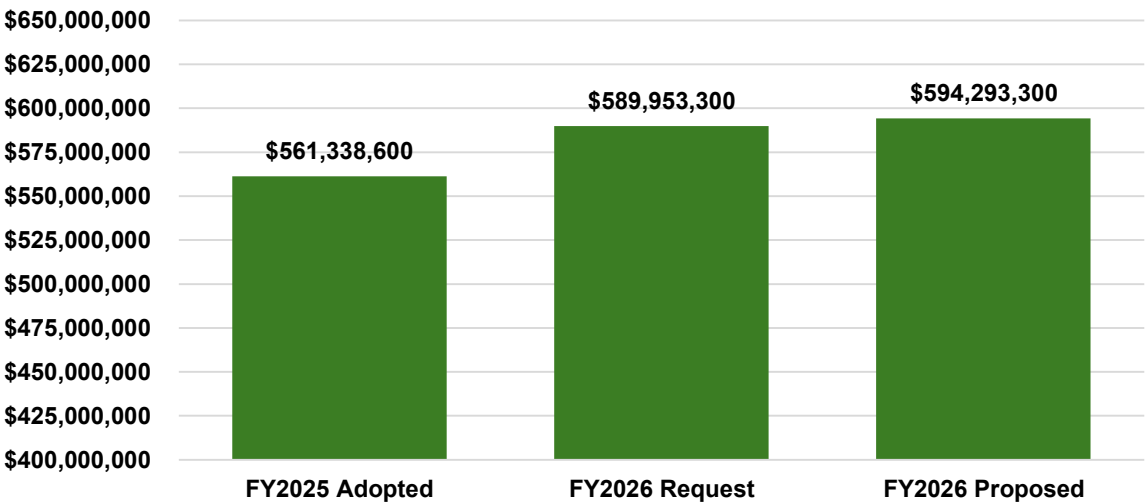


# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

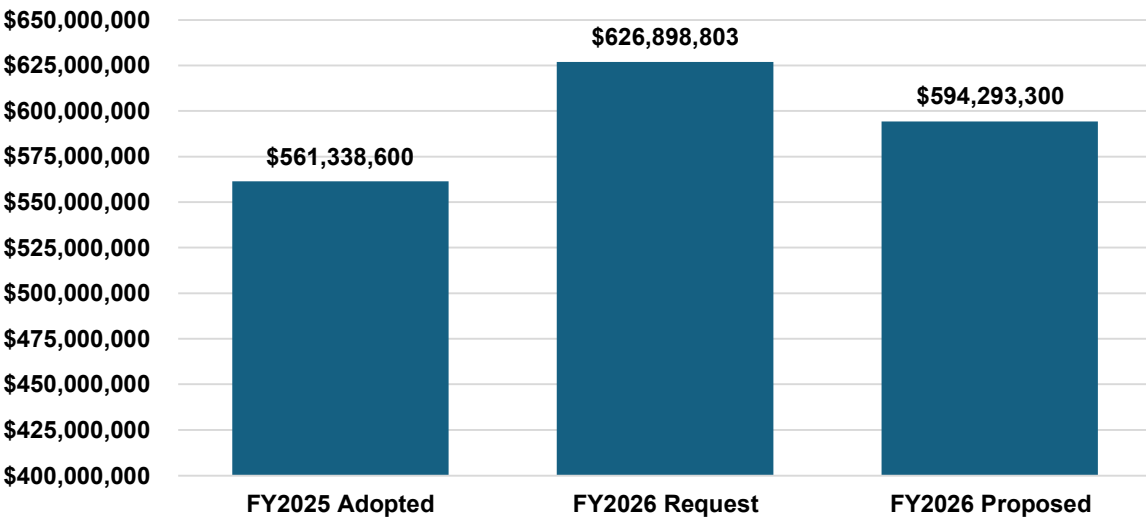
	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Request	FY2026 Proposed
Revenues	\$561,338,600	\$589,953,300	\$594,293,300
Expenditures	\$561,338,600	\$626,898,803	\$594,293,300
	\$0	(\$36,945,503)	\$0

## Revenues



The FY2026 Proposed Budget includes no property tax or income tax rate increases. The proposed does include increasing the Recordation Tax Rate from \$5 per \$500 to \$7 per \$500.

## Expenditures



# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>					
<b><u>Operating Revenues</u></b>					
Property Taxes	\$287,725,800	\$305,179,100	\$305,179,100	\$17,453,300	6.1%
Income Tax	169,000,000	184,500,000	184,500,000	15,500,000	9.2%
Recordation Tax	18,000,000	18,000,000	22,300,000	4,300,000	23.9%
Transfer Tax	8,100,000	8,100,000	8,100,000	0	0.0%
Other Taxes	5,740,000	6,090,000	6,090,000	350,000	6.1%
Service Charges	15,079,500	16,731,200	16,731,200	1,651,700	11.0%
Intergovernmental	2,843,900	2,693,100	2,693,100	(150,800)	-5.3%
Licenses & Permits	1,094,800	1,223,300	1,223,300	128,500	11.7%
Fines & Forfeitures	5,918,800	5,293,300	5,293,300	(625,500)	-10.6%
Other Income	22,129,800	21,074,700	21,114,700	(1,015,100)	-4.6%
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$535,632,600</b>	<b>\$568,884,700</b>	<b>\$573,224,700</b>	<b>\$37,592,100</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b><u>Other Financing Sources</u></b>					
Transfer from Capital Project Fund	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	(\$600,000)	-100.0%
Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	100,000	0	0	(100,000)	-100.0%
Reserved Fund Balance	25,006,000	21,068,600	21,068,600	(3,937,400)	-15.7%
<b>Total Other Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$25,706,000</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>(\$4,637,400)</b>	<b>-18.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>	<b>\$589,953,300</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>	<b>\$32,954,700</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>					
Board of Education	\$231,403,500	\$256,743,880	\$242,644,900	\$11,241,400	4.9%
Sheriff's Office	130,585,500	148,661,317	138,974,247	8,388,747	6.4%
Debt Service	32,644,400	32,913,100	33,063,700	419,300	1.3%
County Administered					
Emergency Services	30,244,700	37,091,110	32,216,474	1,971,774	6.5%
Public Works - Facilities	18,811,900	19,297,633	19,191,140	379,240	2.0%
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,196,600	16,315,214	14,976,862	780,262	5.5%
Fiscal & Administrative Services	12,128,900	13,632,789	13,188,881	1,059,981	8.7%
Planning & Growth Management	11,475,800	13,200,690	12,762,352	1,286,552	11.2%
Community Services	3,563,700	3,885,244	3,757,963	194,263	5.5%
Economic Development	2,285,800	2,588,461	2,512,887	227,087	9.9%
General Government	7,366,400	8,658,201	7,652,253	285,853	3.9%
<b>Total County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$114,669,342</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
College of Southern MD	\$11,319,800	\$12,308,300	\$12,071,500	751,700	6.6%
BOE/CSM Retirement Cost Shift	0	0	2,786,500	2,786,500	New
Library	5,720,200	6,690,900	6,010,800	290,600	5.1%
Health Department	3,926,000	4,018,300	4,018,300	92,300	2.4%
Other General Government	31,007,000	36,483,897	35,379,774	4,372,774	14.1%
Other Agencies/Misc.	3,451,600	4,290,867	3,115,867	(335,733)	-9.7%
Contingency	64,800	650,000	500,000	435,200	671.6%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$550,196,600</b>	<b>\$617,429,903</b>	<b>\$584,824,400</b>	<b>\$34,627,800</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b><u>Other Financing Uses</u></b>					
Capital Project Pay-as-you-go	\$11,142,000	\$9,468,900	\$9,468,900	(1,673,100)	-15.0%
<b>Total Other Financing Uses</b>	<b>\$11,142,000</b>	<b>\$9,468,900</b>	<b>\$9,468,900</b>	<b>(\$1,673,100)</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>	<b>\$626,898,803</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>	<b>\$32,954,700</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$36,945,503)</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$536,332,600</b>	<b>\$573,224,700</b>	<b>\$36,892,100</b>	<b>6.9%</b>
<b>Reserved Fund Balance</b>	<b>25,006,000</b>	<b>21,068,600</b>	<b>(\$3,937,400)</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; FUND BALANCE USE</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>	<b>\$32,954,700</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

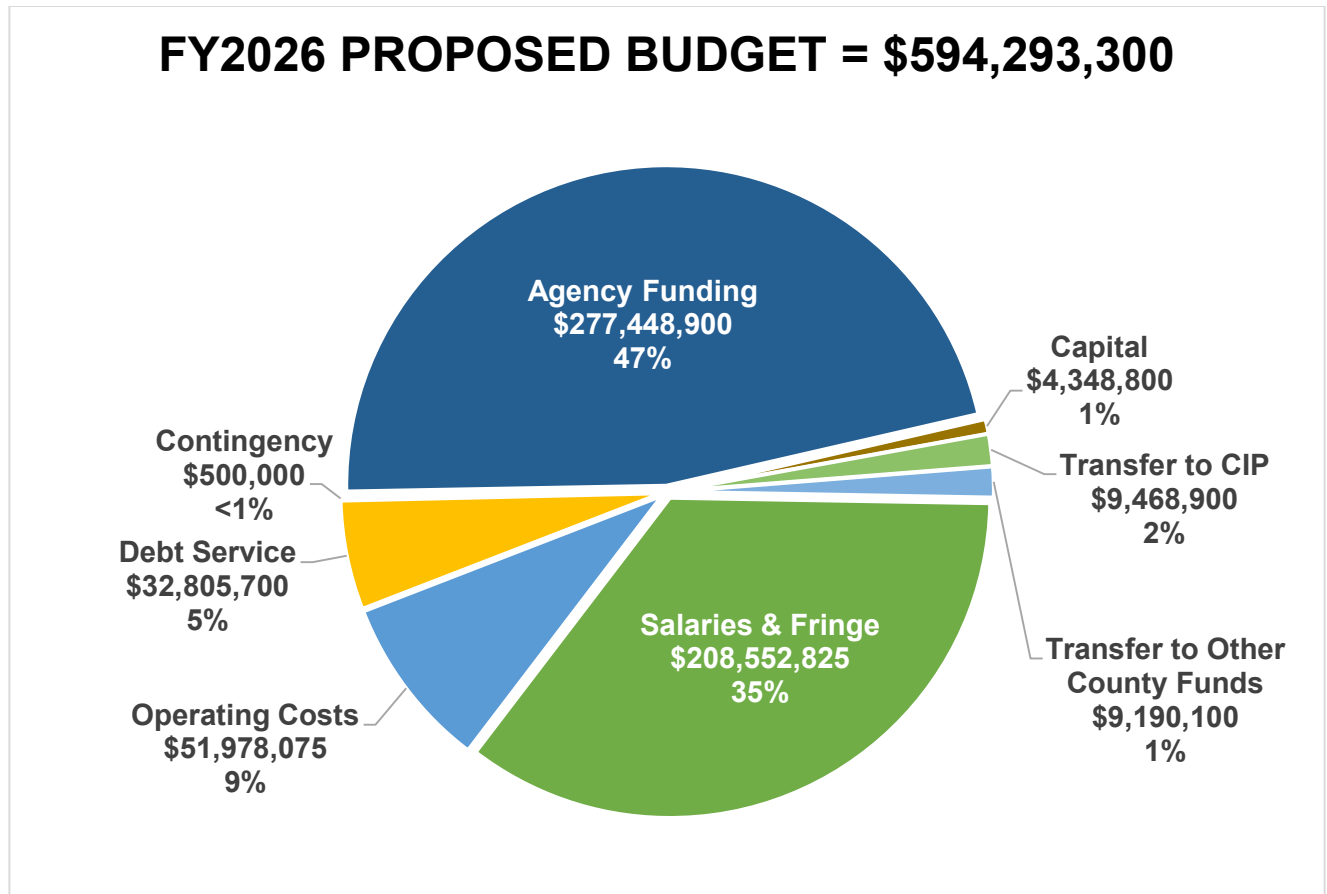
## REVENUE CHANGES:

