

**City of New Plymouth
FY 2026–27 Budget Priorities Survey**

The City of New Plymouth is preparing its **Fiscal Year 2026–27 budget**, and we want to hear from you. Your input will help guide decisions on how the city’s limited funds are allocated and which services and projects are prioritized.

This survey should take **5–10 minutes** to complete.

Thank you for helping shape the future of our community.

Section 1: Community Priorities

1. How important are the following services to you?

(Please rate each item.)

Scale:

5-Very Important 4- Important 3- Somewhat Important 2- Not Important 1- Unsure / No Opinion

- Street maintenance and repairs _____
 - Water, sewer, and stormwater infrastructure _____
 - Parks, trails, and recreation facilities _____
 - City planning and code enforcement _____
 - Economic development and support for local businesses _____
 - Community events and programs _____
 - City facilities and buildings (City Hall, public works, etc.) _____
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Section 2: Spending Priorities

2. If additional funding were available, which areas should receive the highest priority?

(Select up to **three**.)

- Streets and roads
- Water and sewer improvements
- Parks and recreation
- Sidewalks and pedestrian safety
- Economic development
- Library
- Technology and city services efficiency
- Maintenance of existing facilities
- Community programs and events
- Other (please specify): _____

Section 3: Maintaining vs. Expanding Services

3. Which statement best reflects your opinion?

- Focus on maintaining current service levels, even if improvements happen slowly
 - Willing to vote for bonds or other long-term financing to improve or expand services
 - Reduce spending in some areas to keep costs low
 - Unsure / No opinion
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Section 4: Cost & Revenue Considerations

4. When making budget decisions, which approach do you prefer?

(Choose one.)

- Keep taxes and fees as low as possible
- Maintain current tax and fee levels
- Consider modest increases if they result in improved services
- Unsure / no opinion

5. Are there any services you believe could be reduced or provided more efficiently?

(Open response)

Section 5: Capital Projects - A capital project is a long-term, high-cost investment to acquire, construct, improve, or renovate physical assets like buildings, infrastructure, or machinery

6. Please identify any capital projects you feel are especially important for the City to address in the next 1–5 years.

(Open response)

Section 6: Communication & Engagement

7. How informed do you feel about the City’s budget and services?

- Very informed
- Somewhat informed
- Not very informed
- Not at all informed

8. How would you prefer to receive information about the City budget?

(Check all that apply.)

- City website
 - Social media
 - Utility bill inserts
 - Email newsletters
 - Public meetings or workshops
 - Local newspaper
 - Other: _____
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Section 7: Final Thoughts

9. Please share any additional comments or suggestions regarding the City’s budget or services.

(Open response)

Optional Demographic Information (for planning purposes only)

10. How long have you lived in New Plymouth?

- Less than 1 year
- 1–5 years
- 6–10 years
- More than 10 years

11. What best describes your household?

- Homeowner
 - Renter
 - Business owner
 - Other: _____
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Thank You

Thank you for taking the time to share your input. Community feedback plays an important role in shaping the City of New Plymouth’s FY 2026–27 budget. Please join us on Tuesday, August 18, 2026, for the city’s FY 2026-27 Budget Public Hearing.

Please return your completed response to treasurer@npidaho.com, drop off at New Plymouth City Hall – 215 N Plymouth Ave or mail-in to City of New Plymouth - PO Box 158, New Plymouth, ID 83655 Attn: Treasurer