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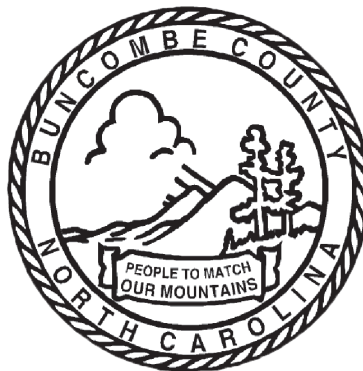
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020



BUNCOMBE COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

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ADOPTED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020



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Buncombe County Government takes seriously our responsibility to provide leadership in our community. And it is important that our values reflect our commitment to **S.E.R.V.E.**

Therefore, we pledge to:

***S**how pride in our work*

***E**xhibit caring in all we do*

***R**espect others*

***V**alue and practice honesty*

***E**xercise responsibility*

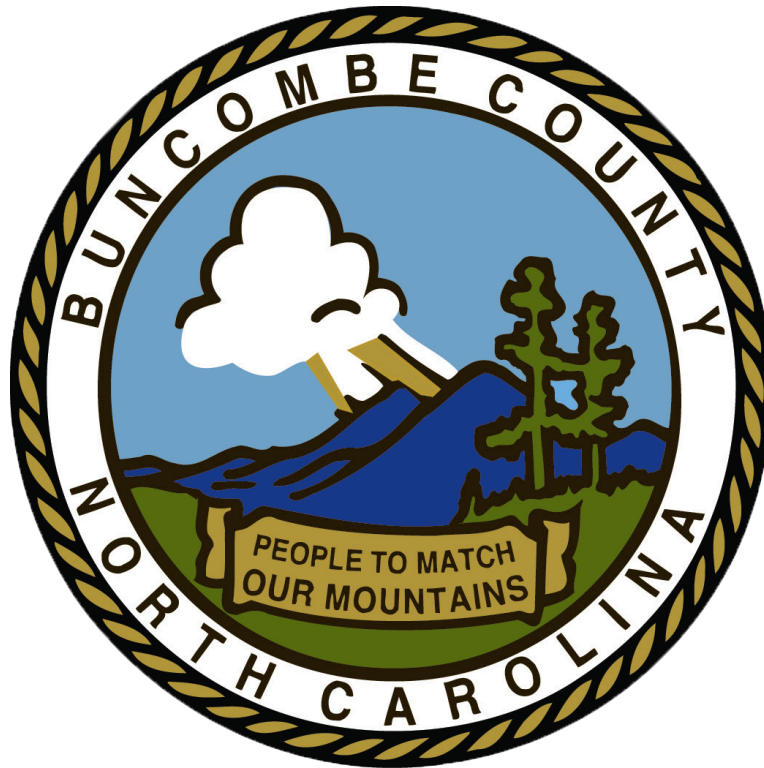
Our Mission:

We promote a healthy, safe, well-educated, and thriving community with a sustainable quality of life.

We provide effective and efficient government our citizens can trust.

We deliver needed service through a responsive work force committed to excellence, integrity, and teamwork.

~ Buncombe County

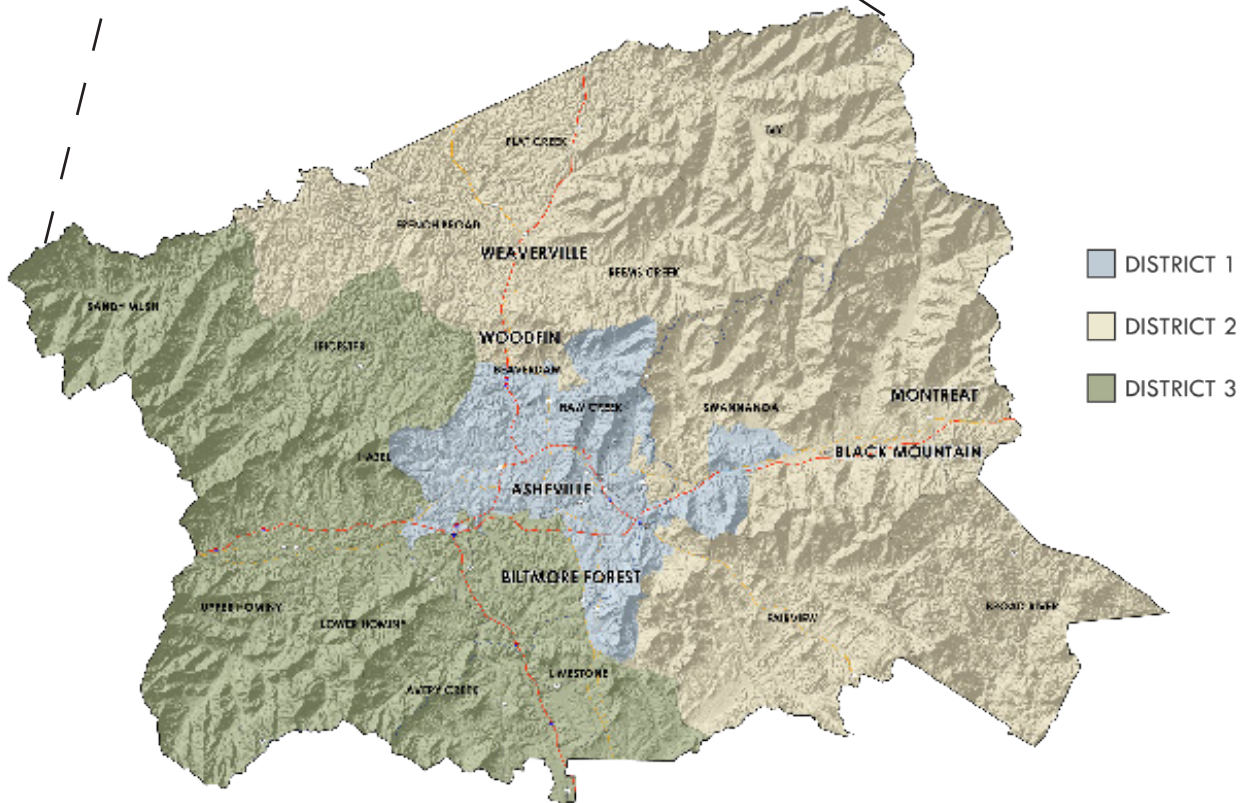


The Buncombe County Seal

Buncombe County's Seal was designed and drawn in 1927 by the late Roy Fox, with help from his classmates. He was a sixth grade student at Woodfin School who entered a contest hoping that his design would become the Official County Seal. County officials selected his design, which featured mountains, trees and billowy clouds as most reflective of Buncombe County's beauty. The original motto, "Men to Match Our Mountains," came from a poem titled "The Country's Call." "Men" was later changed to "People" to acknowledge the contributions of all of Buncombe County's citizens.

Buncombe County

NORTH CAROLINA



<i>Population</i>	259,103
<i>Area</i>	656 square miles
<i>Date Established</i>	January 14, 1792
<i>County Seat</i>	Asheville

A BRIEF HISTORY OF BUNCOMBE COUNTY

In 1791, David Vance and William Davidson presented to the North Carolina House of Commons a “petition of the inhabitants of that part of Burke County lying west of the Appalachian Mountains praying that a part of said county, and part of Rutherford County, be made into a separate and distinct county.” The original bill to create the county gave as its name “Union.” The name was changed, however, to Buncombe in honor of Col. Edward Buncombe, a Revolutionary War hero from Tyrrell County.

The Buncombe bill was ratified on January 14, 1792. The new county included most of Western North Carolina and was so large it was commonly referred to it as the “State of Buncombe.” Approximately 1,000 people lived in the county.

The Buncombe Turnpike was completed in 1827 connecting Tennessee and Kentucky to South Carolina. The turnpike ran along the French Broad River in the northern part of the county and through the heart of the county in the south. The turnpike caused an economic revolution to the region. By 1840, the first public schools had opened and by 1850 there were 57 schools enrolling more than 4,500 students.

Economic prosperity in 1850 was based on the drover trade; driving hogs, cattle, sheep and turkeys from the West to markets in South Carolina. Corn, used to feed the animals being driven to market, was the key money crop. However, new railroads running into Tennessee and Kentucky greatly diminished the drover trade, as did the Civil War.

Zebulon Vance, Buncombe native and Governor of North Carolina, reflected the views of most citizens regarding the issues that resulted in the Civil War. He was opposed to secession, nevertheless he said, “If war must come, I prefer to be with my own people.” Support for the Confederacy, however, formed quickly after the fall of Fort Sumter. The Buncombe Riflemen were the first to ride out. The war left Buncombe County’s economy drained.

Economic salvation for Buncombe County arrived on October 3, 1880 when the first train pulled into Asheville. Building the railroad across the Blue Ridge Mountains was an engineering feat only equaled by the strength of the men who built it.

During the next ten years, the County’s population increased by more than 13,000 people-- 61 percent. The most important agricultural commodity was tobacco. It replaced corn as the county’s key money crop. Fruit and dairy products continued to grow in importance as well.

In 1890, George Vanderbilt began building Biltmore House, the largest private home in America. The artisans and others he brought to build his estate brought changes in views about forestry, agriculture and handicrafts. During this era, 1890-1910, Buncombe County’s cool, crisp mountain air made the area a popular location for tuberculosis sanatorium. The area also became one of America’s best-known tourist centers.

By 1920, Buncombe County was firmly established as a transportation, manufacturing, forestry, agricultural, educational, medical and tourist center. Thomas Wolfe put Asheville on the literary map as well.

Despite the profound impact of the “great depression” that began in 1929, those same industries exist today in a vibrant metropolitan area surrounded by unsurpassed natural beauty. Our population has grown to more than 200,000. Yet, the qualities of intelligence, hard work, faith, honesty and “people to match our mountains” are prevalent today, as they have been throughout Buncombe County’s extraordinary history.

A seven-member Board of County Commissioners governs Buncombe County today. The Chair is elected separately by all the qualified voters in Buncombe County every four years. Two commissioners are elected from each of the three House of Representative Districts in Buncombe County in staggered terms for four years. Each commissioner is required to reside in and represent one of the districts, and only the qualified voters of that district will be eligible to vote for that district seat.

The Commissioners set policy, determine budgets for several agencies and set property tax rates for the entire county. The Board also appoints a County Manager. The County Manager is the chief administrative officer, and prepares and recommends the annual budget. Also, the County Manager is responsible for program development and personnel management.

The FY2020 adopted budget reflects the Commissioners’ continuing commitment to education, economic development and public safety.

The goal of this Board is to continue to provide the citizens of Buncombe County quality services and first-rate government. They will accomplish this goal through motivated professionals who are dedicated to serving all of our people. The foundation has been laid that will ensure a bright and prosperous future for our citizens and for generations yet to come.

The following visual look at Buncombe County’s history was presented in the 2013 Spring/Summer edition of *Buncombe Life* magazine.

NORTH CAROLINA ROOM

COUNTY BUNCOMBE LOCAL HISTORY

1791
The County of Buncombe was established on December 5, 1791 by an act of the legislature, initiated by William Davidson and Colonel David Vance. A log courthouse was constructed in 1793 at a point which is now Pack Square.



1797
Morristown was renamed Asheville after North Carolina Governor Samuel Ashe.

1895
Construction of the Biltmore Estate was complete. It is the largest privately owned estate in the US.

1896
Vance Monument was constructed.



Thomas Clayton Wolfe was born in Asheville, NC on October 3, 1900. He is considered North Carolina's most famous writer.

1900's
44,288
Population of Buncombe County in 1900.

Asheville Then
1902



1904



In 1889 the Electric Trolley Era begins. Downtown Pack Square with electric trolleys in 1904 taken by Richard Putnam.



1927

The Court House was almost complete and 6th grader Roy Fox's design won the County seal design contest.

2000's
241,419
Population of Buncombe County in 2011.



