

COUNTY OF SUSSEX BUDGET PRESENTATION

MARCH 24, 2021



Dawn Fantasia, Commissioner Director

Anthony Fasano, Deputy Commissioner Director

Christopher Carney, Commissioner

Sylvia Petillo, Commissioner

Herb J. Yardley, Commissioner

- Budget process begins
- Guidance issued to Departments to prepare submissions

August

September

 Operating budget proposals are due

- Budget subcommittee reviews budget submittals
- Capital Proposals are due

October

 Capital subcommittee reviews proposals

November

December

 Budget subcommittees review the impact of the draft budget Budget subcommittees finalize draft budget

January

 Subcommittees review proposed budget and make any final changes

February

March

 March 24, 2021: Budget is considered for introduction and approval April 28, 2021:

 Board of Chosen
 Freeholders hold
 public hearing for adoption of
 County Budget

April

<u>"2010" Cap</u>

• Establishes a formula limiting increases in the amount to be raised by taxation to 2% of the previous year

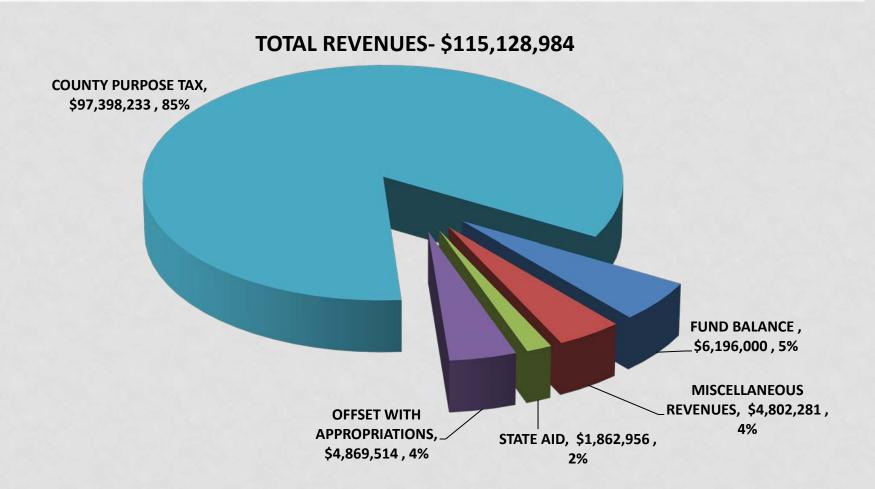
<u>"1977" Cap</u>

 Prohibits counties from increasing property tax levy greater than 2.5%...unless action is taken by the governing body

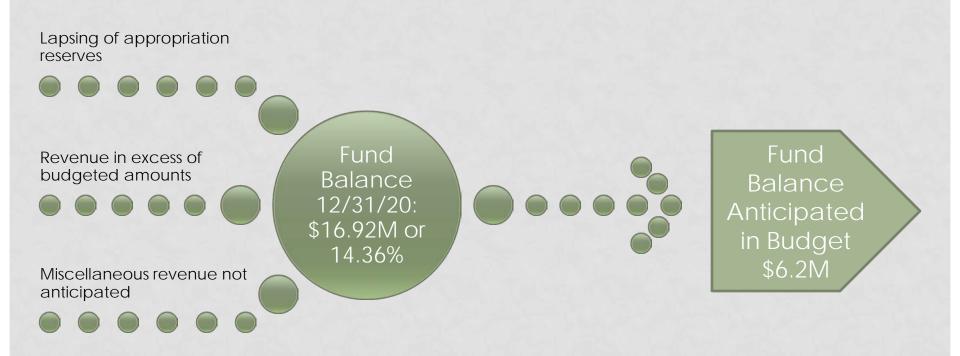
Laws
Affecting
the County
Budget

"2017" County Entity Cap

 Limits the annual increase to the portion of certain county entity budgets funded by the county property tax



Generation of Fund Balance

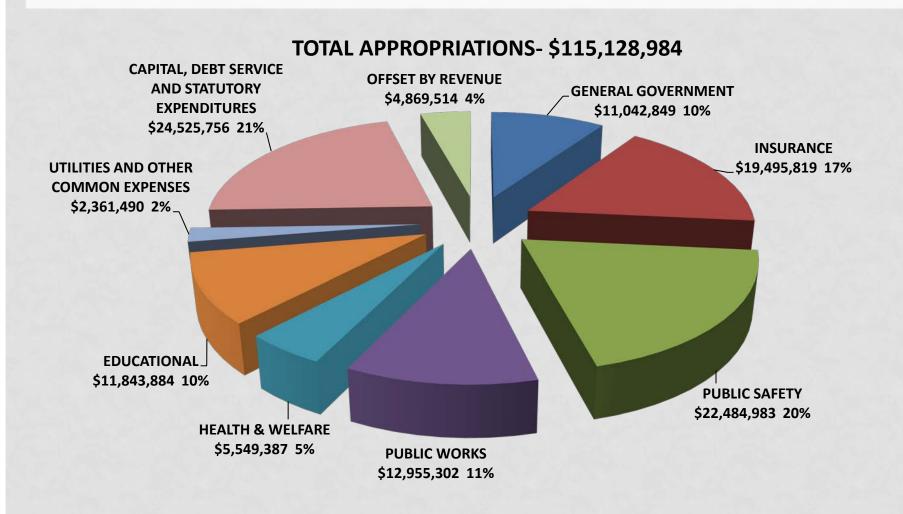


FUND BALANCE HISTORY AND USE AS ANTICIPATED REVENUE



The 2021 Budget represents a 1.91% decrease from the adopted 2020 budget.

