CINCINNATI FY27 BUDGET: Department-Identified Challenges and Contemplated Budget Reductions

Department	Key Challenges Identified	FY27 5.1% Budget Reduction
Fire	Increased Sick Time; Out-of-Service Repair Times; Org Structure	$8,600,000
Citizen Complaint Authority	Closing Investigations at a rate of two per month per FTE; Delay in getting records from CPD; Completing investigations within 90 days of receiving complaint.	$78,915
Buildings & Inspections	Overhaul of all major systems- GAGIS Edge/Accela; large number of inexperienced staff; state law changes affecting plan review; operational disruption during system transition	$930,555
Finance	Staffing and capacity constraints; complexity of GASB requirements; Staffing/workload pressures	$469,066
Law	Continued capacity strain due to unplanned staff outages: lack of capacity to implement technology improvements	$706,582
Emergency Communications Center	CSR Internal application and 311 mobile application.	$1,139,943
Police	Officer attrition and recruitment; increasing youth criminal activity; staffing needs for proactive initiatives	Not identified

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Transportation & Engineering	Construction season spans multiple fiscal years; Street Rahab Data Collection; Permit Fee Timing	$2,673,000
Health	Cribs for Kids; facilities maintenance needs; federal funding landscape.	$1,200,000
Enterprise Technology Solutions	Outdated and inadequate IT service management system; Serious issues caused by fragmented technology asset data; Cybersecurity risks;	$428,927
Human Services	No challenges identified	$306,097
MSD*	Affordability: Workforce; Emerging contaminants	—
GCWW / SMU*	Procurement timelines; Competitive compensation; Regulatory mandates./SMU: Structure; Capital Plan; Budget.	—

*Enterprise fund departments are not subject to the 5.1% budget reduction exercise.

Source: FY27 Departmental Budget Presentations (March 2026)

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