



FY2025 Budget Adoption

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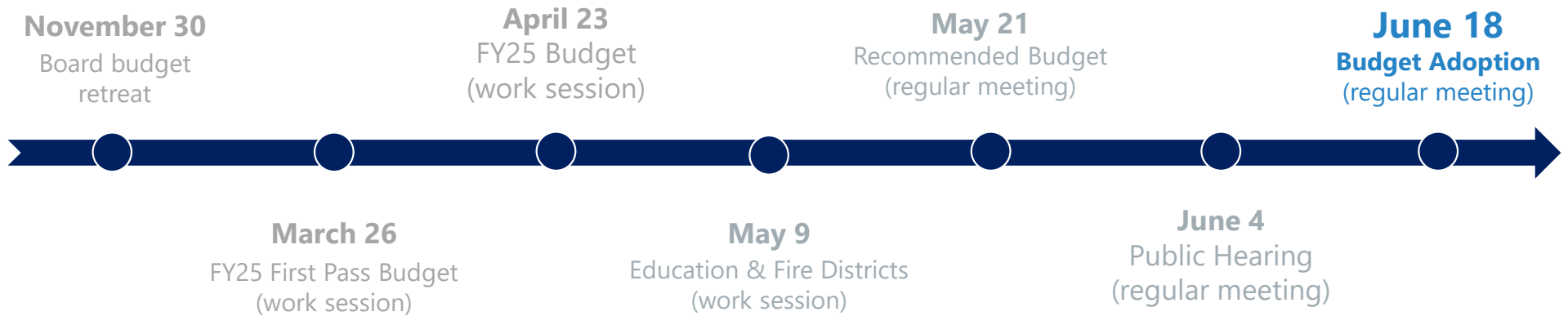
GS §14-234.3

"No public official shall knowingly participate in making or administering a contract, including the award of money in the form of a grant, loan, or other appropriation, with any nonprofit with which that public official is associated. The public official shall record his or her recusal with the clerk to the board, and once recorded, the political subdivision of this State may enter into or administer the contract."

- This applies to all persons elected to serve on political subdivisions of the State where such official is a director, officer, or governing board member of a North Carolina nonprofit.
- A public official in this class must file a recusal with the clerk and may not participate in approving any contract or appropriation for that nonprofit.
- Violation is a Class 1 misdemeanor.



Budget Meetings



FY2025 Budget Planning

- Minimal increase in revenue (1.3% in General Fund)
- Increased debt and retirement costs
- Inflationary costs of goods and services
- Prior year Education contributions
- Crafted a “continuation of services” budget
- Tax rate increase of 1.96 cents per \$100 of assessed value



General Fund Changes since FY25 Recommended

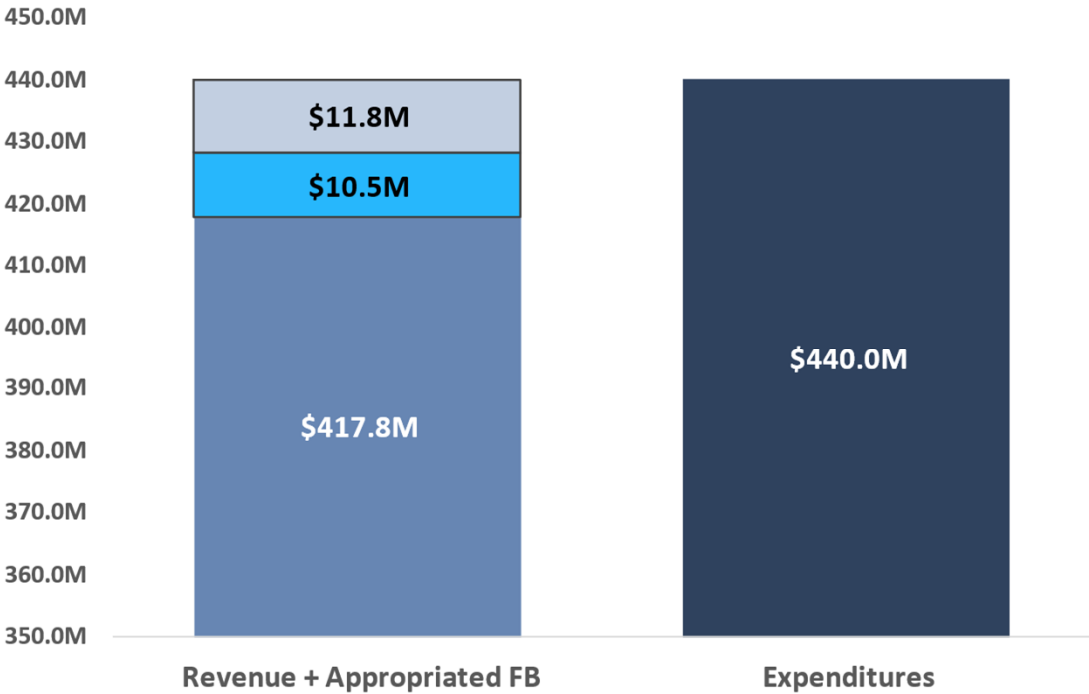
Revenue Changes	
Increase in lease revenue based on re-negotiated lease renewal	\$136,082
Increase in intergovernmental revenue	\$159,328
Increase in investment earnings based on Fed rate decision	\$1,000,000
Decrease in appropriated fund balance to balance General Fund	(\$21,850)
Total	\$1,273,560