- **No property tax or income tax rate increases**
- **Property tax growth in property assessments in the Waldorf area due to residential growth**
  - Residential growth of 7.5% is outpacing commercial growth. Commercial revenues are declining due to revised commercial property assessments.
- **Income tax growth due to adjusting for current trends**
  - To date, withholding growth for tax year 2024 is 6.3% greater than tax year 2023. Better than the State average. Final tax year 2024 growth won't be known until January 2026.
  - The FY2026 income tax revenue budget assumes future quarterly withholding income tax growth ranging from 2.5% to 3.0%
- **Recordation Tax increase to \$7 per \$500 to support Charles County Public Schools (\$4.3 million) & affordable housing initiatives (\$700K).**
  - The \$2 per \$500 increase will not impact a large portion of our residents. This tax is only applied to real estate transactions when a purchase or sale of a property is made and when a property title is recorded.
  - The resident budget survey, residents overwhelming preferred increasing taxes on specialized groups over general tax increases or reallocating existing funds. 40.32% of participants support a tax of fee increase to support Charles County Public Schools.
  - Three percent year end recordation tax revenues will be dedicated to support affordable housing initiatives.
- **No changes to transfer tax rate**
- **Other Taxes includes increase in Highway User Tax Revenues due to State forecast**
- **Interest Income decrease due to earning a lower interest rates on its investments**
- **FY2025 was the final year of the Cable TV Transfer to the General Fund**
- **Use of Fund Balance per allowable uses in fund balance policy.**

# Global budget assumptions included in the FY2026

## Budget - Expenditures:

1. Salary increases for eligible employees
2. Impact of salary increases provided to employees during FY2025
3. Full year impact of FY2025 new positions that were approved during last year's budget adoption and approved during this fiscal year
4. Pension adjustments to fully fund pension contributions
5. Health & Dental budget adjustments based on participation and rate
6. Funding for post-employment health program moved to the centralized OPEB contribution budget
7. Embedded equity into the budget



# Embedding Equity in Budget

## Purpose

- Embedding equity helps improve outcomes for the entire community
- Operationalizing the principles of Resolution 2021-24 Commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI)
- Ensuring that impactful decisions are evaluated with multiple perspectives in mind

## Process

- Equity analysis questions on the department's top priorities
- Equity ranking by DEI office and submitted to FAS.
- Equity ranking results discussed during departmental budget meetings with the County Administrator's Office

## Possibilities

- Prioritizing our whole of government equity focus
- Enhancing budget equity training and shared understanding
- Encouraging resource allocation according to equity impact



# Charles County Government FY2026 Budget Engagement

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Engagement Period:  
February 7-April 7, 2025





# FY2026 BUDGET ENGAGEMENT OVERVIEW



## Who participated?

**1,035 completed online surveys** (1,347 submissions with at least one response)

**General public, partner agencies, Charles County Government employees**



## How were people reached?

- **Social media**
- **E-newsletters**
- **Public meetings**
- **Let's Get Fiscal podcast**
- **Outreach to key stakeholder groups**
- **Community events**
- **News media**

## Budget Priorities

*Participants were asked to select the top 3 areas that should be improved through increased funding of services.*



## Top 3 Priorities Spotlight



**Education**



**Crime Prevention**



**Transportation and Roads**

*Crime prevention and education consistently emerge as top priorities across most age groups, highlighting widespread public concern for safety and investment in schools. Strong support for transportation improvements was reflected among older residents.*





# FY 2025 vs FY 2026 Engagement

## FY 2025

- **284 completed surveys** (401 submissions with at least one response)
- **Predominant Demographics:**
  - **55-64** (26%) **and 45-54** (22%)
  - **Homeowners** (92.5%)
  - **White, Non-Hispanic** (65.45%)
  - **Charles County residents for 20+ years** (59.86%)
- **Outreach:**
  - **Social media**
  - **e-Newsletters**
  - **Public Meetings**
  - **Citizens Academy**

## FY 2026

- **1,035 completed surveys** (1,347 submissions with at least one response)
- **Predominant Demographics:**
  - **35-44** (25%) **and 45-54** (24%)
  - **Homeowners** (88.91%)
  - **White, Non-Hispanic** (73.1%)
  - **Charles County residents for 20+ years** (62.63%)
- **Outreach:**
  - **Social media**
  - **e-Newsletters**
  - **Public Meetings** (i.e., joint town hall)
  - **Community events** (i.e., Great Big Home Show)
  - **Invitations to key stakeholder groups** (partner agencies, CCG employees)
  - **News media**
  - **Citizens Academy**

## Areas of Improvement

- Continue to increase number of engagement; resident feedback on priorities is vital
- Future engagement should increase efforts to ensure that participation reflects our community, so that all diverse voices and feedback can be included in decision-making.
  - **In-person pop up engagements around the county to target underrepresented areas**
  - **Paper surveys for those who don't have access to technology**





# FY2026 Engagement: Who Participated?

**1,035**  
**survey**  
**completions**

*1,347 submissions with  
at least one response*

- A majority of participants were in the following age groups: **35-44 (25%), 45-54 (23.95%), and 55-64 (23.28%).**
- **73.1% of participants identified as White (Non-Hispanic or Latino).**
- **62.63% of participants have lived in the County for 20+ years.**
- **88.91% of participants own their home**

## Key Stakeholders:

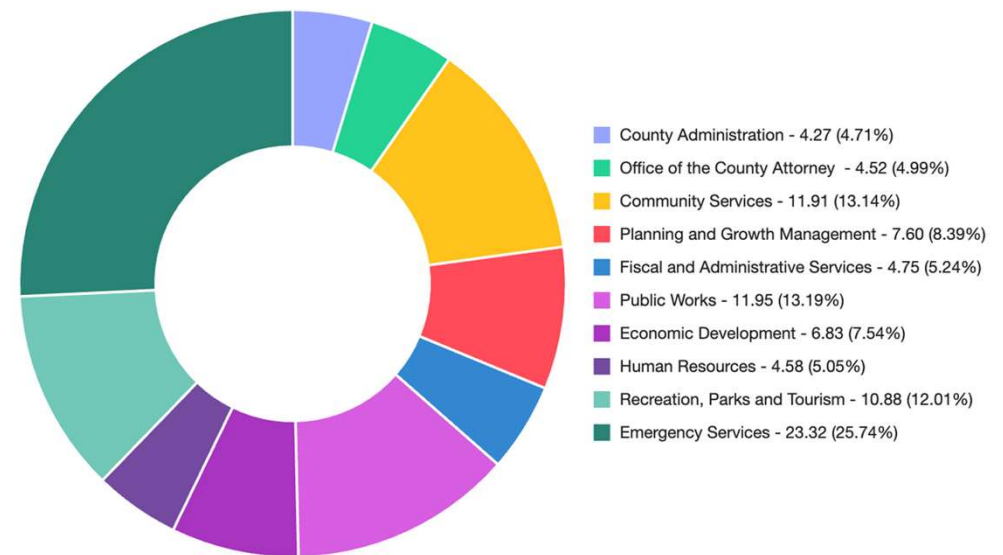
- Charles County Sheriff's Office
- Charles County Public Schools
- Citizens Academy Ambassadors
- Charitable Trust
- CSM Nonprofit Institute
- Board of Elections
- College of Southern Maryland
- Charles County Department of Health Department
- Official Piscataway Conoy Tribe Inc.,
- Charles County Department of Social Services
- Town of La Plata
- CPPL
- SMECO
- College of Southern Maryland
- Town of Indian Head
- Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- PFLAG
- LifeStyles
- NAACP
- Strong Towns Charles County
- Charles County Chamber of Commerce
- Charles County Fire and EMS Volunteer Association



# Budget Feedback: Annual Budget for Charles County Government

*Participants were asked to allocate hypothetical funds in the Annual Budget for Charles County Government.*

- Departments that received the **highest allocation of hypothetical funds** were **Emergency Services (25.374%)**, **Community Services (13.14%)** and **Public Works (13.9%)**.
- Departments that received the **lowest allocation of hypothetical funds** were **Human Resources (5.05%)**, **Office of the County Attorney (4.99%)**, and **County Administration (4.71%)**.
- Middle-aged residents, particularly those aged 35–64 allocated higher proportions of the hypothetical budget towards Emergency Services, suggesting their prioritization of public safety.





# Budget Feedback: Supporting Additional Costs due to State of Maryland Deficit

*Participants were asked to rank their preferences for how Charles County Government could support additional costs from the deficit at the state level.*

Responses reveal a **strong preference for increasing taxes for specialized groups**, especially over general tax increases or reallocating existing funds, indicating residents prioritize fairness in tax burdens. **Increasing taxes for all residents was the least favored option.**

*Participants were asked to rank their preferences for how to increase funding to support opening of the Margaret Jamieson Thornton Elementary School in Waldorf.*

Residents overwhelmingly **prefer increasing taxes for specialized groups, such as buyers of new properties**, over other funding options to support new school construction costs.

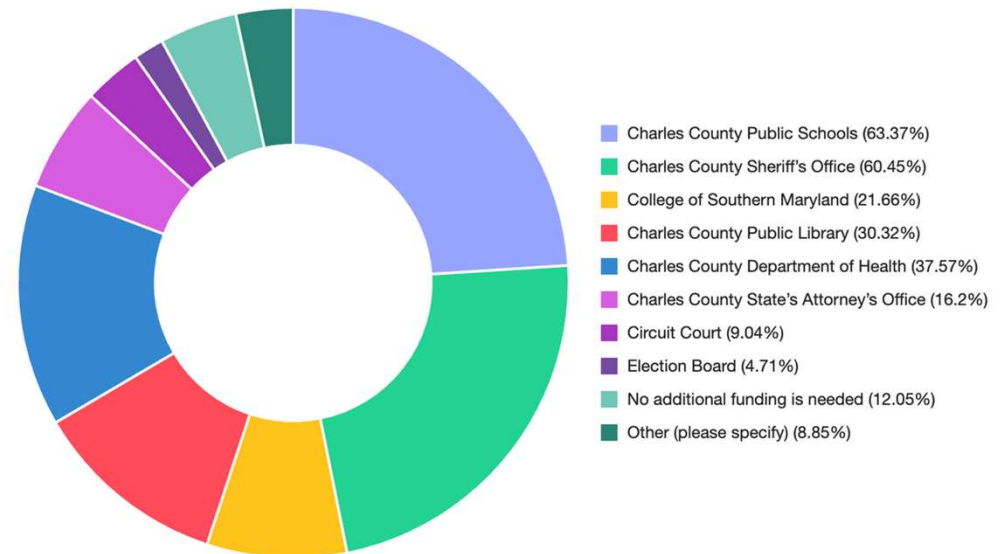
Utilizing existing revenue sources was secondary, while **increasing taxes for all residents was the least favored option.**



# Budget Feedback: Partner Agencies

***Participants were asked to select the partner agencies that should receive more funding from Charles County Government in FY2026.***

- The top three partner agencies that were selected to receive more funding were:
  - **Charles County Public Schools (63.37%)**
  - **Charles County Sheriff's Office (60.45%)**
  - **Charles County Department of Health (37.57%).**
- Residents across all age groups consistently prioritized funding for Charles County Public Schools and the Sheriff's Office, indicating widespread support for foundational education and public safety services.

