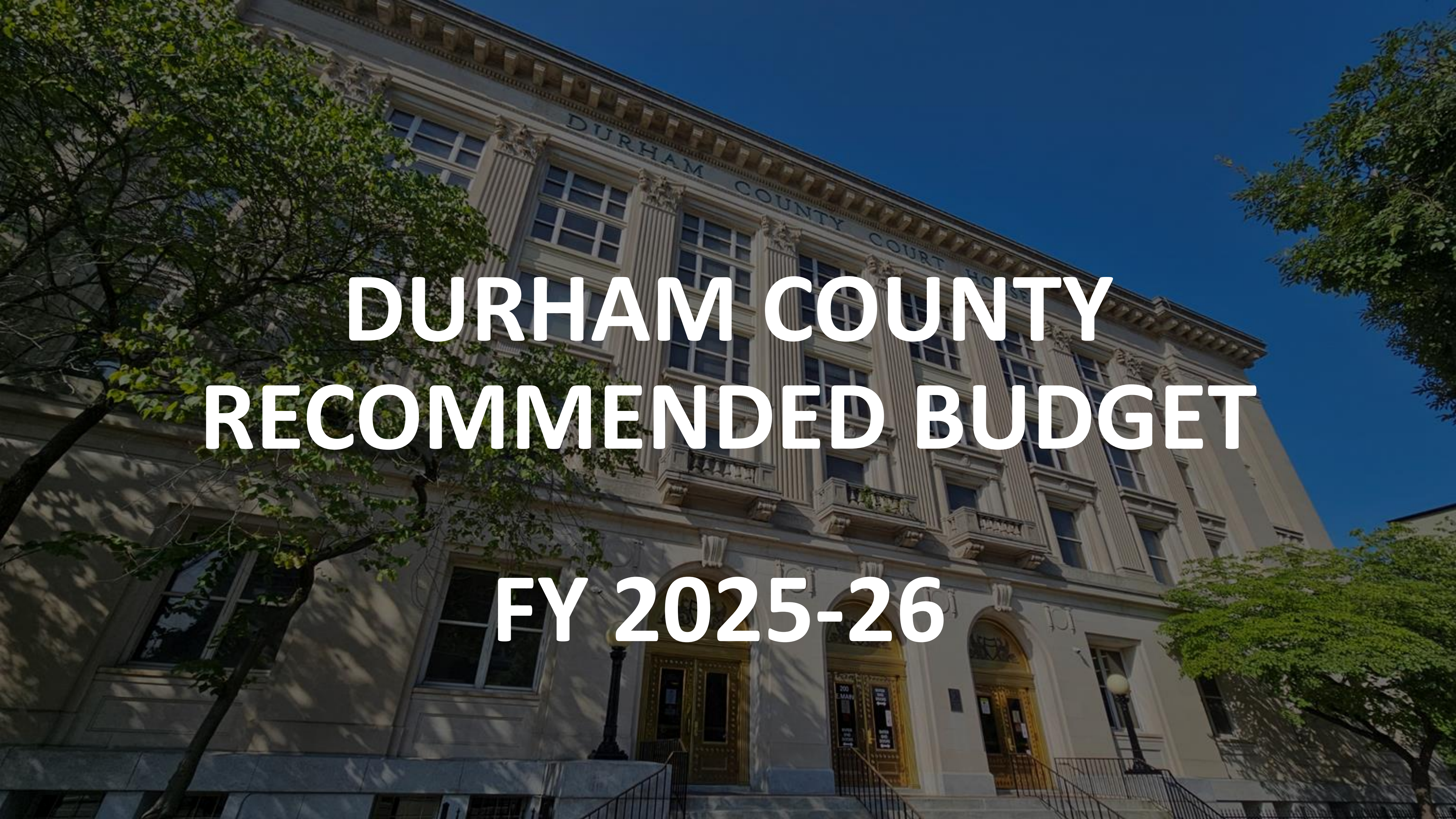
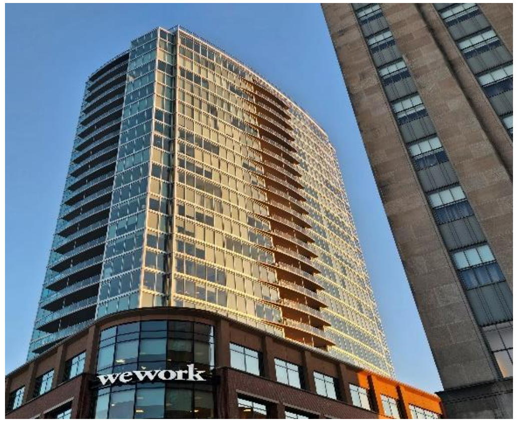
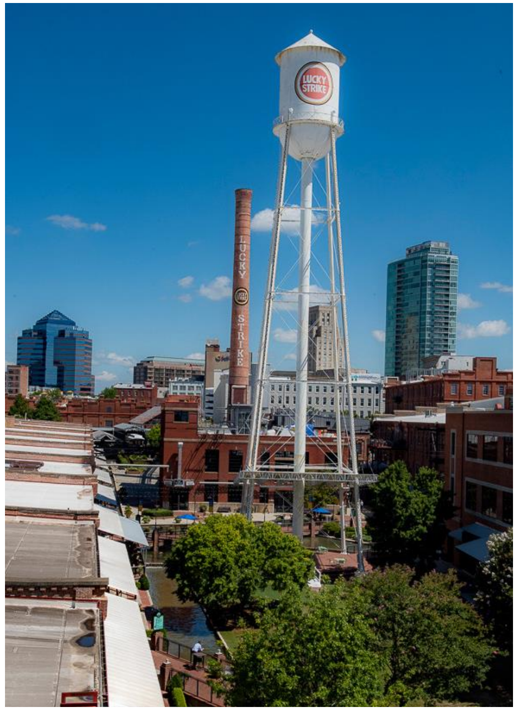


DURHAM COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET

FY 2025-26

Durham County Concerns…





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DCO FORWARD 2029

Durham County Strategic Plan Update


Direction


Fiscal Stability


DURHAM COUNTY
PARAMEDICS
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Community Safety


Growing Needs

FY 2025-26 Manager Budget Priorities

- Maintain County's fiscal stability
  - Decrease use of Fund Balance to ensure sustainability into the future
  - Maximize existing revenue and recommend responsible tax rate
- Provide appropriate public safety services to a growing population
- Provide adequate funding for Durham Public Schools
- Support County employees
- Focus on reallocating existing positions to offset new position additions
- Provide services at current levels
- Provide adequate funding for planned capital projects