Expenditure Changes	
Increase for AB Tech custodial agreement	\$300,026
Reduction in vehicle leases	(\$26,466)
Reduction in annual affordable housing transfer	(\$2,000,000)
Reduction in capital projects pay-go transfer	(\$153,683)
Total	(\$1,880,123)

This net change of \$3.15M allows for a 0.59 cent reduction in the FY25 Recommended Tax Rate.

Note: The Inmate Commissary Fund budget increased \$3,579 since FY25 Recommended. All other annual fund budgets remain unchanged.

FY2025 Recommended General Fund Budget



\$440,025,235
at 51.76 cents

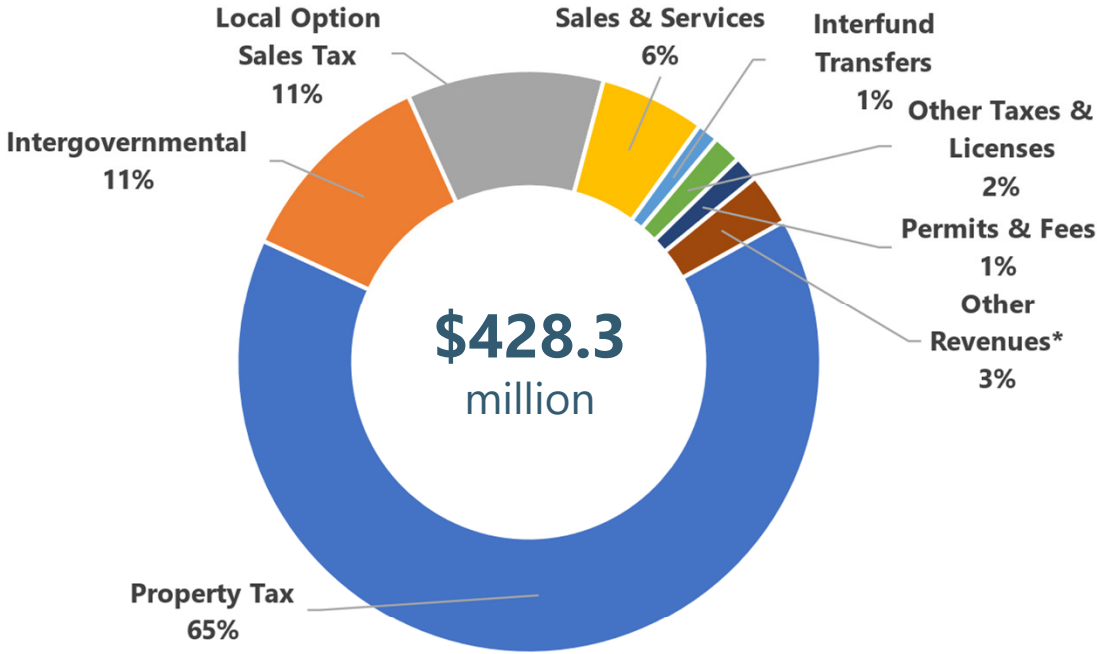
- 1.96 cent rate increase**
- 1.21¢ – County operations
 - 0.75¢ – K-12 Education

Note: Based on current FY24 year-end projections, the proposed appropriated fund balance, if spent, would result in an estimated 14.8% of remaining, unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund. County policy requires a minimum unrestricted balance of 15%; however, if fund balance dips below that threshold an explanation and plan to replenish the fund balance is required to be included in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.