2013

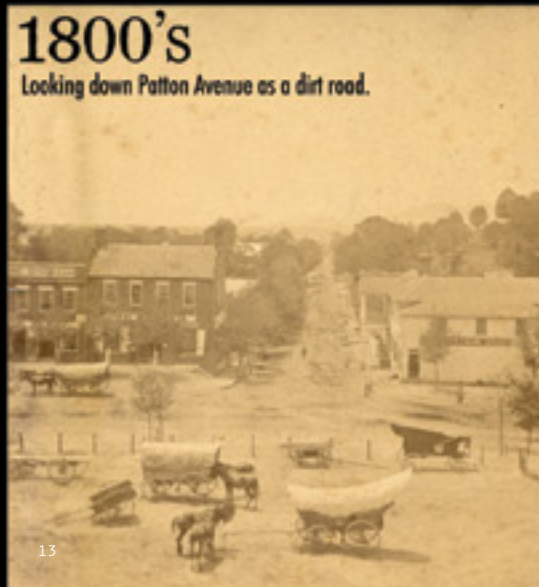
Buncombe County elects 7 Commissioners for the first time. In previous years only 5 were elected.

Asheville Now
2013



DISCOVER NORTH CAROLINA HISTORY

Visit the North Carolina Room at Pack Memorial Public Library to explore the history of Asheville, Buncombe County, and Western North Carolina. The NC Room houses an extensive collection of books, historic photographs, postcards, maps, manuscripts, family papers, and architectural drawings. Asheville newspapers from as early as the 1840s are available on microfilm.



NORTH CAROLINA ROOM

The NC Room is located on the lower level of the library. It is open Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Contact us at packnc@buncombecounty.org call us at 828-250-4740; or check our website at www.buncombecounty.org/library and click on NC Collection.

Buncombe County

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

DISTRICT 2

DISTRICT 3

CHAIR



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COUNTY OFFICIALS

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Jim Holland, MBA
Lamar Joyner
Jennifer Barnette, MBA
Don Warn

Sheriff
Register of Deeds
County Manager
Assistant County Manager
Clerk to the Board
Budget Director
Finance Director



Organizational Chart

ELECTED **APPOINTED** **SEPARATE BOARD**

Citizens

External Audit Committee

Internal Auditor
Kelly Houston

Board of Commissioners

 Chairman Brownie Newman	 District 1 Al Whitesides	 District 1 Vice Chair Jasmine Beach-Ferrara	 District 2 Mike Fryar	 District 2 Amanda Edwards	 District 3 Joe Belcher	 District 3 Robert Pressley
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Register of Deeds
Drew Reisinger

Sheriff
Quentin Miller

Asheville Police Dept.

Board Attorney
Heather Hockaday

City/County ID
Pat Freeman

Clerk to the Board
Lamar Joyner

Deputy Clerk
Stacey Woody

Finance
Don Warn

Financial Services

Tax Collector
Jennifer Pike

County Manager
Avril Pinder

Office Administrator
Lynn Smith

Performance Management
Eric Hardy

Assistant County Manager
Jim Holland

 Interim Human Resources Margaret Ellis	 Communications Cataldo Perrone	 Strategic Partnerships Rachael Nygaard
 Information Technology Kathy Brady	 Legal/Benefits/ Risk MGMT Michael Frue	 Budget & Administrative Services Jennifer Chilton
 Intergovernmental Project Management Tim Love	 Emergency Management Services & Public Safety Training Jerry Vehaun	 Election Services Trena Velez
 Sustainability Office Jeremiah LeRoy	 Tax Assessment Keith Miller	

 General Services Mike Mace	 Planning Nathan Pennington
 Library Jim Blanton	 Recreational Services Josh O'Conner
 Permits & Inspections Matt Stone	 Solid Waste Dane Pedersen
 Health & Human Services Stoney Blevins	
 Air & Environmental Services David Brigman	 Soil & Water Gary Higgins
 Cooperative Extension Steve Duckett	

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following summary presents a general overview of the Fiscal Year 2019-2020 adopted budget for Buncombe County. The information explains where the money comes from (revenues) and where the money goes (expenses). Also, significant changes to the budget are highlighted. The text, charts and graphs in the following sections of this document provide a more in-depth study of the adopted budget.



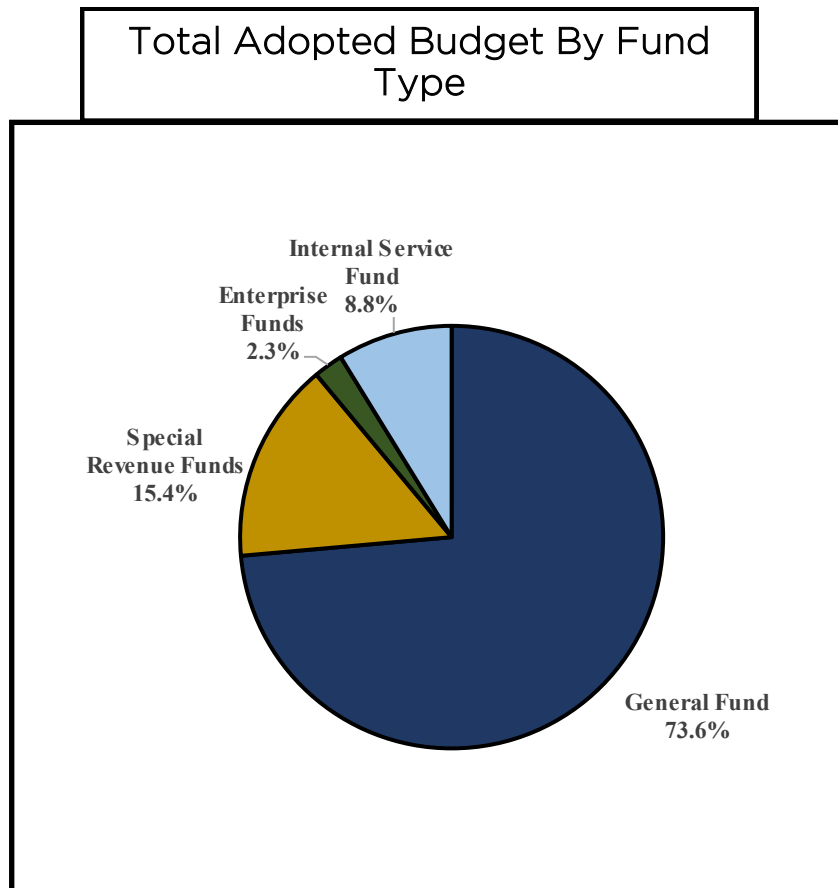
TOTAL COUNTY FUNDS

The total adopted operating budget for Buncombe County in fiscal year 2020 is 454,479,768. The largest fund is the **General Fund**, which is the County’s main operating fund. The General Fund budget total is \$334,450,200 an increase of 3.25% from the FY2019 amended budget. This increase is primarily due to aligning with Board of Commissioners strategic priorities and new positions.

The next largest group of funds is the **Special Revenue Funds**. The total operating expenditures for these funds are \$69,851,196, an increase of 10.54% from FY2019 amended budget. This increase largely stems from an increase of the assessed tax revenue within Fire Service District Revenue Fund and increased projected occupancy tax in the Occupancy Tax Revenue Fund.

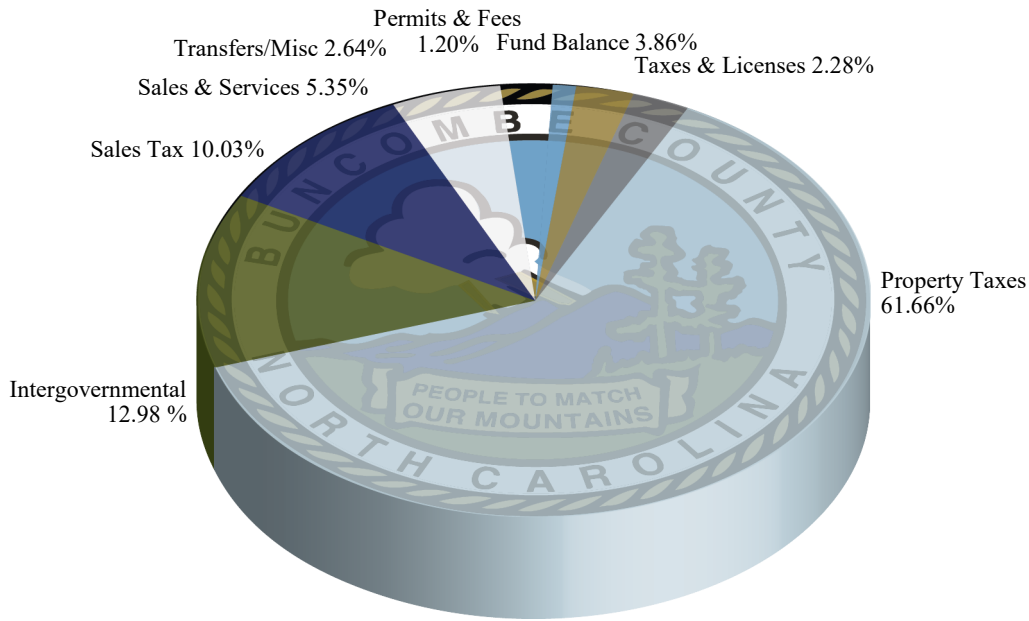
The **Enterprise Funds** have adopted expenditures of \$10,272,083. This is a decrease of 3.22% from last year’s amended budget, and a 1.47% decrease from last year’s adopted budget primarily due to the removal of one-time expenditures related to the opening of the Transfer Station in FY2019. Enterprise Funds are self-supporting and do not rely on any contributions from the General Fund.

The adopted budget for the **Internal Service Fund** includes expenditures of \$39,906,289 and are for County commercial liability programs and the operations of its self-insurance, group health, dental, workers’ compensation, unemployment, Local Government Employees Retirement System stabilization, and general liability programs.



GENERAL FUND

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM? FY2020 ADOPTED REVENUES/SOURCES – GENERAL FUND



MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES:

Primary Revenue Sources	2017/18 Actuals	2018/19 Adopted	2018/19 Amended	2019/20 Budget	% Change from FY 2019 Amended
Property Tax	\$ 195,644,200	\$ 197,302,014	\$ 197,302,014	\$ 206,224,379	4.52%
Sales Tax	\$ 31,217,622	\$ 31,608,204	\$ 31,608,204	\$ 33,533,237	6.09%
Intergovernmental	\$ 42,973,505	\$ 41,400,273	\$ 42,075,233	\$ 43,401,919	3.15%
Other Taxes and Licenses	\$ 7,243,037	\$ 7,556,520	\$ 7,556,520	\$ 7,613,317	0.75%
Permits & Fees	\$ 4,520,694	\$ 3,702,841	\$ 3,702,841	\$ 4,010,157	8.30%
Sales & Services	\$ 16,722,794	\$ 16,802,570	\$ 16,820,509	\$ 17,885,815	6.33%
Total	\$ 298,321,852	\$ 298,372,422	\$ 299,065,321	\$ 312,668,824	4.55%

*The Property Tax data presented above includes current year, first year prior, NCDMV Tax and Interest.