FY 2025-26 Budget Outlook

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FY 2025-26 Budget Outlook

Key "**natural growth**" revenues estimate **are lower than recent years** ***(before a tax rate increase)***

- **General Fund Budget Outlook**

Property Tax:	$15.6 million	Investment Income:	$2.0 million
Sales Tax:	-$629,009	Reg. of Deeds:	-$100,000
Med. Hold Harmless:	$1.0 million	Fund Balance:	-$2.6 million

- **Capital Financing Fund Budget Outlook**

Property Tax:	$2.2 million	Occupancy Tax:	-$1.6 million
Sales Tax:	-$597,923		

FY 2025-26 Valuation and Revenue Neutral

60.3% Valuation Increase

Property Tax Revenue

Natural growth:

$15.6 million for General Fund

$2.2 million for Capital Financing Fund

51.92

Cents per $100 Valuation

Revenue Neutral Tax Rate

Tax collection rate 99.6%

Tax Base Valuation

Tax base valuation increase of $32.3 billion, or 60.3%, over FY 2024-25

$85.8 billion

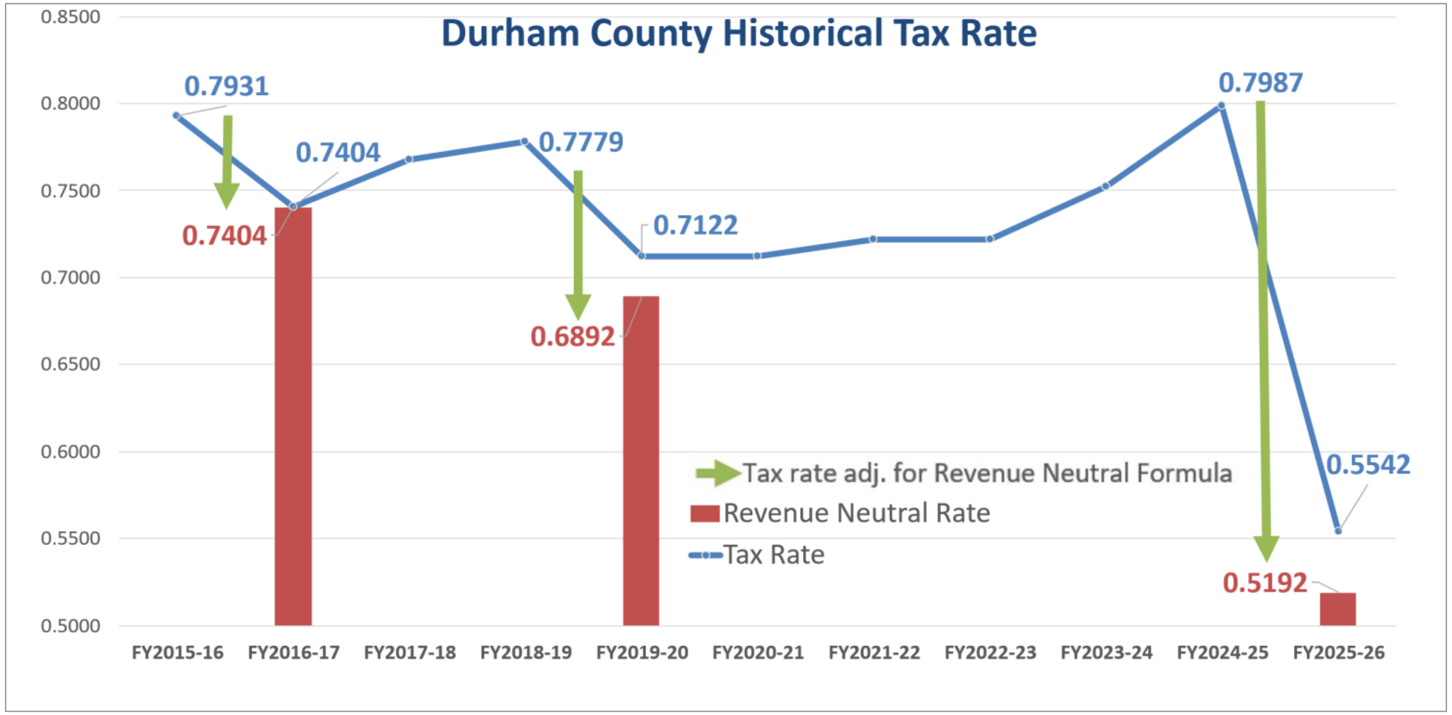
FY 2025-26 Property Tax

3.5 Cent Increase

Property Tax Rate 55.42 cents
General Fund (2.5 cents) & Capital Financing Fund (1.0)

One Cent of Tax Rate Change
$8.54 million

Additional Property Tax Revenue
$21.31 Million General Fund
$8.54 Capital Finance Plan Fund
from tax rate change

