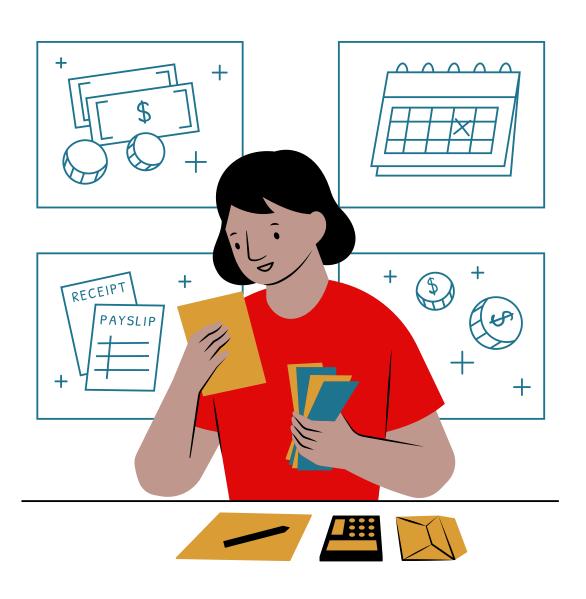
Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposal





May 13, 2024 WWW.KITTERYME.GOV

Agenda



- FY24 Year in Review
- FY25 Budget Goals
- Budget 101
- Valuation and TaxRate
- Revenue Summary
- Expense Summary
- Wrap Up

FY24 Year in Review

Accomplishments

- Completed Gorges Road Fire Station expansion and ambulance relocation.
- Completed market study.
- Hosted Citizen Planner Academy, Housing Advocacy. Bootcamp, Affordable Housing 101 Vignettes, and Multi-Family Housing Photo Essay.
- Launched final phase of clean-up of 42 44 Old Post Road.
- Converted lighting to LED at KCC and Town Hall Complex.
- Drafted Strategies for Climate Action Plan.
- Adopted land acknowledgement and installed Tribal Flag at Town Hall and Library.
- Completed two Bike/Pedestrian demonstration projects.
- Completed hydrological study of watershed in Rte 236-Dennett Road area.











FY24 Year in Review Cont.

Accomplishments

- Launched Library 5 Year Strategic Plan.
- Completed monumental signage installation at RPL.
- Kicked Off Childrens Garden construction at RPL.
- Transitioned General Assistance to Fair Tide.
- Increased affordable housing opportunities including adopting LD2003, expanding inclusionary housing requirements, and expanded ADU options.
- Completed Memorial Field assessment and launched Recreation for All initiative.
- Launched Pop Up Game Pods and developed plans for teen center at KCC.
- Awarded \$1.4M in grants for various initiatives including climate adaptation, sidewalk expansion and coastal resiliency.













FY24 Year in Review



































FY24 Year in Review



TOWN OF KITTERY

TAKE THE UNDERSTANDING

DIVERSITY, EQUITY &

INCLUSION IN KITTERY SURVEY!

SCAN ME

The DEI Committee wants to hear from you! Take this new survey to help

us understand how residents and those working in Kittery experience our

community with respect to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Scan the QR code above or visit www.kitteryme.gov/DEIsurvey



THE TOWN OF KITTERY INVITES YOU TO THE



official naming of the vessel and its launch into the water. Limited parking will be available on site, in addition to street parking.

of offering steadfast protection and comfort on land will now continue into Kittery's waterways.

Kittery, please visit our website below

RECREATION

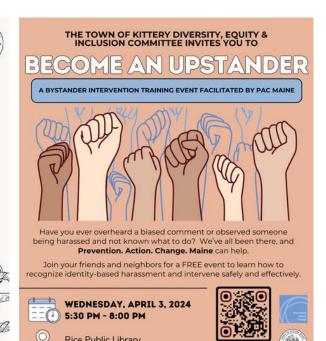
TOGETHER WE CAN CREATE

FOR ALL

and the KCC Board of Directors to provide

Now it's up to you to share your funding priorities to help guide the next steps.

