

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE

Budget in Brief & Strategic Plan Progress Report

ADOPTED FISCAL YEAR 2025/2026

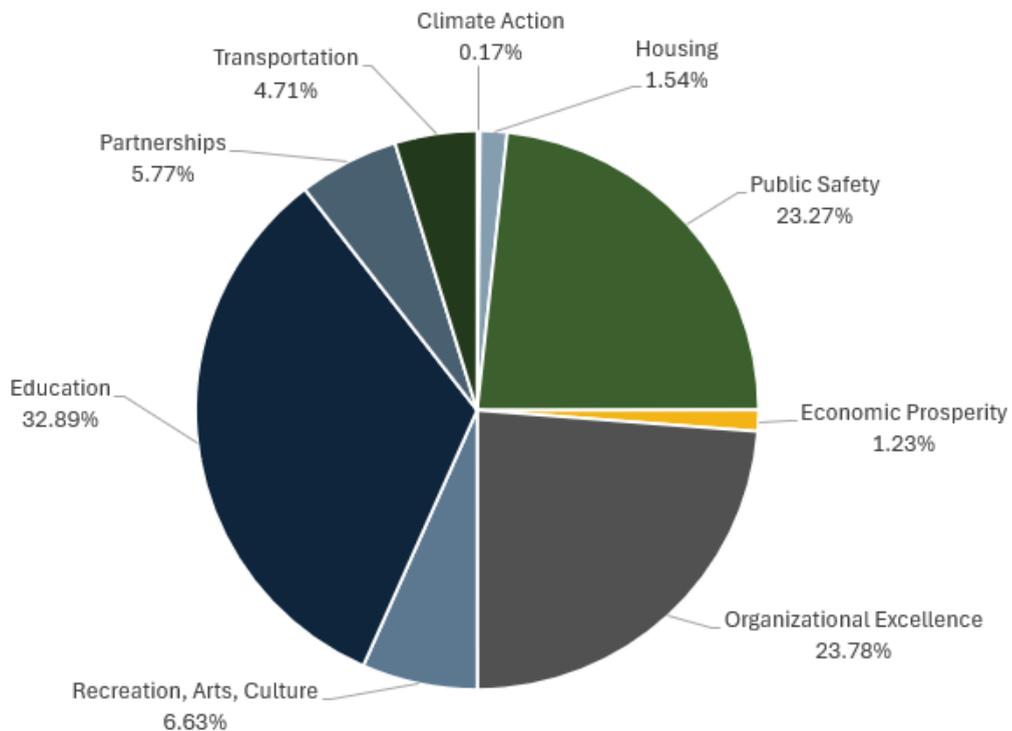


To be a place where everyone thrives.



Strategic Plan & the Budget

In April 2023, City Council adopted a formal three year strategic plan after many months of hard work from numerous City staff, department heads and feedback from City Council. This strategic plan was created with a commitment to Justice, Equity, Diversity, Inclusion (JEDI) and the 9 Strategic Outcome Areas listed below. This plan encompasses the years (FY 2023-2025). While strategic outcome areas are finalized, strategies and measures for each are currently in draft phase, and will be finalized and adopted in late summer of 2025. The adopted plan comprises these goals and respective percentage of the FY 2026 City Council Adopted General Fund budget:



The pie chart above shows the allocation of spending to the 9 different strategic outcome areas. This graph is only comparing amounts allocated in the General Fund, and does not include allocations in other parts of the city's budget, such as the Capital Improvement plan. The General Fund includes most departments, as well as contributions to outside agencies through the city's Vibrant Community Fund program. The allocations are as follows: Climate Action .17% (\$458,491), Housing 1.54% (\$4,083,846), Public Safety 23.27% (\$61,729,575), Economic Prosperity 1.23% (\$3,253,247), Organizational Excellence 23.78% (\$63,086,750), Recreation, Arts, Culture 6.63% (\$17,598,050), Education 32.89% (\$87,228,177), Partnerships 5.77% (\$15,304,381), and Transportation 4.71% (\$12,505,930).