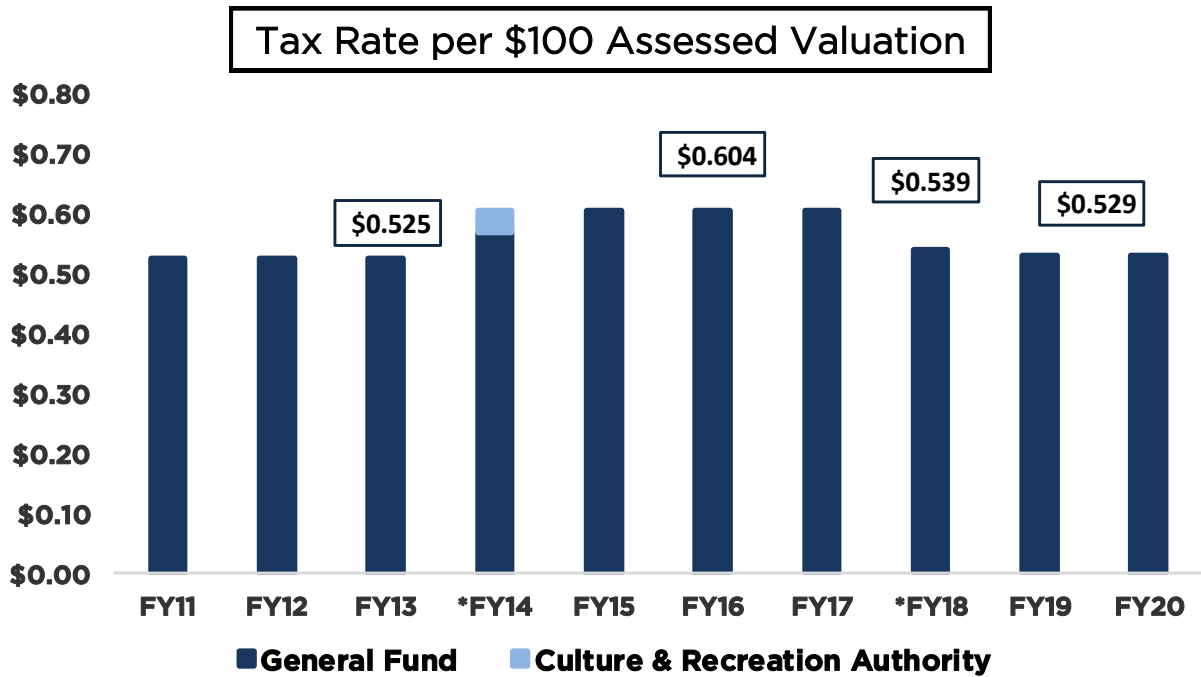
MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE: PROPERTY TAX

The total adopted budget for the General Fund is \$334,450,200. The General Fund derives its revenue from a variety of sources. The County's largest revenue source, accounting for 62% of the General Fund is Property Tax, which totals \$206,224,379 for the FY2019 – 2020 year. This is an increase of \$8,922,365 or 4.52%, from the FY2019 adopted budget.

The FY2020 budget estimate for Property Tax is based a 99.75% collection rate. Current year Property Tax revenues are budgeted at \$205,674,379 based on the valuations below, first prior-year Property Tax revenues are budgeted at \$150,000, Property Tax revenues related to property audit discoveries are budgeted at \$350,000, and interest is budgeted at \$50,000.

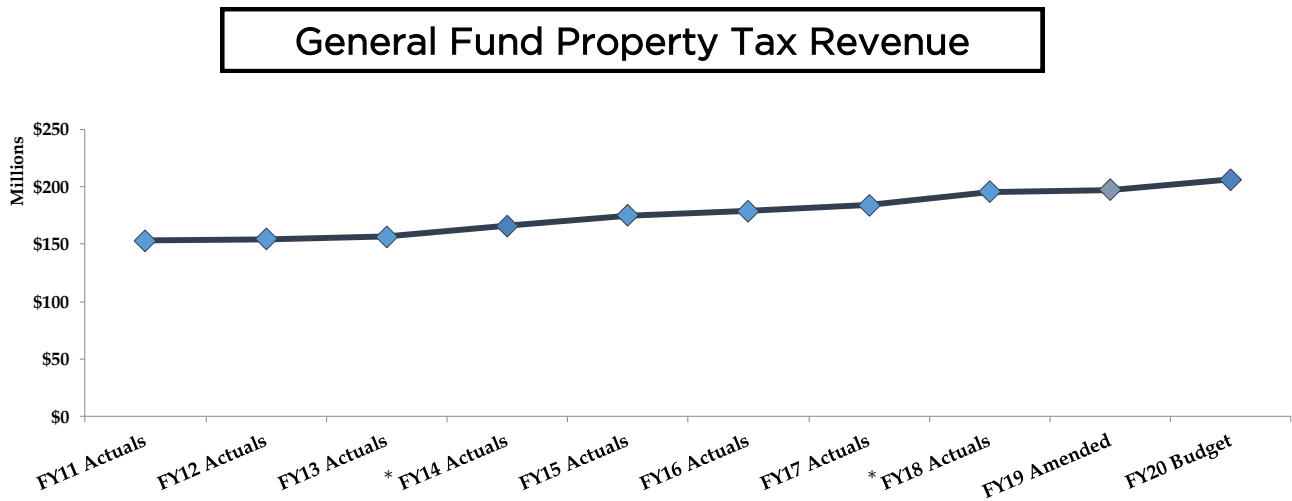
Fiscal Year Tax Year	2020 2019
Real Property	\$ 33,898,147,631
Personal Property	1,987,121,897
Public Service Companies	738,338,689
Registered Motor Vehicles	2,353,679,749
Total Value	\$ 38,977,287,966

The tax rate for FY20 is adopted at 52.9 cents per \$100 of property value. This tax rate remains the same from FY19.



* Reappraisal Year

**In FY2015 the Culture & Recreation Authority transitioned to the General Fund Culture & Recreation



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The amount above includes current year, prior first year, interest and property audit discoveries.

MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE: SALES TAX

The next largest source of revenue is Sales Tax. It is estimated to increase from FY2019 estimated actuals by 3.21% to \$33,533,237. Buncombe County continues to be the retail hub of western North Carolina supported by a major mall, a vibrant central business district, and several new shopping centers and mixed use developments including Asheville Outlets, a major retailer outlet mall which opened in May 2015. Sales tax is a volatile revenue source and was negatively affected by the decrease in consumer spending during the recession. In addition, in 2007 the General Assembly passed legislation to repeal the Article 44 sales tax, the third one-half percent local-option sales tax authorized in 2001. This is often referred to as the Medicaid Relief Swap as the State assumed County Medicaid costs in exchange for elimination of the local Article 44 sales tax and a commensurate increase in the State sales tax rate. The State took over one-quarter cent of the Article 44 sales tax on October 1, 2008, and the remaining one-quarter cent on October 1, 2009.

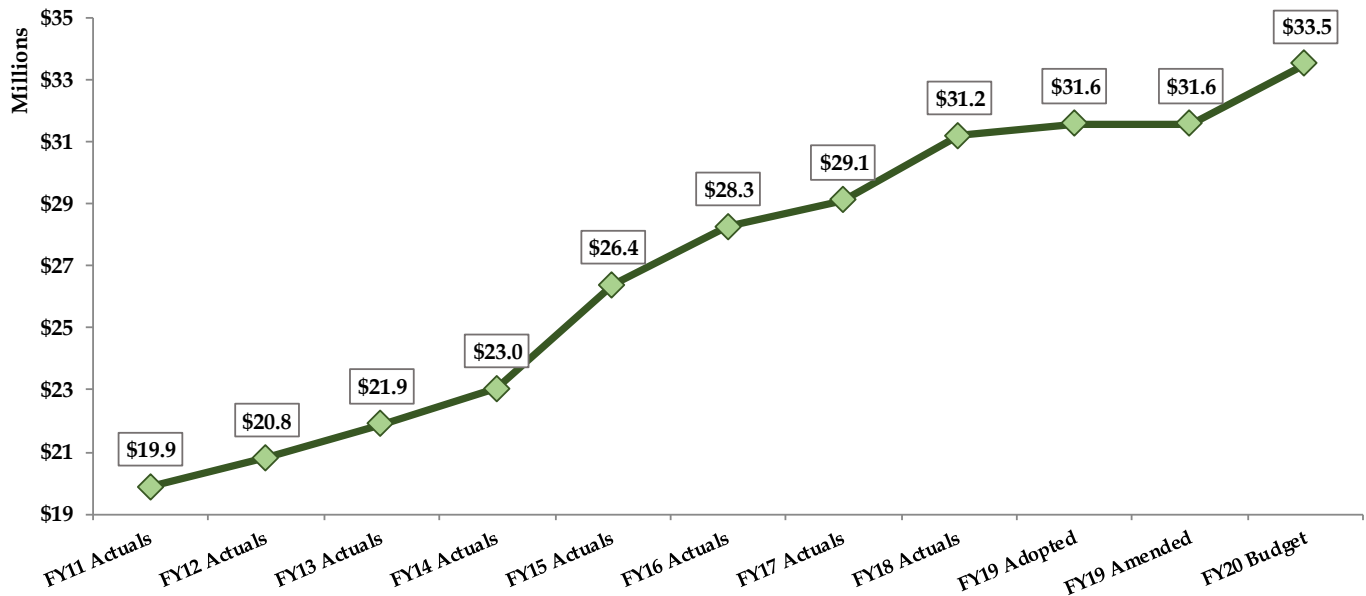
Sales tax revenue is reviewed monthly and estimates are based on actual revenue received over the last twelve months. Buncombe County levies four local-option retail sales and use taxes:

- The one percent tax authorized in 1971 (Article 39) . House Bill #507 originally designated one-half of the proceeds of Article 39 sales tax for the School Capital Commission Fund of Buncombe County. The sales tax proceeds designated for this Fund must be used to finance new public school construction or improvement and renovation projects in excess of \$100,000.
- Senate Bill 888 ratified on June 21, 2016 rewrites Chapter 134 of the 1983 Session Law creating the Buncombe County School Capital Fund Commission. The bill reinstated the Commission, established membership and meeting requirements, and created the Public School Capital Needs Fund. Prior to SB 888, one half of Article 39 sales and use tax revenue was allocated to Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools pro rata according to average daily membership in the two school systems. SB 888 removed this distribution method and allocated funding based on prioritization of needs
- The one-half percent authorized in 1983 (Article 40). Thirty percent of the proceeds from this sales tax must be spent for school capital outlay or debt service on school bonds.
- The second one-half percent authorized in 1986 (Article 42). Sixty percent of the proceeds from this sales tax must be spent for school capital outlay or debt service on school bonds.
- The quarter cent authorized by referendum in 2011 (Article 46) . The proceeds of the quarter cent sales tax are designated for Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and are accounted for in the AB Tech Capital Projects Fund.

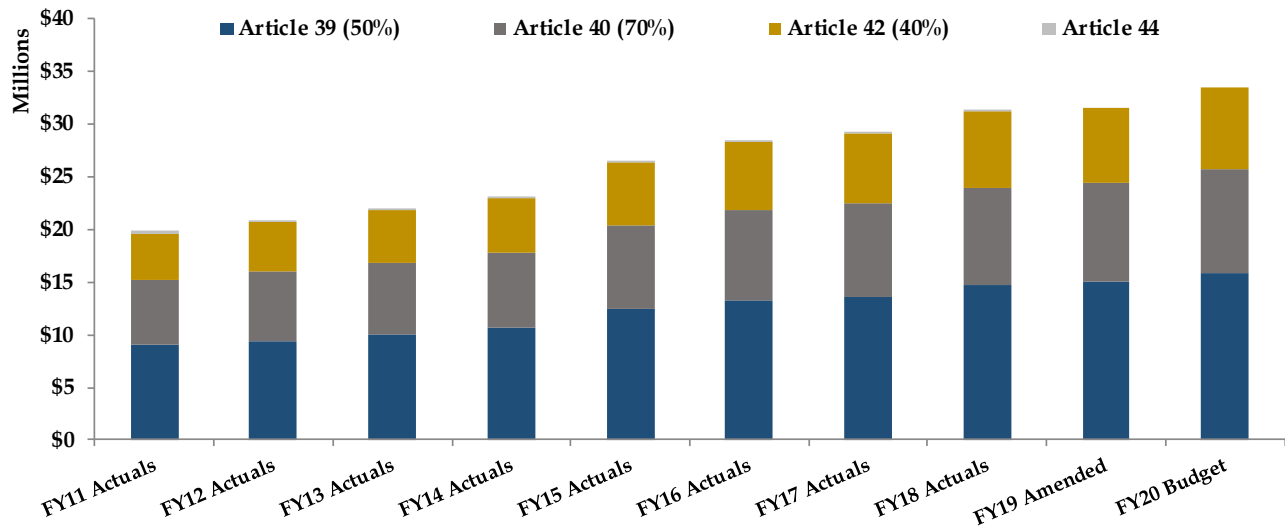
The remaining proceeds from the Article 39 (50%), Article 40 (70%), and Article 42 (40%) sales and use taxes are allocated among the municipalities, fire districts, and County on the ad valorem or tax levy basis. The ad valorem basis distributes sales tax revenues based on relative property tax levies of local government units.

