



TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS
MAY 3, 2022

FY 2023

Proposed

General Fund Budget

\$112,607,000

Current FY 2022

General Fund Budget

\$112,816,000





TALBOT COUNTY, MARYLAND

FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Budget Strategy

- The FY 23 Proposed Budget has been developed to maintain core services, to provide for workforce stability, investment in capital projects addressing infrastructure, and in the improvement of public safety, education, and other general services.
- It closely mirrors the FY 22 funding levels and maintains a healthy fund balance in order to be optimally positioned for future economic uncertainties such as are being seen with inflationary pressures, escalating fuel and commodity costs, and the possibility of delays or disruptions in supply chains.
- The proposed budget continues to support the operational strategy of investing in Personnel, Processes, and Projects which are key elements in effectively providing public safety and general services.



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Budget Overview

- The FY 2023 Proposed General Fund Budget is \$112,607,000 (*essentially flat compared to the current FY 2022 Budget*).
- Included in this budget is over \$3 million for transfers to the Capital Projects fund and \$3 million for Capital Outlay (equipment) purchases. This Budget is funded, in part, with revenues of \$14.3 million from Prior Year Fund Balance.
- The FY 2023 budget for Operating Expenses is increasing by 7.7%, which is less than the 8.5% increase in the Consumer Price Index.
- This Budget includes a 1 cent increase to the Property Tax rate above what is allowed under the Real Property Tax cap as authorized by the voters of Talbot County in November 2020. This Budget also includes a 1 cent Education supplement to support Talbot County Public School's budget initiatives.
- Public Safety is a top priority in this budget.



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Budget Highlights

- Graduated expansion of 24/7 Paramedic Unit in the northern end of the county which will improve response times.
- Funding enhancements to the volunteer fire departments to address operational costs and to support training, personnel retention, and recruitment.
- Enhanced support for the Sheriff's Office.
- Property acquisition or construction to house the Sheriff's Office and the Health Department.
- Fully funding the educational commitment and additional supplemental and capital requests from Talbot County Public Schools.
- Investment in roadway enhancements, culvert replacements and the extension of sewer services.
- Investments in information technology for greater efficiency, transparency and data security.



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Budget Highlights

- Increase in operations budget is less than inflation.
- Funding for increased retirement expense associated with joining LEOPS (Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System) for paramedics.
- Cost of living and step increases for all eligible employees to address inflationary and recruitment and retention issues.
- 13 new positions added - 4 additional positions for a 12 hour/day Emergency Medical Services Unit, 3 deputies and 1 civil process server for the Sheriff's Office, 1 plan reviewer for Permits & Inspections, 1 machine equipment operator for the Roads Department, 1 landings officer for Parks and Recreation, 1 administrative assistant for the Circuit Court, County Communications Specialist/Public Information Officer and restructuring of open positions in Planning & Zoning to create two new positions.



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Budget Highlights – Proposed Sanitary Sewer Rate Increases

ANNUAL CHARGE	UNIONVILLE, TUNIS MILLS, COPPERVILLE	ROYAL OAK, NEWCOMB, BELLEVUE	ST. MICHAELS	MARTINGHAM	TILGHMAN
Existing Sewer Service	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 460.00
Annual BRF Fee	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
Current Annual Rate	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$ 710.00	\$ 730.00	\$ 520.00
FY2023 Proposed Annual Rate Increase	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 225.00
NEW ANNUAL USER RATE	\$985.00	\$985.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,055.00	\$ 745.00



