priorities re-pointed inside the adopted budget
Impact Jobs and wealth stay in neighborhoods

Housing & Affordability

My Plan

Housing as a human right

Approach

- Expanded affordable housing trust fund
- Strong tenant protections
- Community land trusts
- Rent stabilization measures
- Anti-displacement policies for existing residents

Timeline Immediate policy changes
Budget Same $1.13 billion; no new taxes; priorities re-pointed inside the adopted budget
Impact Protects residents, prevents displacement

Government Transparency

My Plan

Radical transparency

Approach

- Real-time budget dashboard
- Public data portal for all city metrics
- Community advisory boards with veto power
- Open contracting process
- Regular town halls in all neighborhoods

Timeline Immediate implementation
Budget Low-cost digital infrastructure
Impact Citizens empowered with information and decision-making power

The Choice is Clear

Louisville deserves transformative change, not more of the same. Join us in building a city that works for everyone.

Join the Campaign Read Full Policy Platform

Share This Policy

Help spread the word about my vision for Louisville:

Related Policies You Might Like

How to Vote for Me

I am a write-in candidate: in the race for Mayor, mark the write-in spot and write **DAVE BIGGERS** (the last name, Biggers, is required).

Early voting, no excuse needed: October 29–31 · Election Day: Tuesday, November 3, 6 AM to 6 PM. Registration for the November 3 election closed October 5.

✓ Check My Registration and Polling Place View All Election Dates →

Stay Updated on This Policy

Get notified when this policy is updated or when I speak about this issue in YOUR neighborhood.

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