Revenue Budget by Source

(millions of \$)

Revenue Source	FY2025 Recommended	% Change from FY24 Amended
Property Tax	278.0	9%
Intergovernmental	48.8	-10%
Local Option Sales Tax	46.6	-5%
Sales & Services	24.9	11%
Interfund Transfers	5.0	-48%
Other Taxes & Licenses	6.8	-40%
Permits & Fees	5.9	8%
Other Revenues*	12.2	135%
Total	428.3	4%



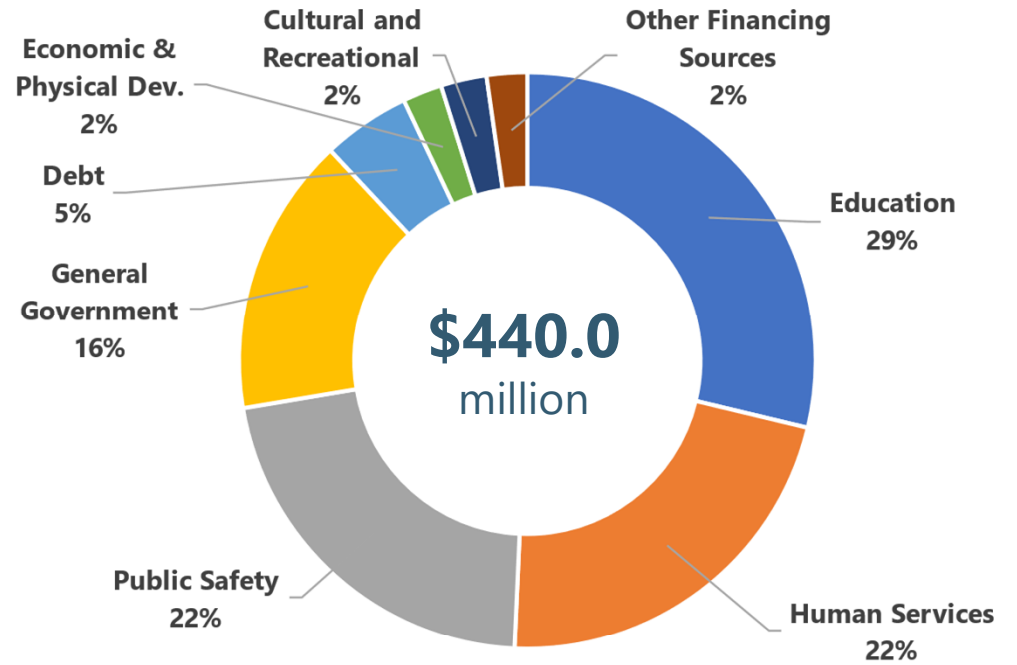
*Note: Other Revenue includes indirect cost recovery, investment earnings, program revenue, and sale of assets



Expenditure Budget by Function

(millions of \$)

Function	FY2025 Recommended	% Change from FY24 Amended
Education	126.5	3%
Human Services	96.7	0%
Public Safety	95.3	5%
General Government	69.0	-5%
Debt	21.7	9%
Economic & Physical Dev.	9.7	-8%
Cultural and Recreational	11.3	4%
Other Financing Sources	10.0	-30%
Total	440.0	1%



FY2025 Recommended Personnel

New Positions with Offsetting Revenue or Reductions	12
Human Services	8
Public Safety	2
General Government	1
Economic & Physical Development	1
Headcount Only	8
Public Safety	8
Other New Positions	10
Human Services	1
Public Safety	3
General Government	4
Cultural & Recreational	1
Economic & Physical Development	1
General Fund	30
Solid Waste	3
Enterprise Fund	3