FY 2026 Budget Highlights

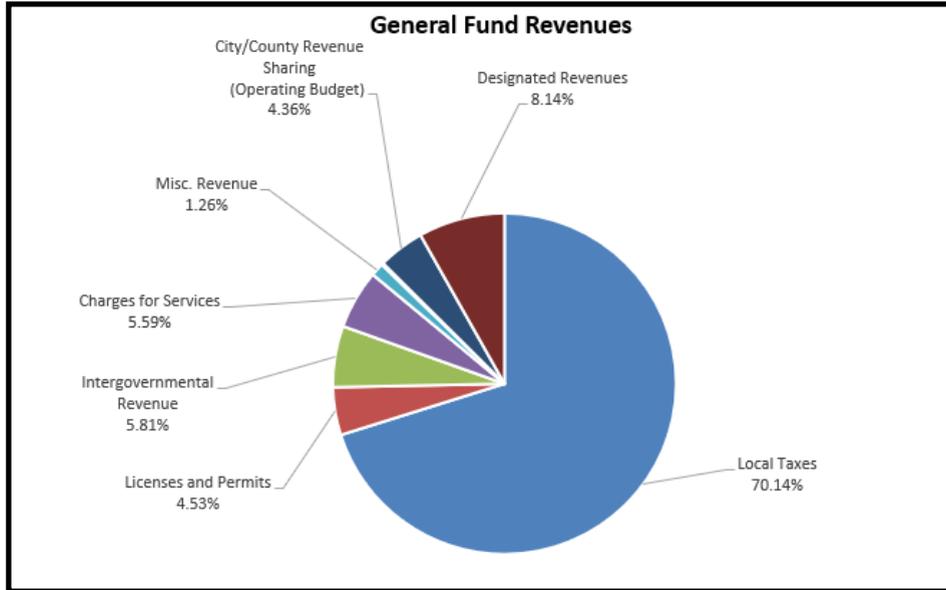
Total General Fund Budget: \$265.2m

5.3% increase over FY 2025

Total CIP Budget: \$36m

Local Contribution to Schools: \$79m

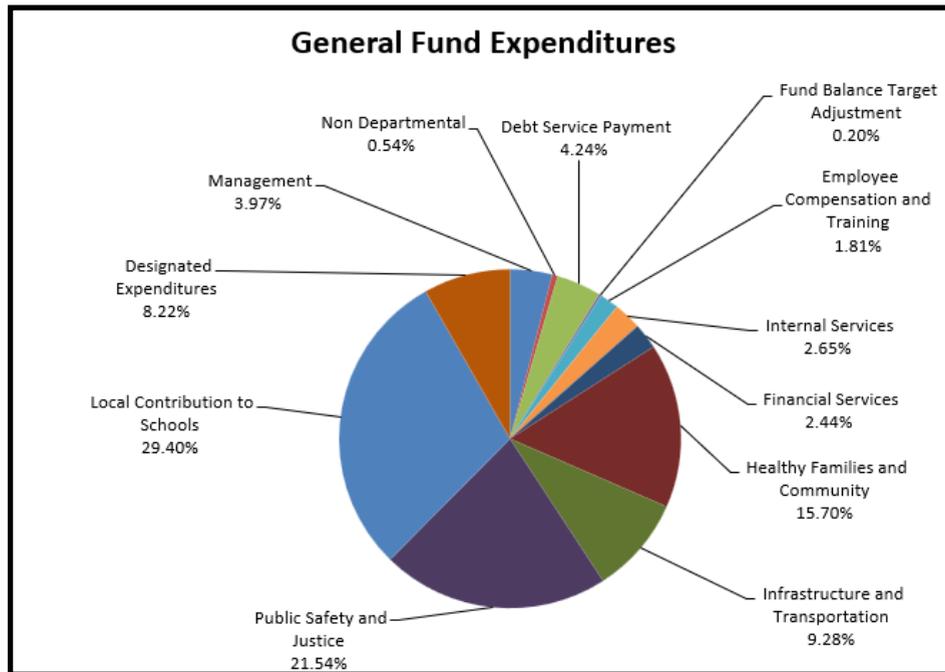
Revenue Highlights



- **Meals Tax** – The FY26 proposed tax rate of 7% is the same as the previous year's rate. The FY26 proposed budget projection for this revenue is \$21.2 million. Despite a tax increase in FY25, meals tax revenue growth has declined. It is anticipated the declines will plateau and level off with a modest increase projected for FY26.
- **Lodging Tax** – The FY26 proposed budget projection for this revenue is \$9.1 million. Despite a tax increase in FY25, transient occupancy tax revenue has under-performed. The amount projected for FY26 represents a 4.8% decline from the amount budgeted in FY25 (\$9.5 million).
- **Real Estate Taxes**– The FY26 proposed tax rate of \$0.98 is the same as the previous year's rate. The FY26 budget projection for this revenue is roughly \$117 million, which represents a total increase of \$8.6 million, or 8%, over the FY25 adopted budget.
- **Personal Property Tax**- The FY26 proposed budget projection for this revenue is \$15 million, which represents an increase of \$1.7 million, or 12.74%, over the FY25 adopted budget.
- **Sales and Use Tax**- The FY26 proposed budget projection for this revenue is \$14.5 million. Sales Tax revenue began to decline at the beginning of FY25 but began to rebound slightly in the middle of the fiscal year. Projections for FY26 reflect an overall decrease of \$1.3 million from the FY25 budget.
- **Licenses & Permits**- License and Permit projections for FY26 are estimated at \$12 million, a slight decrease from FY25 based on current trends.
- **City/County Revenue Sharing**- The FY26 proposed budget projection for this revenue is \$20.2 million, which represents an increase of \$2.4 million, or 13.6%, over the FY25 adopted budget.

Real Estate Tax Rate: Remains at \$0.98 per \$100 assessed value

Expenditure Highlights



City Council identified nine priority areas: Housing, Public Safety, Organizational Excellence, Transportation, Climate Action, Partnerships, Education, Economic Prosperity, and Recreation, Art, Culture. A select few of the new expenditures that fall under these priorities are listed here.

