

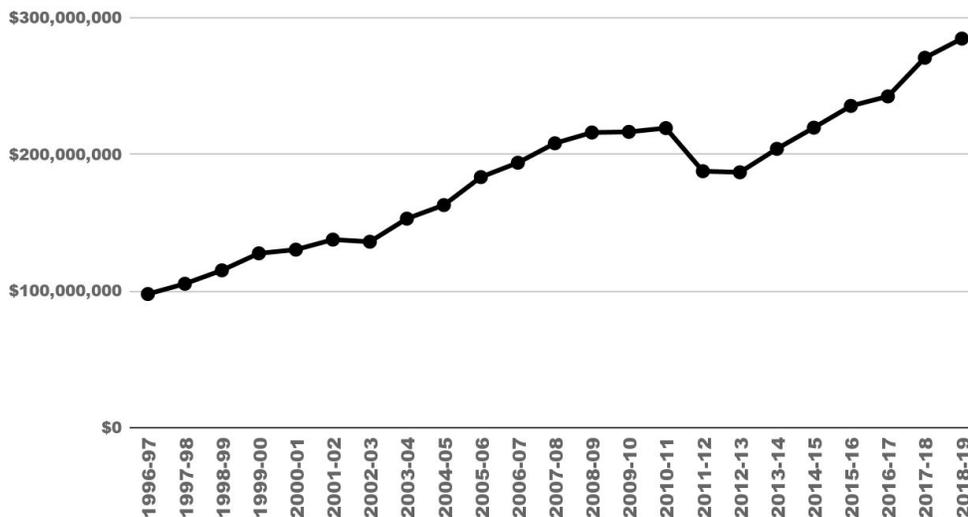
DEFUND OPD

INVEST IN COMMUNITY

Oakland Police Spending is Out of Control

- OPD receives more than 40% of Oakland's general fund every year (41.9% in 2017-18, and 43.3% in 2018-19),¹ higher than most other cities in the US.²
- Total OPD budget is \$270,783,513 in 2017-18, \$284,817,949 in 2018-19.³
- Police spending has grown by nearly 200% over the past 20 years.⁴

OPD Budget, 1996-2019



Source: City of Oakland, Adopted Policy Budgets 1996-97 through 2018-19.

- While OPD's budget has increased, police staffing levels have not, fluctuating around an average of 700 officers. Oakland police are becoming more expensive.
- The average annual cost of each Oakland police officer is \$220,000, which is among the highest in the country. LAPD officers cost **half** as much.
- For many officers, more than 50% of their pay comes from overtime and a murky category of "other pay." In 2016, Officer Malcolm Miller made \$385,000 even though his base salary was \$111,000. There is no accountability around this unchecked spending.
- Sworn officers make up only 15% of the city workforce, but consume 32% of base salaries, 54% of "other pay," 35% of employee benefits, and 35% of total employee compensation.

¹ City of Oakland, *The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-19 Adopted Policy Budget* (July 2017), p. G35, <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/cityadministrator/documents/policy/oak067556.pdf>.

² See, for example, The Center for Popular Democracy, Law for Black Lives, and Black Youth Project 100, *Freedom to Thrive: Reimagining Safety & Security in Our Communities*, (2017) <https://populardemocracy.app.box.com/v/FreedomtoThrive>.