Join the Town of Kittery as we celebrate the naming and launch of the Harbormaster vessel, in honor of Hazel Sinclair. afe Harbor Marina | 48 Bowen Road, Kittery Point, ME To learn more about the event and Hazel's impact on WWW.KITTERYME.GOV/BOATNAMING



5:30 PM - 8:00 PM

Rice Public Library

8 Wentworth Street, Kittery, ME



FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER, SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE OR VISIT

REVITALIZATION OF MEMORIAL FIELD

KCC CAMPUS MASTER PLAN

A Campus Master Plan has been developed for the Kitteru ayout for passive and active recreation space, adequate parking and site circulation.

he plans developed include concepts and ideas for both site

CREATING RECREATION FOR ALL

provide input and feedback on where your funding priorities lie for these concepts.

To learn more about the project, and take the Recreation For All survey to share your input on next steps, please scan the QR code here or visit our project page at:



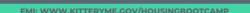


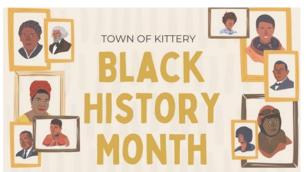












February is Black History Month, an annual observation and celebration of the achievements, culture, and history of African Americans throughout U.S. history.

RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit the Rice Public Library, located at 8 Wentworth Street in Kittery to explore their Black History Month display which highlights notable African American figures, stories LEARN MORE AT:

KITTERY TOWN HALL

Visit the Kittery Town Hall during the month of February and contribute to our "I Have a Dream" Mural, in collaboration with the Rice Public Library.

Write down a dream you have for yourself, for the Kittery Community or for the world and we'll add it to the wall to share and inspire others.

LEARN MORE AT: WWW.KITTERYME.GOV/BLACKHISTORYMONTH

GET INVOLVED Join Town Staff to learn about the projects before implement

The Town of Kittery is excited to announce a series of temporary demonstration projects that will be

The demonstration projects provide an opportunity

ABOUT THE PROJECT(S)

provide feedback on design outcomes and effectiveness after the

to test design concepts at prioritized areas identified in the Bicycle an

Pedestrian Master Plan before making costly permanent changes.

SUMMER 2023

DEMONSTRATION

PROJECTS



LAND USE & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Impact Development practices

- 4. Limit use of



6. Maintain and



increase tree cover and access to shade



FY25 Budget Goals

Budget for public safety needs of the community

Launch the Comprehensive Plan Update

Recommend amendments to the Business Park Zone

Balance affordability with recruitment and retention for union negotiations

Evaluate opportunities for TIF districts for housing and transportation

Implement various strategies of the Climate Action Plan



FY25 Budget Goals Cont.

Create youth club that offers drop-in/unscheduled activities at KCC

Review and update evacuation routes, signage, and maps

Implement the DOE Energy Efficiency Block Grant

Engage community in programs and activities that draw attention to diversity

Finish development of Rice Public Library's Five-Year Strategic Plan

Develop funding plan and support for Memorial Field and KCC Campus Plan



An ANNUAL BUDGET is a numerical representation of the programs, services, and infrastructure prioritized by the community.

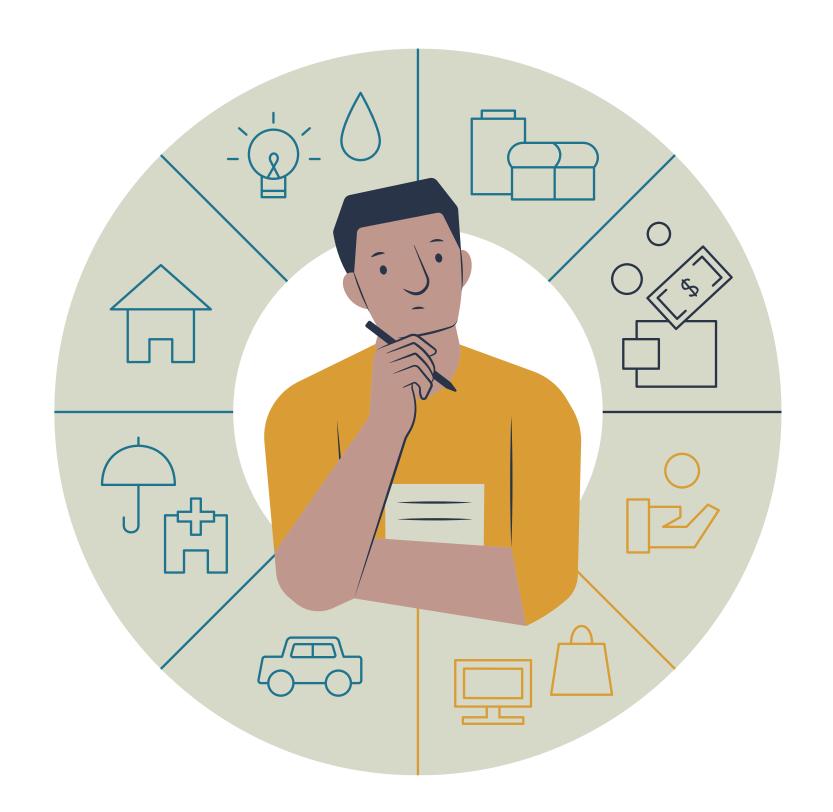
ZERO-BASED BUDGET is a budget that reflects the actual costs of operation based on current contracts, prices, and vendor quotes.