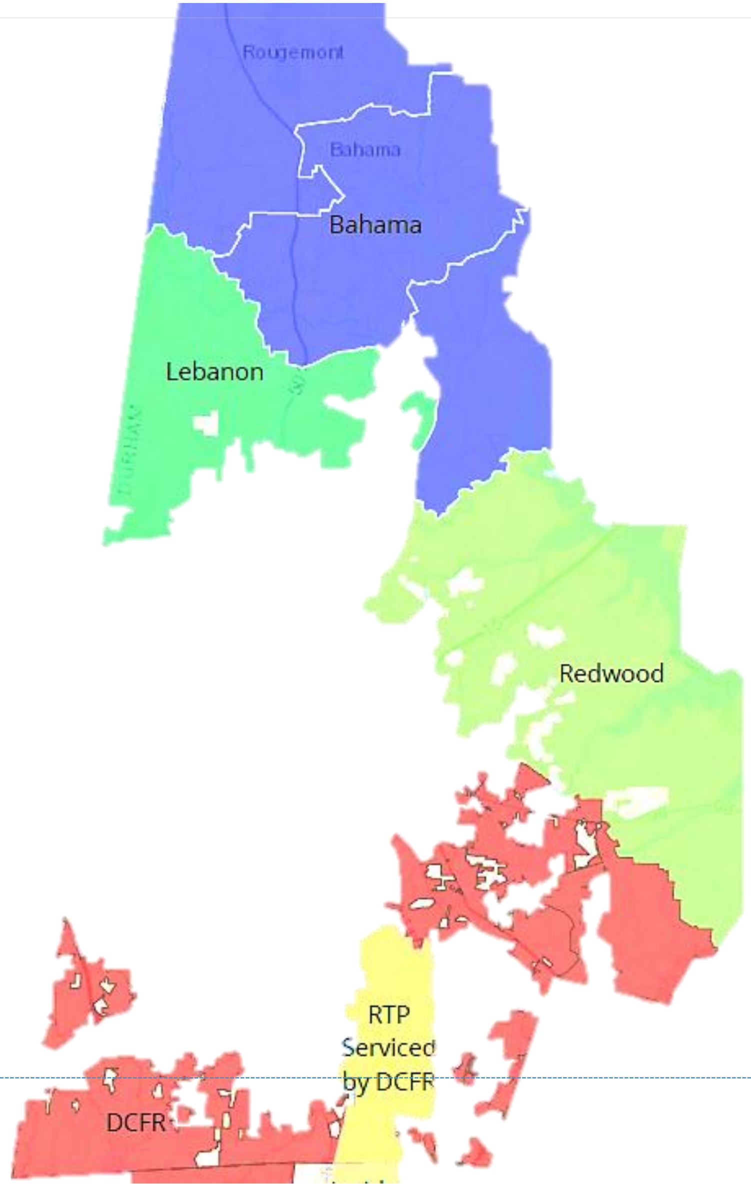


FY 2025-26 Property Tax

PROPERTY TAX	FY 2024-25 Approved Tax Rate	FY2025-26 Revenue Neutral Tax Rate	FY 2025-26 Recommended Tax Rate	FY 2023-24 Projected Revenue
General Fund	**69.76**	**43.35**	**47.85**	$409,197,931
Capital Financing Fund	**10.11**	**6.57**	**7.57**	$64,657,123
TOTAL	**79.87**	**51.92**	**55.42**	**$473,855,054**

FY 2025-26 Total GF and CFP property tax revenue increase = $47.7 million

Special Tax Districts



Tax Rate by District	FY 2025-26 Revenue Neutral	FY 2025-26 Recommended
Lebanon	7.69	9.19 (+1.5)
Redwood	8.33	9.07 (+0.74)
New Hope	4.91	6.41 (+1.50)
Eno	4.84	4.84
Bahama	7.78	8.83 (+1.05)
Durham County Fire & Rescue	8.79	8.29 (-0.5)
RTP Service Tax	6.31	7.8 (+1.49)
RTP Public Transportation Tax	1.79	2.5 (+0.71)