Affordable Housing

- \$12.7 million is allocated for Affordable Housing projects in FY26, and over \$53 million is planned over the 5-year Capital Improvement Program for several affordable housing initiatives, including redevelopment of Westhaven, supplemental rental assistance, 501 Cherry Avenue, Carlton Mobile Home Park and Kindewood Phase 3 and 4.
- \$1.5 million is allocated to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) to provide funding for affordable homeownership, affordable home rehabilitation, and energy conservation, down payment assistance, and other affordable housing initiatives.
- \$1,110,000 in funding is budgeted to provide homeowner assistance grants to qualifying City residents who own property in the City. For FY26, eligibility requirement for the household income threshold is \$62,100 or less and the maximum assessed value for the Charlottesville Homeowner Assistance Program (CHAP) program will increase to \$525,000.
- In addition, the Rent and Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled programs and Stormwater Assistance will receive \$2,060,000 in funding for FY26.

Education

- This budget continues a commitment to the City Schools by allocating a total funding amount of \$79,026,522 which represents an increase of \$4.9 million over the funding amount provided in FY25.
- Through the City's Capital Improvement Program (CIP), \$6.0 million is funded for school capital improvements in FY26, and a total of \$55.1 million is planned for school projects over the next 5 years including \$30 million for the Walker School Pre-K Center.

Public Safety

- \$1.2 million is included in the FY26 Capital Improvement Program to fund mobile data computers, mobile radios, fire breathing apparatus, protective clothing, breathing apparatus replacements and the replacement of an ambulance.

Partnerships: Contributions to Outside Agencies & Non-Profits

- In FY26, \$2,300,000 is allocated in the budget for the competitive VCF awards. In FY25, several agencies including Offender Aid and Restoration, the Free Clinic, Shelter for Help and Emergency, Foothills, PHAR and Child Health Partnership, were designated as providing fundamental services and those agencies were removed from consideration as part of the competitive VCF process and were evaluated and funded based on the merits of their application. The funding in the amount of \$1.4 million will be awarded to the fundamental agencies in FY26.

Area 1: Climate Action

Charlottesville is a leader in improving the environment through implementation of its Climate Action Plan.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$460K

% of 2026 Budget: .17%

Area 1 focuses on improving the environment through the implementation of the Climate Action Plan. The City’s action plan provides a framework for how the Charlottesville community can work together to achieve its emissions reduction goals of 45% reduction by 2030 and carbon neutrality by 2050. While the Office of Sustainability is one of the primary drivers of this strategic area, multiple departments and programs within the city are vital participants in achieving this goal. Funding for the new investments into Climate Action this year are found both within the city’s general fund as well as Capital Improvement Program. Highlighted below are some of the FY26 investments and strategic measures.

INVESTMENTS

General Fund

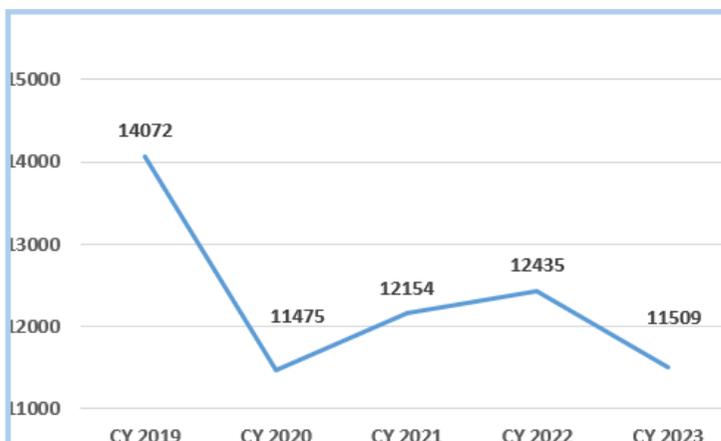
- \$15,000 awarded to Rivanna Conservation Alliance in order to support its water monitoring program for the local Rivanna.
- \$14,258 awarded to Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District that will support the organization to work in partnership with various local, state, and federal agencies to provide comprehensive and efficient natural resource assistance.

Capital Improvement Plan

- This budget continues the \$5 million commitment made in FY25 by allocating \$1 million each year (FY25 - FY29) in the CIP. The creation of the Climate Action Fund is available to the Office of Sustainability to be deployed as matching grant, program expenses, and project resources in support of realizing the City's Climate Action Plan. This funding is an example of the enhanced commitment to climate action as an expansion of already programmed projects that contribute to the reducing the City's greenhouse gas emissions.

City Council Priority—Climate Action

An important metric in Charlottesville’s climate action plan is GHG or Community-wide Greenhouse Gas emissions. Over the past few years the Office of Sustainability has tracked and examined this data to understand how Charlottesville as a community is doing when it comes to our community’s climate goals. While Greenhouse Gas emission temporarily increased after the pandemic, they have once again begun to decrease.