Budgets are created by applying a % increase to the prior year's budget.



Kittery uses Zero-Based Budgeting and builds each budget from the bottom up, every year.



MANDATORY SPENDING

Expenses that are legally obligated and cannot be unfunded. Examples include debt, County Taxes, General Assistance, Adult Education.

DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

Expenses that can be reduced or eliminated with coinciding reductions in services, programs, and staff.

Expenses like Payroll Tax and Health Insurance are MANDATORY spending associated with DISCRETIONARY spending decisions on the number of staff.

WHAT IS A TAX LEVY?



The TAX LEVY is the amount to be raised through property taxes to cover government (municipal and school) expenses.



EXPENSES



OTHER REVENUE







Projected by
Superintendent
and Town Manager.



From business operations such as fees for service, fines, and state funding assistance.

Property taxes fund the remainder for a balance budget.

MUNICIPAL & CAPITAL BUDGET voted by Council each May.

SCHOOL BUDGET voted by registered voters via ballot each June.



More revenue or new construction gives the town "more money" to spend.



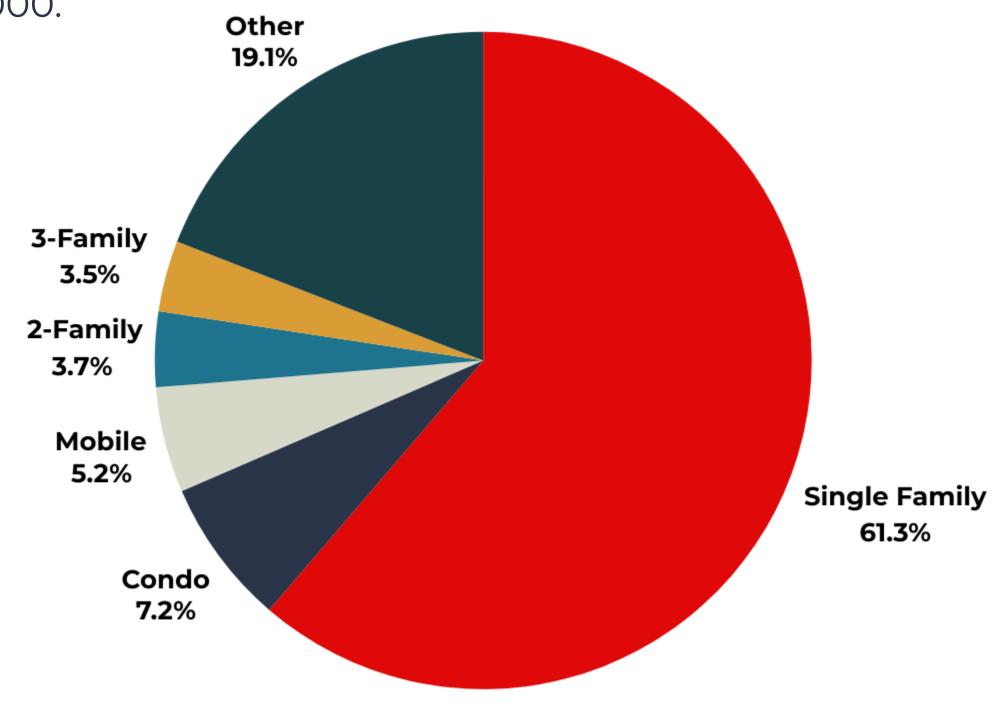
More revenue reduces how much has to be raised from the levy.

New construction reduces how much of the levy everyone else has to pay.

Valuation and Tax Rate

- Median single-family home list price: \$710,000.
- New value of \$35,000,000 projected.
- Assessed values significantly below market value; revaluation needed in summer 2025.