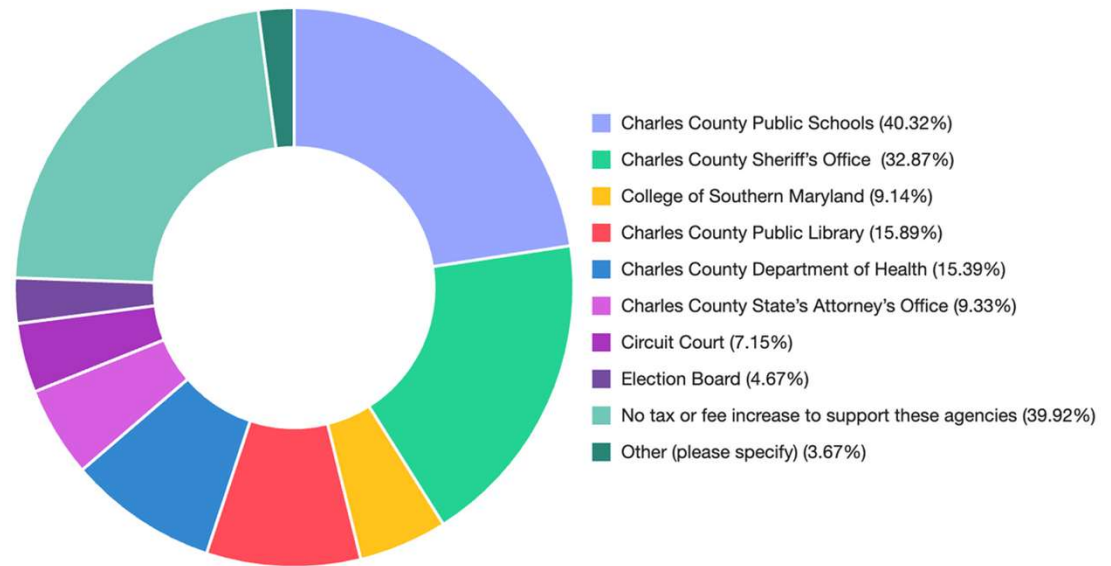




# Budget Feedback: Partner Agencies

*Participants were asked to select which partner agencies they would support a tax or fee increase for if funding is not available from revenue growth to fully support their budget requests.*

- Participants overwhelmingly expressed support for a **tax or fee increase to support Charles County Public Schools (40.32%) and Charles County Sheriff's Office (32.87%)**.
- However, a majority of participants also expressed that there should be **no tax or fee increase to support these agencies (39.92%)**.





# Budget Feedback: Open-Ended Comments

38% of participants provided feedback on the FY2026 budget. Below are the identified themes:



## Economic Anxiety and Fiscal Responsibility

- Opposition to tax increases due to high cost of living
- Calls for budget audits and spending cuts
- Perception of mismanagement, overspending, or waste
- Concerns over government lawsuits and salaries
- Demands for fiscal discipline ("live within means")



## Support and Concern for Education

- Strong advocacy for fully funding public schools
- Desire for better teacher compensation and retention
- Concern over administrative bloat and inefficiencies
- Emphasis on mental health, special education, and student safety
- Resistance to school budget cuts despite fiscal concerns



## Public Safety and Emergency Services

- Urgency to increase funding for Sheriff's Office, EMS, and fire services
- Frustration with inadequate response times and volunteer shortages
- Fear over rising crime rates and declining sense of safety
- Calls for accountability and staffing reforms



## Overdevelopment and Infrastructure Strain

- Strong opposition to continued housing development
- Concerns about overcrowded schools, roads, hospitals
- Environmental degradation and loss of rural character
- Advocacy for moratoriums or slowing growth



# Budget Feedback: Open-Ended Comments

38% of participants provided feedback on the FY2026 budget. Below are the identified themes:



## Equity and Community Well-being

- Calls for affordable housing and support for vulnerable populations
- Concerns for seniors, low-income residents, and the unhoused
- Desire for investment in libraries, recreation, public health
- Mixed feelings about nonprofit funding and social services



## Desire for Quality of Life Improvements

- Requests for more parks, trails, and community spaces
- Desire for better retail, restaurants, cultural venues
- Interest in preserving county identity and natural beauty
- Calls for investment in youth programs and after-school activities



## Distrust in Leadership and Governance

- Criticism of specific commissioners and perceived cronyism
- Outrage over legal spending for political figures
- Calls for resignations, transparency, and ethical governance
- Skepticism toward survey impact and decision-making



# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

<b>FY2025 Adopted Budget</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>
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## Changes to Expenditures:

## Highlights

<b>Board of Education</b>	\$11,241,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds the new Thornton Elementary School</li> <li>• Supports blueprint implementation &amp; CCPS salary increases</li> <li>• Exceeds Maintenance of Effort Funding by \$8,847,600</li> </ul>
<b>Pension Cost Shift</b>	\$2,786,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maryland State Government cover shift of teacher's pension &amp; CSM retirement cost to the County</li> </ul>
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	\$8,388,747	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas and Thanksgiving Holiday Pay</li> <li>• Emergency Services Team Tech &amp; Emergency Response Team Tech premium pay</li> <li>• 1% COLA for sworn officers per County Code</li> <li>• Replacement capital equipment</li> <li>• New Digital Evidence Custodian full time position (offset by turnover increase )</li> <li>• Conversion of eight part time/full time reduced hour positions to become full time.</li> </ul>
<b>Debt Service</b>	\$419,300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual cost to pay the principal and interest on existing bonds/leases and the issuance cost for new bond issues</li> </ul>

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

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## Changes to Expenditures:

### County Administered

## Highlights

Emergency Services	\$1,971,774	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New positions: (10) EMT's in Waldorf area</li> <li>• Part time funding to support billing operations under FARU</li> <li>• (2) New ambulances included in the Debt Service budget</li> </ul>
Public Works - Facilities	\$379,240	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds the full year impact of the Building Service Technician position approved mid-year in FY2025</li> <li>• Increases for road maintenance</li> <li>• (2) New vehicles included in the Debt Service budget</li> </ul>
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	\$780,262	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding for security cameras at various parks</li> <li>• Full year impact of eight new positions approved from FY2025</li> <li>• Funding to reopen McDonough pool and skimmer resealing at Thomas Stone pool</li> <li>• Funding to cover increase in cost for basic stage rental</li> </ul>
Fiscal & Administrative Services	\$1,059,981	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Positions: (1) Payroll Analyst, (1) Senior Procurement Specialist, (1) Accounting Technician (<i>all three offset by allocations to other funds</i>)</li> <li>• Annual maintenance cost, equipment needs and various software cost for the I.T. Division as well as in support of other County Departments</li> </ul>

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## **Changes to Expenditures:**

Planning & Growth Management \$1,286,552

Community Services \$194,263

General Government \$285,853  
 - County Commissioners  
 - Administrative Services  
 - County Attorney  
 - Human Resources

Remaining County Administered  
 Departments \$227,087

## **Highlights**

- Increase local match to support Transit programs
- Continues to support no fare VanGo program
- New positions: (1) Assistant Chief of CPIS, (1) Rental Licensing Program Administrator in support of the Rental Registry Program *(supported by fund balance)*
- Summer Youth Program was moved from the Commissioner budget to Community Services
- Full year impact of three new positions from FY2025
- Funding for Community Support was moved from Central Services and funding for the Summer Youth Program was moved to Community Services
- New Position: (1) Associate County Attorney to support the rental registry program *(supported by fund balance)*
- One time funding of \$75,000 to support a new apprenticeship program.
- Includes additional funding for a strategic plan and for marketing service/consultant to support the new website design for EDD.
- Maintains the partnership with the Small Business Development Center

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

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## Changes to Expenditures:

### **Other General Government**

OPEB Contribution	\$2,300,000
Election Board	\$69,800
Circuit Court	\$163,104
State's Attorney	\$415,218
Health & Dental - Retiree	\$432,400
Studies	(\$100,000)
Central Services	\$896,480
Criminal Justice Coordinating Council	\$60,000
Remaining	\$135,772

## Highlights

- To support future retiree healthcare costs
- To support the next election
- Funding for furniture and workstations
- Increase in contract service for annual support of the kiosk machines
- Increase in operating cost to support the growing demands on the office and continues support of the Body Worn Camera Program
- Increase rate and participation
- Study funding- fluctuates
- SDAT State cost shift; County share from 50% to 90%
- Adequate insurance coverage to safeguard assets
- Funding for the dual fill of several positions within County Government
- Provides operating funding for the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- Adjusts remaining budgets

## GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

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### **Changes to Expenditures:**

### **Highlights**

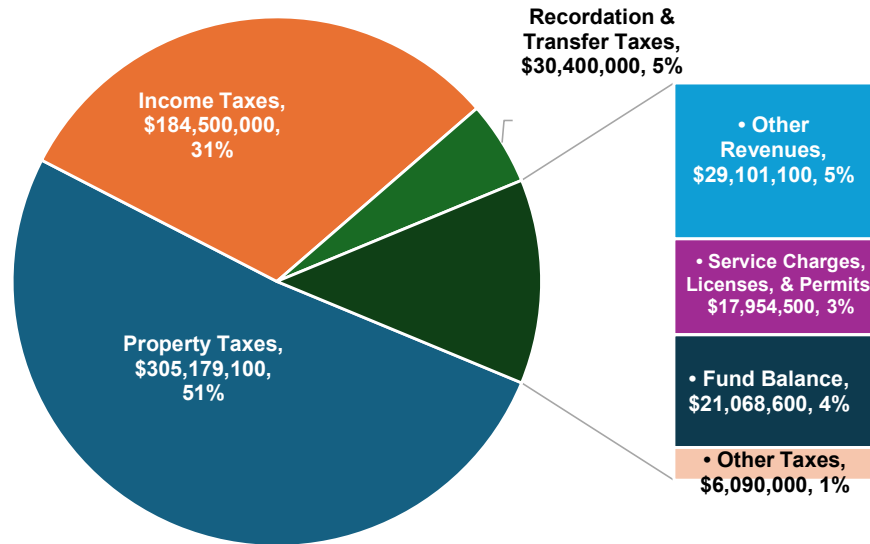
#### **Other Agencies/Misc.**

College of Southern MD	\$751,700	• Supports the College of Southern Maryland and provides funding in support of positions related to the Mediation Center
Health Department	\$92,300	• Funds budget request
Library	\$290,600	• Support of operations; funding for salary increases
Other Agencies/Misc.	(\$335,733)	• Fluctuates based on FY2025 one time funding & current trends
Contingency	\$435,200	• Contingency for emergencies & revenue shortfalls = \$500,000
Capital Project Pay-as-you-go	(\$1,673,100)	• Fluctuates based on Capital Improvement Program
<b>Total Adjustment</b>	<b>\$32,954,700</b>	

<b>Total FY2026 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>
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## GENERAL FUND

### FY2026 General Fund Revenues/Financing Sources TOTAL PROPOSED = \$594,293,300



### REVENUE BREAKDOWN

<b>PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>51.4%</b>	<b>\$305,179,100</b>	<b>INCOME TAX</b>	<b>31.0%</b>	<b>\$184,500,000</b>
Real & Personal	312,547,100				
Penalties, Interest & fees	1,520,000				
Tax Credits	(8,888,000)				
<b>RECORDATION &amp; TRANSFER TAXES</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>\$30,400,000</b>	<b>SERVICE CHARGES, LICENSES, &amp; PERMITS</b>	<b>3.0%</b>	<b>\$17,954,500</b>
			EMS Billing fee	\$4,350,000	
			Reclaimed Water Sales	1,343,800	
			911 fees	4,000,000	
			Licenses & Permits	1,223,300	
			Indirect Cost Allocation	3,559,800	
			Park Fees	1,077,400	
			Remaining	2,400,200	
<b>OTHER TAXES</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>\$6,090,000</b>	<b>ALL OTHER REVENUES</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>\$29,101,100</b>
Hotel/Motel Tax	\$1,330,000		Fines & Forfeitures	\$5,293,300	
Highway User	3,810,000		Rent	1,430,700	
Admission Tax	750,000		State Grants	2,693,100	
Heavy Equipment	200,000		Interest	19,000,000	
			Sale of Fixed Assets	250,000	
			Miscellaneous	434,000	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>\$0</b>			
Transfer: Capital Project Fund	\$0				
Special Revenue: Cable Fund	0				
<b>FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>			