Change in GHG emissions for municipal inventories

Municipal inventories include city government and city buildings and facilities. The drop from 12,435MT in 2022 to 11,509MT in 2023 constitutes a roughly 7% decrease in municipal inventory emissions.

Area 2: Economic Prosperity

Charlottesville develops strategies and economic development opportunities that drive economic prosperity for all.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$3.3m

% of 2026 Budget: 1.23%

Area 2 focuses on improving economic prosperity for all in the city through the development of strategies and opportunities. The City has made significant financial investments in new and long term initiatives in this area, with many of these investments comprising of the city's different partnerships. While there have been many positive indicators of a strong economy this year through Charlottesville's low unemployment rate and increasing real estate revenue, the city continues to invest in its programs and local partners. Below are highlighted of some of the FY26's investments into this area, as well as strategic measures.

INVESTMENTS

General Fund

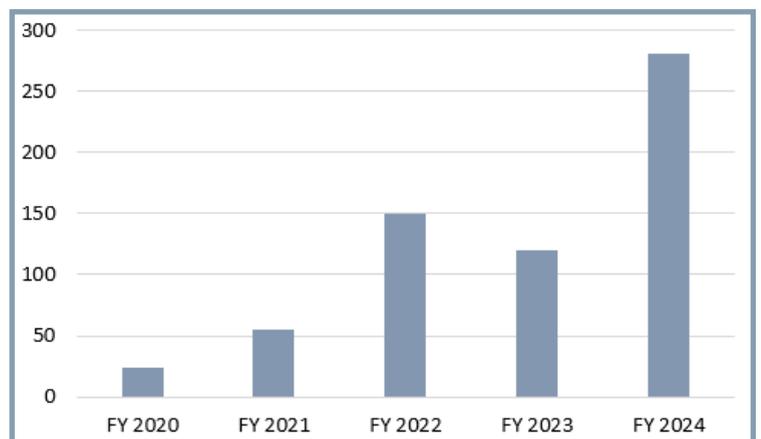
- \$31,701 awarded to Central Virginia Partnership for Economic Development to help engage the private sector in driving economic development in the region by creating new jobs and capital investment.
- \$53,209 total awarded to the Community Investment Collaborative. \$27,359 of this total has been awarded to CIC's Central Virginia Small Business Development Center to support business's in the area through free business and technical counseling, low-cost training, and connection to resources for existing and pre-venture entrepreneurs. The remaining \$25,850 has been awarded to CIC's Microbusinesses programs to support entrepreneurs and small business owners in developing and launching a business.
- Over \$500k moved to the City Wide Reserve to help ensure stability for the city and access to future funding in uncertain times.

City Council Priority—Economic Prosperity

The city of Charlottesville places a large importance on connecting to and helping to foster the businesses within its community. Programs such as the Business First Visitation Program, help to guide businesses in the city through connecting local businesses with a point contact in the City who they can listen to their story and recommend strategies and resources.

Number of business visitations

A large increase from 120 to 281 business visitations occurred from 2023 to 2024. This number represents over a doubling of businesses from the prior year, and speaks to the success of the Business First Visitation Program.



Area 3: Education

Charlottesville supports a broad and well-integrated set of educational opportunities that includes Charlottesville City Schools (CCS), other youth serving organizations, career technical education (CTE) providers, and Piedmont Virginia Community College (PVCC).

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$87.2m

% of 2026 Budget: 32.89%

Area 3 focuses on the welfare of City residents through the support of various educational opportunities by the City. The City has made significant financial investments in new and long term initiatives in this Goal area, working together with its different community partners. The City supports educational opportunities by direct support of City schools, and well as through supporting its different community partners who help contribute to this area, including the career technical center and Piedmont Virginia Community College. Highlighted below are some of the investments and measures for this strategic area.

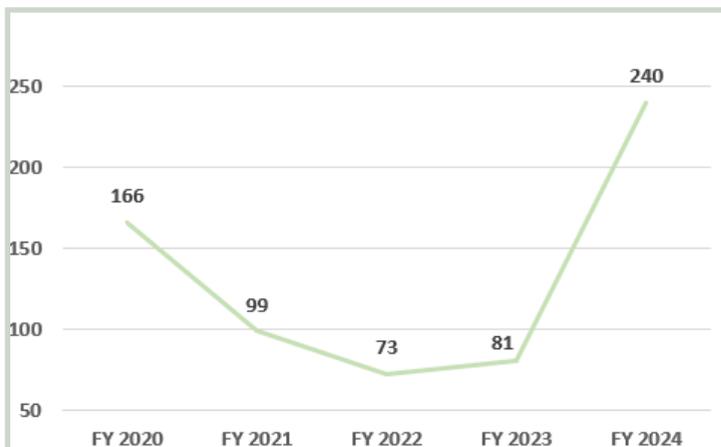
INVESTMENTS

General Fund

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- \$229,805 awarded to United Way of Greater Charlottesville for its early learners scholarship program. This scholarship program provides scholarships for child care and preschool to children of low-income working parents.
- \$156,082 awarded to Ready Kids to help support children in the Charlottesville area with counseling, family support and early learning opportunities.