Property Tax Allocation

Kittery School District (60%)

Municipal (36%)

County Taxes & Other (4%)







Municipal Operations (30%)

Capital & TIF (6%)

Revenue Summary

Municipal Non-Property Tax Revenue Increase \$741,245 ~11.8%

- Recreation increase \$97,500.
- Solid Waste Fees and Fines increase \$18,000.
- Fort Foster Fees decrease (\$25,000).
- Harbormaster increase \$13,000.

















Revenue Summary

Total Levy Increase: \$1,693,423

- School Increase: \$694,751.
- Municipal Increase: \$998,672.
- Property Tax Increase: \$0.46 ~ 3.4%.

Estimated annual tax bill increase on home assessed at:

\$350,000

School: \$97.54

Municipal: \$58.52

Other: \$6.50

TOTAL: \$162.56

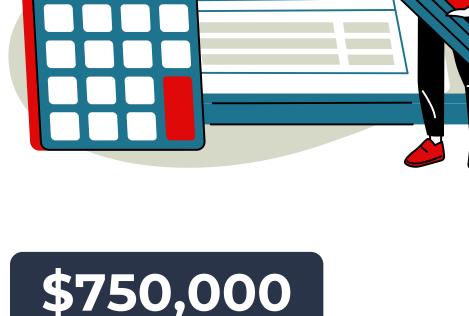
\$500,000

School: \$139.34

Municipal: \$83.60

Other: \$9.29

TOTAL: \$232.23



School: \$209.00

Municipal: \$125.40

Other: \$13.93

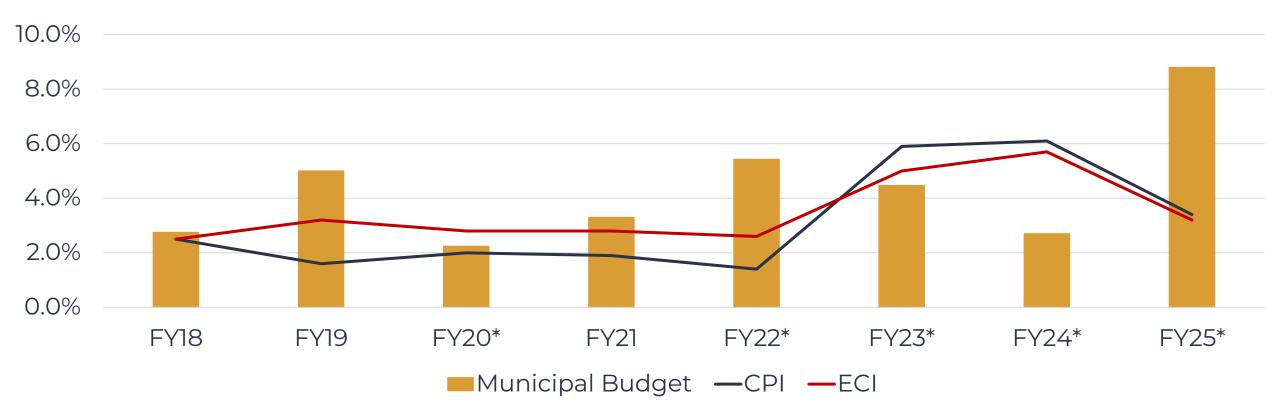
TOTAL: \$348.34

Expense Summary

Municipal Operating Budget increasing \$1,447,417 ~ 8.9%

- Capital Budget increasing \$295,500 ~ 17.2%.
- Offsetting Revenue of \$741,245.
- Resulting increase on tax levy of \$998,672 ~ 8.5%.