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>REVENUE DETAIL BY ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b><u>PROPERTY TAXES:</u></b>					
Real Property - Full Year	\$271,358,000	\$291,827,000	\$291,827,000	\$20,469,000	7.5%
Real Property - Half Year	447,300	482,100	482,100	34,800	7.8%
Real Property - Quarter Year	223,600	241,000	241,000	17,400	7.8%
Real Property - Three-Quarter Year	671,000	723,000	723,000	52,000	7.7%
Business Personal Property	268,000	166,000	166,000	(102,000)	-38.1%
Railroads & Public Utilities	11,492,000	10,114,000	10,114,000	(1,378,000)	-12.0%
Ordinary Business Corp.	7,357,000	6,170,000	6,170,000	(1,187,000)	-16.1%
Payment in Lieu of Tax: Morgantown	0	468,500	468,500	468,500	N/A
Payment in Lieu of Tax: Affordable Housing	157,800	162,500	162,500	4,700	3.0%
Payment in Lieu of Tax: CPV	2,288,100	2,193,000	2,193,000	(95,100)	-4.2%
Penalties & Interest	620,000	620,000	620,000	0	0.0%
Half Year Tax Billing	800,000	900,000	900,000	100,000	12.5%
Subtotal	\$295,682,800	\$314,067,100	\$314,067,100	\$18,384,300	6.2%
Homestead Tax Credit	(3,930,000)	(5,030,000)	(5,030,000)	(\$1,100,000)	28.0%
Low Income Tax Credit	(800,000)	(800,000)	(800,000)	0	0.0%
Volunteer Tax Credit	(350,000)	(185,000)	(185,000)	165,000	-47.1%
Senior Tax Credit	(250,000)	(270,000)	(270,000)	(20,000)	8.0%
Ag. Preservation Tax Credit	(140,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	(10,000)	7.1%
Tax Differ.- La Plata	(2,320,000)	(2,320,000)	(2,320,000)	0	0.0%
Tax Differ.- Indian Head	(160,000)	(110,000)	(110,000)	50,000	-31.3%
Business Rehab Tax Credit	0	(15,000)	(15,000)	(15,000)	N/A
Surviving Spouse Tax Credit	(7,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(1,000)	14.3%
Subtotal	(\$7,957,000)	(\$8,888,000)	(\$8,888,000)	(\$931,000)	11.7%
<b>Total Property Taxes</b>	<b>\$287,725,800</b>	<b>\$305,179,100</b>	<b>\$305,179,100</b>	<b>\$17,453,300</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b><u>INCOME TAX</u></b>	<b>\$169,000,000</b>	<b>\$184,500,000</b>	<b>\$184,500,000</b>	<b>\$15,500,000</b>	<b>9.2%</b>
<b><u>RECORDATION TAX</u></b>	<b>\$18,000,000</b>	<b>\$18,000,000</b>	<b>\$22,300,000</b>	<b>\$4,300,000</b>	<b>23.9%</b>
<b><u>TRANSFER TAX</u></b>	<b>\$8,100,000</b>	<b>\$8,100,000</b>	<b>\$8,100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b><u>OTHER TAXES:</u></b>					
Hotel/Motel Room	\$1,320,000	\$1,330,000	\$1,330,000	\$10,000	0.8%
Highway User	3,410,000	3,810,000	3,810,000	400,000	11.7%
Admission and Amusement	810,000	750,000	750,000	(60,000)	-7.4%
Heavy Equipment	200,000	200,000	200,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Other Local Taxes</b>	<b>\$5,740,000</b>	<b>\$6,090,000</b>	<b>\$6,090,000</b>	<b>\$350,000</b>	<b>6.1%</b>
<b><u>LICENSES &amp; PERMITS</u></b>					
Trader License	\$209,100	\$200,000	\$200,000	(\$9,100)	-4.4%
Alcoholic License	203,600	215,000	215,000	11,400	5.6%
Building Permits	400,000	470,000	470,000	70,000	17.5%
Park Permits	98,100	149,900	149,900	51,800	52.8%
Trailer Permits	44,700	44,000	44,000	(700)	-1.6%
Civil Marriage Licenses	36,100	33,200	33,200	(2,900)	-8.0%
Other	103,200	111,200	111,200	8,000	7.8%
<b>Total Licenses &amp; Permits</b>	<b>\$1,094,800</b>	<b>\$1,223,300</b>	<b>\$1,223,300</b>	<b>\$128,500</b>	<b>11.7%</b>

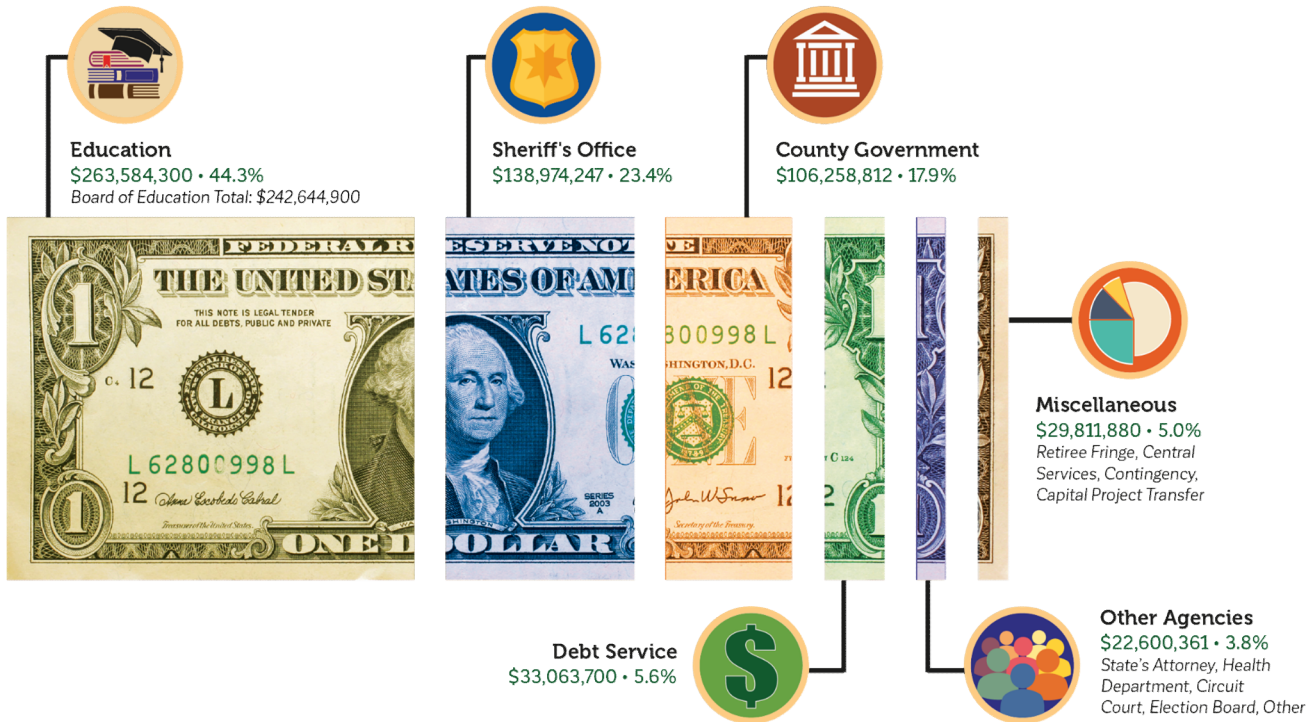


# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>REVENUE DETAIL BY ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</b>					
<b><u>INTERGOVERNMENTAL:</u></b>					
<b>State</b>					
Aid for Police Protection	\$2,345,300	\$2,214,800	\$2,214,800	(\$130,500)	-5.6%
State Aid For Inmate Operating	150,000	113,000	113,000	(37,000)	-24.7%
Jury Fee Reimbursement	259,200	265,200	265,200	6,000	2.3%
Other	89,400	100,100	100,100	10,700	12.0%
<b>Total Intergovernmental</b>	<b>\$2,843,900</b>	<b>\$2,693,100</b>	<b>\$2,693,100</b>	<b>(\$150,800)</b>	<b>-5.3%</b>
<b><u>SERVICE CHARGES:</u></b>					
Em. Medical Svcs. Billing Fee	\$3,250,000	\$4,350,000	\$4,350,000	\$1,100,000	33.8%
Indirect Cost Allocation	3,290,200	3,559,800	3,559,800	269,600	8.2%
Local 911 Aid	3,800,000	4,000,000	4,000,000	200,000	5.3%
Park & Recreation Fees	1,046,600	1,077,400	1,077,400	30,800	2.9%
Reclaimed Water Sales	1,343,800	1,343,800	1,343,800	0	0.0%
Sheriff Fees	520,000	520,000	520,000	0	0.0%
Custodial Fee	422,700	437,100	437,100	14,400	3.4%
False Alarm Registrations	280,000	267,800	267,800	(12,200)	-4.4%
Sheriff Pay Phone Commissions	45,000	0	0	(45,000)	-100.0%
Other	1,081,200	1,175,300	1,175,300	94,100	8.7%
<b>Total Service Charges</b>	<b>\$15,079,500</b>	<b>\$16,731,200</b>	<b>\$16,731,200</b>	<b>\$1,651,700</b>	<b>11.0%</b>
<b><u>FINES &amp; FORFEITURES</u></b>					
Red Light Camera Fines	\$2,250,000	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$150,000	6.7%
Speed Camera Fines	1,450,000	1,500,000	1,500,000	50,000	3.4%
School Bus Fines	1,845,500	1,000,000	1,000,000	(845,500)	-45.8%
False Alarm Fines	300,000	310,000	310,000	10,000	3.3%
Other	73,300	83,300	83,300	10,000	13.6%
<b>Total Fines &amp; Forfeitures</b>	<b>\$5,918,800</b>	<b>\$5,293,300</b>	<b>\$5,293,300</b>	<b>(\$625,500)</b>	<b>-10.6%</b>
<b><u>OTHER INCOME</u></b>					
Rent	\$1,505,800	\$1,430,700	\$1,430,700	(\$75,100)	-5.0%
Interest	20,000,000	19,000,000	19,000,000	(1,000,000)	-5.0%
Sale of Fixed Assets	250,000	250,000	250,000	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	374,000	394,000	434,000	60,000	16.0%
<b>Total Miscellaneous</b>	<b>\$22,129,800</b>	<b>\$21,074,700</b>	<b>\$21,114,700</b>	<b>(\$1,015,100)</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</b>	<b>\$535,632,600</b>	<b>\$568,884,700</b>	<b>\$573,224,700</b>	<b>\$37,592,100</b>	<b>7.0%</b>
<b><u>Financing Sources</u></b>					
Transfer from Capital Project Fund	\$600,000	\$0	\$0	(\$600,000)	-100.0%
Transfer from Special Revenue Fund	100,000	0	0	(100,000)	-100.0%
<b>Subtotal: Financing Sources</b>	<b>\$700,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$700,000)</b>	<b>-100.0%</b>
<b><u>Fund Balance</u></b>					
Morgantown Reserve	\$3,765,900	\$3,071,400	\$3,071,400	(694,500)	-18.4%
Capital Project Reserves	9,461,000	6,510,000	6,510,000	(2,951,000)	-31.2%
Income Tax Volatility Reserve	5,835,600	5,000,000	5,000,000	(835,600)	-14.3%
Reserve for Priorities	5,943,500	6,487,200	6,487,200	543,700	9.1%
<b>Subtotal: Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$25,006,000</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>(\$3,937,400)</b>	<b>-15.7%</b>
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$25,706,000</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>\$21,068,600</b>	<b>(\$4,637,400)</b>	<b>-18.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES &amp; OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>	<b>\$589,953,300</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>	<b>\$32,954,700</b>	<b>5.9%</b>