Since FY2017, the portions of Article 40 (30%) and Article 42 (60%) designated for school capital outlay are accounted for in a Public Schools ADM Capital Project Fund. This fund was created to account for all public school capital funding required to be distributed to Buncombe County Schools and Asheville City Schools pro rata according to average daily membership (ADM) in the two school systems. Due to the shift in in Article 40 (30%) and Article 42 (60%) sales tax revenue from the General Fund to the Public Schools ADM Capital Project Fund, prior year sales tax data presented in this annual budget report excludes these articles. Capital projects are budgeted using Capital Project Fund Ordinances.

General Fund Sales Tax



General Fund Sales Tax by Article



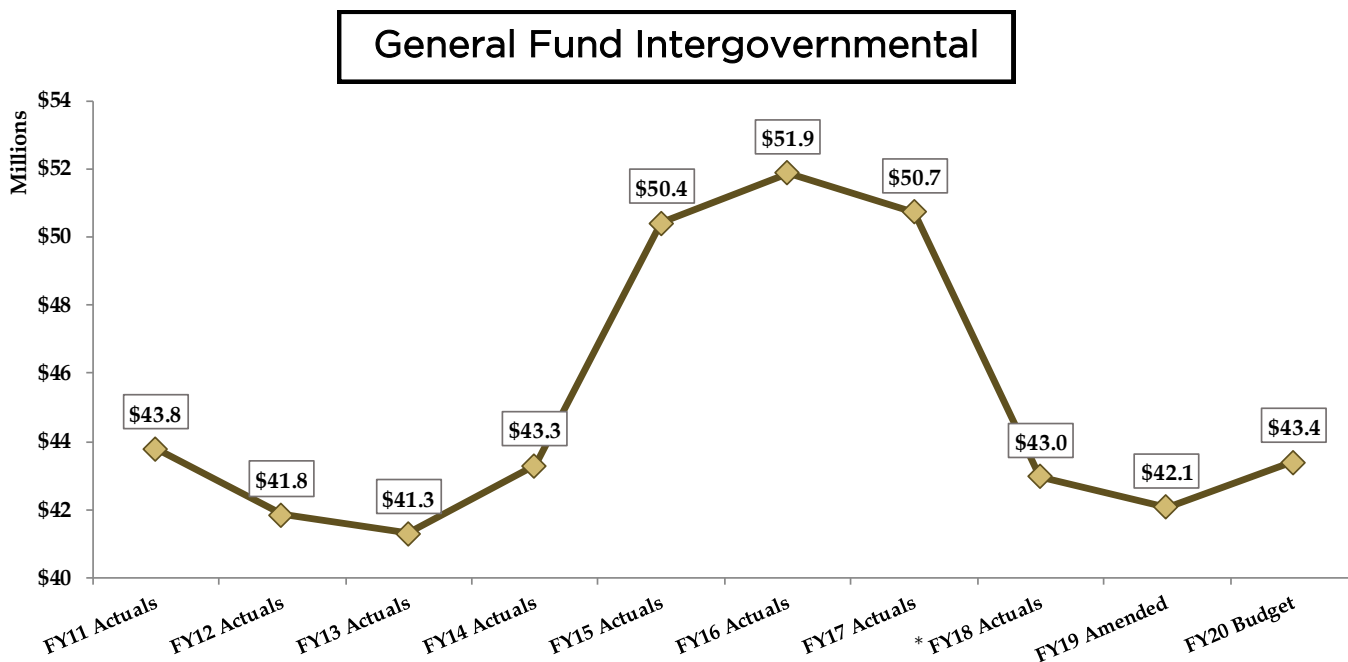
General Fund Sales Tax	2017/18 Actuals	2018/19 Adopted	2018/19 Amended	2019/20 Budget	% Change from FY 2019 Amended
Article 39 (50%)	\$ 14,683,818	\$ 15,009,290	\$ 15,009,290	\$ 15,825,800	5.44%
Article 40 (70%)	\$ 9,278,734	\$ 9,350,743	\$ 9,350,743	\$ 9,903,306	5.91%
Article 42 (40%)	\$ 7,242,751	\$ 7,248,171	\$ 7,248,171	\$ 7,804,131	7.67%
Article 44	\$ 12,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	-
Total	\$ 31,217,622	\$ 31,608,204	\$ 31,608,204	\$ 33,533,237	6.09%

*Article 44 amounts incurred are due to late filed returns, audits, and refunds that affect periods prior to October 1, 2009.

MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Intergovernmental revenues include grants and payments from federal, state, and other local governmental units. Intergovernmental revenues are adopted at \$43,401,919 and account for 12.98% of General Fund revenues in the FY2020 adopted budget.

The County expects to receive approximately \$34.97 million in federal and state funds for the Social Service Department (DSS) and Direct Assistance division in FY2019-2020. Public Health is also expected to receive \$4.5 million in state and federal revenues. Due to the level of federal and state funding Buncombe County receives, a very conservative approach is taken with regard to anticipated revenues during the budget process. As grants are realized throughout the year the budget is amended to reflect the increased revenues. We anticipate this same trend to continue in FY2020.



*\$9.9 million decrease in FY2018 due to a state change in the processing of vendor payments for Non-Emergency Medicaid Transportation program.

General Fund Intergovernmental Revenue	2017/18 Actuals	2018/19 Adopted	2018/19 Amended	2019/20 Budget	% Change from FY 2019 Amended
Intergovernmental	\$ 42,973,505	\$ 41,400,273	\$ 42,075,233	\$ 43,401,919	3.15%

OTHER REVENUE SOURCES:

Other Taxes & Licenses

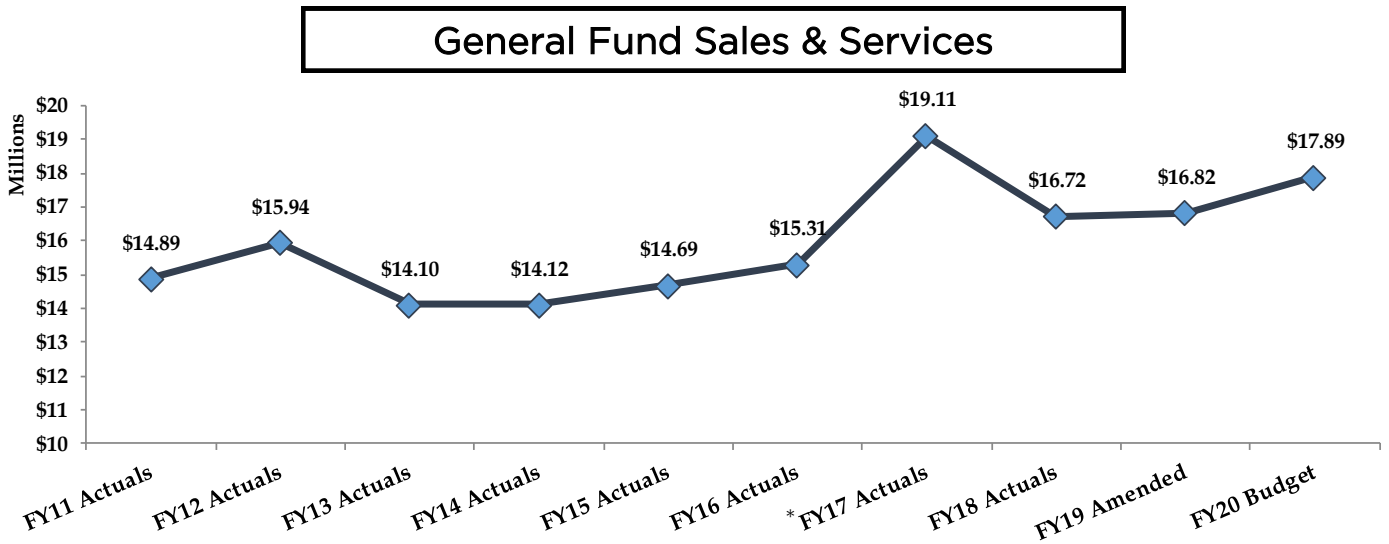
This revenue source, representing 2.28% of the adopted budget, includes \$4,800,000 for the real property transfer tax (excise tax) and \$1,426,000 for video programming taxes. The Rental Car Tax is budgeted at \$500,000, Heavy Equipment Rental Tax at \$238,317, Beer and Wine Tax at \$625,000, privilege License Tax at \$24,000 for FY2020.

Permits & Fees

The permits and fees revenues include building permits and inspection fees and Register of Deeds’ fees such as marriage licenses and recording fees. The revenue generated for licenses and permits makes up 1.20%, or \$4,010,157, of the General Fund revenue. Permits and inspections make up 63% of these total revenues.

Sales & Services

These revenues represent charges for County services that are provided by County Departments. Included in revenues for sales and services are Public Health revenues, EMS fees, and Jail revenues. For FY2020, adopted General Fund revenues for sales and services are estimated at \$17,885,815, a 6.33% increase from FY2019 amended budget. Sales and Services represent 5.35% of the total General Fund adopted budget. Revenues are estimated to be \$1.6 million for Public Health, \$6.2 million for EMS, \$3.4 million for the Jail, \$1.2 million for Tax Collections, \$2.1 million for rental income, \$677,172 for parking services, \$480,000 for the Sheriff’s Office, and \$2.3 million across other departments in the county.



*Reflects reclassification of CJIS Licensing revenues, ID Bureau revenues, Tax Collection revenues, and IT revenues previously classified as Intergovernmental. Also includes Occupancy Tax Collection Fees and Sheriff/Behavioral Health revenues previously classified as Miscellaneous revenue.

Other Revenues

These revenues include investment earnings, indirect cost charges, proceeds of capitalized leases, donations, sale of assets which are adopted at \$1,632,515 for FY2020. Additionally, other revenues include transfers from other funds, which are adopted at \$7,235,450.

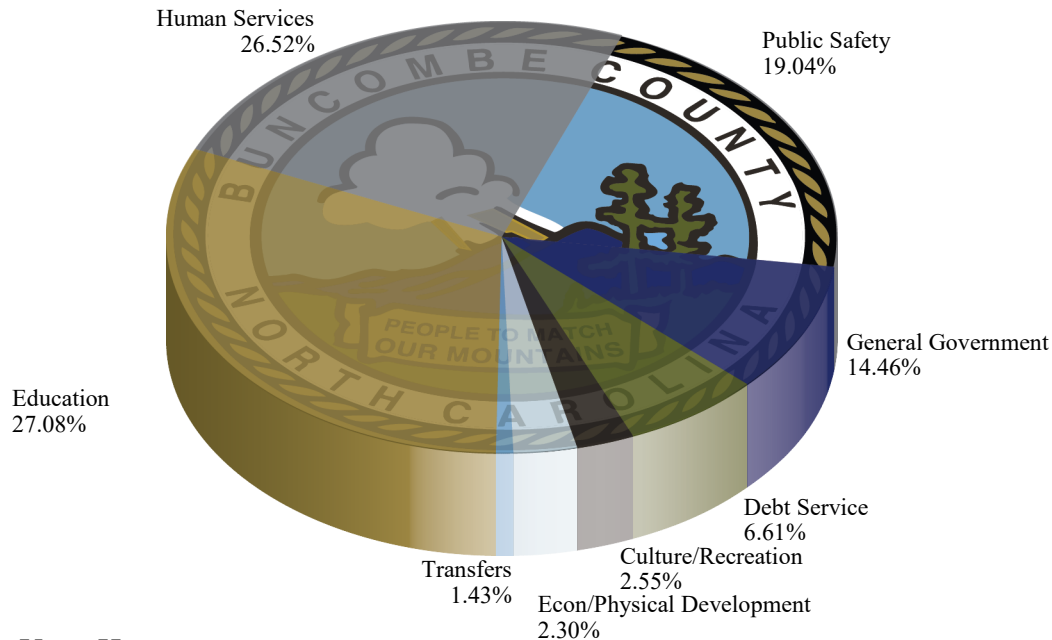
Fund Balance

In the General Fund, \$12,913,411 of fund balance is appropriated in the FY2019-2020 adopted budget. This accounts for 3.86% of General Fund appropriations. The projected fund balance assures the county will maintain its sound financial position. The Board of County Commissioners is committed to maintaining a high level of service to the citizens of Buncombe County without increasing the burden on the taxpayer.