City Council Priority—Education

Every year the city of Charlottesville opens the Community Attention Youth Internship for 14-21 year olds in the city. This opportunity allows those in the community to explore different careers while developing workplace readiness skills and identifying strengths. The city of Charlottesville is committed to providing and promoting opportunities such as these to help those in our community have access to the opportunities they need to meet their educational goals.



Number of Community Attention Youth Internship participants

Like other programs, the CAYIP program decreased during and after the pandemic. In 2024, the program reached a record breaking number of 240 participants, nearly a 200% increase from the year prior.

Area 4: Housing

Charlottesville defines access to livable housing as a human right and works to ensure housing choices and mobility are provided for all who seek it through implementation of the Affordable Housing Plan.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$4.1m

% of 2026 Budget: 1.54%

Area 4 focuses on the access to livable housing as a human right and the work to ensure housing choices and mobility for all residents of the community. Due to the high quality of life and attractions of the City, the demand for housing in the area has only grown more and more over the last few years. Strong collaboration and continued support of our community partners has been critical in the creation of new housing and affordable housing options for our residents. Not reflected in the general fund budget summary above is the \$12.7 million allocated for Housing projects within the CIP program. Highlighted below are many of the new investments in this strategic area.

INVESTMENTS

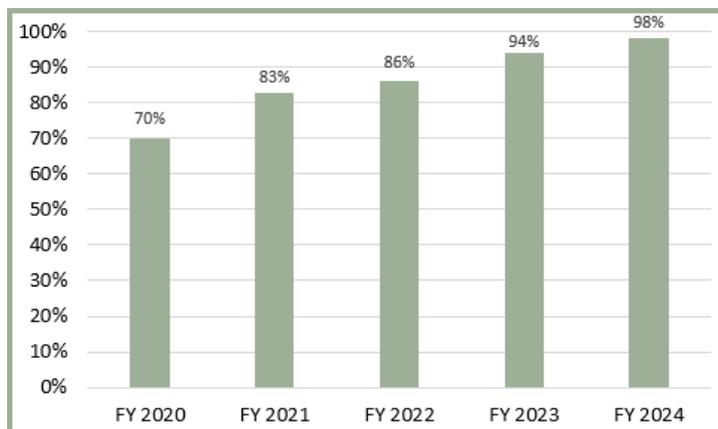
Capital Improvement Program

- \$12.7 million is allocated for Affordable Housing projects in FY26, and over \$53 million is planned over the 5-year Capital Improvement Program for several affordable housing initiatives, including redevelopment of Westhaven, supplemental rental assistance, 501 Cherry Avenue, Carlton Mobile Home Park and Kindlewood Phase 3 and 4.
- \$1,110,000 in funding is budgeted for the Charlottesville Housing Affordability Program (CHAP) that will provide additional relief and adjusts the top income eligibility threshold to \$62,100 or less. The Tax Relief for Elderly and Disabled programs income threshold also must now exceed the sum of \$62,100. The total rent relief benefit is capped at \$2,000 per qualified applicant. Both these programs total to \$2,060,000 in funding for FY26.
- \$1.5 million is allocated to the Charlottesville Affordable Housing Fund (CAHF) to provide funding for affordable homeownership, affordable home rehabilitation, and energy conservation, down payment assistance, and other affordable housing initiatives.

City Council Priority—Housing

The Community Connector program helps citizens of Charlottesville with housing needs from providing emergency financial assistance to housing navigation. Navigation includes assisting with researching housing options and help in the application process. Since 2020, this program has seen consistent improvement, with 2024 ending in an impressive 98% of program participants meeting their housing security goals.

% Community connector participants who successful met housing security goals



Area 5: Organizational Excellence

Charlottesville's well-trained and dedicated staff deliver excellent services to the community.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$63.1m

% of 2026 Budget: 23.78%

Area 5 focuses on providing the tools and resources needed to allow City staff to deliver excellent service to the Charlottesville community. The City has made significant financial investments in new and long term initiatives in this area, with many different programs helping to support and foster City employees, one being the newly revived Thrive! Program re-established to help highlight and uplift those employees who go above and beyond. Below are highlighted some of this year's investments into this strategic area.