# GENERAL FUND

Total Proposed Budget: \$594,293,300



## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

<b>EDUCATION</b>	<b>44.3%</b>	<b>\$263,584,300</b>	<b>SHERIFF'S OFFICE</b>	<b>23.4%</b>	<b>\$138,974,247</b>
Board of Education	\$242,644,900				
College of Southern Maryland	12,071,500		<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>\$33,063,700</b>
Library	6,010,800				
Pension Cost Shift	2,786,500				
Other Education	70,600		<b>OTHER AGENCIES</b>	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>\$22,600,361</b>
			State's Attorney	\$8,315,118	
<b>COUNTY GOVERNMENT</b>	<b>17.9%</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	Health Department	4,018,300	
Emergency Services	\$32,216,474		Circuit Court	2,840,604	
Public Works - Facilities	19,191,140		Election Board	3,389,000	
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,976,862		Other Agencies	4,037,339	
Fiscal & Administrative Services	13,188,881				
Planning & Growth Management	12,762,352		<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>\$29,811,880</b>
Community Services	3,757,963		Retiree Fringe/OPEB Contribution	\$14,832,400	
Economic Development Dept.	2,512,887		Central Services	5,010,580	
Administrative Services	2,813,722		Capital Project Transfer	9,468,900	
County Attorney	1,795,118		Contingency	500,000	
Human Resources	2,255,167				
County Commissioners	788,246				

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION</b>					
<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>					
Board of Education	\$231,403,500	\$256,743,880	\$242,644,900	\$11,241,400	4.9%
Teacher Pension Cost Shift	0	0	2,658,500	2,658,500	New
College of Southern Maryland	11,319,800	12,308,300	12,071,500	751,700	6.6%
CSM Pension Cost Shift		0	128,000	128,000	New
Library	5,720,200	6,690,900	6,010,800	290,600	5.1%
Other	325,200	530,000	70,600	(254,600)	-78.3%
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>\$248,768,700</b>	<b>\$276,273,080</b>	<b>\$263,584,300</b>	<b>\$14,815,600</b>	<b>6.0%</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u></b>					
Sheriff	\$102,905,700	\$119,333,180	\$109,713,653	\$6,807,953	6.6%
Corrections	23,246,900	25,793,595	25,726,302	2,479,402	10.7%
Automated Enforcement Unit (AEU)	4,017,100	3,107,343	3,107,343	(909,757)	-22.6%
Fingerprinting Service	415,800	427,199	426,949	11,149	2.7%
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>\$130,585,500</b>	<b>\$148,661,317</b>	<b>\$138,974,247</b>	<b>\$8,388,747</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
Emergency Services Administration	\$1,418,500	\$1,305,900	\$1,231,063	(\$187,437)	-13.2%
False Alarm Reduction Unit	252,700	287,214	286,831	34,131	13.5%
Animal Control	2,571,800	2,948,539	2,635,315	63,515	2.5%
Fire/EMS Communications	5,448,000	6,052,021	5,977,213	529,213	9.7%
Career Emergency Medical Services	20,502,600	26,405,319	21,993,935	1,491,335	7.3%
Emergency Management	51,100	92,117	92,117	41,017	80.3%
<b>Subtotal: Emergency Services</b>	<b>\$30,244,700</b>	<b>\$37,091,110</b>	<b>\$32,216,474</b>	<b>\$1,971,774</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>Total Public Safety</b>	<b>\$160,830,200</b>	<b>\$185,752,427</b>	<b>\$171,190,721</b>	<b>\$10,360,521</b>	<b>6.4%</b>
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>					
Principal	\$23,785,900	\$23,209,600	\$23,333,600	(\$452,300)	-1.9%
Interest	8,550,500	9,472,100	9,472,100	921,600	10.8%
Miscellaneous	308,000	231,400	258,000	(50,000)	-16.2%
<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>\$32,644,400</b>	<b>\$32,913,100</b>	<b>\$33,063,700</b>	<b>\$419,300</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION</b>					
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>					
Central Services	\$4,114,100	\$5,175,197	\$5,010,580	\$896,480	21.8%
OPEB Contribution	6,700,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	2,300,000	34.3%
Election Board	3,319,200	3,389,000	3,389,000	69,800	2.1%
Liquor Board	355,500	393,054	393,054	37,554	10.6%
Orphan's Court	70,500	67,718	67,718	(2,782)	-3.9%
Other Criminal Justice	439,300	499,300	499,300	60,000	13.7%
Circuit Court	2,677,500	3,168,036	2,840,604	163,104	6.1%
State's Attorney	7,899,900	8,927,192	8,315,118	415,218	5.3%
Fringe Benefits	5,400,000	5,832,400	5,832,400	432,400	8.0%
Volunteer Fire & Rescue Subsidy	31,000	32,000	32,000	1,000	3.2%
<b>Subtotal: Other General Govt.</b>	<b>\$31,007,000</b>	<b>\$36,483,897</b>	<b>\$35,379,774</b>	<b>\$4,372,774</b>	<b>14.1%</b>
County Commissioners	\$909,300	\$788,246	\$788,246	(\$121,054)	-13.3%
Administrative Services	2,826,800	3,026,082	2,813,722	(13,078)	-0.5%
County Attorney	1,598,300	1,801,639	1,795,118	196,818	12.3%
Human Resources	2,032,000	3,042,234	2,255,167	223,167	11.0%
<b>Subtotal: County Administered General Government</b>	<b>\$7,366,400</b>	<b>\$8,658,201</b>	<b>\$7,652,253</b>	<b>\$285,853</b>	<b>3.9%</b>
<b>Total General Government</b>	<b>\$38,373,400</b>	<b>\$45,142,098</b>	<b>\$43,032,027</b>	<b>\$4,658,627</b>	<b>12.1%</b>
<b><u>FISCAL &amp; ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</u></b>					
Administration	\$433,900	\$528,204	\$527,187	\$93,287	21.5%
Budget	662,900	676,859	676,817	13,917	2.1%
Information Technology	7,274,000	8,265,391	7,835,445	561,445	7.7%
Purchasing	484,300	590,630	591,180	106,880	22.1%
Treasury	1,681,100	1,751,327	1,748,816	67,716	4.0%
Accounting	1,592,700	1,820,378	1,809,436	216,736	13.6%
<b>Total Fiscal &amp; Admin. Services</b>	<b>\$12,128,900</b>	<b>\$13,632,789</b>	<b>\$13,188,881</b>	<b>\$1,059,981</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
<b><u>PUBLIC WORKS - FACILITIES</u></b>					
Administration	\$731,000	\$761,870	\$760,636	\$29,636	4.1%
Building & Trades	9,258,800	9,219,845	9,122,318	(136,482)	-1.5%
Fleet & Inventory Management	1,403,800	1,525,801	1,523,709	119,909	8.5%
Roads	7,418,300	7,790,117	7,784,477	366,177	4.9%
<b>Total Public Works</b>	<b>\$18,811,900</b>	<b>\$19,297,633</b>	<b>\$19,191,140</b>	<b>\$379,240</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<b><u>COMMUNITY SERVICES</u></b>					
Administration	\$653,700	\$766,060	\$728,455	\$74,755	11.4%
Aging & Human Services	2,394,500	2,582,853	2,493,722	99,222	4.1%
Housing Authority	515,500	536,331	535,786	20,286	3.9%
<b>Total Community Services</b>	<b>\$3,563,700</b>	<b>\$3,885,244</b>	<b>\$3,757,963</b>	<b>\$194,263</b>	<b>5.5%</b>

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION</b>					
<b><u>RECREATION, PARKS, AND TOURISM</u></b>					
Administration	\$2,331,900	\$2,924,043	\$2,390,349	\$58,449	2.5%
Recreation	4,193,400	4,987,962	4,431,979	238,579	5.7%
Parks & Grounds	6,405,000	6,840,159	6,802,727	397,727	6.2%
Tourism	1,266,300	1,563,050	1,351,807	85,507	6.8%
<b>Total Recreation, Parks, &amp; Tourism</b>	<b>\$14,196,600</b>	<b>\$16,315,214</b>	<b>\$14,976,862</b>	<b>\$780,262</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
<b><u>PLANNING &amp; GROWTH MANAGEMENT</u></b>					
Administration	\$1,059,600	\$1,059,146	\$1,057,949	(\$1,651)	-0.2%
Transit	6,308,300	7,214,400	7,203,300	895,000	14.2%
Planning	2,932,500	3,534,399	3,123,627	191,127	6.5%
Codes, Permits & Inspections Svcs	785,000	992,494	977,225	192,225	24.5%
Infrastructure Management	390,400	400,251	400,251	9,851	2.5%
<b>Total Planning &amp; Growth Mgmt.</b>	<b>\$11,475,800</b>	<b>\$13,200,690</b>	<b>\$12,762,352</b>	<b>\$1,286,552</b>	<b>11.2%</b>
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u></b>					
Economic Development Department	\$2,285,800	\$2,588,461	\$2,512,887	\$227,087	9.9%
Other Economic Development Svcs	38,000	88,000	38,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Economic Development</b>	<b>\$2,323,800</b>	<b>\$2,676,461</b>	<b>\$2,550,887</b>	<b>\$1,619,970</b>	<b>9.8%</b>
<b><u>HEALTH SERVICES</u></b>					
Health Department	\$3,926,000	\$4,018,300	\$4,018,300	\$92,300	2.4%
Water & Sewer Services	250,400	262,900	262,900	12,500	5.0%
Mosquito Control	185,000	200,000	200,000	15,000	8.1%
Dept. of Health & Mental Hygiene	120,400	120,400	120,400	0	0.0%
<b>Total Health</b>	<b>\$4,481,800</b>	<b>\$4,601,600</b>	<b>\$4,601,600</b>	<b>\$119,800</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b><u>SOCIAL SERVICES</u></b>					
Department of Social Services	\$324,500	\$324,500	\$324,500	\$0	0.0%
Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc.	1,224,500	1,647,300	1,026,600	(197,900)	-16.2%
Other Agency Funding	155,000	155,000	155,000	0	0.0%
<b>Total Social Services</b>	<b>\$1,704,000</b>	<b>\$2,126,800</b>	<b>\$1,506,100</b>	<b>(\$197,900)</b>	<b>-11.6%</b>

# GENERAL FUND OPERATING BUDGET

	FY2025 Adopted	FY2026 Requested	FY2026 Proposed	\$ Change from FY2025	% Change
<b>EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION</b>					
<b><u>CONSERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u></b>					
University of MD Extension	\$310,300	\$360,300	\$327,900	\$17,600	5.7%
Soil Conservation	480,100	549,919	549,919	69,819	14.5%
Weed Control	20,100	20,100	20,100	0	0.0%
So. MD Resource Conservation	13,100	22,448	14,948	1,848	14.1%
Gypsy Moth	5,000	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Waterman's Assoc. of Charles Cty.	0	0	0	0	N/A
Forest Conservancy District Board	0	5,000	0	0	N/A
<b>Total Conservation of Natural Resources</b>	<b>\$828,600</b>	<b>\$962,767</b>	<b>\$917,867</b>	<b>\$89,267</b>	<b>10.8%</b>
<b><u>CONTINGENCY</u></b>					
Contingency	\$64,800	\$650,000	\$500,000	\$435,200	671.6%
<b>Total Contingency</b>	<b>\$64,800</b>	<b>\$650,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$435,200</b>	<b>671.6%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$550,196,600</b>	<b>\$617,429,903</b>	<b>\$584,824,400</b>	<b>\$36,020,683</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b><u>FINANCING USES:</u></b>					
Capital Project Pay-as-you-go	\$11,142,000	\$9,468,900	\$9,468,900	(\$1,673,100)	-15.0%
<b>TOTAL FINANCING USES</b>	<b>\$11,142,000</b>	<b>\$9,468,900</b>	<b>\$9,468,900</b>	<b>(\$1,673,100)</b>	<b>-15.0%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES &amp; OTHER FINANCING USES:</b>	<b>\$561,338,600</b>	<b>\$626,898,803</b>	<b>\$594,293,300</b>	<b>\$34,347,583</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$36,945,503)</b>	<b>\$0</b>		

