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Public Hearing on Town Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2025

PURPOSE: The purpose of this agenda item is to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on the Town Manager's Recommended Budget for FY 2025 as required by G. S. 159-12 (b)

DEPARTMENT: Town Manager & Finance

CONTACT INFORMATION: Patrice Toney, Town Manager, 919-918-7315; Darrell Keyes, Comptroller/Interim Finance Director, 919-918-7301

INFORMATION: By state law, the Town Manager is required to submit a recommended budget and budget message to the Mayor and Town Council by June 1st of each year. This recommended budget is to be made available for public inspection and the Town Council is required to hold a public hearing on it prior to adoption. The FY 2025 Recommended Budget can be found on the Town's website at the following location:

[Financial Documents | Carrboro, NC - Official Website \(carrboronc.gov\)](https://www.carrboronc.gov/250/Financial-Documents)
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The goals for the FY 2025 budget are to include the Council's key priorities of affordable housing, race and equity, environmental protection, and continue to integrate Carrboro Connects throughout the budgeting process.

The Town's annual operating budget represents Carrboro's mission and commitment to enhancing the quality of life of our residents. This budget reflects our dedication to supporting our valuable employees, investing in critical infrastructure, and meeting the immediate needs of our community. We have produced, as best we can, a balanced budget based on revenue projections that are not overly aggressive, nor unduly regressive.

The total budget recommended by the Town Manager is \$68.3 million comprised of:

General Fund at \$32,685,651
Special Revenue Fund at \$8,209,590
Capital Projects Fund at \$25,551,937

Enterprises funds total \$1.8 million as follows:

Storm Water Utility Enterprise Fund at \$1,642,008, and
Parking Enterprise Fund at \$216,000.

The General Fund is the Town's operating budget.

Special Revenue Funds change from year to year depending upon revenues from grants, revolving loan funds, and other restricted program revenues. The Affordable Housing Fund seeks to increase affordable housing in

the Town and continues to be a major goal of the Town Council. To provide a steady and reliable revenue source for affordable housing the Town Council dedicated ½ cent of the property tax rate exclusively for affordable housing in FY 2019, FY 2020, and FY 2022, FY 2023, and FY 2024 for a total of 1.5 cents. For FY 2025, the 1.5 cent property tax rate will continue to be dedicated for affordable housing.

Also included in the Special Revenue Fund is the \$6.7 million received by the Town under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. The Town Council adopted a proposed spending plan in October 2022 which included the use of the total grant amount for the replacement of local government revenues for the provision of government services.

The Town Manager made a presentation of the recommended budget at the Town Council meeting on June 4, 2024. Notice of the public hearing for June 18, 2024 has been published by the Town Clerk and posted to the Town's website.

FISCAL IMPACT: The only cost associated with this agenda item is the cost to publish the public hearing notice.

RECOMMENDATION: The Town Manager recommends that the Town Council: 1) hold a public hearing and receive comments from the public on the Town Manager's recommended budget for FY 2025; and 2) provide directions to the Town Manager for preparation of the final FY 2025 budget ordinance which is scheduled for adoption on June 18, 2024.

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