INVESTMENTS

General Fund

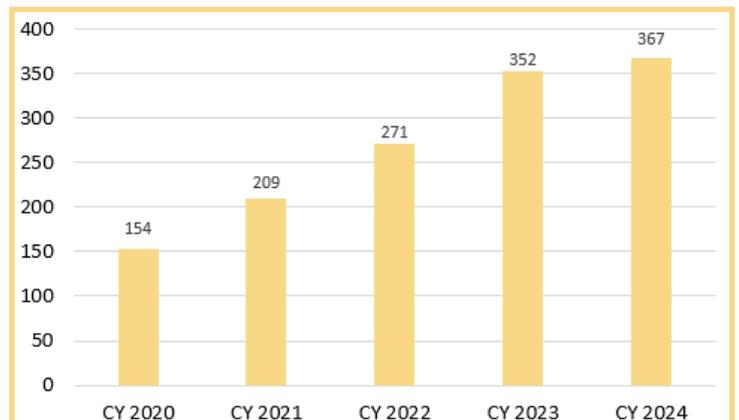
- \$2.6 million in funding has been added for collective bargaining contracts for the three certified bargaining units of Police, Fire, and Transit which were approved last year and \$1.9 million for the Labor and Trades contract which becomes effective in FY26 and represents the city's fourth bargaining unit.
- \$1.3 million has been allocated to implement a step plus 1% pay scale adjustment for all unaffiliated employees. Additionally, the City's contribution for healthcare will increase by 30.6% per employee (from \$10,717 to \$14,000) for a total cost increase of \$2.4M.
- Supporting the City's retired members, the required annual contribution to the City's Pension fund is fully funded and 1% COLA for Retirees is provided. The retirement costs for both the defined benefit and the defined contribution plans in the general fund total \$14.4 million.

City Council Priority—Organizational Excellence

While organizational excellence can be measured through the support the city gives to its employees, it can also be measured by the success of the employees.. The city provides a host of different programs and opportunities for its citizens, however, these would all be negated if it wasn't for the ability to reach the public to inform them. Each year the city strives to ensure its citizens have access and knowledge of the services and events provided for them.

Number of press releases sent out by year

The number of City press releases has continued to increase each year, with the number of press releases released in 2024 being over double the amount sent out in 2020, and an increase of 4% from the year prior.



Area 6: Partnerships

Charlottesville creates avenues for meaningful collaborations with partners and key stakeholders, such as the County, UVA, and nonprofits, to magnify positive community outcomes

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$15.3m

% of 2026 Budget: 5.77%

Area 6 focuses on the relationships the City fosters and maintains with its partners and key stakeholders in the community. The City has made significant financial investments in new and long term initiatives in this Goal area, and the many departments and external partners that contribute to this goal and to the Council priorities are listed. Strong collaboration and continued support of community partners is critical to ensure investments are strategic and the desired objectives are achieved. Below are highlighted some of this year's investments into this strategic area.

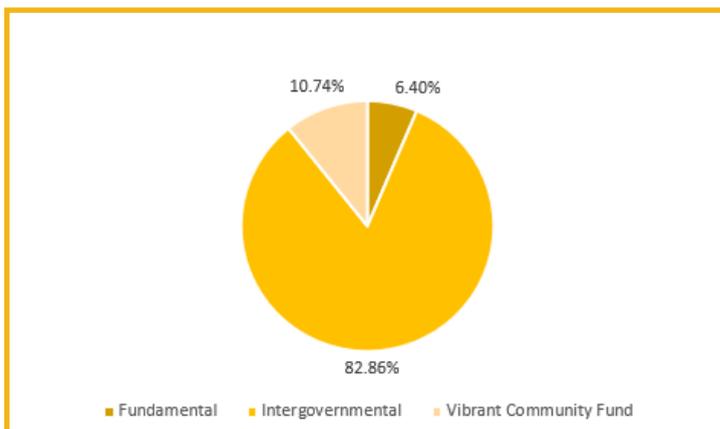
INVESTMENTS

General Fund

- For FY26, the Vibrant Community Fund (VCF) process adopted four broad funding priority areas: Education & Youth, Public Health & Safety, Economic Impact & Jobs, and Arts and Culture. Applications relating to funding requests for affordable housing initiatives apply through the CAHF process. In FY25, several agencies including Offender Aid and Restoration, the Free Clinic, Shelter for Help and Emergency, Foothills, PHAR and Child Health Partnership, were designated as providing fundamental services and the funding for those agencies were removed from consideration as part of the competitive VCF process and were evaluated and funded based on the merits of their application. The funding in the amount of \$1.4 million will be awarded to the fundamental agencies in FY26.
- In FY26, \$2,300,000 is allocated in the budget for the competitive VCF awards. No increase was included for the funding amount allocated through the Vibrant Community Fund process when compared with the amount funded in FY25.

City Council Priority—Partnerships

The city of Charlottesville has many different partners and types of partnerships. The largest three are with those in the categories of Fundamental, Intergovernmental, and Vibrant Community fund. The first two titles are delegated by the city, while the third is earned through a grant application process. City contributions go towards supporting programs and initiatives needed by the city, but that the city government itself cannot run. These programs are vital to providing Charlottesville residents with the resources they need.



Contributions to other agencies by %

This year Intergovernmental contributions made up the largest segment at 82.9%, following by VCF contributions at 10.7%, and finally fundamental partners at 6.4%.

Area 7: Public Safety

Charlottesville provides comprehensive, trusted public safety services and treats everyone with respect and dignity.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$61.7m

% of 2026 Budget: 23.27%

Area 7 focuses on the responsibility of the city in providing trusted Public Safety and creating a community of respect. Investments in this area focus on supporting those departments and community partners who work to build this community of safety and respect. Funding for the new investments into public safety this year are found both within the city's general fund as well as Capital Improvement Program. Highlighted below are some of the investments and measures for this strategic area.