# COUNTY AGENCIES



# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

	<u>FY2025 Adopted</u>	<u>FY2026 Agency Request</u>	<u>FY2026 County Admin. Proposed</u>	<u>-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change from FY2025</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
<b>COUNTY AGENCIES</b>					
<b>Board of Education</b>	<b>\$231,403,500</b>	<b>\$256,743,880</b>	<b>\$242,644,900</b>	<b>\$11,241,400</b>	<b>4.9%</b>
Sheriff's Office	130,585,500	148,661,317	138,974,247	8,388,747	6.4%
College of Southern MD	11,319,800	12,308,300	12,071,500	751,700	6.6%
State Pension Cost Shift	0	0	2,786,500	2,786,500	New
Library	5,720,200	6,690,900	6,010,800	290,600	5.1%
State's Attorney	7,899,900	8,927,192	8,315,118	415,218	5.3%
Health Department	3,926,000	4,018,300	4,018,300	92,300	2.4%
Circuit Court	2,677,500	3,168,036	2,840,604	163,104	6.1%
Election Board	3,319,200	3,389,000	3,389,000	69,800	2.1%
Department of Social Services	324,500	324,500	324,500	0	0.0%
Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc.	1,224,500	1,647,300	1,026,600	(197,900)	-16.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$398,400,600</b>	<b>\$445,878,725</b>	<b>\$422,402,069</b>	<b>\$24,001,469</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

## Board of Education

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- A total budget of \$11,241,100 to Charles County Public Schools which exceeds the Maintenance of Effort requirement by \$8,847,600.
- Supports the new elementary school, provides additional costs towards the charter school, covers increase health care costs, an increase in bus contracts, and provides extended learning opportunity funding to support students.
- Provides funding for salary increases for their employees for their collective bargaining negotiations.
- Includes funding of \$238,900 to support the State cost shift of nonpublic placement that will directly impact CCPS.
- Funding to support the Teacher retirement cost shift of \$2,658,500 that will be directly be paid by Charles County Government.  
-Including the teacher retirement cost, the budget increase is 6.0%.
- State funding is increasing by approximately \$7.0 million.
- The County's Debt Service payment associated with the Capital Improvement Program for Board of Education projects is in the Debt Service budget and equals approximately \$9.4 million.

### Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The Board of Education is requesting an additional \$14,098,980 from the County.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

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## Sheriff's Office

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Provides for salary increases.
- New funding for holiday pay (Christmas and Thanksgiving) as well as funding for Emergency Services Team Tech pay and Emergency Response Team Tech pay.
- Includes funding a new Digital Evidence Custodian full time position, CCSO's #1 priority.
- Allows for the conversion of eight part time/full time reduced hour positions to become full time.
  - Converting funding from part time to full time to support the following new positions:
    - (1) Court Security Officer, (1) Graphics Technician, (1) Budget Analyst, (1) Training Assistant, (1) Fingerprint Technician, (1) Record Receptionist, and (1) Accounting Analyst
  - Converting from full time reduced hour to full time: (1) Background Administrative position
- Funds the scheduled Actuarially Determined Contribution (ADC) for the Sheriff's Office Retirement Pension Plan increase.
- Provides funding for end of life and other capital outlay needs.
- FY2025 full year impact of sixteen new positions which included ten sworn officers and four positions for the body worn camera program.
- The Property Insurance increase and the Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) increase for the Sheriff's Office is included in the Central Services Budget.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$2,920,300 for capital outlay needs such as vehicles and/or equipment exceeding \$5,000.
  - The FY2025 budget included \$1,244,000 in one-time funding from reserves.
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 5.0%

### Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The Sheriff's Office is requesting an additional \$9,687,100 from the County for additional sworn officers, civilian positions and increases in hours/ranks/special pay.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

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## College of Southern MD

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- The proposed budget includes funding of \$700,500 to support the maintenance of effort requirement.
- Includes additional funding of \$51,200 to support the Mediation Center. The additional funding allows for the converting of a part time position to full time as well as a new part time position.
- Funding to support the CSM retirement cost shift of \$127,900 that will be directly be paid by Charles County Government.
  - Including the CSM retirement cost, the budget increase is 7.7%.
- The County's Debt Service payment associated with the Capital Improvement Program for College of Southern Maryland projects is in the Debt Service budget and equals approximately \$1.8 million.

Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The College of Southern Maryland is requesting an additional \$108,800 from the County.
  - Support for the Non-Profit Institute \$10,000.
  - Additional support of the Mediation Center \$98,800.

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
COUNTY AGENCIES**

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<b>State Pension Cost Shift</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,786,500</b>	<b>2,786,500</b>	<b>New</b>
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## State Pension Cost Shift

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Funding to support the Teacher retirement cost shift of \$2,658,500 that will be directly be paid by Charles County Government.
- Funding to support the CSM retirement cost shift of \$127,900 that will be directly be paid by Charles County Government.

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
COUNTY AGENCIES**

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## Library

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Increase in funding for health care costs.
- Increase in funding of \$262,500 to support their operations including salary increases for staff.
- State funding is increasing by approximately \$30,000.
- The County's Debt Service payment includes the capital asset financing cost for a replacement vehicle for the Library.

### Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The Library is requesting an additional \$680,100 from the County.
  - 8 full time and 3 part time positions for the new La Plata Library \$508,500
  - Dolly Parton's Imagination Library \$84,000
  - Compensation Study \$30,000
  - Net use of other Library Revenue/Expense adjustments \$57,600

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

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## State's Attorney

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Full year impact of new six positions from FY2025.
- Includes additional operating costs to meet the growing demands on the State's Attorney's Office.
- Continues funding to support the body worn camera program.

Requests Greater than Proposed:

- \$130,000 Specialty Court Attorney
- \$320,000 for three Attorney positions to support the addition of a 6th judge (if approved by the MD General Assembly & Governor)
- \$162,100 for two support staff positions to support the addition of a 6th judge (if approved by the MD General Assembly & Governor)

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
COUNTY AGENCIES**

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## Health Department

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- The overall budget fully funds the County's CORE funding requirement of \$4,510,202.
  - Funding for the Community Health Outreach Team (CHOW) by ARPA funds. \$186,600
  - \$462,300 will be funded by opioid settlement funds to support Peer Specialist positions and the CHOW once the remaining ARPA funds are exhausted.
  - The remaining \$3,861,300 will come from the general fund; \$97,600 increase over FY2025 adopted.
- The general fund budget also continues funding to support a stipend for one employee.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

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## Circuit Court

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Funding to support the full year impact of the FY2025 approved position.
- Includes funding for replacement furniture and new workstations for staff.
- Increase in contract services for the annual support of the kiosk machines.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$42,000
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 4.7%

Requests Greater than Proposed:

- \$88,000 Court Social Worker
- \$74,700 Court Statistics Analyst
- \$66,700 Circuit Court Case Manager
- \$74,000 Judicial Admin Assistant (if 6th judge approved is approved by MD General Assembly)
- \$10,000 Copier (for 6th judge)
- \$12,000 for furniture for new court administration office related to 6th judge
- \$2,000 Additional reference material (if 6th judge approved)



**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
COUNTY AGENCIES**

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## Election Board

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Board of Election employees are State employees funded by the County.
- Funding to support the Election Board for the upcoming election year.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY AGENCIES

	<u>FY2025 Adopted</u>	<u>FY2026 Agency Request</u>	<u>FY2026 County Admin. Proposed</u>	<u>-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change from FY2025</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
<b>COUNTY AGENCIES</b>					
Board of Education	\$231,403,500	\$256,743,880	\$242,644,900	\$11,241,400	4.9%
Sheriff's Office	130,585,500	148,661,317	138,974,247	8,388,747	6.4%
College of Southern MD	11,319,800	12,308,300	12,071,500	751,700	6.6%
State Pension Cost Shift	0	0	2,786,500	2,786,500	New
Library	5,720,200	6,690,900	6,010,800	290,600	5.1%
State's Attorney	7,899,900	8,927,192	8,315,118	415,218	5.3%
Health Department	3,926,000	4,018,300	4,018,300	92,300	2.4%
Circuit Court	2,677,500	3,168,036	2,840,604	163,104	6.1%
Election Board	3,319,200	3,389,000	3,389,000	69,800	2.1%
<b>Department of Social Services</b>	<b>324,500</b>	<b>324,500</b>	<b>324,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc.	1,224,500	1,647,300	1,026,600	(197,900)	-16.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$398,400,600</b>	<b>\$445,878,725</b>	<b>\$422,402,069</b>	<b>\$24,001,469</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

## Department of Social Services

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Fully funds their requested budget.

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<b>Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc.</b>	<b>1,224,500</b>	<b>1,647,300</b>	<b>1,026,600</b>	<b>(197,900)</b>	<b>-16.2%</b>
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## Charles County Charitable Trust, Inc.

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- \$217,300 towards their operating budget.
- \$809,300 towards their Non-Profit Grant Awards.
- \$200,000 was one-time FY2025 funding to provide additional grants
- The proposed budget includes \$400,000 from a special revenue fund to support grant awards to non-profits from the Charitable Trust. These grants will support low-impact and disproportionately impacted communities in the Waldorf region of Charles County. [This brings the total funding being provided for Non-Profit Grant Awards to \\$1,220,300; a \\$200,000 over FY2025 adopted.](#)

### Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The Charitable Trust is requesting \$1,500,000 in funding to provide grants which is \$279,700 greater than proposed.

