

Town Council Budget in Brief

Proposed Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

Overview

Tolland's budget is being impacted by increasing Expenditures partially offset by local revenue increases. Spending is increasing by \$3,008,583 while non-tax revenue is also increasing \$960,623 over last year's budget. This includes an increase of \$180,150 in the State reimbursement of motor vehicle tax difference for the lower mill rate cap, an increase in investment income of \$306,375, increases and decreases in other revenues and the impact of the hold harmless allowance in the Education Cost Sharing grant of \$175,378. This revenue also includes an additional \$100,000 from undesignated fund balance and \$200,000 from the Municipal Tax Stabilization Fund.

Budget Summary:

Budget Area	Adopted Budget FY 23-24	Requested Budget FY 24-25	% Change
General Government	\$13,542,051	\$14,114,908	4.23%
Board of Education	\$42,989,855	\$44,671,148	3.91%
Capital Improvements	\$319,451	\$397,395	24.40%
Debt Service	\$4,700,000	\$5,376,489	14.39%
Total	\$61,551,357	\$64,559,940	4.89%

The result is an estimated mill rate of 38.74 mills or an increase of 1.41 mills or 3.78%. The motor vehicle mill rate will remain capped at 32.46 mills. Increases in the Grand List, State funding and non-tax revenues have allowed for a decrease in the mill rate.

<u>THIS REFERENDUM</u> will be held at the Tolland Library Program Room May 7, 2024 21 Tolland Green (Lot C) 6:00 am - 8:00 pm

Revenue (Tolland's income)

Services provided by the Town are funded primarily by property taxes which make up 80.86% of revenues. The Grand List, on which property taxes are based, increased by \$8,937,405 or .66%, over last year. Tolland was fortunate to see an increase of .89% in real estate values, 11.06% increase in personal property. Motor vehicle values decreased by 3.79%.

State aid provides 16.48% of Tolland's Revenues. There is an increase of \$175,818 from Education grants and an increase of \$184,930 non-education State grants.

Permits, fees, interest, use of fund balance and other minor sources of income make up the remaining 2.66% of revenues.

Fund Balance (Tolland's savings account)

This budget will utilize \$300,000 of unassigned fund balance and will reduce the estimated year end FY 2023-24 unassigned fund balance to \$11,465,484 or an estimated 16.81% of the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis expenditures.

The Town Council adopted a policy in accordance with good management principles which requires that the fund balance stay above 10% of GAAP expenditures.

To calculate your own estimated tax, please go to http://gis.vgsi.com/tollandct/ to obtain your home's assessed value. Your home's assessed value times .03874 will equal next year's estimated tax. To assist in this calculation you may go to the Town's website for the Tax Calculation Form: www.tollandct.gov/tax-department/pages/tax-

calculation-form-real-estate-personal-property.

To calculate your estimated tax on your vehicle you will need to multiply your vehicle's assessed value by .03246. This rate remains the same as the previous fiscal year. The State Legislation caps this mill rate.



Questions or concerns, email:

towncouncil@tollandct.gov or call Tolland's Town Manager, Brian Foley at (860) 871-3600.

Estimated Tax Impact:

Market Value	Taxable Assess- ment	23-24 Property Tax	Proposed 24-25 Property Tax	CHANGE
\$285,714	\$200,000	\$ 7,466	\$ 7,748	\$282
\$357,143	\$250,000	\$ 9,333	\$ 9,685	\$352
\$428,571	\$300,000	\$11,199	\$11,622	\$423
\$500,000	\$350,000	\$13,066	\$13,559	\$493
\$571,429	\$400,000	\$14,932	\$15,496	\$564
\$642,857	\$450,000	\$16,799	\$17,433	\$634
\$714,286	\$500,000	\$18,665	\$19,370	\$705

For more detailed information, please visit

Tolland's website: https://www.tollandct.gov/ finance-department/pages/ 2024-2025-budgetinformation and/or subscribe to Tolland's Notification System.



The information in this brochure was prepared through the Town Manager's Office.

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REFERENDUM BUDGET QUESTION

Budget Referendum Tuesday, May 7, 2024

"Shall the Town of Tolland's proposed 2024-2025 budget of \$64,559,940, reflecting a spending increase of \$3,008,583 or 4.89% which requires an estimated tax rate of 38.74 mills for an increase of 1.41 mills or 3.78% be adopted?" Yes/No"

Budget Referendum

Tuesday, May 7, 2024 and if necessary, every other Tuesday from that date until a budget is passed.

To Be Held in the Library Program Room 21 Tolland Green (Lot C)

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