FY 2025-26 Sales Tax

General Fund
Decrease
$629,009

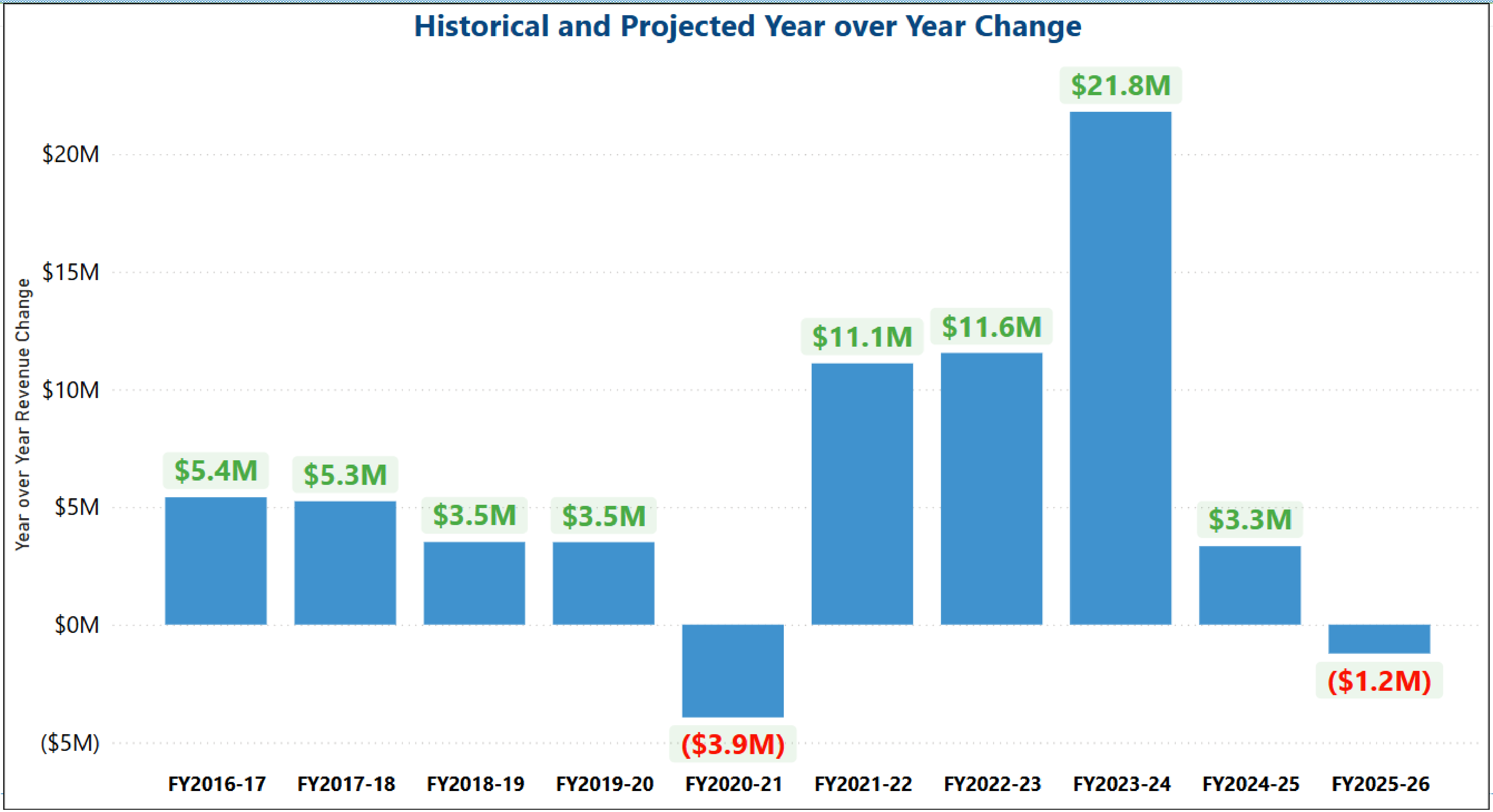
TOTAL REVENUE
$130.02 MILLION

0.93%
Decrease

Decrease
$1.23
million

Capital Financing
Fund
Decrease
$597,923

FY 2025-26 Sales Tax



FY 2025-26 Other Major Revenue Sources

Investment Revenue

- Increase of **$2 million**, total revenue budget of **$7 million**

State Hold Harmless

- Increase of **$1 million**, total revenue budget of **$10 million**

EMS Patient Fees

- Decrease of **($1.8 million)**, total revenue budget of **$16.06 million**

Register of Deeds

- Decrease of **($100,000)**, total revenue budget of **$5.9 million**

Lower Fund Balance Appropriation Included

- Decrease of **($2.6 million)**, total revenue budget of **$23.2 million**

FY 2025-26 Expenditure Summary

7.37%

$1.037 BILLION

TOTAL COUNTY BUDGET

Fund SubCategory	FY 2023-24 Actuals	FY 2024-25 Original	FY 2024-25 Estimated	FY 2025-26 Requested	FY 2025-26 Recommend	$ Change Rec. v. Orig.	% Change Rec. v. Orig.
General Funds	$769,071,373	$821,184,336	$810,485,677	$904,958,830	$876,602,679	$55,418,343	6.75%
Special Revenue Funds	$15,160,797	$15,454,565	$14,002,363	$18,458,783	$18,369,774	$2,915,209	18.86%
Debt Service Funds	$130,144,113	$108,841,636	$108,013,174	$116,589,842	$116,589,842	$7,748,206	7.12%
Enterprise Funds	$17,663,646	$20,694,580	$22,033,212	$25,859,286	$25,859,286	$5,164,706	24.96%
Total	$932,039,929	$966,175,117	$954,534,425	$1,065,866,741	$1,037,421,581	$71,246,464	7.37%

Functional Area Name	FY 2023-24 Actuals	FY 2024-25 Original	FY 2024-25 Estimated	FY 2025-26 Requested	FY 2025-26 Recommend	$ Change Rec. v. Orig.	% Change Rec. v. Orig.
General Government	$173,003,287	$181,607,958	$190,585,265	$198,267,347	$193,462,411	$11,854,453	6.53%
Public Safety	$83,361,793	$89,138,365	$83,856,814	$96,236,309	$95,104,406	$5,966,041	6.69%
Transportation	$1,273,816	$4,657,932	$1,646,215	$4,634,350	$4,544,472	($113,460)	-2.44%
Environmental Protection	$6,334,576	$6,901,858	$7,530,608	$8,094,302	$7,866,848	$964,990	13.98%
Econom. & Physical Devlp.	$8,388,699	$9,804,532	$9,601,673	$11,077,837	$10,419,457	$614,925	6.27%
Human Services	$117,715,897	$113,243,104	$105,126,282	$118,646,688	$114,815,668	$1,572,564	1.39%
Education	$208,634,771	$230,521,600	$230,577,903	$254,164,354	$245,125,951	$14,604,351	6.34%
Cultural & Recreational	$16,333,553	$16,595,836	$16,022,452	$17,729,298	$17,317,877	$722,041	4.35%
Total	$615,046,392	$652,471,185	$644,947,213	$708,850,485	$688,657,090	$36,185,905	5.55%