# **COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR – BY DEPARTMENT**

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

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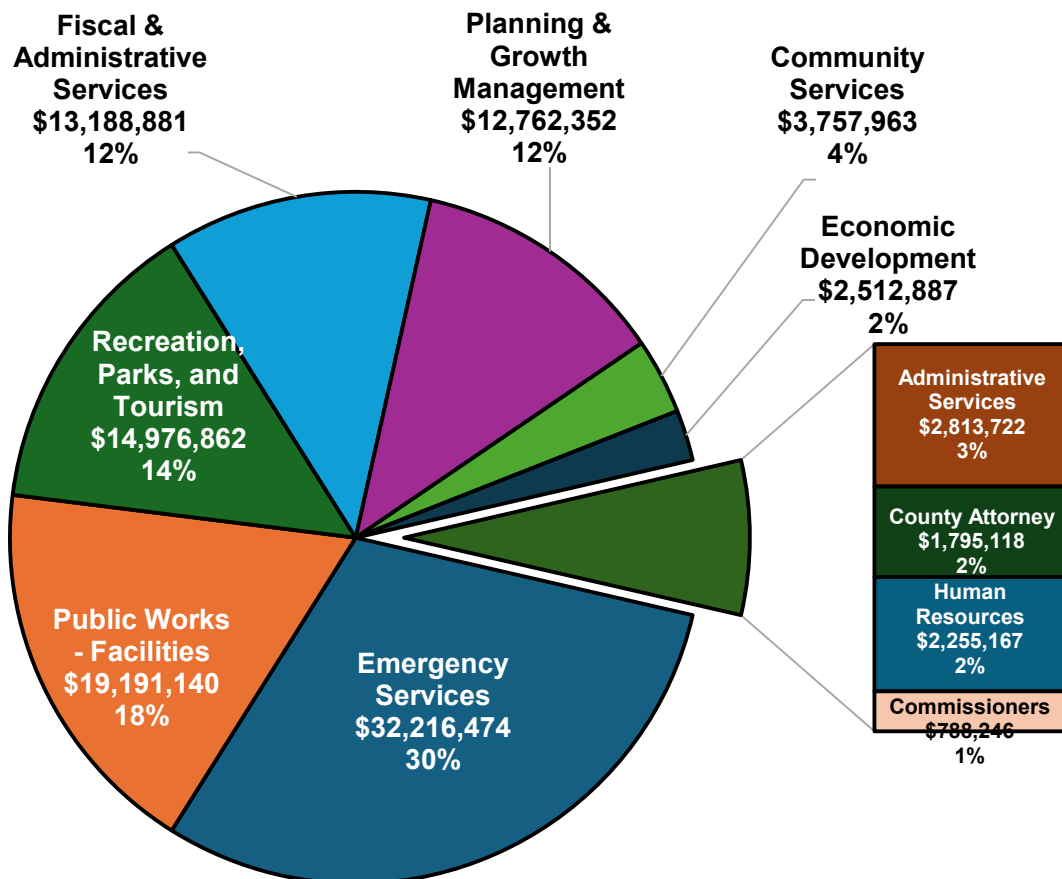
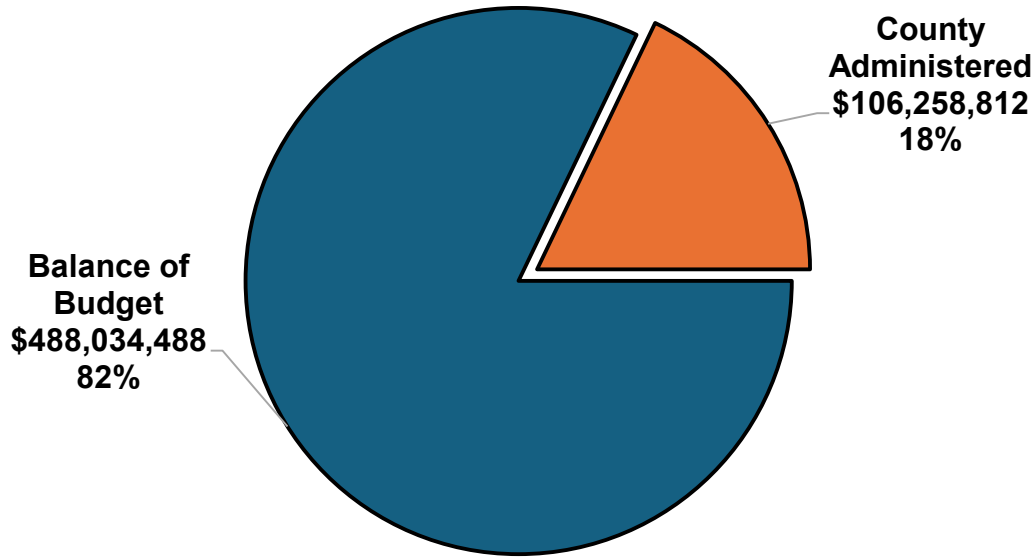
### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	<b>FY2025</b>	<b>FY2026</b>	<b>-FY2026 Proposed-</b>	
	<b><u>Adopted</u></b>	<b><u>County Admin.</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Change</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTERED- BY DEPARTMENT</b>				
Emergency Services	\$30,244,700	\$32,216,474	\$1,971,774	6.5%
Public Works - Facilities	18,811,900	19,191,140	379,240	2.0%
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,196,600	14,976,862	780,262	5.5%
Fiscal & Administrative Services	12,128,900	13,188,881	1,059,981	8.7%
Planning & Growth Management	11,475,800	12,762,352	1,286,552	11.2%
Community Services	3,563,700	3,757,963	194,263	5.5%
Economic Development	2,285,800	2,512,887	227,087	9.9%
Administrative Services	2,826,800	2,813,722	(13,078)	-0.5%
County Commissioners	909,300	788,246	(121,054)	-13.3%
County Attorney	1,598,300	1,795,118	196,818	12.3%
Human Resources	2,032,000	2,255,167	223,167	11.0%
<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTERED- BY ACCOUNT CLASSIFICATION</b>				
Personal Services	\$53,617,600	57,414,748	\$3,797,148	7.1%
Fringe Benefits	16,586,200	17,220,489	634,289	3.8%
Operating Costs	22,575,300	23,622,875	1,047,575	4.6%
Local Match for Grants	6,757,800	7,695,700	937,900	13.9%
Capital Outlay	536,900	305,000	(231,900)	-43.2%
<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

**NOTES:**

- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$1,356,700

## FY2026 PROPOSED BUDGET



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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	FY2025 <u>Adopted</u>	FY2026 County Admin. <u>Proposed</u>	-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change <u>from FY2025</u>	% <u>Chg.</u>
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## Emergency Services

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Includes funding for ten (10) new EMT positions to support the Waldorf area with a hire date of January.
- Funding for part time assistance in the False Alarm Reduction Unit to assist billing operations.
- Funding to support the full year impact of the twenty (20) new positions approved in the FY2025 budget.
- Funds are being provided to outfit the training center at Audie Lane which is critical to the developmental needs for future staffing.
- Includes additional funding for cost increases associated with maintenance contracts for the new radio system and an upgraded telephone service.
- Increase in billing contract based on activity.
- Continued funding for the Mobile Integrated Health program.
- Purchase of replacement equipment/vehicles that will be bank financed and included in the Debt Service budget which includes two ambulances.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$21,000
  - The FY2025 budget included \$294,800 in one-time funding from reserves.
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 7.5%

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	FY2025 <u>Adopted</u>	FY2026 County Admin. <u>Proposed</u>	-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change <u>from FY2025</u>	% <u>Chg.</u>
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTERED- BY DEPARTMENT</b>				
Emergency Services	\$30,244,700	\$32,216,474	\$1,971,774	6.5%
<b>Public Works - Facilities</b>	<b>18,811,900</b>	<b>19,191,140</b>	<b>379,240</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,196,600	14,976,862	780,262	5.5%
Fiscal & Administrative Services	12,128,900	13,188,881	1,059,981	8.7%
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County Attorney	1,598,300	1,795,118	196,818	12.3%
Human Resources	2,032,000	2,255,167	223,167	11.0%
<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

## Public Works - Facilities

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Funds the Building Service Technician that was approved mid-year in FY2025.
- Includes increases for contract services and general repairs for the Roads Division as these cost are rising due to aging subdivisions.
- Utilities and electric cost associated with the Waldorf Senior and Recreational Center were moved to the Recreation, Parks and Tourism Department.
- Purchase of replacement equipment/vehicles that will be bank financed and included in the Debt Service budget. Also allows for the purchase of two new vehicles for the Building & Trades Division.
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 3.0%
  - The FY2025 budget included \$152,400 in one-time funding from reserves.



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## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	FY2025 <u>Adopted</u>	FY2026 County Admin. <u>Proposed</u>	-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change <u>from FY2025</u>	% <u>Chg.</u>
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTERED- BY DEPARTMENT</b>				
Emergency Services	\$30,244,700	\$32,216,474	\$1,971,774	6.5%
Public Works - Facilities	18,811,900	19,191,140	379,240	2.0%
<b>Recreation, Parks, and Tourism</b>	<b>14,196,600</b>	<b>14,976,862</b>	<b>780,262</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Fiscal & Administrative Services	12,128,900	13,188,881	1,059,981	8.7%
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Economic Development	2,285,800	2,512,887	227,087	9.9%
Administrative Services	2,826,800	2,813,722	(13,078)	-0.5%
County Commissioners	909,300	788,246	(121,054)	-13.3%
County Attorney	1,598,300	1,795,118	196,818	12.3%
Human Resources	2,032,000	2,255,167	223,167	11.0%
<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

## Recreation, Parks, and Tourism

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Full year impact of the eight new positions that were approved in FY2025.
- Funding to support the increase in printing cost and the mailing of various postcards to county residents.
- Provides funding for security cameras at various parks.
- Increase in utilities and electricity based on anticipated cost. In addition, funds have been moved from the Department of Public Works - Facilities related to the Waldorf Senior and Recreational Facility.
- Funding for various capital outlay needs within the department as well as funding in aquatics contract services to reopen the McDonough pool and skimmer resealing for the Thomas Stone pool.
- Additional funding was provided in contract service due to increased cost for basic stage rental.
- Purchase of replacement equipment/vehicles that will be bank financed and included in the Debt Service budget.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$200,000
  - The FY2025 budget included \$420,400 in one-time funding from reserves.
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 7.3%

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	FY2025 <u>Adopted</u>	FY2026 County Admin. <u>Proposed</u>	-FY2026 Proposed- <u>\$ Change</u> <u>from FY2025</u>	% <u>Chg.</u>
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Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,196,600	14,976,862	780,262	5.5%
<b>Fiscal &amp; Administrative Services</b>	<b>12,128,900</b>	<b>13,188,881</b>	<b>1,059,981</b>	<b>8.7%</b>
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<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

## Fiscal & Administrative Services

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- A new Payroll Analyst position to support the new payroll system and overall personnel growth. This position will be supported by the enterprise funds.
- A Senior Procurement Specialist position which is needed to support both formal and informal procurement related to the Capital Improvement Program. This position will be supported by the Capital Improvement Program.
- To keep the outstanding track record and efficiency in paying county vendors, businesses and employees, an Accounting Technician is being included to help with the growing workload. This position is being supported by the Resiliency Fund.
- Two employees that were previously funded in the Cable TV/I-Net Fund.
- Includes the full year impact of the FY2025 approved positions (Deputy Director, Cyber Security Officer, and Accountant).
- Includes funding for various equipment and software needs for the Information Technology Division as well as other departments within county government. Items include new asset management software and additional cell phone reimbursements for RPT.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$383,000
  - The FY2025 budget included \$190,700 in one-time funding from reserves.
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 7.3%

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## Planning & Growth Management

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Two new positions, an Assistant Chief of Codes, Permits and Inspections and a Rental Licensing Program Administrator to assist with the newly approved Rental Registry Program. These positions will be supported by fund balance until the County can start collecting fees to support this program.
- Provides additional funds in contract services for property acquisition.
- Funding for a consultant for updating transportation ordinances and a new project management software.
- Continues the funding in support of an apprenticeship program with the Charles County Board of Education.
- The County's share of transit operating grants to support VanGO operations. The County's local support of our transit program is outpacing support from federal and state agencies.
- Continues to support the no fare VanGO program in FY2026.
- Total one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$390,000
  - The FY2025 budget included \$200,000 in one-time funding from reserves.
  - Excluding one-time funding the percent change = 9.7%

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### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

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	<b><u>Adopted</u></b>	<b><u>County Admin.</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Change</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
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## Community Services

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Funds for the Summer Youth Program were moved from the Commissioners budget.
- Full year impact of the FY2025 approved positions (Local Care Team Coordinator, Senior Nutrition Program Specialist and a Senior Center Program Specialist).
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 10.4%
  - Prior year had one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$160,300

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## Economic Development

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Includes full year impact for the FY2025 approved Western Technology Corridor - Senior Commercial Development Manager position.
- Includes additional funding for a strategic plan and for marketing service/consultant to support the new website design.
- Maintains the department's partnership with the Small Business Development Center.
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 1.8%
  - One-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$185,400

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## Administrative Services

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Increases in printing and public notices based on anticipated FY2026 cost.
- One time funding for a Click Fix Print Campaign and other advertising needs.
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 4.9%
  - Prior year had one-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$150,000

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### COUNTY ADMINISTERED DEPARTMENTS

	FY2025 <u>Adopted</u>	FY2026 County Admin. <u>Proposed</u>	-FY2026 Proposed- \$ Change <u>from FY2025</u>	% <u>Chg.</u>
<b>COUNTY ADMINISTERED- BY DEPARTMENT</b>				
Emergency Services	\$30,244,700	\$32,216,474	\$1,971,774	6.5%
Public Works - Facilities	18,811,900	19,191,140	379,240	2.0%
Recreation, Parks, and Tourism	14,196,600	14,976,862	780,262	5.5%
Fiscal & Administrative Services	12,128,900	13,188,881	1,059,981	8.7%
Planning & Growth Management	11,475,800	12,762,352	1,286,552	11.2%
Community Services	3,563,700	3,757,963	194,263	5.5%
Economic Development	2,285,800	2,512,887	227,087	9.9%
Administrative Services	2,826,800	2,813,722	(13,078)	-0.5%
<b>County Commissioners</b>	<b>909,300</b>	<b>788,246</b>	<b>(121,054)</b>	<b>-13.3%</b>
County Attorney	1,598,300	1,795,118	196,818	12.3%
Human Resources	2,032,000	2,255,167	223,167	11.0%
<b>Total - County Administered</b>	<b>\$100,073,800</b>	<b>\$106,258,812</b>	<b>\$6,185,012</b>	<b>6.2%</b>

## County Commissioners

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Community Support budget was moved from Central Services and funding for the Summer Youth Program was moved to Community Services.
- Maintains funding to Tri-County Council and increase in annual dues.
- Assumes no change to the County Commissioner Expense Policy and maintains annual funding provided in FY2025.

