The FY2023-2024 budget for Lincoln County, N.C. aims to meet the needs of a growing county and advance the goals and priorities of the Board of County Commissioners. Responding to the county with the most taxpayers for the lowest amount and being fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars while also addressing both capital and operational needs. For more information or a budget document, please visit our budget information page of www.lincolncounty.org

Budget Breakdown

For every $1 dollar collected in taxes the following is spent on these areas:

- **29¢** Public Safety
- **19¢** Education
- **17¢** Human Services
- **12¢** Debt Service
- **13¢** General Government
- **3¢** Culture & Recreation
- **3¢** Economic Development
- **1.5¢** Transportation

**Budget Priorities**

**Top 3**

Economic Development

- Surveys, business recruitment and are grown as key priorities to the economic development department. The department is implementing a plan of marketing and sales effort to ensure viable projects as well as providing support for existing businesses through business parks such as Sherwin’s bible business park a focus in 2023-2024.

Emergency Services

- Lincoln has a diverse community, equals to a significant overall level of 911. The service offered through the Sheriff, Police, EMS, communications, fire, martial, and Emergency Management are priority in this state’s well being, investment in our first responders and emergency equipment is as important.

Education

- Educational advancement is an integral part of Lincoln County’s fiscal responsibility. The education department contributes to the community’s quality of living by ensuring high quality schools, innovative programs, and improvements to school buildings. Collaborative partnerships with Lincoln College provide greater career and technical education for all citizens.

Capital Projects

**In Progress**

- **$17M** Emergency Services Center
- **$34M** New Courthouse
- **$1.4M** Women’s Park Phase 3 ROI

**Upcoming / Under Consideration for 5 Year Plan**

- **$4.2M** Affordable Housing
- **$2.2M** Senior Center
- **$1.5M** Senior Center

**Improving Services**

**By the numbers**

Serving the County’s 86,000+ Residents

- **Total General Budget**: $113,367,457
- **Revenue Sources**
  - Property Tax - 59%
  - Sales Tax - 20%
  - Federal Revenues - 3%
  - Sales & Services - 7%
  - State Revenues - 2%
  - Other Revenues - 5%

- **Tax Rate**: 61.9¢ per $100 in valuation

- **Property Value Assessment**: $11,675,600,000

- **$1,167,560** Nearly half of every $1 dollar collected in taxes goes to Public Safety and Education.

**Infrastructure**

- Serving 13,500+ water customers and 6,800+ sewer customers

- **Water Treatment Plant**: $14M
- **Wastewater Plant**: $32M

As population growth continues along with commercial and industrial development, utility fee increases and expansion of the public water and wastewater systems becomes essential. In the past three years, the enterprise has financed over $422 million dollars in expansions to the system and invested another $16 million dollars in upgrades.

The budget process is an ongoing endeavor that requires careful planning, listening to the public, and collaboration with key officials in Lincoln County to ensure that the goals and objectives of the Board of County Commissioners are met.