5.55%

$688.6 MILLION

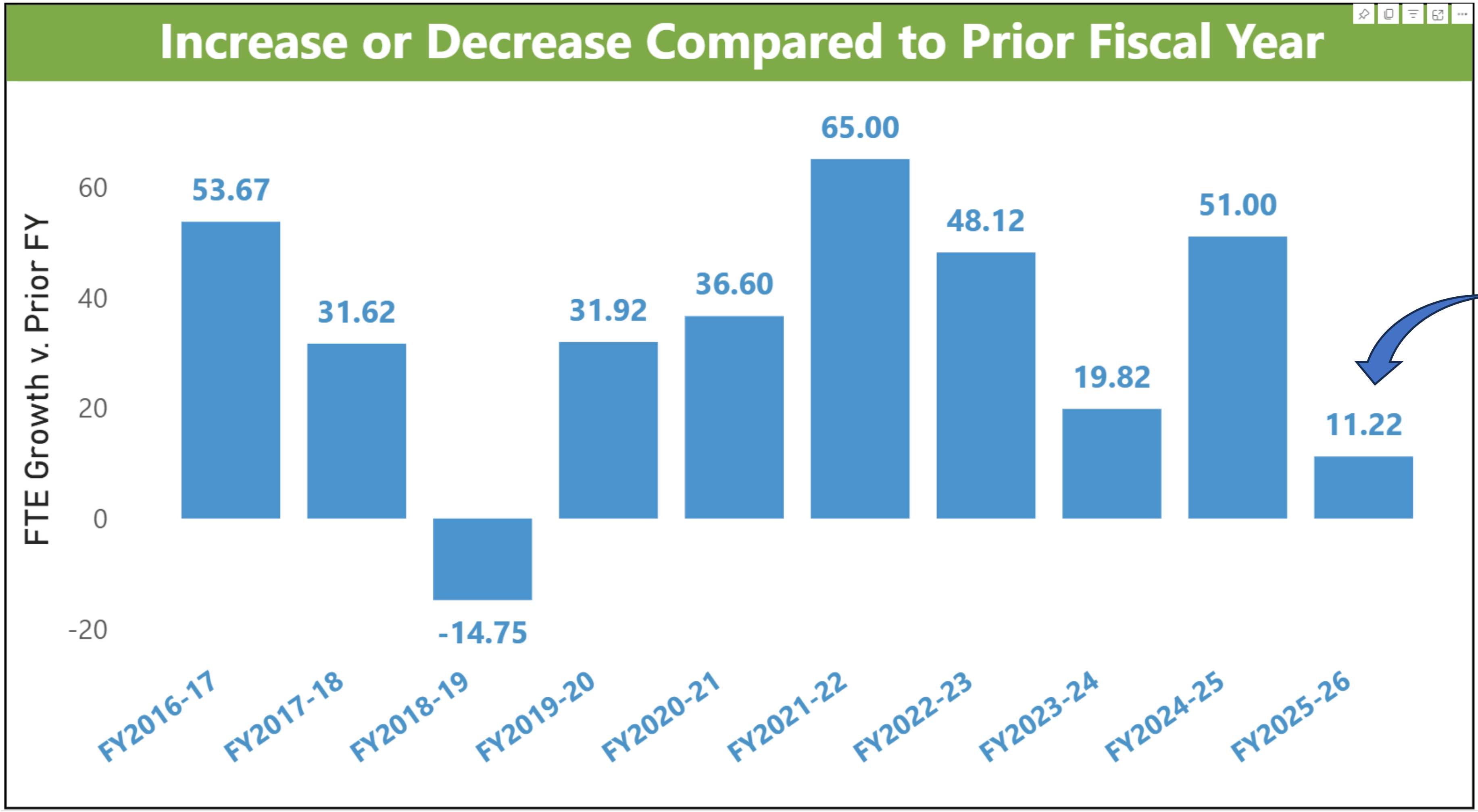
GENERAL FUND BUDGET

FY 2025-26 Budget Outlook

Priority Expenditures

1. Additional funding support for DPS:	**$10.35 million**
2. Employee Benefits (Insurance):	**$6.3 million**
3. Employee compensation increases:	**$5.3 million**
Merit (Pay for Performance): 3%-4%	
4. New Positions to address increased service demands	**$2.18 million**
5. Increased inflationary costs (IT, Service Contracts)	**$986,531**

New Position Growth



20.5 New FTEs in FY 2025-26 Budget

9.28 FTEs reduced during FY 2024-25

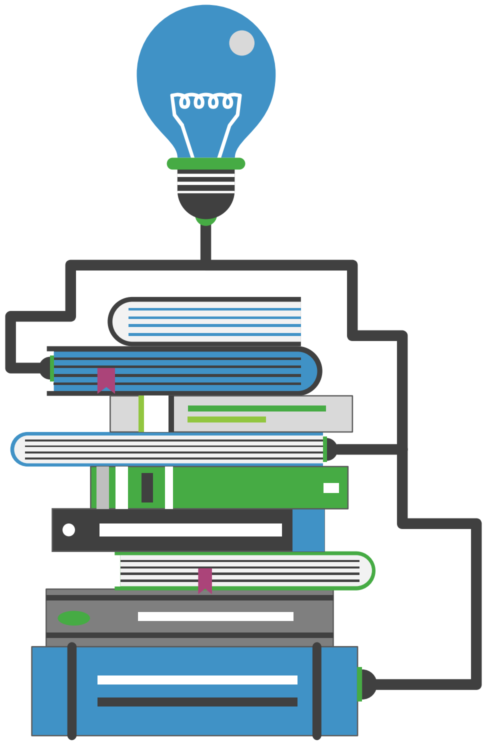
Durham County's population grew by 18% over the past decade. Additional staffing supported increased service demands. Some positions are offset by revenues.

Durham Public Schools Funding

Other DCo spending to support DPS

SROs $2.6 million
Public Health $3.8 million
Non-Profits $177,050
DPS Debt Service $61.8 million
Pre-K Support $8.76 million
Total = $77.14 million

Per Pupil Funding increases $128 (2.4%) to $5,496



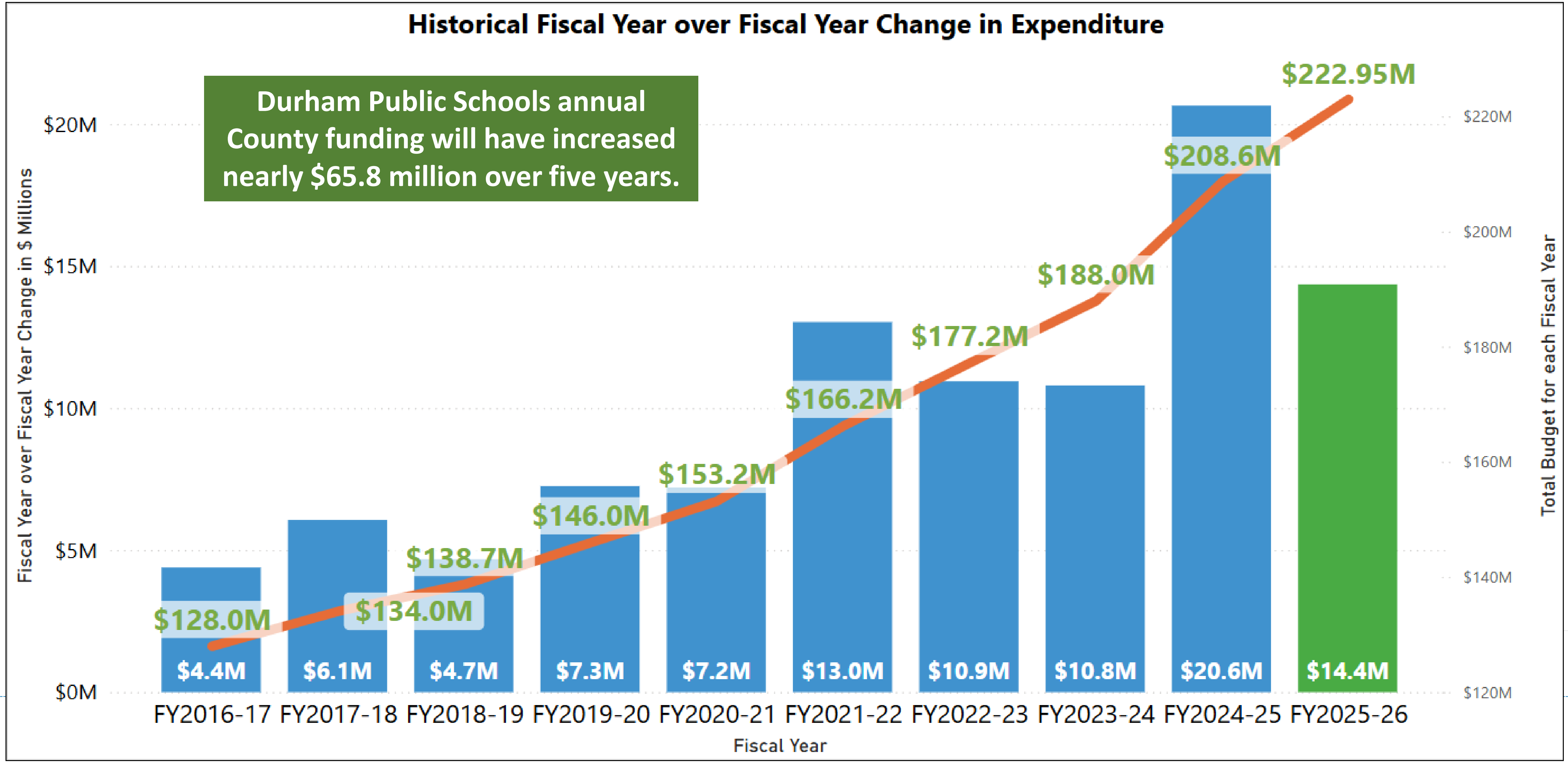
$6 million recurring Capital Funding

$10.35 million current expense increase

Total Funding = $223,678,258

3.9% increase

Durham Public Schools Allocations Historical Trends



Durham Public Schools, CIP Funding

- $10 million allocated in one-time funds to address pressing capital needs not met through current bond funding, lottery funds, or the ARPA funding allocated in fiscal year 2025.
- Funds bridge time-sensitive infrastructure gaps while planning for future bonds or addressing repair and/or renovation projects.