\$4,600 per Commissioner	Annual conferences, conventions, educational seminars, events, meetings, and related transportation, meals, and lodging.
\$2,200 per Commissioner	Mileage reimbursement for use of personal vehicles and/or County owned vehicles when Commissioners personally incur costs for fuel, tolls, parking, and other vehicle related expenses, during the execution of their duties as a County Commissioner.
\$4,000 per Commissioner	Individual Commissioner special projects, individual Commissioner town hall meetings, community outreach, or other activities that are unique to an individual Commissioner in the fulfillment of his or her duties. To qualify for payment through this account, the activities must take place in Charles County and cannot be in support of organizations that already receive funding from the County through the grants award process.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

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## County Attorney

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- A new Associate County Attorney position to assist with new Rental Registry Program that was approved in FY2025. This position will be supported by fund balance until the County can start collecting fees to support this program.
- Includes an increase in Employee Education for the cost of attendance at conferences and additional training for new attorneys.
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 6.6%
  - One-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$92,000



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## Human Resources

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- One time funding to support a new H.R. Apprenticeship program.
- Increase in the tuition reimbursement budget supports all County employees.
- Increases in countywide employee education/training.
- Continues to fund the County's intern program and provides funding for miscellaneous cost associated with this program.
- Increase in job ads to address the rising cost associated with job ads, job fairs and promotional items.
- Excluding one-time funding, the percent change = 7.3%
  - One-time funding from Fund Balance Reserves = \$75,000

# OTHER BUDGETS

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET OTHER BUDGETS

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Central Services	4,114,100	5,175,197	5,010,580	896,480	21.8%
Contingency	64,800	650,000	500,000	435,200	671.6%
OPEB Contribution	6,700,000	9,000,000	9,000,000	2,300,000	34.3%
Financing Uses	11,142,000	9,468,900	9,468,900	(1,673,100)	-15.0%
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## Debt Service

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Annual cost to pay the principal and interest on existing debt and the issuance cost for new bond issues.  
-Includes approximately \$9.4 million for education related debt.
- Annual costs for vehicles/equipment that are bank financed and which are paid over a five year period.
- Vehicles/equipment for General Fund operations to be bank financed in FY2026 total \$4,419,000.
- Includes costs related to the energy saving projects that were bank financed.

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
OTHER BUDGETS**

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## Fringe Benefits

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Health Insurance for eligible retirees including County Government, Sheriff's Office, State's Attorney's Office, Circuit Court, and Soil Conservation.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### OTHER BUDGETS

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## Central Services

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Includes the State Department of Assessment and Taxation (SDAT) cost shift; \$612,800 increase.
- Provides for adequate insurance coverage to safeguard assets such as buildings, vehicles, and equipment.
  - Funds the property & liability insurance for County owned assets including assets operated by the Sheriff's Office and the Library Board.
- Funding to support several dual filled pins throughout County Government for upcoming retirements to allow for succession planning.
- Includes funds for the Council of Government's (COG) Regional FARM fund to help promote the sale of regional produce.
- Funding for community support was moved to the Commissioner's budget.
- Last year's budget included \$450,000 in one-time funding from fund balance reserves to support studies. Excluding the use of fund balance, the percent change = 22.2%

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
OTHER BUDGETS**

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## Contingency

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- A reserve is included in the proposed budget.

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
OTHER BUDGETS**

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## OPEB Contribution

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Adheres to the strategic plan for the County's Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) Contribution for FY2026.
  - Funds transferred to a trust fund for future retiree health care costs.
- Previous department & agency funding for their employee's post-employment health program (PEHP) participation moved here and will be transferred to trust fund. Funding for PEHP is no longer needed on July 1, 2025 since all full time employees are no eligible for health & dental insurance after retirement.

**FY2026 GENERAL FUND  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET  
OTHER BUDGETS**

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## Financing Uses

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- PayGo funding of \$9,468,900 for Capital Projects as presented with the proposed FY26-FY30 CIP.
- For more detail see page 67.



# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### OTHER BUDGETS

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	<b><u>Adopted</u></b>	<b><u>Agency</u></b>	<b><u>County Admin.</u></b>	<b><u>\$ Change</u></b>	<b><u>%</u></b>
<b>OTHER BUDGETS</b>		<b><u>Request</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed</u></b>	<b><u>from FY2025</u></b>	<b><u>Chg.</u></b>
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## Conservation of Nat. Resources

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Funds the University of Maryland Extension (UME), Soil Conservation, the Weed Control Program, the Gypsy Moth Suppression Program, and the Resource Conservation & Development budgets.
- Includes additional funding for the Soil Conservation for sound dampening acoustic panels and included in the Central Services budget are funds to cover a dual fill pin for the District Manager.
- The Weed Control Program, Soil Conservation and the Resource Conservation & Development budgets were slightly adjusted to cover salary/fringe changes.

Requests Greater than Proposed:

- Resource Conservation & Development is requesting an additional \$7,500 in support from the County.
- Forestry Board requesting \$5,000 in County support.
- University of Maryland Extension requested an additional \$32,400 in support.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### OTHER BUDGETS

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## Other

### What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Other budgets consist of:
  - \$13,600 for education type scholarships, flat funding.
  - \$32,000 for the water & sewer costs for the Fire, Rescue, and EMS facilities who are on the County's Water & Sewer system, and for the La Plata Volunteer Fire Department, Charles County Rescue Squad, and Potomac Heights Volunteer Fire and Rescue Squad. \$1,000 increase
  - \$38,000 for Tourism non-profits, flat funding.
  - Continued funding towards the Non-profit Fund, \$150,000, flat funding.
  - \$200,000, an increase of \$15,000 for the Mosquito Control Program which is partially funded by revenues of \$115,000.
  - \$120,400 for the Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, flat funding.
  - \$262,900 for the subsidy to the water & sewer fund for services rendered at Charles County's Parks, Community Centers, Libraries, and Sheriff Operated Facilities, a \$12,500 increase.
  - Funds year three of the 2nd cohort, \$57,000. The 1st cohort ended.
  - Maintains the required funding for Tri-County Community Action Committee (per County code). \$4,000
- Reduction is due to one-time cost in FY2025 to provide funding for a Commissioner Cares Scholarship Program for the College of Southern Maryland (\$200,000).

### Requests Greater than Proposed:

- The College of Southern Maryland Foundation is requesting \$400,000 for the continuation of the Commissioner Cares Scholarship.
- University of Maryland Incentive Awards Program: Scholarship support funds three students, covering any unmet need for all four years of their undergraduate education at Maryland, and programmatic support funds the cost of wraparound services for three students for four years. **Total four year support: \$237,600**
- Military Alliance requesting support in the amount of \$50,000.

# FY2026 GENERAL FUND

## COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR PROPOSED BUDGET

### OTHER BUDGETS

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## Liquor Board

What's in the FY2026 Proposed Budget?

- Impact of salary increases for a sworn officer per County code, as well as staff under the County Attorney's Office.

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- An increase in postage which is being offset by a reduction for one-time equipment cost in FY2025.

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## Other Criminal Justice

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- Continued funding to support the Pretrial Services Program, \$355,400.
- Contractual legal attorney fees to support the Administrative Charging Committee - \$35,200.
- Provides funding to support the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, \$60,000.
- The remaining budget of \$48,700 is to support an increased stipend for the Police Accountability Board and Administrative Charging Committee members and to support contract services for the trial boards.

# FY2026 General Fund

## Proposed General Fund Support of CIP

<b><u>Projects:</u></b>	<b><u>FY2026</u></b>
<b><u>BOARD OF EDUCATION</u></b>	<b><u>PayGo</u></b>
BOE: Various Maintenance Projects	\$590,000
Full Day K Addition: Wade E.S.	400,000
Thornton Elementary School	250,000
Full Day K Addition: J.C. Parks	150,000
 <b><u>TRANSPORTATION</u></b>	
Road Overlay Program	1,000,000
Collaborative Community Partnerships	250,000
Sidewalk Improvement Program	206,000
Safety Upgrades Middletown Road @ Billingsley	144,200
Miscellaneous RRFB Locations	45,700
 <b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>	
Sports and Wellness Center	1,607,000
Agricultural Preservation	603,000
Existing Government Building Retrofit Study	361,000
Various Maintenance Projects	328,000
Zekiah Rural Legacy Program	212,000
Nanjemoy Rural Legacy Program	212,000
Blue Crabs Stadium Maintenance	108,000
 <b><u>PARKS</u></b>	
Waldorf Park Development Ph I	1,164,000
Park Repair & Maintenance Projects	388,000
Parks Restrooms Replacements	356,000
Westlake Community Sidewalk	322,000
White Plains Sewer Pump Station	241,000
Billingsley Road Sidewalk	231,000
White Plains Park Water System Connection	217,000
Various Pedestrian & Bicycle Facilities	83,000
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## **FY2026 General Fund**

### **Proposed Use of Fund Balance**

<b>Ref #</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Fund Balance</b>
1	Capital Projects	CIP Paygo Fund Balance (FB) Reserve	\$6,510,000
2	Revenues	Income Tax Volatility FB Reserve	5,000,000
3	Revenues	Morgantown FB Reserve	3,071,400
4	Sheriff's Office	Capital Outlay/End of Life Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB)	2,920,300
5	Capital Projects	White Plains Park - Water & Sewer Infrastructure Improvements - UFB	458,000
6	Capital Projects	County Government Building Study- UFB	361,000
7	Capital Projects	Park Restroom Repairs- UFB	356,000
8	Central Services	Health Rate Medicare Subsidy - FB Reserve	300,000
9	PGM/County Attorney's Office	Rental Registry- UFB	282,000
10	OPEB	Use of Health Rate Medicare Subsidy - FB Reserve	250,000
11	DFAS	Various one time equipment/capital replacements - UFB	243,000
12	Central Services	Dual Fill key positions for pending retirements - UFB	232,100
13	PGM	Transportation Ordinances Update- UFB	200,000
14	EDD	Strategic plan update- UFB	155,400
15	DFAS	For RPT, Asset Management Software - UFB	140,000
16	RPT	Security Cameras at various parks- UFB	120,000
17	Board of Elections	Support of Rent - FB Reserve	109,100
18	RPT	Various equipment and capital purchases - UFB	80,000
19	HR	Apprenticeship CTE Program- UFB	75,000
20	UMD Incentive Program	Continues our commitment for scholarships - FB Reserve	57,000
21	Soil Conservation	Sound dampening acoustic panels at conference room - UFB	45,000
22	Circuit Court	Various equipment and capital purchases - UFB	42,000
23	EDD	Consultant to update website - UFB	30,000
24	Emergency Services	Outfitting new training space- UFB	21,000
25	County Commissioners	See Click Fix Print Campaign - UFB	10,300

	<b>FY2026 Fund Balance Budget    \$21,068,600</b>
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### **Fund Balance Reserve Breakdown**

Total Use of Reserve Fund Balance	\$15,518,800
Total Use of Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB)	5,549,800

	<b>FY2026 Fund Balance Proposed Budget - Total Uses    \$21,068,600</b>
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