GENERAL FUND (CONTINUED)

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

FY2020 ADOPTED EXPENDITURES/USES – GENERAL FUND



BUDGET YEAR HIGHLIGHTS:

For the FY2020 adopted budget, county officials continued a collaborative budget framework:

- Strengthening management through building infrastructure for financial and budget oversight with ongoing monitoring and evaluation to support transparency and accountability
- Delivering quality services through prioritizing excellence in services to the public and giving departments ownership
- Advancing Board of Commissioner strategic priorities through balancing short and long term community needs

Buncombe County's adopted budget continues to focus on core services – Education, Human Services, and Public Safety. These core services consume 72.6% (\$242.9 million) of our FY2020 General Fund adopted budget.

- Education continues to receive increased investment to recognize, retain, and recruit the best teachers and staff and to provide the support needed for our students to reach their full potential. The FY2020 adopted budget includes \$68,052,371 for Buncombe County Schools and \$12,626,196 for Asheville City Schools for continued investment in locally funded positions, behavioral health, and utility rate increases. \$6,775,600 is adopted for AB-Tech Community College. \$3,600,000 is adopted for Early Childhood Education to align with County Commissioner Strategic Initiatives.
- Buncombe County's Health and Human Services function primarily consists of the Social Services and Public Health divisions. The Social Services division provides mandated core services that protect the most vulnerable members of our community. The Public Health division works to promote and protect the public's health. This adopted budget includes

significant increases to the Social Services division attributed to Foster Care Board payments due to higher level home needs and the addition of the 18-21 Foster Care Program (\$339,271) and \$877,131 in the Public Health division as a result of reassuming the direct administration of Care Coordination from Community Care of North Carolina. Each division is anticipated to receive offsetting revenues that relate to these increases.

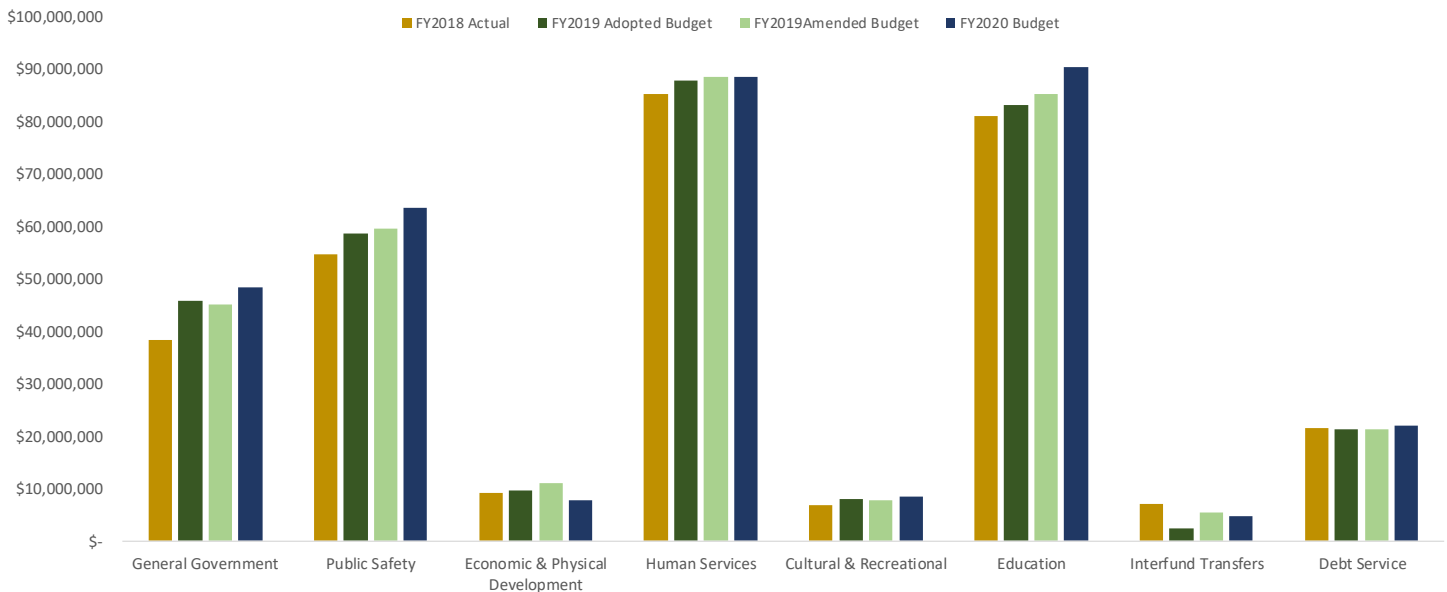
- Public Safety includes an increase of \$471,819 for six new patrol positions and an increase of \$302,982 for four new Detention Officer Intake Specialists for the Buncombe County Detention Facility. Emergency Services includes appropriations for additional training equipment (\$15,000), two new medical vending machines (\$30,000) and IV pump replacements (\$37,500).

The FY2020 adopted budget includes \$1,230,805 for Strategic Partnership grants.

The FY2020 adopted budget includes an increased retirement contribution rate mandated by the State Local Government Employees Retirement System (LGERS). In accordance with the LGERS Employer Contribution Rate Stabilization Policy, the retirement rate is expected to increase each year for the next two years. This budget includes \$7,944,158 in employer retirement contributions. Base salaries were impacted by approximately \$1.2 million due to the retirement rate increase from 7.80% to 8.95% for regular retirement and 8.50% to 9.70% for law retirement.

Other increases include \$1,605,800 in additional affordable housing investments, \$479,400 in Information Technology requests submitted through the County’s Capital Improvement Plan process, and \$630,870 from moving the Benefits and Risk cost center from an Internal Service fund into the General Fund.

General Fund Expenditures By Function



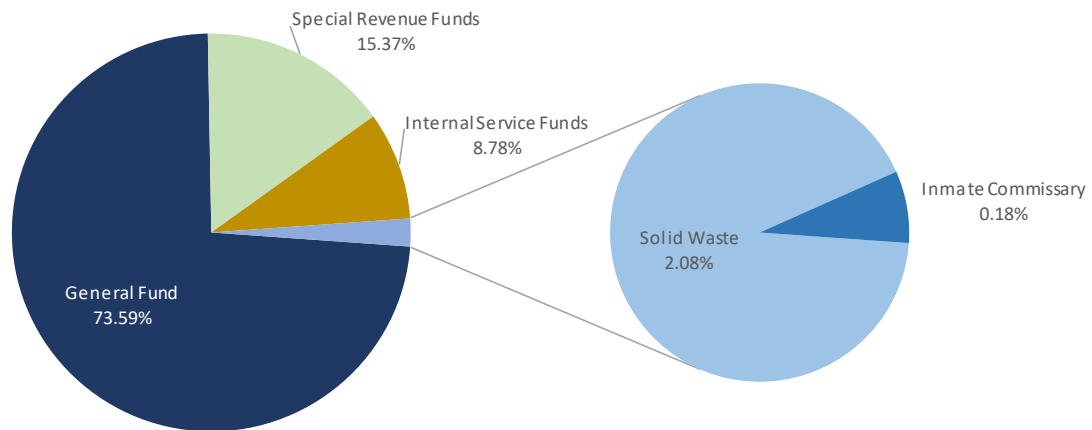
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

The total adopted budget for Special Revenue Funds is \$69,851,196. These funds represent 15.4% of the total County adopted budget. The funds that make up the group of Special Revenue Funds are the Register of Deeds Automation Fund, Tax Reappraisal Reserve Fund, Occupancy Tax Fund, 911 Fund, Fire Districts Fund, Transportation Fund, PDF Woodfin Downtown Fund, and the BCAT and Sheriff Forfeiture Fund.

- The Register of Deeds Automation Fund has an adopted budget of \$270,312 for FY2020. All of these funds are used for automating the Register of Deeds records. Per North Carolina statute, funds shall be expended on computer or imaging technology and needs associated with the preservation and storage of public records in the office of the register of deeds.
- The Tax Reappraisal Reserve Fund has an adopted budget of \$890,000. This fund was established per North Carolina General Statute §153A-150.
- The Occupancy Tax Fund has an adopted budget of \$27,000,000. This represents the revenues generated through the room occupancy tax on hotel and motel rooms. The current Occupancy Tax rate is now at 6%. These funds are used to further the development of travel, tourism and conventions in Buncombe County through state, national and international advertising promotions. A portion of these proceeds are earmarked for tourism-related public capital projects.
- The 911 Fund is adopted at \$857,000. The FY2020 adopted budget removes appropriations for major capital projects including replacement of dispatch console hardware. The NC 911 Board approved a new 911 funding method effective FY2012. The amount distributed to Buncombe County is based on data collected for the last five years of approved eligible expenditures reported to the 911 Board.
- The Fire Districts Fund has an adopted budget of \$35,015,457 for FY2020, an increase of 11.95% from FY2019. In FY2016, Buncombe County's Fire Districts were consolidated resulting in twenty districts, down from the previous twenty-six. Revenues for this fund are generated through sales taxes and ad valorem taxes. The ad valorem tax rates are recommended by each district and approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- The County's Transportation program, Mountain Mobility, provides transportation to several human service and non-profit agencies as well as general public transportation service outside the City of Asheville. During the FY2012 budget process the administration of the transportation program transitioned to outside service providers. Transportation is now administered and operated through contracts between Buncombe County, the Land of Sky Regional Council and McDonald Transit Associates, Inc. The Transportation Fund adopted budget for FY2020 is \$4,838,366. This is an increase of 5.85% from FY2019 adopted due to carry-forward of unspent budgeted capital expenditures from FY2019.
- The FY2020 adopted budget for the Project Development Financing (PDF) Woodfin Downtown Fund is \$640,950 for debt principal and interest payments for the completed PDF Woodfin Downtown Project.
- The Forfeiture Fund accounts for monies received from federal and state forfeiture programs as well as the state unauthorized substances excise tax. These proceeds are designated for law enforcement purposes. The fund breaks out Sheriff Federal and Sheriff State into separate programs. Due to the nature of forfeiture revenues, available fund balance and revenue estimates are appropriated at the beginning of the budget year and budget amendments are completed throughout the fiscal year as federal and state revenue is received. This fund is adopted at \$339,111 for FY2020.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS

The total adopted budget for the Enterprise Funds is \$10,272,083. This is a decrease of 3.22% from FY2019 amended. The two Enterprise Funds, Solid Waste and Inmate Commissary, are self-supporting through revenues and fees they collect.