Other Education

Enjoy great career opportunities in Durham and improve the health of people around the world! Local employers include:

AUROBINDO, avexis, Biogen, BIOMÉRIEUX, bluebirdbio (recode for life), FUJIFILM Diosynth biotechnologies, Lilly, KBI BIOPHARMA, medicaGO, MERCK INVENTING FOR LIFE, novo nordisk, PRECISION BIOSCIENCES, Tergus Pharma (Think Topicals, Think Tergus)

LOCAL TRAINING RESOURCES:

HIGH SCHOOL:

DURHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS Career & Technical Education
- Exploring Biotechnology
- Biomedical Technology
- Biomedical Science
- Skilled Trades

Biogen: Community Lab Summer Program

STEM RTP: STEM Fests

CERTIFICATES & CONTINUING EDUCATION:

DURHAM TECH
- BioWork
- BioPharma Laboratory Assistant
- Advanced Manufacturing

NC COMMUNITY COLLEGES | BIONETWORK
- Biomanufacturing Bootcamp
- Aseptic Processing
- ...and more

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE PROGRAMS:

DURHAM TECH
- College transfer program
- Industrial Systems Technology-Advanced Manufacturing
- Electrical Systems Technology
- Electronics Engineering Technology

Alamance Community College: Biotechnology

WAKE TECH: Biotechnology

BACHELOR'S/MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS:

NC Central University: Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE)

NC STATE UNIVERSITY: Biomanufacturing Training & Education Center (BTEC)

BE A PART OF THE CURE!

To learn more visit www.ncbiotech.org/biopharmacareers

Total Funding = $12,058,661

1.88% increase

$2,075,192-student scholarship support

Work Pipeline Funding = $500,000

Community Safety

Sheriff's Office

5 New LEOs for RTP Coverage

Logistics Division Expansion

43 Vehicles:
38 Replacement Units
5 New Units for Additional LEOs

Community Safety

Office of Emergency Services

8 Replacement Vehicles, inc. 5 ambulances
1 new vehicle for Asst. Fire Marshal
Cost of one ambulance = $475K

Six Paramedic positions
Six EMT positions
One Deputy Chief of EM
One Senior Auto Mechanic