% Increase Consumer Price Index, Employment Cost Index, and Municipal Operations

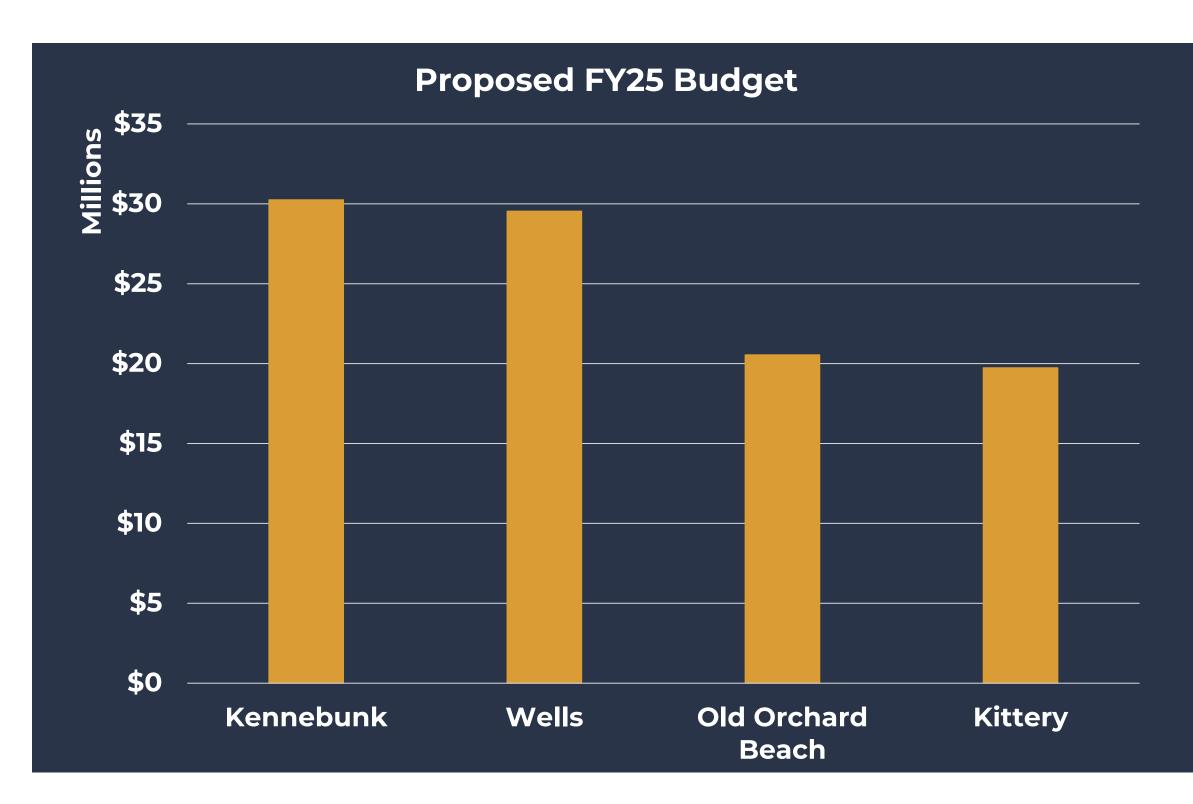


^{*} Represent years in which the budget included addition of staff positions.



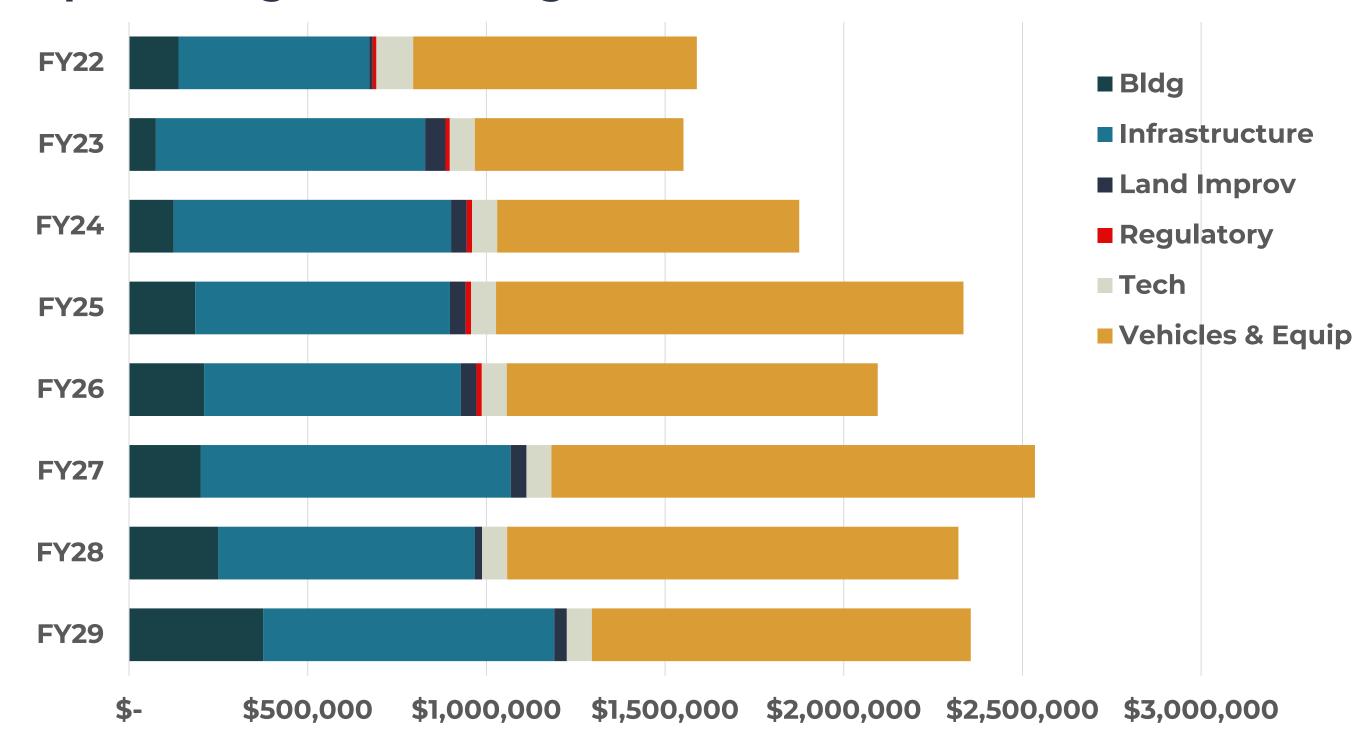
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Proposed FY25 Budget York County communities of similar year-round population (between 9,000 and 12,000).



