Fund Summary

Fund Name : Child Safety Fund
Business Area : Police Department
Fund No./Bus. Area No. : 2209 / 1000

	FY2025 Current Budget	FY2025 Estimate	FY2026 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	59,054	59,054	**0**
Current Revenues	3,124,332	3,124,332	**3,124,332**
Total Available Resources	3,183,386	3,183,386	**3,124,332**
Maintenance and Operations	3,183,386	3,183,386	**3,124,332**
Total Expenditures	3,183,386	3,183,386	**3,124,332**
Planned Ending Fund Balance	0	0	**0**
Total Budget	3,183,386	3,183,386	**3,124,332**
Fund Balance Distribution			
Non-Spendable	0	0	**0**
Restricted	0	0	**0**
Committed	0	0	**0**
Assigned	0	0	**0**
Unassigned	0	0	**0**

The above summarizes the FY2025 Budget, the FY2025 Estimate and the FY2026 Budget for the Child Safety Fund. Also included are the beginning and ending fund balances, total revenues and total expenditures.

In 1991, the Texas legislature required each municipality with a population greater than 1.3 million to create a Child Safety Fund. The purpose of this fund is to provide funding for public, parochial, and private school crossing guard programs inside the City. Revenues to the fund come from an assessment of a Municipal Court fee of $5.00 on each parking violation, a $1.50 fee for each vehicle registration authorized by Harris County, and up to $25.00 court costs assessed when an offense occurs within a school crossing zone or a parent contributes to school non-attendance.

Adopted in 1991, City Ordinance No. 91-939 stipulates that the first priority for the Child Safety Fund expenditures should be for elementary school crossing guards. Funding is apportioned based on each school district's percentage of the total number of school crossings with paid guards within the City. The ordinance also states that if excess funds are available, funding for secondary school crossing guard services is apportioned in the same manner.

The legislation creating the fund also provides that if a surplus exists after the payment of all covered contract expenses, the excess can be used to pay for programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition.

The City of Houston pays out 100% of all revenues that come into this fund. The City does not charge administrative expenses for managing this fund, though they are allowable by law. The City has no obligation (or means) for paying out more from the fund than the fund takes in from revenue.