

TOWN OF

#### **EAST HAMPTON**

CONNECTICUT

Town Manager 2023-2024 Budget Presentation Board of Finance Public Hearing ZOOM/Hybrid Meeting

March 20, 2023

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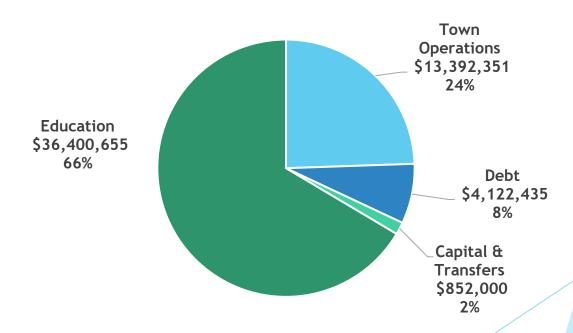
- Developed in cooperation with the various Town Departments
- Attempts to look into the future for the community
  - Not only the upcoming fiscal year
  - Fiscal years beyond the next one
- Focused on maintaining the services and programs the Town currently provides
- As part of an overall discussion on the future of public safety, the funding request from the East Hampton Ambulance Association is included in this budget as is one additional Officer and a Lieutenant position in the Police Department
- Conversion of two part time positions at the Senior Center into one full time Assistant Director positions is proposed
- Proposes NO use of reserve funds/Undesignated Surplus to offset ongoing expenses

- Increases related to public safety and the addition of two positions account for a large portion of the increase (42%)
- The other significant portion (45%) is driven by contractual obligations and other costs associated with employees.
- Debt Service related to bonds remains flat with a small reduction in lease financing costs.
- Budget presented showing the originally approved budget, not revised
- Capital Committee final recommendation makes a slight reduction in the transfer to Capital Improvement Fund in FY 24
  - ▶ Reduction from the original draft budget is \$124,500
  - Suggests the use of about \$2 million of ARPA Funds to assist in Capital Funding
  - This discussion will be presented assuming this reduction is included

Proposed Spending Plan by Major Function

Total Budget Request: \$54,767,441

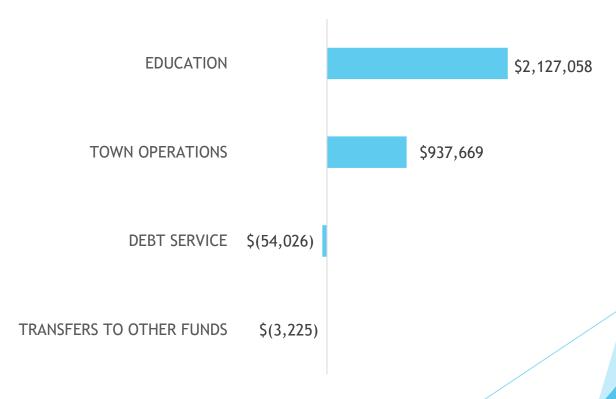
(Reflects Final Recommended Capital Plan)

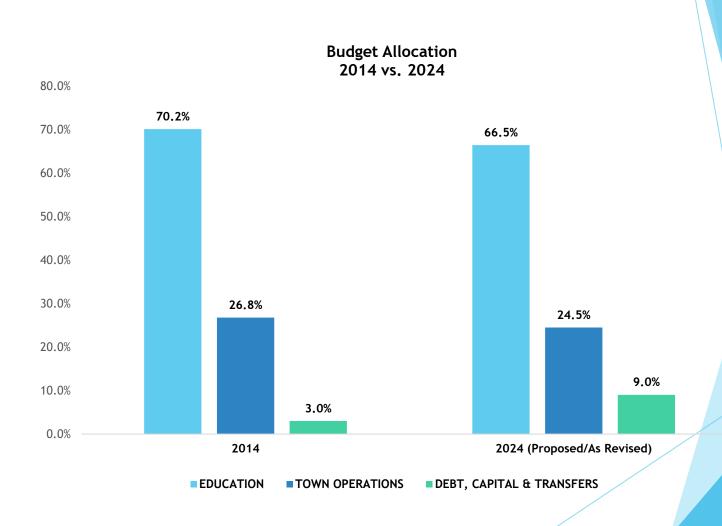


Annual Proposed Increase - \$3,007,476

(as revised)