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Revenues & Expenditures

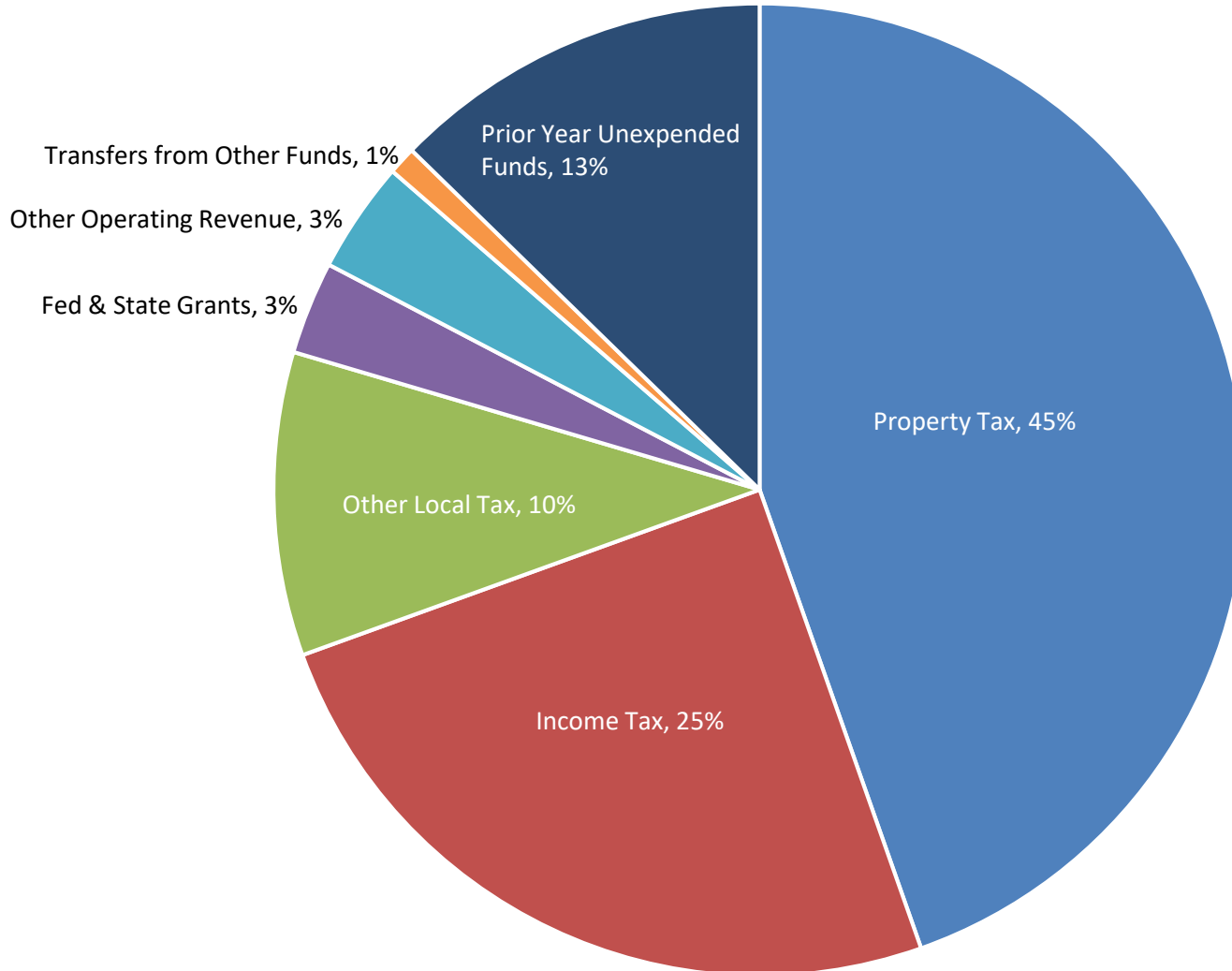
	FY 2023 Proposed	FY 2022 Budget	Change From FY 2022 Budget	% Change
Revenues:				
Property Taxes	\$ 50,233,000	\$ 47,148,500	\$ 3,084,500	6.54%
Income and Other Local Taxes	39,370,000	37,305,000	2,065,000	5.54%
Other Revenues	7,654,400	6,547,100	1,107,300	16.91%
Transfers from Fund Balance and Other Funds	15,350,000	21,815,000	(6,465,000)	-29.64%
	<u>\$ 112,607,400</u>	<u>\$ 112,815,600</u>	<u>\$ (208,200)</u>	<u>-0.18%</u>
Expenditures:				
Public Schools, including debt service	\$ 50,183,800	\$ 48,046,600	\$ 2,137,200	4.45%
Other County Operations	55,596,800	50,202,900	5,393,900	10.74%
Subtotal Operating Expenses	105,780,600	98,249,500	7,531,100	7.67%
Capital Outlay	2,918,900	2,254,400	664,500	29.48%
Transfer to Other Funds, including capital projects	3,907,900	12,311,700	(8,403,800)	-68.26%
	<u>\$ 112,607,400</u>	<u>\$ 112,815,600</u>	<u>\$ (208,200)</u>	<u>-0.18%</u>



