



**Luke A. Bronin**  
Mayor

## **Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2024**

Mayor Bronin's eighth and final proposed budget of \$619.17 million for Fiscal Year 2024 prioritizes core city services while making responsible investments to improve quality of life. It protects and sustains the fiscal stability Hartford has fought so hard to achieve. Without any new borrowing, it makes capital investments in education facilities and other critical needs to preserve City assets, prevent material risks, and protect public health and safety.

### *Highlights*

- Protects and sustains the city's commitment to fiscal stability and strength.
- Does not include any new borrowing or rely on any one-time sources of revenue.
- Does not increase the property tax rate, which was reduced by 7.2% last year.
- Provides new tax relief, expanding the senior citizen tax credit by \$250 to \$1,000.
- Holds overall spending increases to 3.27%
- Funds negotiated wage increases necessary to retain and recruit.
- Expands hours of service and programming at our recreation centers and libraries.
- Increases staffing for housing inspection, the fire marshal's office, and 9-1-1 dispatch.
- Adds new positions at the department of public works and additional resources to care for our parks, streets, and facilities.
- Continues to fund the Capital Improvement Plan with general fund revenues and grants, with a focus on schools, maintenance, risk prevention, and public health and safety.
- Does not utilize American Rescue Plan funding to balance the budget, allowing for investment in recovery priorities jointly identified by the Mayor & City Council in 2021.