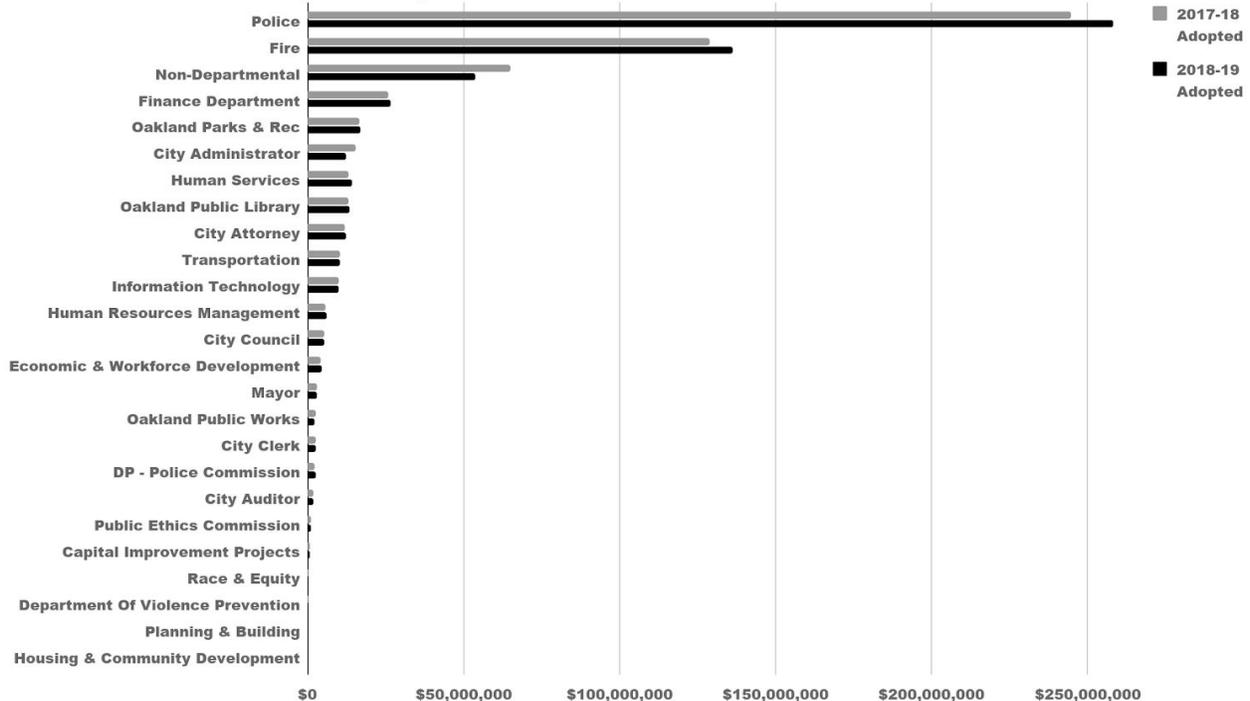
³ *Id.*

⁴ In 1996-97, OPD budget was \$97,952,446; its adopted budget for 2018-19 is \$284,817,949 -- an increase of 190%. See City of Oakland, *FY 1999-2001 Adopted Policy Budget* p. H4, <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/cityadministrator/documents/report/oak032102.pdf>; and City of Oakland, *FY 2017-19 Adopted Policy Budget* (July 2017), p. G35, <http://www2.oaklandnet.com/oakca/groups/cityadministrator/documents/policy/oak067556.pdf>.

Comparative General Fund Expenditure on Select Departments in 2017-19 Budget

- 0.06% for the Department of Housing & Community Development
- 0.07% for the Department of Race & Equity
- 2.3% for the Department of Human Services

Oakland General Fund Expenditure, 2017-2019



Source: City of Oakland, *The Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-19 Adopted Policy Budget (July 2017)*, p. E117.

Police spending doesn't make us safer.

There is no correlation between the number of police in Oakland and crime rates.

Multiple reports have shown that OPD spends disproportionate dollars on patrol cops who serve to terrorize communities of color, as opposed to investigating actual crimes. OPD spends more than four times as much on field operations as investigations, which are themselves mismanaged.

Civilian positions are more effective at keeping us safe and cost far less.

Oakland lacks a mental health first responder system that is separate from the police. This means that for most folks having a mental health crisis, police are the first responders. Police receive a tiny fraction of mental health training compared to a licensed social worker, yet the cost of hiring a police officer is many times greater than the cost of hiring a social worker. Social workers are better prepared to defuse mental health crises and keep everyone safe, while the police are more likely to escalate confrontations.

Our mission is to reduce the Oakland Police budget by 50% and reinvest that money into alternative non-police programs that can better protect and strengthen our communities.