INVESTMENTS

Capital Improvement Program

- \$1.2 million is included in the FY26 Capital Improvement Program to fund mobile data computers, mobile radios, fire breathing apparatus, protective clothing, breathing apparatus replacements and the replacement of an ambulance.

General Fund

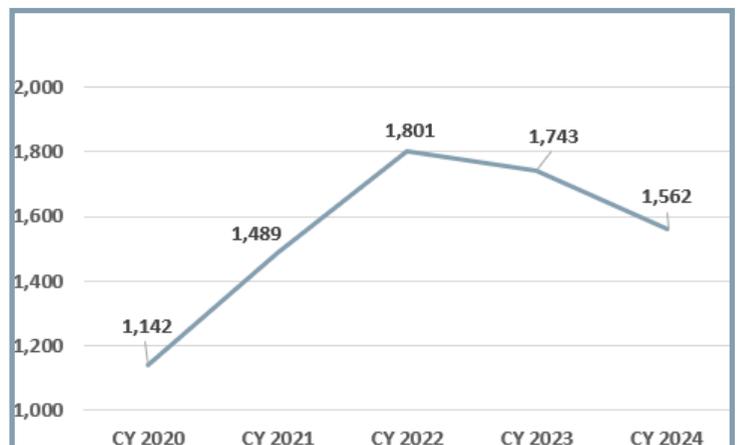
- \$2,882,766 allocated to the Emergency Communications Center to help support the ECC's responsibility for processing all 911 calls made in the area, the dispatching of police officers, fire response, and emergency medical services. Emergency services functions related to local disaster preparedness and response are coordinated through the Center. In addition to this contribution, several City departments are charged separately through the ECC for their share of the 800 MHz radio system: Pupil Transportation, Public Works, Public Utilities and Charlottesville Area Transit.
- \$127,643 allocated towards the Public Defender's Office and the Office of the Magistrate to help support day-to-day functions.

City Council Priority—Public Safety

Public safety encompasses a variety of different aspects of the city's operations. This strategic area can encompass operations involving those performed by the city of Charlottesville's fire department, police department, the police civilian oversight board, and countless others. For example, one of the key performance measures for the Police department is that of crime cases by year.

Number of Part 1 Crime Cases by Year

Crime cases in Charlottesville have fluctuated more over the last few years. 2023 to 2024 has seen a 10.4% drop in criminal cases in the area, going from 1,743 to 1,562 cases a year.



Area 8: Recreation, Arts, Culture

Charlottesville provides, encourages, and supports a wide range of recreation, green space, arts, and cultural programs and opportunities.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$17.6m

% of 2026 Budget: 6.63%

Area 8 focuses on encouraging and supporting the many different recreation and cultural programs and opportunities offered in the City. The City has made significant financial investments in new and long term initiatives in this Goal area, and the many departments and external partners that contribute to this goal and to the Council priorities are listed. Strong collaboration and continued support of our community partners are critical to this area to help support the many different events and programs put on in this area. Below are highlighted some of this year's investments into this strategic area.

INVESTMENTS

General Fund

- In FY26 the City has continued to pledge its support for a number of support to a number of different arts and festivals, including the Virginia Film Festival, Virginia Festival of the Book, Live arts, and a variety of others.
- \$221,057 increase in funding to the Jefferson Madison Regional Library to support continuation of current operations.
- Within the Capital Improvement Program, the Downtown Mall Tree Management Plan will receive \$315,000 in the FY26 CIP. \$150,000 is allocated for invasive plant management, and \$500,000 allocated for work related to the Parks Master Plan

City Council Priority—Recreation, Arts, Culture

Recreation, Arts and Culture represents a large variety of city activities. From local festivals to recreation programs, the city strives to provide diverse and accessible programming. An important function of the city is the upkeep of the local parks in the area. Not only are local parks and trails upkeep every year, but the city also expands upon existing trails for residents. Below is a chart showing the increase in linear trails over the last few years.



Linear feet of trails in the City

Over the last few years, the city of Charlottesville has gradually increased the amount of linear feet of trail in the city. From 2023 to 2024, the city of Charlottesville added 5,815 feet of new trail, or a roughly 4% increase.

Area 9: Transportation

Charlottesville provides a regional transportation system that increases mobility options and is reliable and affordable for all.

FY 2026 GENERAL FUND BUDGET SUMMARY

FY 2026 Budget: \$12.5m

% of 2026 Budget: 4.71%

Area 9 focuses on providing the citizens of Charlottesville with a regional transportation system that increases mobility options and is reliable and affordable for all. Strong collaboration and continued support of our community partners are critical to ensure investments are strategic and the desired objectives are achieved. Strategies under this area include all forms of transportation, from the improvements of regional transportation systems to the creation of new and improved sidewalks. Most of this year's new investments into this strategic area are found in the city's Capital Improvement Program. Below are highlighted some of this year's investments into this strategic area.