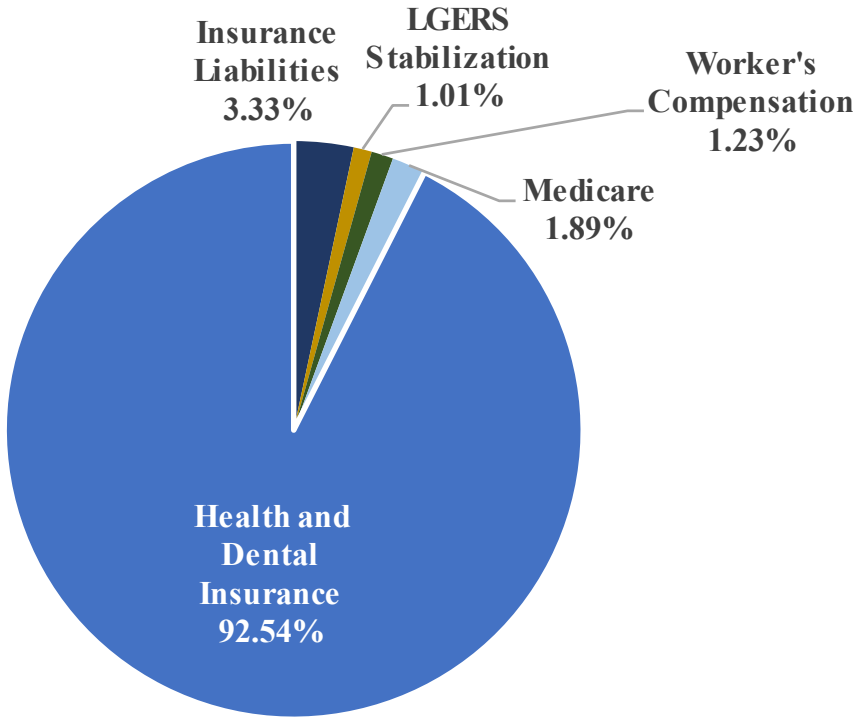
- The total adopted budget for the Solid Waste Fund is \$9,470,174 which is a 4.24% decrease from the FY2019 amended budget. In the FY2019 budget, \$630,500 was budgeted as contingency for the opening of the new Transfer Station facility. The FY2020 adopted budget removes this contingency. The new 18,000 square-foot Transfer Station sees upgrades from the previous facility:
 - Separate weigh stations for commercial haulers and residents
 - Additional drop-off lanes for commercial haulers to reduce wait times
 - Larger Trailers to reduce the amount of trips from the Transfer Station to the Landfill

- The total adopted budget for the Inmate Commissary & Welfare Fund is \$801,909. This is an increase of 10.66% from the FY2019 amended budget and is due to the carry-forward of unspent FY2019 budget to be used for body scanning equipment. Revenues for this fund are generated through sales to the inmate population in the County's Detention Center.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

The Internal Service Fund is adopted at \$39,906,289 and was established to account for the County’s self-insurance, group health, dental and workers’ compensation, unemployment, State Local Government Employee Retirement (LGERS) contributions, and general liability programs. The FY2020 adopted budget reflects the following appropriations:

- Health and Dental Insurance:\$36,927,841
- Insurance Liabilities: \$1,328,983
- Medicare: \$755,000
- Workers Compensation: \$489,280
- Local Governmental Employee Retirement System (LGERS) Stabilization: \$405,185



OPERATING BUDGET SUMMARY: ALL FUNDS

	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Adopted Budget	2018/19 Amended Budget	2019/20 Budget
Revenues:				
General Fund	308,668,300	316,861,799	323,916,553	334,450,200
Special Revenue Funds:				
Volunteer Fire Departments Fund	26,666,739	31,276,959	31,276,959	35,015,457
Transportation Fund	3,511,317	4,571,020	4,983,044	4,838,366
Emergency Telephone System Fund	1,021,553	1,627,500	1,627,500	857,000
Occupancy Tax Fund	23,324,277	23,000,000	23,000,000	27,000,000
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	145,216	270,312	270,312	270,312
BCAT & Sheriff Forfeitures Fund	290,422	631,712	631,712	339,111
PDF Woodfin Downtown Fund	522,532	672,950	672,950	640,950
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	-	-	726,666	890,000
Enterprise Funds:				
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	9,191,857	9,889,434	9,889,434	9,470,174
Inmate Commissary Fund	518,873	535,640	724,640	801,909
Internal Service Fund	34,362,153	35,965,017	38,053,758	39,906,289
Total	408,223,241	425,302,343	435,773,528	454,479,768
Expenditures				
General Fund	303,975,446	316,861,799	323,916,553	334,450,200
Special Revenue Funds:				
Volunteer Fire Departments Fund	26,666,737	31,276,959	31,276,959	35,015,457
Transportation Fund	3,511,317	4,571,020	4,983,044	4,838,366
Emergency Telephone System Fund	595,063	1,627,500	1,627,500	857,000
Occupancy Tax Fund	23,324,431	23,000,000	23,000,000	27,000,000
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	199,550	270,312	270,312	270,312
BCAT & Sheriff Forfeitures Fund	158,402	631,712	631,712	339,111
PDF Woodfin Downtown Fund	562,848	672,950	672,950	640,950
Reappraisal Reserve Fund	-	-	726,666	890,000
Enterprise Funds:				
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	9,155,738	9,889,434	9,889,434	9,470,174
Inmate Commissary Fund	517,061	535,640	724,640	801,909
Internal Service Fund	30,997,400	35,965,017	38,053,758	39,906,289
Total	399,663,992	425,302,343	435,773,528	454,479,768

BUDGET SUMMARY ALL FUNDS - REVENUES

Summary of County Funds	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Adopted Budget	2018/19 Amended Budget	2019/20 Budget
General Fund				
Property Tax	195,644,200	197,302,014	197,302,014	206,224,379
Local Option Sales Tax	31,217,622	31,608,204	31,608,204	33,533,237
Other Taxes	7,243,037	7,556,520	7,556,520	7,613,317
Intergovernmental	42,973,505	41,400,273	42,075,233	43,401,919
Permits & Fees	4,520,694	3,702,841	3,702,841	4,010,157
Sales & Services	16,722,794	16,802,570	16,820,509	17,885,815
Investment Earnings	1,380,935	725,000	725,000	761,250
Miscellaneous	931,992	889,565	891,247	871,265
Interfund Transfers	8,033,521	8,196,050	10,612,082	7,235,450
Appropriated Fund Balance	-	8,678,762	12,622,903	12,913,411
Total	308,668,300	316,861,799	323,916,553	334,450,200
Special Revenue Funds				
Property Tax	20,934,039	25,264,768	25,264,768	27,493,866
Local Option Sales Tax	6,223,948	6,685,141	6,685,141	8,162,541
Forfeitures	284,311	631,712	631,712	339,111
Other Taxes	23,324,277	23,000,000	23,000,000	27,000,000
Intergovernmental	2,957,712	3,586,343	3,938,887	3,053,948
Permits & Fees	143,702	151,695	151,695	151,695
Sales & Services	-	-	-	-
Investment Earnings	30,291	13,305	13,305	13,305
Miscellaneous	23,285	45,680	45,680	45,561
Interfund Transfers	1,560,492	1,641,248	2,367,914	1,927,175
Appropriated Fund Balance	-	1,030,561	1,090,041	1,663,994
Total	55,482,057	62,050,453	63,189,143	69,851,196
Enterprise Funds				
Other Taxes	631,262	518,000	518,000	518,000
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-
Permits & Fees	26,226	22,400	22,400	22,400
Sales & Services	8,681,382	9,591,923	9,591,923	9,172,663
Investment Earnings	234,593	15,824	15,824	15,824
Miscellaneous	137,267	100,000	100,000	100,000
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	-	176,927	365,927	443,196
Total	9,710,730	10,425,074	10,614,074	10,272,083
Internal Service Fund				
Sales & Services	34,362,153	34,465,017	36,553,758	37,671,289
Investment Earnings	-	-	-	-
Interfund Transfers	-	-	-	-
Appropriated Fund Balance	-	1,500,000	1,500,000	2,235,000
Total	34,362,153	35,965,017	38,053,758	39,906,289
Grand Total	408,223,241	425,302,343	435,773,528	454,479,768

BUDGET SUMMARY ALL FUNDS- EXPENDITURES

SERVICE AREA Departments	2017/18 Actual	2018/19 Adopted Budget	2018/19 Amended Budget	2019/20 Budget
General Government				
Governing Body	1,168,319	787,434	818,469	981,329
County Manager	1,473,429	1,939,683	2,241,073	2,450,669
Strategic Partnership Grants	1,264,475	1,567,475	1,415,680	1,230,805
Human Resources	1,175,028	1,226,666	1,147,036	1,083,719
Community Engagement	-	781,165	646,516	748,284
Communications	-	412,330	412,330	434,609
Finance	2,338,750	2,333,830	2,389,035	2,432,916
Benefits and Risk	-	-	-	630,870
Tax Assessment	2,551,975	3,272,772	4,001,623	4,373,094
Tax Collections	1,893,313	1,643,332	1,644,769	2,132,824
Elections	1,817,509	2,164,754	2,164,754	2,708,026
Register of Deeds	3,960,402	3,995,143	3,995,143	4,011,295
Budget	821,401	574,074	555,539	450,715
Internal Audit	-	284,596	284,596	290,370
Information Technology	10,959,369	12,451,000	12,624,533	14,131,449
Performance Management	944,773	1,939,491	1,682,382	1,596,878
General Services	6,956,636	7,672,243	7,692,636	7,519,416
Fleet Services	873,829	991,377	991,377	1,137,960
Parking Services	-	-	-	290,674
Nondepartmental	140,695	1,738,706	1,252,994	615,188
Register of Deeds Automation Fund	199,550	270,312	270,312	270,312
Internal Service Fund	30,997,400	35,965,017	38,053,758	39,906,289
Public Safety				
Sheriff's Office	21,472,074	22,637,289	19,838,445	21,714,808
Detention Center	15,499,667	16,462,447	18,324,424	19,410,463
Justice Resource Support	897,005	922,854	937,330	930,537
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council	-	-	15,500	15,500
Emergency Services	12,041,412	12,586,312	14,115,159	15,292,978
Pre-trial Release	1,085,345	1,120,304	1,130,339	1,092,119
Identification Bureau	1,542,642	1,743,975	1,743,975	1,812,594
Public Safety Training Center	600,384	1,297,384	1,297,384	1,348,672
Criminal Justice Information System	1,268,566	1,364,777	1,465,987	1,345,846
Nondepartmental	365,098	659,442	672,814	709,442
Volunteer Fire Departments Fund	26,666,737	31,276,959	31,276,959	35,015,457
Emergency Telephone System Fund	595,063	1,627,500	1,627,500	857,000
Inmate Commissary Fund	517,061	535,640	724,640	801,909
BCAT & Sheriff Forfeitures Fund	158,402	631,712	631,712	339,111
Human Services				
Public Health	16,153,667	19,295,839	20,438,891	21,471,933
Division of Social Services	51,630,373	54,369,693	54,035,310	53,906,308
Direct Assistance	9,248,613	9,093,140	9,129,984	8,911,166
Veterans Service	414,253	492,909	388,392	395,116
Animal Services	1,238,652	1,291,792	1,291,792	1,232,242
Behavioral Health	970,093	1,604,442	1,594,966	1,589,615
Family Justice Center	161,893	351,682	351,682	348,590
Community Contracts	5,076,962	-	-	-
Nondepartmental	411,944	1,360,259	1,360,259	849,602
Transportation Fund	3,511,317	4,571,020	4,983,044	4,838,366
Economic & Physical Development				
Planning	2,877,858	2,558,076	2,407,371	2,163,198
Permits & Inspections	2,278,781	2,308,326	2,308,326	2,477,482
Economic Development	3,166,681	3,684,744	5,223,744	1,965,705
Cooperative Extension	339,571	390,506	397,889	457,749
Soil Conservation	494,274	541,478	568,934	564,484
Nondepartmental	26,127	73,460	73,460	73,460
Occupancy Tax Fund	23,324,431	23,000,000	23,000,000	27,000,000
PDF Woodfin Downtown Fund	562,848	672,950	672,950	640,950
Solid Waste Disposal Fund	9,155,738	9,889,434	9,889,434	9,470,174
Cultural & Recreational				
Library	5,112,399	5,910,082	5,813,224	6,094,485
Parks, Greenways & Recreation	1,683,900	1,826,778	1,782,946	2,087,679
Nondepartmental	32,123	217,308	217,308	352,308
Education				
Asheville City Schools	11,681,164	11,890,592	12,112,621	12,626,196
Buncombe County Schools	62,526,370	63,642,438	65,284,316	68,052,371
Pre-K	327,501	830,578	951,578	2,748,589
Child Care Centers	281,508	68,000	68,000	55,350
Education Support	-	317,500	317,500	317,500
AB Tech	6,280,000	6,500,000	6,500,000	6,775,600
Interfund Transfers	6,961,472	2,465,498	5,317,060	4,777,854
General Debt Service	21,487,171	21,205,824	21,205,824	22,121,569
TOTAL	399,663,992	425,302,343	435,773,528	454,479,768