GENERAL FUND REVENUES

FY 2023

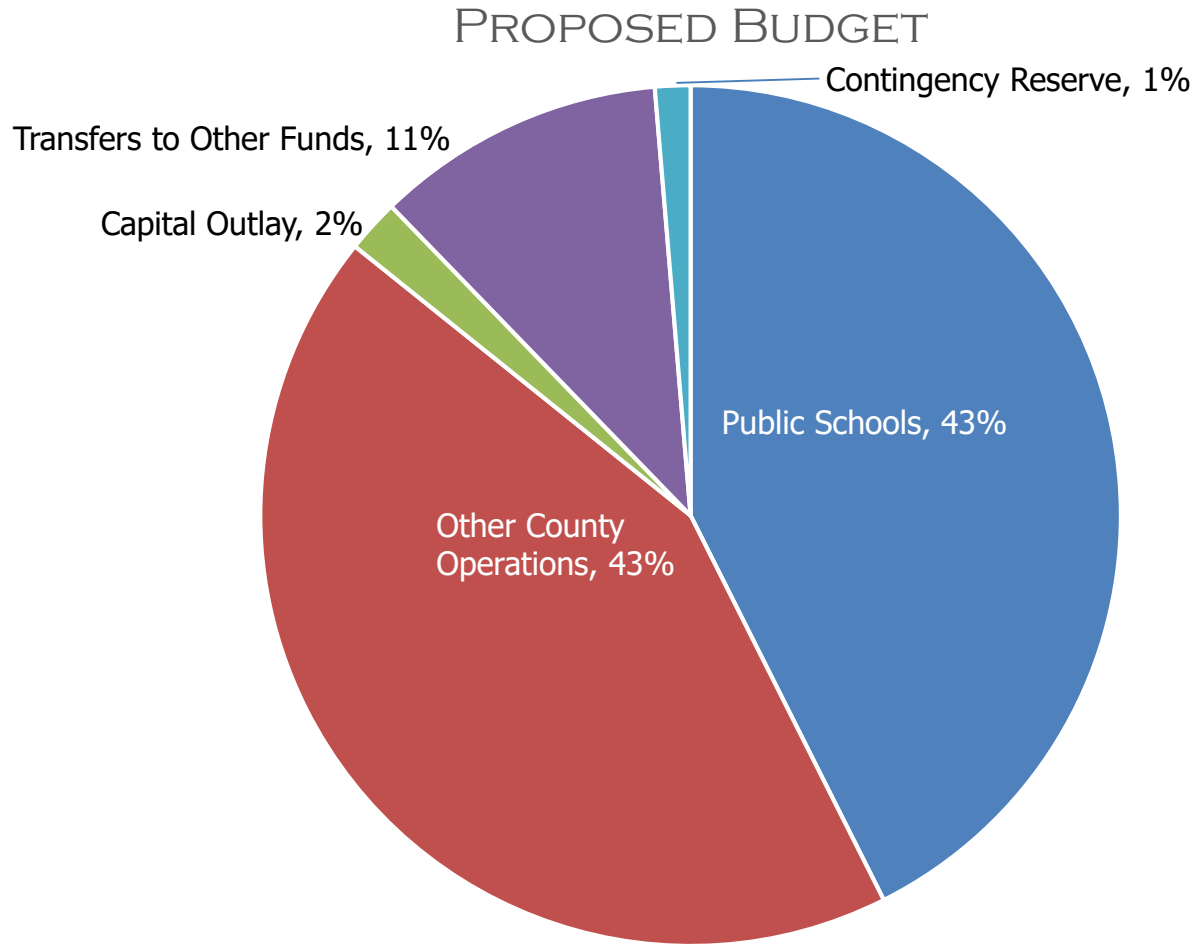
PROPOSED BUDGET





GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

FY 2023





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Capital Projects Fund Proposed Projects

County Facilities

Public Safety Center	\$ 6,900,000
Health Department Facility	12,000,000
EMS Stations	1,000,000
Broadband Expansion	1,750,000
Election Board Office	100,000
9-1-1 Division CAD Replacement	137,430
St. Michaels Library Expansion	45,000

Highways & Streets

Bridges - General	216,147
County Wide Roads	500,000
Tunis Mill Bridge	3,000,000
Goldsborough Neck/Airport Road	1,950,000
Culvert Replacement	200,000
Water Quality Improvement	50,000
Airport Road	1,200,000

Parks & Recreation

Frederick Douglass Park on the Tuckahoe
Bill Burton Park

Public Schools

St. Michaels School Parking Lot	375,000
White Marsh Elem Outdoor Classroom	46,000
White Marsh Elem Security Fence	19,000
TCEC Pole building storage	65,000

TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET

\$ 29,553,577



FUND BALANCE

FY 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Discretionary Balance 06/30/2010	\$13.6 million
FY 2011 Activity	-9.2 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2011	\$4.4 million
FY 2012 Activity	0 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2012	\$4.4 million
FY 2013 Activity	+2.4 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2013	\$6.8 million
FY 2014 Activity	+2.9 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2014	\$9.7 million
FY 2015 Activity	+4.3 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2015	\$14.0 million
FY 2016 Activity	-.3 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2016	\$13.7 million
FY 2017 Activity	+3.8 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2017	\$17.5 million
FY 2018 Activity	+.5 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2018	\$18.0 million
FY 2019 Activity	-.8 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2019	\$17.2 million
FY 2020 Activity	+15.5 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2020	\$32.7 million
FY 2021 Activity	+16.6 million
Discretionary Balance 06/30/2021	\$49.3 million
Projected FY 2022 Activity	-\$3.4 million
Projected Discretionary Balance 6/30/2022	\$45.9 million
Used to Balance FY 2023 Budget	-\$14.3 million
Projected Remaining Balance for FY 2023 & Beyond	\$31.6 million



Talbot County, Maryland

FY 2023 Proposed Budget

**Bill No. 1498 will be eligible for vote on
Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

For more information on the
FY 2023 Proposed Budget
(*Bill No. 1498*)

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