FY2025 COLA Calculation

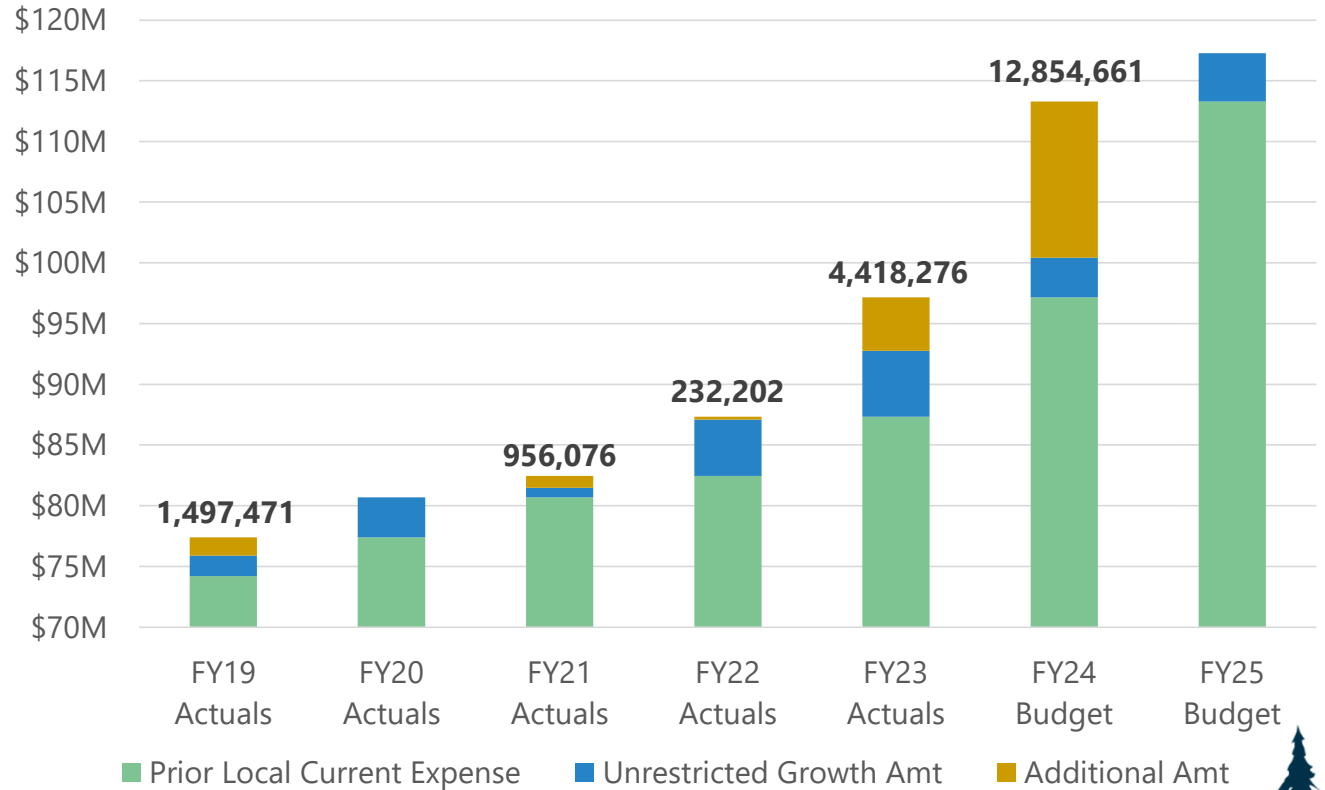
$$\left(\frac{300.728 - 273.925}{273.925} \right) = 4.89\%$$

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K-12 Spending

Cumulative Above Unrestricted

FY	Amount
FY19	1,497,471
FY21	956,076
FY22	232,002
FY23	4,418,276
FY24 (+1¢)	7,732,188
Total	14,836,013



+2.77¢

Note: FY24 Est. Value of a Penny: \$5,122,473
 FY25 Est. Value of a Penny: \$5,364,615



FY2025 Recommended Education Partners

(millions of \$)

Education System	FY2024 Amended	FY2025 Recommended	Explanation
AB Tech	8.1	8.7	Includes New Janitorial Contract
Asheville City Schools	17.7	18.3	Unrestricted Growth Amount
Buncombe County Schools	95.6	98.9	Unrestricted Growth Amount
Total	121.4	126.0	

In addition to the Local Current Expense Allocation, Asheville City Schools will receive an estimated **\$16.5M** via the Supplemental Taxing District set at **10.62¢**.