PERSONNEL SUMMARY

Summary of Positions by Fund:

Personnel Summary - Budgeted Permanent Positions

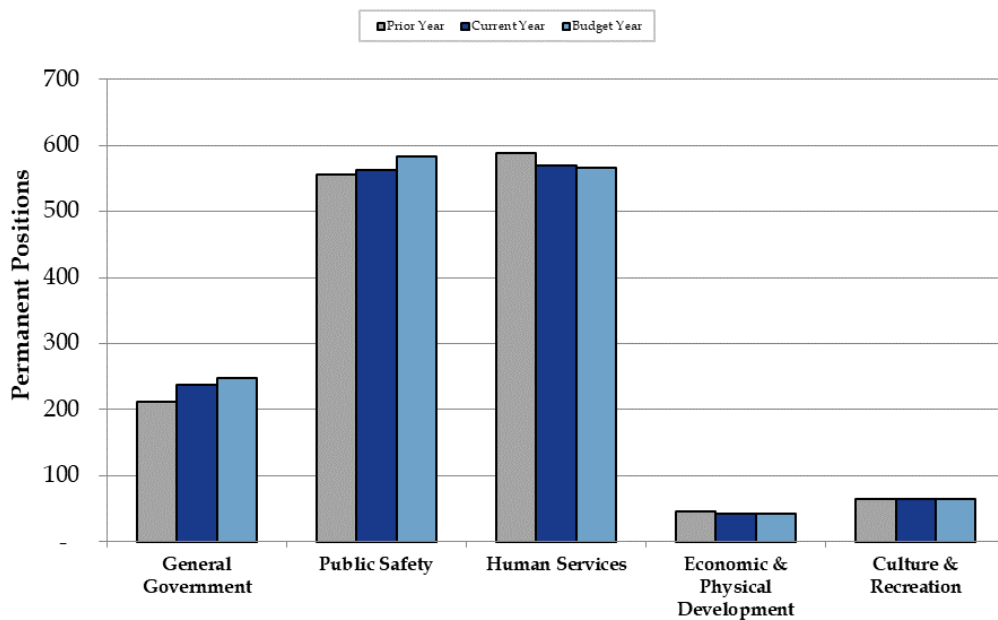
Fund	Prior Year	Current Year	Budget Year	Percent Change
General Fund	1,466	1,477	1,504	2%
Enterprise Fund	26	34	34	0%
Internal Service Fund	6	7	3	-57%
Grant Projects Fund	2	1	1	0%
Total All Funds	1,500	1,519	1,542	1.5%

General Fund Summary - Positions by Service Area:

Personnel Summary - Budgeted Permanent Positions

Service Area	Prior Year	Current Year	Budget Year	Percent Change
General Government	212	238	247	4%
Public Safety	555	562	583	4%
Human Services	589	569	566	-1%
Economic & Physical Development	46	43	43	0%
Culture & Recreation	64	65	65	0%
Total General Fund	1,466	1,477	1,504	2%

General Fund



Reflects 21 approved positions, new positions added during FY2019 and reallocations across departments.

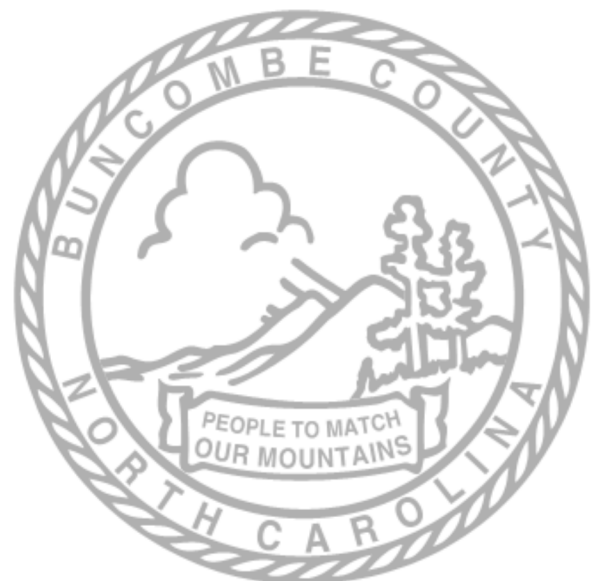
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The purpose of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is to identify all capital projects for the next budget year and four additional years. The CIP is formulated at the direction of the County Manager and an advisory team pulled from the County Manager's office, Finance, Budget, Information Technology, Performance Management, and General Services.

The County defines a capital project as construction, renovation or demolition project, or acquisition of land or other assets, valued in excess of \$25,000, and with a useful life of at least five years. This includes significant capital maintenance projects and information technology projects. Improvements to or expansions of existing assets must increase appraised value or add to life expectancy to qualify as a capital project.

The advisory team must review all capital projects. This generally occurs in November of the budget year. After projects are reviewed and prioritized, they are presented to the Board of Commissioners for discussion and approval. Each capital project must include a detailed description, estimated total cost, impact on operating budget and funding source.

For the FY2020 Budget Year, savings in the Capital Projects Capital Fund was used to pay for the County's FY2020 approved Pay-Go projects. Debt will be issued for the remaining FY2020 projects.



Projects (General Fund)

Project	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	Funding Source
Board of Elections	\$400,000		\$0	\$0	\$3,850,000	\$0	\$4,250,000
Automark ExpressVote Ballot Marking Replacement	\$400,000						\$400,000 Debt
Elections Complex				\$3,850,000			\$3,850,000 Debt
Emergency Management	\$1,000,000		\$0	\$1,200,000	\$2,660,000	\$600,000	\$5,460,000
Garren Creek Tower Retrofit	\$1,000,000						\$1,000,000 Debt
VHF Radio System					\$600,000		\$600,000 Pay-Go
Ambulance Fleet Cot Replacements (Qty 14)				\$280,000			\$280,000 Pay-Go
EMS Base Construction			\$1,200,000				\$1,200,000 Debt
Ambulance Fleet Replacement				\$2,380,000			\$2,380,000 Debt
General Services	\$4,731,114	\$2,121,052	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000		\$7,452,166
49 Mt. Carmel Parking Lot		\$100,000					\$100,000 Pay-Go
Old Jail Doors Hardware improvement		\$55,000					\$55,000 Pay-Go
Old Jail Shower Flooring Replacement		\$207,309					\$207,309 Pay-Go
Pack Library Exterior Wash	\$192,500						\$192,500 Pay-Go
Building Automation System - Allport Building	\$39,600						\$39,600 Pay-Go
200 College Street Chiller		\$410,305					\$410,305 Pay-Go
Facility Assessment - County owned buildings		\$900,000					\$900,000 Pay-Go
Garage - door replacement		\$59,062					\$59,062 Pay-Go
Garage - Lifts Replacements & Improvements	\$74,200	\$23,836					\$98,036 Pay-Go
Grounds Equipment	\$61,938						\$61,938 Debt
HVAC for Oakley/South Asheville Library	\$94,377						\$94,377 Debt
Interchange Building	\$468,641						\$468,641 Debt
Jail Mezzanine Metal Screen Partitions	\$318,000						\$318,000 Debt
Leicester Patrol Office Renovation	\$6,948						\$6,948 Pay-Go
Parking Lot Improvements Countywide	\$946,523						\$946,523 Debt
Parks & Recreation Projects	\$787,665						\$787,665 Debt
Register of Deeds Building Envelope	\$560,475						\$560,475 Debt
Repairs for Libraries	\$366,978						\$366,978 Debt
Roof Replacements	\$466,900						\$466,900 Debt
Soccer Complex Improvements	\$155,608	\$165,540					\$321,148 Pay-Go
Zeugner Center Demolition	\$90,761						\$90,761 Pay-Go
Recurring Fleet - General Government	\$100,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$200,000		\$900,000 Pay-Go
Governing Body	\$0	\$1,000,000	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$1,000,000
I-26 Infrastructure Project - Multitmodal Design Elements		\$1,000,000					\$1,000,000 Debt
Information Technology	\$479,400	\$408,199	\$0	\$0	\$0		\$887,599
Information Technology Requests	\$479,400	\$408,199					\$887,599 Pay-Go
Parks, Greenways and Recreation	\$510,000	\$247,000	\$674,160	\$0	\$0		\$1,431,160

Projects (General Fund)

Project	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	Funding Source
Grading and Paving of Old Playground at Lake Julian	\$180,000					\$180,000	Debt
Lake Julian Bathroom Additions			\$674,160			\$674,160	Debt
Lake Julian Paddle Boat Replacement		\$88,000				\$88,000	Pay-Go
Lake Julian Pontoon Boat	\$50,000					\$50,000	Pay-Go
Lake Julian Shelter Replacements	\$100,000					\$100,000	Debt
New Restroom Facility for Sports Park	\$0	\$159,000				\$159,000	Pay-Go
Shelter At Lake Julian Walking Trail	\$180,000					\$180,000	Debt
Sheriffs Office	\$2,041,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$8,645,870	
Buncombe County Detention Facility Needs Assessment	\$225,000					\$225,000	Pay-Go
Court House Security Needs	\$165,000					\$165,000	Pay-Go
Recurring Fleet - Sheriff	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$1,651,174	\$8,255,870	Debt
Total Expenditures	\$9,161,688	\$5,427,425	\$3,725,334	\$8,361,174	\$2,451,174	\$29,126,795	

Projects (Solid Waste Enterprise)

Project	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total	Funding Source
Solid Waste	\$330,000	\$350,000	\$13,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,830,000	
LEACHATE INJECTION LINE DEVELOPMENT- MSW CELL 6	\$210,000					\$210,000	Enterprise
MSW CELL 7 DEVELOPMENT		\$250,000	\$11,750,000			\$12,000,000	Enterprise
CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION LANDFILL PHASE 6B	\$120,000		\$1,400,000			\$1,520,000	Enterprise
LANDFILL GAS BENEFICIAL USE EVALUATION		\$100,000				\$100,000	Enterprise
Grand Total	\$330,000	\$350,000	\$13,150,000	\$0	\$0	\$13,830,000	

GLOSSARY

ACCOUNTABILITY

The state of being obliged to explain one's actions, to justify what one does. Accountability requires governments to answer to the citizenry; to justify the raising of public resources and the purposes for which they are used.

ACCRUAL

An expense that is recorded at the time it occurs or revenue recorded when earned.

ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

A method of accounting that recognizes the financial effect of transactions, events, and interfund activities when they occur, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

ADOPTED BUDGET

The budget approved by the County Commissioners and enacted via a budget appropriation ordinance, on or before June 30 of each year.

AD VALOREM TAXES

Commonly referred to as property taxes, ad valorem taxes are levied on the value of real, certain personal, and public utility property according to the property's valuation and tax rate.

AGENCY FUNDS

One type of fiduciary (trustee) fund. Agency funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity. Agency funds typically involve only receipt, temporary investment, and remittance of financial resources to individuals, private organizations or other governments.

