



FY2026 Adopted Budget

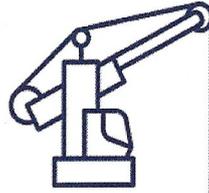
Overview

TOTAL BUDGET:

\$2.54B

- ✓ 58.7% supported by Property Tax & 19.8% by Sales Taxes
- ↑ Increase of \$39.9M, 1.6% from FY2025

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:



County Facilities

Total Cost - \$1.9B

Central Piedmont

Total Cost - \$280.9M

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools

Total Cost - \$2.4B

\$4.57B

The FY2026-FY2030 Capital Improvement Plan totals \$4.57B, including \$2.33B to support projects slated to begin FY2026-FY2030.

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

Property Tax: 58.7%
\$1.49B

Sales Tax: 19.8%
\$503.9M

Charges, Fees, Licenses: 7.5%
\$190.8M

Other: 5.7%
\$144.0M

State, Federal: 5.6%
\$141.7M

Unincorporated Public Safety Service Districts: 1.5%
\$38.8M

Appropriated Fund Balance: 1.2%
\$30.7M

PROPERTY TAX RATE:

49.27¢

 per \$100 valuation

0.96 cent increase from FY2025
\$36.19 annual increase for median homeowner



BOARD PRIORITY NEW INVESTMENTS

\$44.0M
Education

\$11.4M
Health Equity and Wellness

\$6.3M
Services For Seniors

\$1.7M
Workforce Development

\$1.3M
Environmental Stewardship

\$215K
Economic Development

Reducing Racial Disparities:
Race is interwoven into the Board Priorities through policies, practices, & procedures that seek to analyze & eliminate the root causes of racial disparities with the hope that all people in Mecklenburg County will have an equitable opportunity to thrive in the community.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The adopted tax rate is 49.27¢ per \$100 of valuation, an increase of 0.96¢

The Adopted Budget includes (\$13.8M) of reductions & eliminations to discretionary programs to help limit increases to the tax rate.

Fully funds CMS budget request with \$28.3M in new operating funding, & \$33M in total for capital maintenance (a total of \$893.0M overall)

Expands Meck PreK with \$3.4M for 10 classrooms, wrap-care, & teacher pay

Fully funds Medic request with \$7.9M in fund balance for ambulances & equipment, enabling Medic to expand their staff by 78

Provides \$2M & 15 new positions for the Charlotte Mecklenburg Library

Increases funding for Adult Day Care & In-home Aide by \$2.3M

Provides a 3% salary increase for County employees & performance-based pay up to 5%

WHERE THE MONEY GOES:

Education & Literacy	\$1.10B / 42.3%
Health & Human Services	\$429.6M / 16.9%
Government Facilities	\$266.8M / 10.5%
Parks, Environmental, & Land Use	\$255.4M / 10.0%
Justice & Public Safety	\$214.2M / 8.4%
Pass-Through	\$113.0M / 4.4%
Administration & Internal Support	\$109.3M / 4.3%
Financial Services	\$49.4M / 1.9%
Other	\$28.5M / 1.1%