Community Safety

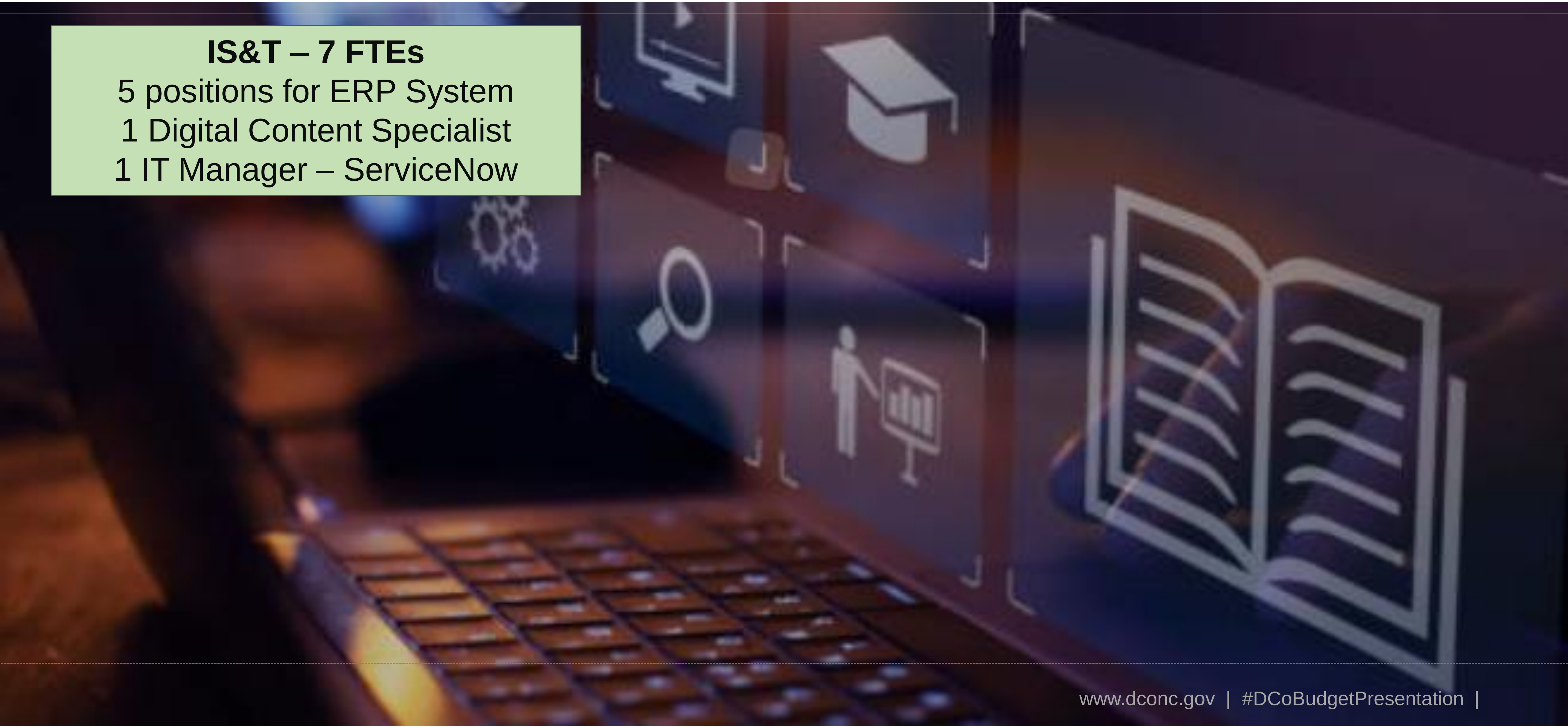
Additional & Reallocated Positions

IS&T – 7 FTEs

5 positions for ERP System

1 Digital Content Specialist

1 IT Manager – ServiceNow



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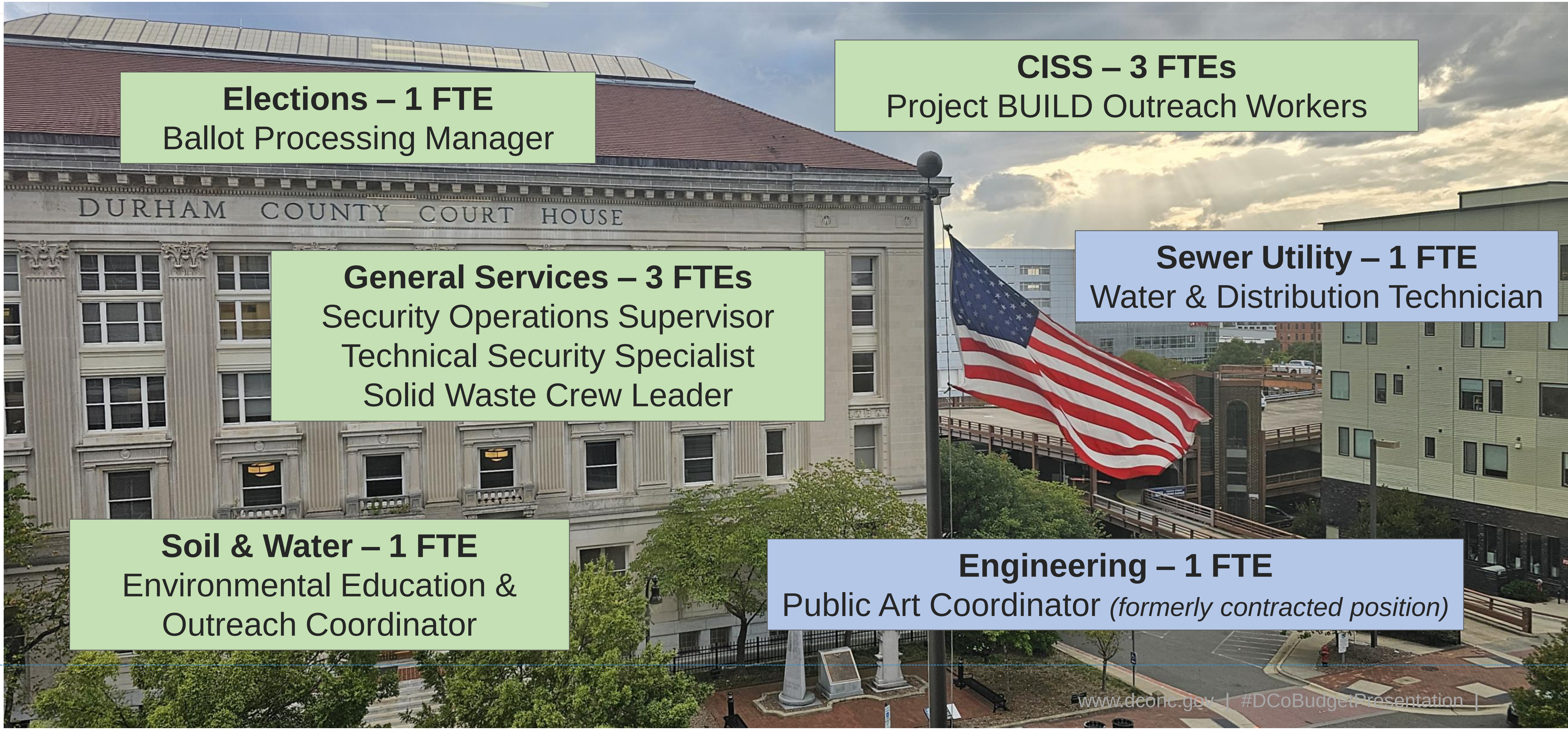


Elections – 1 FTE
Ballot Processing Manager

CISS – 3 FTEs
Project BUILD Outreach Workers

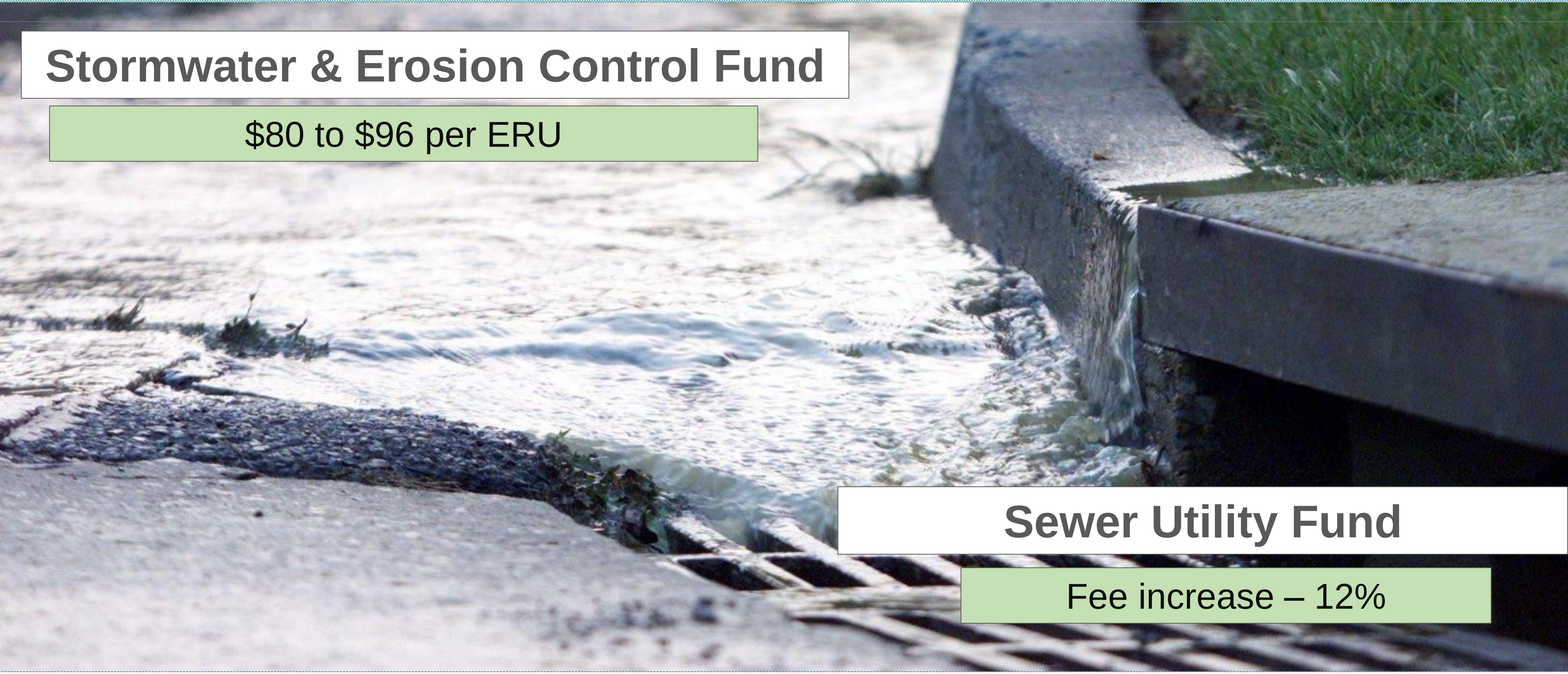
General Services – 3 FTEs
Security Operations Supervisor
Technical Security Specialist
Solid Waste Crew Leader