ALLOCATE

Set apart portions of budgeted expenditures that are specifically designated to organizations for special activities or purposes.

AMORTIZATION SCHEDULE

A schedule of debt-service payments separating the portions of payments attributable to principal and interest.

ANNUAL BUDGET

A budget covering a single fiscal year.

APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

The unspent amount (fund balance) appropriated as a revenue for a given fiscal year to offset operating expenses that exceed current revenue.

APPROPRIATION

An authorization granted by the Board of Commissioners to make budgeted expenditures and to incur obligations for purposes specified in the budget.

ASSETS

Property owned by the County that has monetary value.

ASSESSED VALUE

The value of real estate or personal property as determined by tax assessors and used as a basis for levying taxes.

ASSESSMENT

The process for determining values of real estate and personal property for taxation purposes.

BALANCED BUDGET

A budget in which the sum of estimated net revenues and appropriated fund balance is equal to appropriations.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

A term used referring to when revenues, expenditures, expenses, transfers, and the related assets and liabilities are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Specifically, it relates to the *timing* of the measurement, on either the cash or the accrual method.

BENCHMARKING

The process of measuring an organization's performance and processes against the best-in-class private and public organizations.

BIENNIAL BUDGET

A budget applicable to a two-year budget.

BOND

A written promise to pay a specified sum of money (principal or face value) at a specified future date (the maturity date) along with periodic interest paid at a specified percentage of the principal (interest rate).

BONDED DEBT

The portion of indebtedness represented by outstanding bonds.

BUDGET

An annual financial plan that identifies revenues, specifies the type and level of services to be provided and establishes the amount of money which may be spent within a certain time period.

BUDGET DOCUMENT

A formal document presented to the Board of Commissioners containing the county's financial plan for a fiscal year.

BUDGET MESSAGE

A written overview of the proposed budget from the county manager to the Board of Commissioners which discusses the major budget items and the county's present and future financial condition.

BUDGET ORDINANCE

The ordinance that levies taxes and appropriates revenues for specified purposes, functions, activities, or objectives during a fiscal year.

BUDGET YEAR

The fiscal year for which a budget is proposed or a budget ordinance is adopted.

BUDGETARY CONTROL

The control or management of a government or enterprise in accordance with an approved budget to keep expenditures within the limitations of available appropriations and available revenues.

BUNCOMBE COUNTY ANTI-CRIME TASK FORCE (BCAT)

A drug suppression and investigative unit.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

A plan for capital expenditures to be incurred each year over a fixed period of years to meet capital needs arising from a long-term work program. It sets forth each project and specifies the resources needed to finance the projected expenditures.

CAPITAL PROJECT

A capital project is defined as construction, renovation or demolition project, or acquisition of land or other assets, valued in excess of \$25,000, and with a useful life of at least five years. This includes significant capital maintenance projects and information technology projects. Improvements to or expansions of existing assets must increase appraised value or add to life expectancy to qualify as a capital project.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

A fund type used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

A fund used to segregate a portion of the government's resources to be used for future capital program expenditures.

CCBI

City-County Bureau of Identification. This department maintains criminal and other identity records for local law enforcement agencies.

CDE

Central Data Entry. This division maintains a centralized database of criminal history information on all persons arrested or cited in the County.

CERTIFICATES OF PARTICIPATION (COPs)

A financing mechanism in which certificates, or securities, are sold to investors who underwrite a project. The issuance of COPs is secured by lease-purchase agreements to which the County is a party.

CJIS

Criminal Justice Information System. This division maintains an information system of criminal data from the state, counties and cities of North Carolina for public safety agencies and the citizens of Buncombe County.

CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

An appropriation of funds to cover unanticipated events that may occur during the fiscal year. Transfers from this account must be approved by the Board of Commissioners.

CURRENT PERIOD

Defines the near-term time frame, month or year, in which expenditures are made and revenue received.

DEBT SERVICE

Payment of interest and principal on an obligation resulting from the issuance of bonds.

DEBT SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

The amount of money required to pay interest on outstanding debt and required contributions to accumulate monies for future retirement of term bonds.

DEFICIT

Expenditures exceed revenues.

DEPRECIATION

An accounting charge associated with expiration in the service life of fixed assets. Depreciation is not recorded as an expense for budget purposes.

DESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

The amount of fund balance that is unavailable for future appropriations.

DISCRETIONARY EXPENDITURES

These are expenditures that the County can use or regulated by it's own discretion or judgment.

EMS

Emergency Medical Services.

ENCUMBRANCE

Commitments of appropriated funds related to unperformed contracts for goods or services.

ENTERPRISE FUND

Account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

EXPENDITURES

The measurement focus of governmental fund accounting. Financial resources expended during a period for operations, capital outlay, and long-term principal retirement and interest on debt. Expenditures reflect the cost incurred to acquire goods or services.

FISCAL YEAR (FY)

The annual period for the compilation of fiscal operations. The time period beginning July 1 of a calendar year and ending on June 30 of the following calendar year.

FUNCTIONAL LEVEL

The level where a group of related activities aimed at accomplishing a major service or regulatory program for which the government is responsible are reported together (e.g. *public safety*).

FUND

An independent fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and/or other resources together with all related liabilities, obligations, reserves and equities which are segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives.

FUND BALANCE

Amounts which remain unspent after all budgeted expenditures have been made.

GASB

Governmental Accounting Standards Board

GASB STATEMENT 54

This GASB Statement (Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions) redefines fund balance classifications and clarifies government fund type definitions.

GENERAL FUND

The general operating fund of the county used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

GENERAL OBLIGATION (GO) BONDS

A bond backed by the strongest form of security that a county can pledge for debt, its full faith and credit. A full faith and credit pledge is a promise to levy whatever amount of property tax is necessary to repay the debt.

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (GIS)

A computer-based technology that captures, stores, analyzes and displays information about places on the earth's surface: what's on it; what's under it; what the land is worth; where the natural resources, people and utilities are located.

GOALS

Realistic expression of specific things to achieve that relate directly to the mission; clear, measurable, attainable and in most cases, exceedable. They outline specific steps taken to accomplish the mission.

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Funds generally used to account for tax-supported activities.

GROSS DEBT

Total debt plus authorized but not issued bonds plus installment purchase agreements.

HHW

Household Hazardous Waste

INFRASTRUCTURE

Facilities on which the continuance and growth of a community depend, such as roads, waterlines, etc.

INSTALLMENT FINANCING

A loan transaction in which a local government borrows money to finance or refinance the purchase of a capital asset or the construction or repair of fixtures or improvements on real property. Instead of taxing power (GO Bonds), the unit grants a security interest in the asset to the lender.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUES

Revenues (grants, shared revenues, etc.) received from another government (state, local, federal) for a specified purpose.

INTERNAL SERVICE FUND

A fund used to account for the financing of services provided by one department to other departments on a cost-reimbursement basis.

LINE ITEM

The detailed categories of expenditures for goods and services that the County purchases throughout the year.

LIMITED OBLIGATION BONDS (LOBS)

A type of installment financing similar to Certificates of Participation (COPS). Certificates, or securities, are sold to individual investors.

LONG TERM DEBT

Debt with a maturity of more than one year after the date of issuance.

MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The accounting convention which determines (1) which assets and which liabilities are included on an entity's balance sheet and (2) whether its operating statement presents "financial flow" information (revenues and expenditures) or "capital maintenance" information (revenues and expenses).

MISSION STATEMENT

Fundamental purpose; a statement of what a department really wants to accomplish. The statement should refer to the impact on the County and it's people.

MODIFIED ACCRUAL BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

A method for recording receipts and expenditures in which expenditures are recognized when the goods or services are received, and the revenues are recognized when measurable and available to pay expenditures in the accounting period.

NET DEBT

The difference between total gross debt less authorized but not issued bonds. It is the amount of debt that is applicable to the calculation of the County's debt limit.

OBJECT LEVEL

An expenditure classification, referring to the lowest and most detailed level of classification, such as utilities, office supplies, or contracted services.

OPERATING BUDGET

The County's financial plan which outlines proposed expenditures for the fiscal year and estimates the revenues which will be used to finance them.

OPERATING EXPENDITURES

The cost for personnel, materials and equipment required for a department to function.

OPERATING FUND

This is a fund that is adopted for the current fiscal year only.

OPERATING TRANSFERS

Legally authorized transfers from a fund receiving revenue to the fund through which the resources are to be expended.

OUTCOME

The results specified in organizational goals or the positive effects or results an organization has on the community it serves.

OUTPUT

What an organization produces as it attempts to provide public services. (Ex: The number of patrol cars a police department purchases.)

PAY-AS-YOU-GO

The practice of financing expenditures with funds that are currently available rather than borrowed.

PROJECT FUND

This is a fund that includes on-going revenues and expenditures that “roll” from one year to the next. These funds do not require annual adoption by the Commissioners.

PROPRIETARY FUND

A type of fund that accounts for governmental operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise. It is financed primarily from charges to users for services provided. There are two types of proprietary funds: enterprise funds and internal service funds.

PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Prior period adjustments are the net effect of changes resulting from the correction of an error in the previous fiscal year.

RECOMMENDED BUDGET

The budget presented to the County Commissioners with the endorsement of the County Budget Officer/County Manager.

REQUIRED EXPENDITURES

These are expenditures that the County must spend according to a law or ruling from a State or Federal agencies. These include Medicaid expenditures and School Capital and Operating funds.

RESERVED FUND BALANCE

The portion of a governmental fund’s net assets that is not available to budget to spend.

REVENUE

Income (excluding transfers and proceeds from the sale of bonds or notes) for the fiscal year. The major categories of revenue include local taxes, state shared revenues, fees and charges, interest on investments, federal revenue sharing, and fines and forfeitures.

SERVICE DISTRICTS

A unit of local government that is created for the operation of a particular public service

enterprise. These include fire and rescue.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

A compulsory levy made against certain properties to defray all or part of the cost of a specific capital improvement or service deemed to benefit primarily those properties.

SPECIAL OBLIGATION BONDS

A type of borrowing secured by a pledge of any revenue source or asset available to the borrowing government, except for the unit's taxing power.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

A governmental accounting fund used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

STRATEGIC PLAN

This is a long-range plan that guides the direction of the County departments in how to conduct day-to-day business in order to reach longer term goals.

SURPLUS

Revenues exceeded expenditures.

TAX LEVY

The total amount to be raised by general property taxes for purposes specified in the Budget Ordinance.

TAX RATE

The amount of tax levied for each \$100 of assessed valuations.

TRANSFERS (IN/OUT)

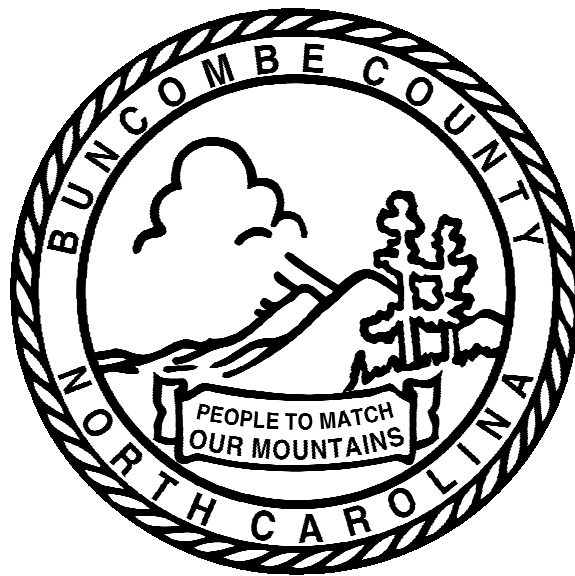
Amounts transferred from one fund to another to assist in financing the services for the recipient fund.

UNDESIGNATED FUND BALANCE

The amount of fund balance that is available for future appropriations.

UNRESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

The sum of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance as defined in GASB Statement 54.



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