Year	2019	2020	2021
Budget	\$112.1M	\$117.4M	\$115.1M
Tax Levy	\$93.9M	\$96.0M	\$97.4M
Ratable Base	\$17.4B	\$17.7B	\$17.9B
Tax Rate per \$100	\$0.5405	\$0.5438	\$0.5443



ALLOCATION OF A COUNTY TAX DOLLAR





- Pandemic response
 - Continue to support the County vaccination site
 - Provide at-home and fixed site COVID19 testing to all County residents
 - Ensure the health and safety of our employees

- Public Safety
 - Continue to develop transport units to transfer arrestees and inmates to the Morris County Correctional Facility
 - Enhance communication between the Emergency Operations Center and strategic partners





Public Works

- Dedicate resources to improve road, bridge, and tree crew staffing levels.
- Expand funding for the Office of Mosquito Control to meet increased service demand.

- Capital Improvements
 - Maintain the level of funding for debt service and capital improvements
 - Additional appropriations are being considered as part of the Securing Our Children's Future Bond Act Grant Applications

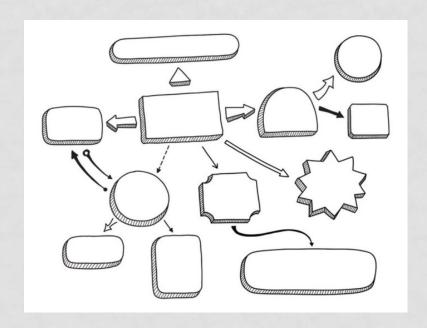


DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Division of Social Services
 - Obtain additional workspaces and interviewing areas for the Division of Social Services
 - Overhaul document management system to improve case management and customer service



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- Division of Community& Youth Services
 - Continue the Overdose Fatality Review Team to develop long term objectives
 - Expand the use of on-line forms with the SeamlessDocs platform

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PLANNING



- Division of Planning
 - Hire Planning Aide to improve effectiveness and responsiveness of the Division
- Division of Engineering
 - Complete various speed zone and traffic safety studies throughout the County road system

DEPARTMENT OF ENGINEERING & PLANNING

- Guide rail operation
 & maintenance
 - Systems are installed to enhance the overall operational safety of the roadway system.
 - Typically a physical barrier installed along roadway to protect the traveling public from more sever roadside conditions.





- Bridge & Traffic Safety
 - Replace Sussex County signal system SC-36 in Hopatcong Borough
- Public Works
 - Develop asset
 management system
 framework for the
 Divisions of Engineering
 and Public Works

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE

- Financial Initiatives
 - AA+ Bond Rating
 - Upgrade in Budgetary Performance to Strong
 - Grant Management Policies optimize timely receipts of grant dollars

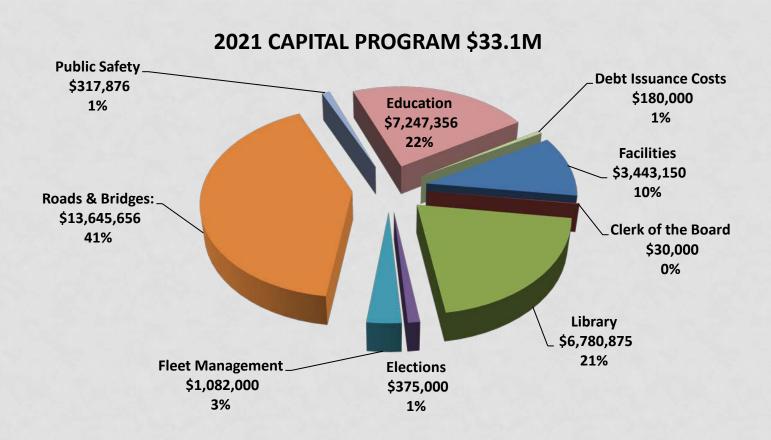


2021 COUNTY CAPITAL BUDGET

Capital Improvement Program

- An important part of financial management, which encompasses:
 - (1) the preparation, adoption, and implementation of a budget for major capital projects or acquisitions; and
 - (2) the funding of those capital projects and acquisitions through a combination of current funds and debt financing
- Capital expenditures include County Community College, County Technical School, County Government Projects and Remediation Projects
- The 2021 capital program totals \$33,101,913 with new debt authorized not to exceed \$10,000,000

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Capital Project	Recommended Funding
1. Road Resurfacing	\$7,528,478
2. Dennis Library Renovations	\$7,000,000
3. Technical School Grant Application	\$6,347,356
4. Bridge Replacements & Improvements	\$4,394,678
5. Guide rail maintenance	\$1,450,000
6. Heavy Machinery	\$922,000
7. Technical School Improvements	\$880,000
8. Replacement of Voting Machines (partial)	\$375,000
9. Judicial Center Improvements	\$350,000
10. Emergency Management Storage	\$317,876

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