Sewer Utility – 1 FTE
Water & Distribution Technician

Soil & Water – 1 FTE
Environmental Education & Outreach Coordinator

Engineering – 1 FTE
Public Art Coordinator *(formerly contracted position)*

Community Stewardship



Stormwater & Erosion Control Fund

$80 to $96 per ERU

Sewer Utility Fund

Fee increase – 12%

Benefits Plan

Insurance Cost Increase
$6.2 Million

FY 2025-26 Budget Timeline

- **May 20, May 22**
  Budget Work Sessions
- **May 27**
  Public Hearing for FY 2025-26 Budget
- **May 29, June 3 and 5 (if needed)**
  Budget Work Sessions
- **June 9**
  FY 2025-26 Budget Approval

BUDGET WORKSESSIONS

MAY 2025

20	**WORKSESSION 9-3:30PM** *Board of County Commissioners*
22	**WORKSESSION 1-5PM** *Board of County Commissioners*
27	**PUBLIC HEARING 7PM** *Board of County Commissioners*
29	**WORKSESSION 9-3:30PM** *Board of County Commissioners*

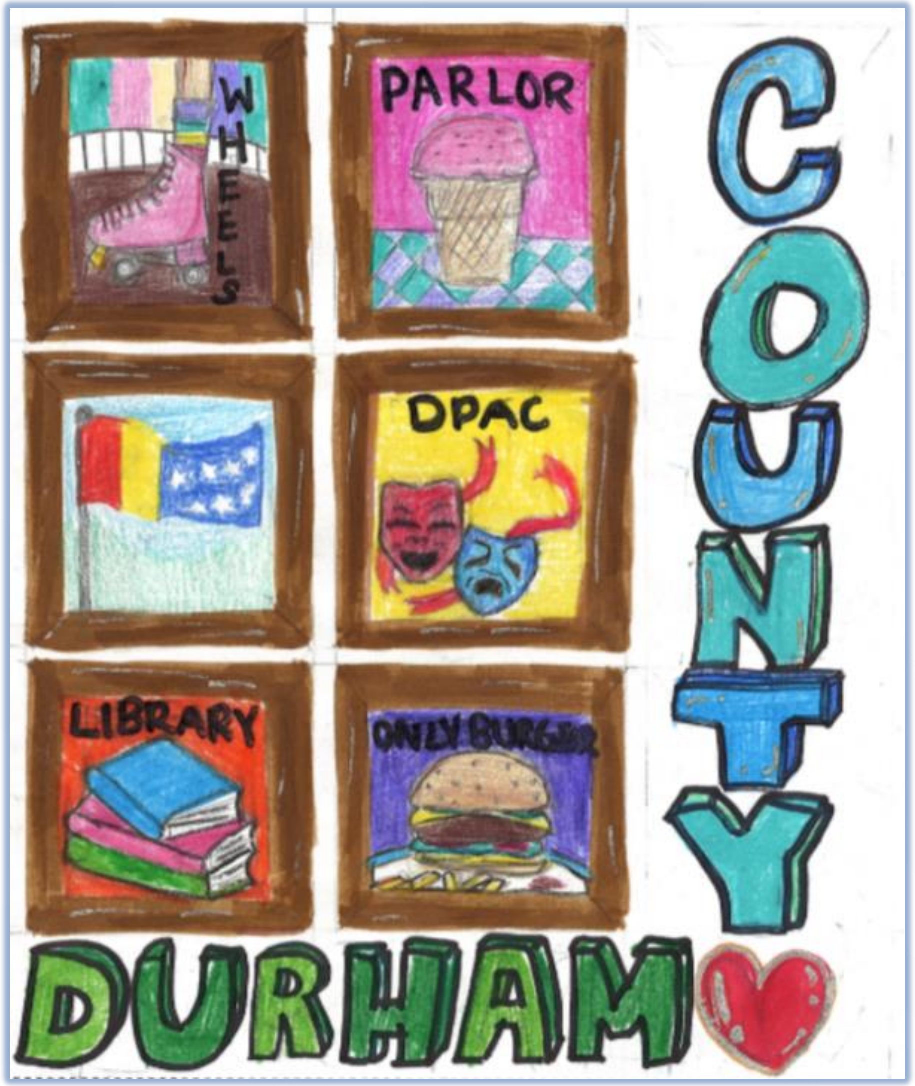
JUNE 2025

3	**WORKSESSION 9-3:30PM** *Board of County Commissioners*
5	**WORKSESSION 1-5PM** *Board of County Commissioners*
9	**BUDGET ADOPTION 7PM** *Board of County Commissioners*

Worksessions provide County Commissioners time to explore citizen feedback and speak with County Management, department leaders, and community partners in order to shape a comprehensive budget for the upcoming fiscal year

View Public Hearing/worksessions: https://bit.ly/3nO4B9b

Budget Book Cover Contest Winner



Zora J.M. Williams

School: Rogers-Herr Middle School

Interests: Student athlete, Alto saxophone player, National Junior Honor Society Member

Budget Horizon

Budget Document Locations

- Durham County Website:
  www.dconc.gov

- Interactive Reports of FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget:
  www.dconc.gov Budget Department Page