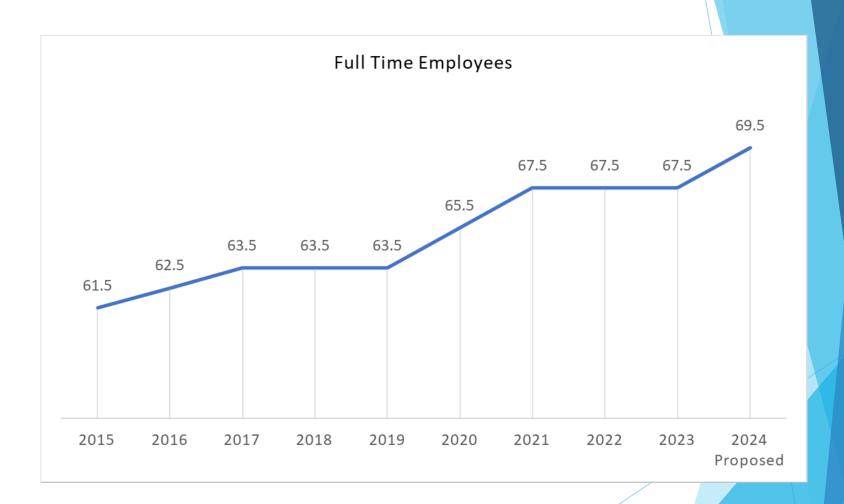
2023-2024 Allocation of Total Increase

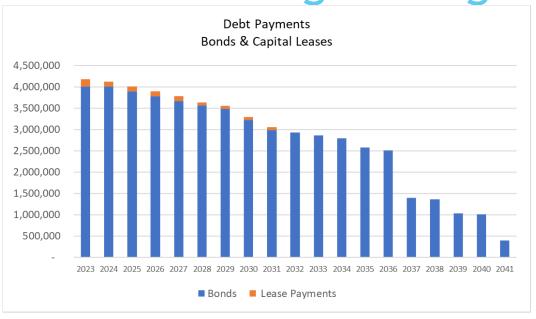




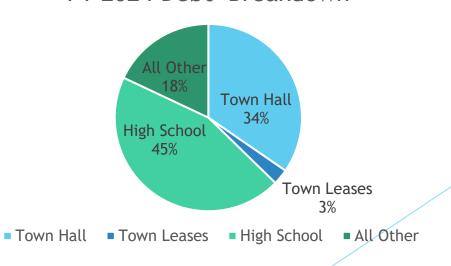
#### Major Expenditures Changes

- Public Safety: \$337,720
  - Support to the East Hampton Ambulance Association \$173,910
  - Additional Police Officer and Lieutenant Position \$163,810
- Medical Benefits: \$189,000
  - Staff updates and a 7.1% premium increase
- Salary Increases: \$118,783
  - Full-time \$111,942 (2.3% Relating to contractual obligations, anticipated increases and a general wage adjustment)
  - Part-time \$6,841 (1.3% Increases in Parks/Recreation, Library and Fire Marshal offset by elimination of a position)
- Pension & Retirement: \$102,515
  - Defined Benefit \$95,500
  - Defined Contribution \$7,015
- Waste Removal Transfer Station: \$57,000
- Senior Center Staff Changes: \$52,500
- Total above \$857,518





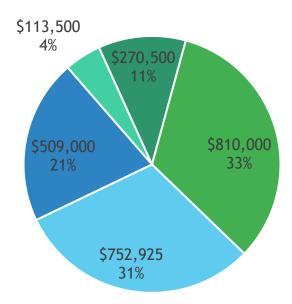
FY 2024 Debt Breakdown



#### Total Capital Expenses \$2,455,925

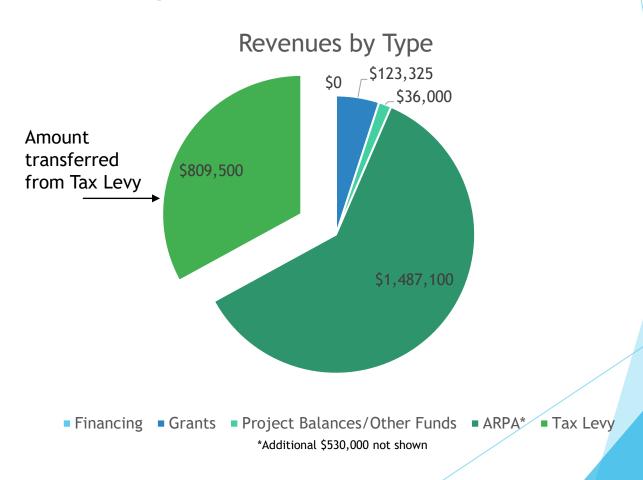
(Final Recommended Plan)

**Expenses By Category** 



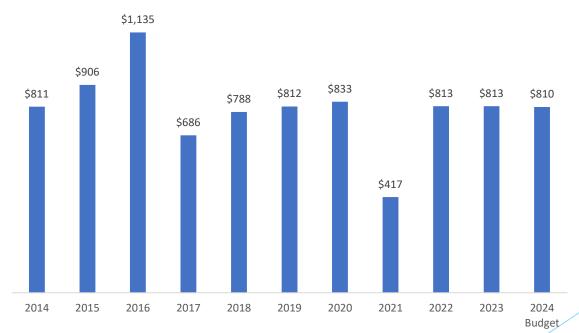
- Education
- Public Safety
- Culture & Recreation General Government
- Public Works