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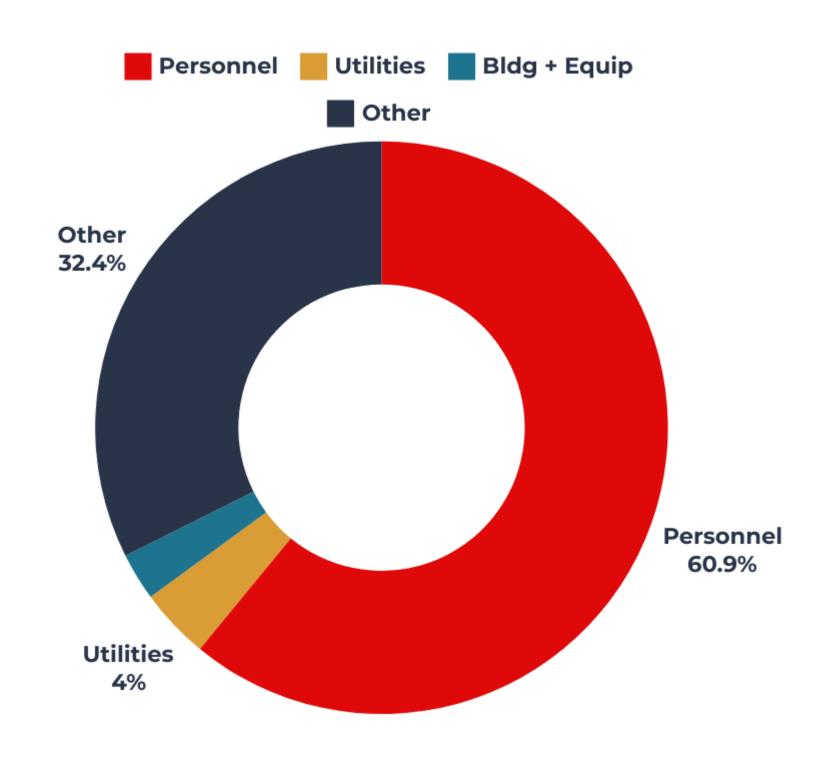


Wages & Benefits

Wages and Benefits represents 64% of the total budget increase.

- 4 additional full-time firefighters.
- Wage increases associated with union negotiations; retention and recruitment.
- Maine's new Family Medical Leave tax.
- Payroll taxes, employee benefits, insurances, other employment costs.



