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Budget in Brief
FY 2019



#### **OUR MISSION**

"To attract visitors by promoting Las Vegas as the world's most desirable destination for leisure and business travel."

As Adopted by the LVCVA Board of Directors May 24, 2018

#### **OVERVIEW**

The Las Vegas Convention and Visitors Authority (LVCVA) is charged with marketing Southern Nevada as a tourism and convention destination worldwide. The LVCVA also operates the Las Vegas Convention Center and Cashman Center. With approximately 161,000 hotel rooms in Clark County and approximately 11.5 million square feet of meeting and exhibit space citywide, the LVCVA's mission centers on attracting ever-increasing numbers of leisure and business visitors to the area.

#### **DID YOU KNOW?**

**42.2 million** visitors came to Las Vegas in 2017

Over 6.6 million convention delegates conducted business in Las Vegas in 2017

#### **BUDGET FAST FACTS — FY 2019**

# GENERAL FUND REVENUES & SOURCES Total Revenues \$348,835,100 Transfer from Other Funds Sale of Capital Assets 48,000 Total Revenues & Sources \$349,053,400

## Total Expenditures \$248,762,400 Funding for Other Funds Total Appropriations \$359,756,600

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	
Construction in Progress	\$31,536,167
Buildings & Land Improvement	nt 2,660,315
Furniture & Equipment	857,500
Total Appropriations	\$35,053,982

LVCCD CAPITAL EXPENDITUR	ES
Construction in Progress	\$500,000,000
Transfer to LVCCD Debt Func	<u>21,507,500</u>
Total Appropriations	\$521,507,500

#### **ROOM TAX DISTRIBUTION**

The LVCVA is primarily funded by a visitor-paid room tax levied on hotels, motels and other lodging establishments in Clark County and the incorporated cities of: Boulder City, Henderson, Las Vegas, Mesquite and North Las Vegas. The room tax rate varies by jurisdiction and can go up to 14%. The projected room tax this fiscal year is over \$810 million, which will be collected by the entities above and dispersed as listed below.

# Projected County-Wide Room Tax LVCVA 34% Other Entities 66%

35%

Gross to LVCVA

SB 1 - restricted for LVCCD Activities

3D 1 - Testricted for EVCCD Activities	4%
Distribution of Collection Allocation	(3%)
For Nevada Department of Transportation debt service funding	(2%)
Net to LVCVA	34%
Other Local Jurisdictions retain	12%
Las Vegas Stadium Authority	6%
Clark County for transportation projects	8%
Clark County School District for capital project construction	12%
State of Nevada for education and other state programs	23%
Nevada Department of Transportation debt service funding	2%
State General Fund—a portion of pro- ceeds are allocated to tourism	3%

TOTAL ROOM TAX 100%

#### **GENERAL FUND SUMMARY**

Government accounting uses funds to organize expenditures. It is comparable to paying your bills out of different bank accounts. The general fund is our primary fund used to pay most bills and deposit most revenue.

REVENUES & OTHER SOURCES	BUDGET FY 2019		
Beginning Balance Fund	\$31,524,753		
Room Tax	\$289,842,000		
Facilities and Charges-LVCC	52,533,500		
*Other	6,459,600		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$348,835,100		
Transfers In	170,300		
Sale of Capital Assets	48,000		
TOTAL SOURCE OF FUNDS	\$349,053,400		

\*Other includes Cashman Stadium, Other Fees & Charges, Gam-

ing Fees, Interest, and Discounts Earned.	
EXPENDITURES & OTHER USES	BUDGET FY 2019
General Government	\$22,906,700
Marketing	40,834,600
Advertising	101,500,000
Special Events	17,130,300
Operations	41,290,800
Community Support	25,000,000
Contingency	100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES & CONTINGENCY	\$248,762,400
Transfers Out	110,994,200
TOTAL USE OF FUNDS	\$359,756,600
Ending Fund Balance	\$20,821,553

Beginning fund balance represents monies on hand at the beginning of each new fiscal year to ensure operational cash flow needs are met, protect against unforeseen circumstances and to provide a back-up for revenue short falls. The LVCVA maintains prudent fund balance levels in compliance with Nevada Revised Statutes guidance and Board policy guidance.

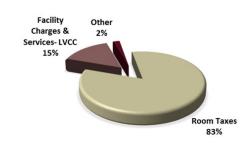
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**Total FT Authorized Positions** 538

#### GENERAL FUND REVENUES

Total general fund sources are budgeted at \$349.1 million, which is 2% higher than projected FY 2018.

#### WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

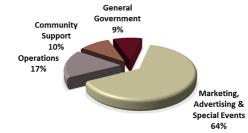


- The general fund room tax is expected to provide 83% of LVCVA's revenues. The Senate Bill 1 (SB1) 0.5% tax, accounted for in the LVCCD Capital Fund, is expected to generate \$29M in FY 2019. The LVCCD Capital Fund revenues are restricted funds, ear marked for the Las Vegas Convention's expansion and renovation.
- Room tax is based on the number of rooms available, occupancy rate and the average daily room rate (ADR). ADR has shown consistently improved over the last six fiscal years. In FY 2019, LVCVA's is projected to be \$289.8 million, which would be a record high for LVCVA room tax collections.
- Room inventory in Clark County for 2018 is expected to remain stable with approximately 161,000 rooms of which 149,000 rooms are in the metropolitan Las Vegas area. On any given night, Las Vegas has an average of over 130,000 hotel rooms occupied, which is more than any other destination in the United States.
- Facilities charges and services includes LVCC building rental, paid parking, contractor services and catering/ concessions. In FY 2019, facilities and charges revenue is budgeted to decrease by 1% as compared to FY 2018 projections, as expected due to the rotation of tradeshows.
- Transfers are not looked at as operating revenue, but are considered an "other source" of funding that enables us to meet expenditure requirements for capital, the LVCCD project, and debt service.

#### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

Total general fund operating expenditures are budgeted at \$248.8 million, which is flat compared to projected FY 2018.

#### WHERE THE MONEY GOES General Government



\*Chart does not include transfers to other funds.

- The Marketing, Operations and General Government divisions expenses as a whole remain relatively flat compared to FY 2018 projections.
- The LVCVA promotes the destination worldwide to increase leisure travel visitors and convention and meeting attendance.
- One of the most important functions of the LVCVA is advertising Southern Nevada as a destination around the world. The projected Advertising budget for FY 2019 is \$102 million a 1% decrease compared to FY 2018 projected budget.
- Special events are sponsored throughout the destination. Annual events such as two NASCAR races, National Finals Rodeo, Las Vegas New Years Eve celebration, sponsorship of the new Las Vegas Ballpark and numerous sporting events are budgeted at \$17 million in FY 2019.
- Community support is collection allocation, in which 10% of general fund room taxes and gaming fees are returned to the local cities and county as set forth in a cooperative agreement. In FY 2017, a \$25 million cap on Collection Allocation was imposed as part of SB1. Amounts over the cap are restricted to the LVCCD project.
- In addition to operating expenditures, transfers from the General Fund are budgeted at \$111 million, a decrease of 6% from FY 2018 projections, primarily related to required transfers to the Debt Service Fund and discretionary transfers to the Capital Fund and OPEB Fund.

#### CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND & LVCCD CAPITAL FUND

The capital fund is used to pay for furniture, equipment, building, land and land improvements. The Authority prepares multi-year capital plans for facilities owned and operated by the LVCVA.

In addition to the Capital Projects Fund, the LVCVA has recently created the LVCCD Capital Fund to account for revenues and expenses related to Phases Two and Three of the LVCCD project. This new fund was established after the Nevada State legislature passed SB1, approving the development of the LVCCD project, which provides an increase in the transient lodging tax of one-half of one percent (0.5%).

#### **DEBT SERVICE FUNDS**

The LVCVA's debt service funds account for all long-term debt. The LVCVA issues debt for a variety of reasons, primarily for new construction or expansions, land purchases and refunding existing debt to obtain better credit terms. As a result of a 2007 legislative mandate, the LVCVA provided \$300 million in funding to NDOT to fund improvements to the tourism corridor from bond proceeds.

In FY 2018 a new LVCCD Debt Fund was created to account for the debt payments related to Phases Two and Three of the LVCCD project. A \$200 million general obligation bond was issued in April 2018. FY 2019 budgets an issuance of an additional \$500 million in bonds related to Phase Two.

FY 2019 Outstanding Beginning Balance

Total LVCVA Outstanding Debt \* \$1,000,955,000

FY 2019 Principal & Interest Payments

\$82,597,189 Total Payments (all LVCVA debt)\*

\* Includes Line of Credit and reserves.

#### OPEB FUND

This fund was established in FY 2013 to begin accumulating reserves for Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). A transfer from the General fund of \$100,000 will be added to the reserve this fiscal year.