INVESTMENTS

Capital Improvement Fund

- \$6 million in FY26 and \$41.5 million over the next 5 years is planned for transportation projects, which include \$1.2 million for sidewalk construction and repair, \$1.3 million for street paving and milling, \$250,000 for traffic signal infrastructure, and \$245,234 allocated as the local match funding for CAT transit bus replacements.
- \$2,109,157 awarded to JAUNT to help support the continuation of Charlottesville's and Albemarle's complementary paratransit services.
- \$200,000 allocated to FY26, and a total of 1 Million over the next five years for the Safe Routes to School program. These funds will be used to support the deployment of traffic and safety improvements in school zones to promote and improve walking and biking for students, parents, and staff. Improvements include a list of permanent projects along identified walking routes in school walk zones, as well as ongoing funding for quick build projects and maintenance support for the bike fleet used by city schools.

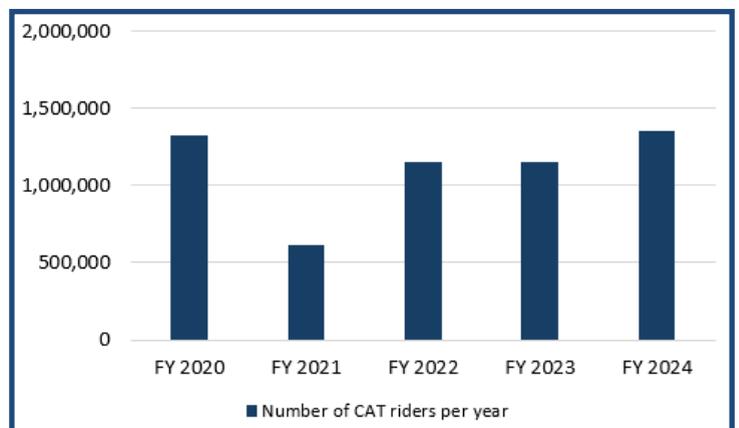
City Council Priority—Transportation

CAT strives to provide a safe and efficient method of travel for the community of Charlottesville. Ridership for CAT has still been recovering from the affects of COVID-19. As seen on the chart, passenger trips dropped in 2020, and then rose again after 2021. While ridership staid relatively the same in the two years afterward, it has slowly started to increase back to pre-pandemic numbers.

Number of CAT Passenger Trips

15%

From 2023 to 2024, the number of CAT passenger trips has risen roughly 15%, a strong increase compared to the slight decrease in 2023.



City of Charlottesville's
Core Values



Commitment



Integrity



Respect



Innovation



Collaboration

Vision

To be a place where everyone thrives

Mission

The City of Charlottesville is a diverse and compassionate organization dedicated to providing excellence in public service for a resilient and sustainable community.

City Awards

Folks who have lived here for a long time are aware of our City's high quality of life. Here is what some other well-known sources are saying about life in Charlottesville:

- **#6 Leisure Travel Destination**—*Car Rentals.com*—2018
- **7 Wine Regions for Your Destination Wedding**—*Wine Enthusiast*—2018
- **The 13 Cutest Small Towns in the South**—*Pure Wow*—2018
- **#7 Best Small City Road Trip Destination**—*Travelocity*—2018
- **#5 Best Place to Live 2018**—*Livability*—2018
- **6 Great Getaways for Galentine's Day**—*Washingtonian*—2018
- **20 Best Small Cities in the U.S. (Most Literate)** – National Geographic Travel – 2018
- **No. 5 Best Place to Live** – *Livability* – 2017, 2018
- **National Geographic Happiest Places (#3)** – Dan Buettner and Dan Witters of Gallup – 2017
- **No. 2 Best Small Town Main Street in America** – *Country Living* – 2017
- **No. 3 Best Small Town in the South** – *Southern Living* – 2017
- **17 Places You Must Visit in 2017** – *Expedia* – 2017
- **America's Favorite Towns** – *Travel + Leisure* – 2017
- **The Best Road Trips from 10 Major US Cities** – *Business Insider* – 2017
- **Most Charming Southern Vacations You Need to Experience** – *Trip Advisor* – 2017
- **15 Best Places to Live in the U.S. (#3)** – *NY Post* – 2016
- **50 Best College Towns (#7)** – *College Rank* – 2016
- **10 hippest Mid-Sized Cities in America** – *gogobot* – 2016
- **Five Great Places to Visit in 2016** – *Off Metro NY* – 2016
- **No. 2 Most Exciting City in Virginia** – *gogobot* – 2015
- **12 Cutest Small Towns in America** – *Huffington Post* – 2015
- **Top 10 Best Places to Retire** – *Livability.com* – 2015
- **8 Southern Cities for Your Bucket List** – *Visit South* – 2015
- **22 Best Small Town Family Weekend Destinations** – *Vacationidea.com* – 2015
- **America's Favorite Mountain Towns (#9)** – *Travel + Leisure Magazine* – 2014
- **Top 5 Destinations Every American Should Visit** – *Orbitz Worldwide* – 2014
- **Best College Town in America (#1)** – *Traveler's Today* 2014



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