#### Capital Revenues



#### History of Annual Capital Contribution

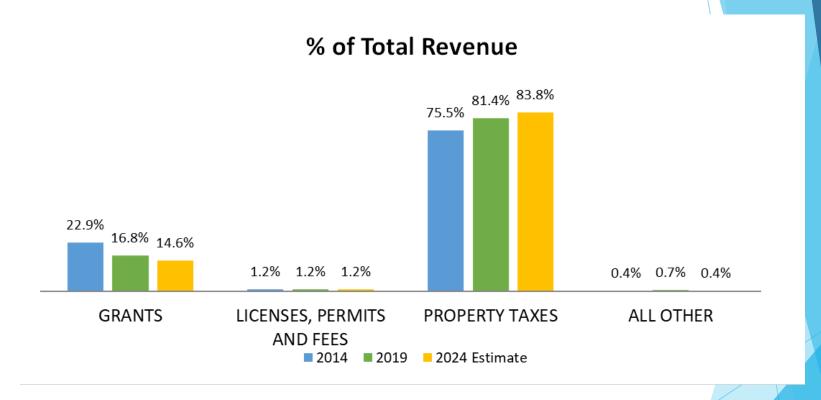
Capital Reserve Fund
General Fund Adopted Annual Contribution (In Thousands)



#### Revenues

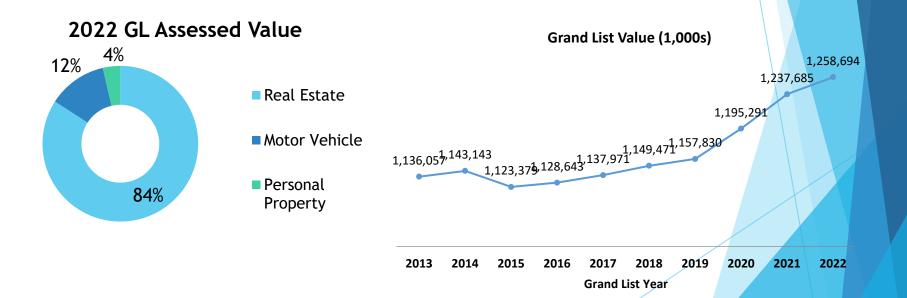
Proposed budget has estimated some increases in the Town's non-tax revenues. Overall, these revenues are generally stagnant, but the budget shows an increase of \$365,773.

- Over time, most grants are expected to remain flat or decrease based on the state budget and legislation, although slightly more funding is being received for education in the upcoming year
- Based on the way the motor vehicle tax relief law is implemented, the Town will see about \$163,000 more in this revenue stream
- Investment Income is expected to increase sharply due to the types of investments made by the Town (\$90,000)
- Licenses, Permits and Fees has been increased based on activity (\$31,735)
- No planned use of Fund Balance



#### **Grand List**

- The 2022 Grand List, which is used for this budget, is currently valued at \$1,258,694,217, subject to final adjustments from the Board of Assessment appeals and litigation.
- The Town Grand List grew by approximately \$21 million (1.7%). Motor vehicles account for about 40% of the increased value (\$8.2 million), which equates to about \$262,000 in tax revenue.
- New value on Real Estate and Personal Property accounts for about \$12.8 million (60%) of the increase. This new value generates about \$437,000 in new tax revenue.



Total Expenditures

\$54,767,441

Less: Total Revenues before taxes

\$9,692,281

Less: Use of Surplus

\$0

Equals

Property Taxes Needed: \$45,075,160

Value of Mill (Real/Personal Property)

\$1,088,003

For Real/Personal Property - Motor Vehicles at 32.46

Equals the Mill Rate: 36.90

Potential Mill Rate for Personal and Real Property \$36.90

Mill Rate Increase = \$2.24

6.46%

(\$40,147,390 Levy)

Mill Rate for Motor Vehicles

\$32.46

No Change - Mill Rate Capped

(\$4,927,770 Levy)

#### Planned Board of Finance Meeting Dates

- Tuesday, March 21, 2023 Budget Workshop (4:00pm-8:30pm)
- Wednesday, March 22, 2023 Budget Workshop Board of Education (6:30pm 8:30pm)
- Thursday, March 23, 2023 Budget Workshop (6:30pm 8:30pm)
- Saturday, March 25, 2023 Budget Workshop (8:30am 10:30am)
- Wednesday, March 29, 2023 Special Meeting for Budget Deliberations (6:30pm)
- Wednesday, April 5, 2023 Special Meeting for Budget Deliberations (6:30pm)
- Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Submit Board of Finance Recommended Budget to Town Council
- T/B/D Town Council meeting(s) regarding the Budget
- Between May 1 and June 7, 2023 Anticipated Town Meeting and Budget Referendum
- **June 2023** Board of Finance sets Mill Rate

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- Written comments on the budget:
  - budget@easthamptonct.gov
  - Or by Mail to the Town Hall: 1 Community Drive, East Hampton, CT 06424
- Budget information online at: <u>www.easthamptonct.gov</u>
- QUESTIONS?