Community Grant Investments

Program	Amount
Early Childhood Education & Development Fund	\$3,974,691
Affordable Housing Services Program (AHSP)	\$311,845
Strategic Partnership Grants	\$900,000
Buncombe County Supplemental Aging Funds	\$500,000
Isaac Coleman Grants	\$500,000
Tipping Point Grants	\$100,000
Community Recreation Grants	\$99,312
Other Funding	
Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding	\$1,700,000
Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding	\$644,477



Note: The full list of awardees can be found in Appendix A of the FY2025 Recommended Budget in Brief

FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan – Debt Projects

FY25 Recommended Capital Projects	Department	FY2025 Recommended	Ongoing Annual Cost
EMS Local Base - Design	Emergency Services	\$0.8M	\$1.6M
EMS Regional Base - Land & Design	Emergency Services	\$1.8M	\$1.7M
Shelter Resiliency Generator Project	Emergency Services	\$2.3M	Minimal
205 College St. Renovation & Repair	General Services	\$1.2M	Minimal
Countywide Roofing and Parking Decks Renovation & Repair	General Services	\$2.5M	Minimal
New Parks and Recreation Facility - Design	General Services	\$0.2M	Minimal
Public Safety Interoperability Partnership Core System Replacement	Information Technology	\$10.0M	\$650K
Detention Center Facility Assessment Renovation & Repair	Sheriff's Office	\$1.9M	Minimal
Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure	Sustainability	\$0.4M	Minimal
Total		\$21.0M	

Note: Since FY2025 Recommended, the \$4.25M allocation for Solar on Schools & Public Buildings has been removed.

FY2025 Capital Improvement Plan – Pay-Go Projects

FY25 Recommended Capital Projects	Department	FY2025 Recommended	Ongoing Annual Cost
Comprehensive Facility Assessment Renovation & Repair	General Services	\$0.3M	Minimal
Enka Recreation Destination - Phase II	Recreation Services	\$0.5M	\$70K
Detention Center Dryer Installation	Sheriff's Office	\$0.3M	Minimal
Total		\$1.0M	

Note: Enka Recreation Destination is a \$3.7M match for a grant from the TDA and the contribution will be spread over four years. There will be no actual transfer from the General Fund for the projects above due to savings realized from closing older capital projects and grants as well as realizing one-time revenue from County solar projects.

FY2025 Special District Recommended Tax Rates

Tax District	FY2024 Tax Rate	FY2025 Requested Tax Rate	FY2025 Recommended Tax Rate
Asheville City Schools	10.62	12.00	10.62
Asheville Special	8.36	8.36	8.36
Asheville Suburban	8.97	8.97	8.97
Barnardsville	22.00	22.00	22.00
Broad River	16.00	16.00	16.00
East Buncombe	10.69	10.69	10.69
Enka-Candler	12.00	12.00	12.00
Fairview	14.50	16.00	16.00
French Broad	22.20	22.20	22.20
Garren Creek	13.84	13.84	13.84
Jupiter	12.75	12.75	12.75

Tax District	FY2024 Tax Rate	FY2025 Requested Tax Rate	FY2025 Recommended Tax Rate
Leicester	14.03	14.03	14.03
North Buncombe	10.77	12.27	12.27
Reems Creek	15.07	15.07	15.07
Reynolds	11.24	11.24	11.24
Riceville	16.60	16.60	16.60
Skyland	9.80	9.80	9.80
Swannanoa	14.00	14.00	14.00
Upper Hominy	19.00	19.00	19.00
West Buncombe	13.50	13.50	13.50
Woodfin	10.59	10.59	10.59



FY2025 Budget Ordinances

For Board Approval:

- Annual Funds Ordinance
 - Fee schedule / HHS Billing Guide
 - Position classification and compensation plan
- Capital Funds Ordinance
- Opioid Settlement Fund Resolution

