

BUDGET IN BRIEF



Fiscal Year 26-27 • Recommended Budget

Total General Fund

\$239.1M **(-1.2%)**

Total All Funds

\$278.6M **(-3.0%)**

Property Tax Rate

51.65 **(+2.25 cents)**



1 penny = \$2,748,694

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:



Stability/sustainability are key themes of this Recommended Budget



Property tax base grew at 3.6%; rate increase = \$65 on an annual tax bill for a median valued home (\$289k)



Fire Tax District Increases (4 out of 12 districts requesting an increase)



Maintains funding allocation of 60% County & 40% Education



FY26-27 budget reduces current services due to a reduction in state and federal funding and freezes spending of one-time revenues from the fund balance

GENERAL FUND REVENUES: **-\$3.0M (-1.2%)**

- Property Tax **+\$10.9M (+8.3%)**
- Sales Tax **+\$1.6M (+3.6%)**
- State and Federal **-\$2.4M (-8.8%)**
- Fees & Licenses **+\$856K (+4.9%)**
- Fund Balance **-\$12.3M (-95.3%)**
- Investment Earnings **-\$1.7M (-25%)**

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES: **-\$3.0M (-1.2%)**

- Personnel **-\$512K (-0.5%)**
- Operating **+\$164K (+0.4%)**
- Economic Dev. & Non-Profits **-\$741K (-22.6%)**
- Education **+\$5.5M (+8.6%)**
- Debt Service **-\$1.9M (-11.3%)**
- Transfer to Other Funds **-\$5.4M (-35.0%)**

FUND BALANCE USAGE

- **Appropriated Fund Balance:** \$78.9k for Home and Community Care Block Grant match as required (a decrease of **\$10.9M**)
- **Designated Fund Balance:** \$529.5k (a decrease of **\$1.3M**)

POSITIONS AND EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION:

- Proposing a reduced 2% cost of living adjustment and a revamped performance-based merit pay budgeted at 2.5% (\$44k reduction to merit program)
- 3.0 new Health Dept. positions (Dental & Opioid), and TDA, fully funded with outside revenue
- 50.178 position eliminations across all funds (vacant since FY25-26), most related to the discontinuation of the ICE program
- 0.8% increase in state-mandated retirement contribution (+\$500k)
- \$3.6M Vacancy Rate on unfilled positions in DSS, Health, EMS, the Sheriff's Office, and Detention
- Implementing new sworn officer pay plan with \$0 impact to the General Fund



Education

ALAMANCE BURLINGTON SCHOOL SYSTEM (-0.2%)

- Current Expense*: \$58.7M (+2.7%)
* Includes SROs
- Repair & Maintenance: \$4.8M (+0.0%)
- Fines & Forfeitures: \$800K (+0.0.%)
- Debt Service: \$11.4M (-12.0%)
- Capital Improvement Plan: \$9.4M (+0.0%)

ALAMANCE COMMUNITY COLLEGE (+0.9%)

- Current Expense: \$4.9M (+0.0%)
- Repair & Maintenance: \$640K (+19.4%)
- Debt Service: \$3.9M (-9.4%)
- Capital Improvement Plan: \$585K (+100.0%)
- Transfer to Capital Reserve: \$54K (-77.5%)

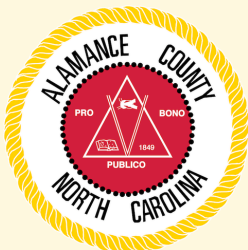
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN



- \$8.0M for Facility Improvements (+0.0%)
 - Roofing & HVAC Replacement
- \$1.4M for Technology (+0.0%)
 - Equipment Replacement



- \$585K for Facility Improvements (+100.0%)
 - Flooring and Roof Replacements
 - Parking Lot Repairs



- \$2.9M for Facilities Improvements* (-37.7%)
- \$6.6M for Technology, Equipment, and Vehicles* (+83.0%)
- \$3.1M for Landfill Improvements, Equipment, Vehicles (-73.3%)

*Used One-Time Capital Reserve, Courthouse Expansion Reductions, and ARPA Interest to eliminate General Fund usage