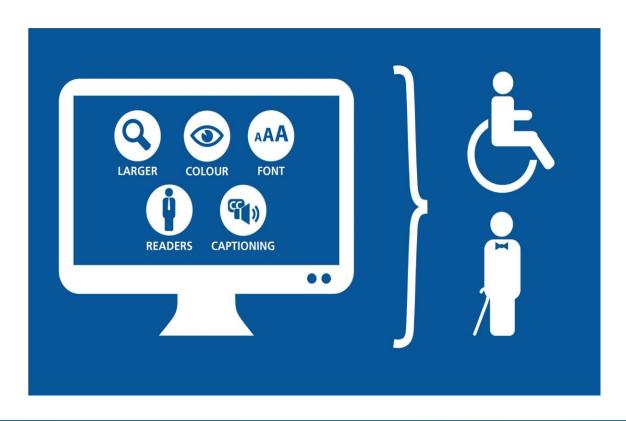


Department Expenses

ADMINSTRATION - \$399,835

- \$385,000 for Salary Adjustments associated with union negotiations and non-union cost of living increases; will be transferred to department budgets at end of fiscal year.
- \$6,750 for increase for social media archiving (required by law) and accessibility component of website.





MISCELLANEOUS - \$425,392

- \$142,000 for ambulance services (total cost is \$284,000, Town of Eliot is paying half).
- \$95,000 for TIF, remainder of taxes from additional value pays for municipal operations.
- \$85,028 County Tax increase.
- \$27,400 General Assistance increase.
- \$59,704 for VoIP/Data offset by reductions in various departments' tel/data lines.





FIRE DEPARTMENT - \$246,238

- Includes wages for four additional full-time firefighters; additional benefit costs accounted for in Shared Expenses
- (\$65,187) reduction in Call Firefighter Pay.

POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$7,562

- Level service budget.
- Hired Community Outreach Liaison directly due to turnover issues.

HARBORMASTER - \$3,182

• Increase in part-time wages for seasonal positions.





PUBLIC WORKS - \$82,110

Parks and Beaches

• (\$22,600) reduction in seasonal part-time wages due to shorter Fort Foster season.

Resource Recovery Facility

• \$88,440 increase in solid waste disposal costs including household waste tipping fee increase from \$80.78/ton to \$106/ton.





PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT - \$28,547

- \$6,377 increased Asst Planner hours to work on Comp Plan update, Climate Action Plan goals, Business Park zoning, working waterfront, etc.
- \$19,057 increase in professional services for consultant support for Comp Plan Update.

ELECTIONS - \$8,730

- \$7,130 additional ballot machine rentals for Presidential election in November.
- \$1,000 additional election workers for Presidential election in November.

DEBT - (\$20,545) reduction in debt service.





KITTERY COMMUNITY CENTER - \$29,756

- \$11,197 increase in wages for seasonal positions.
- \$15,500 for increases in costs for programs, instructors, and services associated with KCC events and activities.

RICE PUBLIC LIBRARY - \$23,806

- \$5,610 increase in wages for part-time/substitute Librarian positions.
- \$10,000 increase in building maintenance for preventative maintenance contracts.
- \$6,000 for increased materials and program costs.





SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND

- Unassigned fund balance is approximately \$1.9M.
- Next rate study due in FY25.

SEWER REVENUE - \$223,500

- \$36,000 increase commercial and residential revenue from new development.
- (\$80,000) decrease in expansion assessment revenue as betterments paid in full.
- \$175,000 fund transfer from Entrance and Impact Fund.

SEWER EXPENSE - \$218,555

- Salary adjustment line for collective bargaining agreement negotiations and cost-of-living adjustments.
- \$1,411 for new Maine Family Leave tax.
- \$173,921 in increased debt due to balloon-schedule enacted in 2016.





91% of Budget Increase.



Add four full-time firefighters

Union negotiations and COLA estimates

New costs for ambulance service

Comp Plan Update and ordinance initiatives

Maine's new Family Leave Act tax

Waste disposal cost increases

County taxes & TIF Allocation

Capital funding

\$430,409 are unavoidable.

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Remaining are tied directly to goals and service levels.

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Capital funding

BUDGET SUMMARY

- \$1,447,417 for operating costs (incl. County Taxes).
- \$292,500 for Capital Funding.

INCREASES DRIVEN BY

- 4 additional firefighters.
- Goal to remain competitive in wages and benefits.
- Inflationary pressure on costs from vendors and suppliers for municipal operations.

PROJECTED TAX RATE

- · \$14.07.
- 3.4% increase.



Questions

Thank you to the Town Department Heads and staff for their efforts in developing the FY25 budget.











