



Northampton County Local Government

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TO: Chairman Charles Tyner Sr. & Members of the Northampton County Board of Commissioners

FROM: Robert M. Murphy, Interim County Manager

Date: May 20, 2019

Presented herein is the recommended 2019-2020 Northampton County Budget. The county general fund budget is recommended to be \$27,807,213, which is a \$1,203,600 or 4.3% reduction from the current revised budget. I am pleased to inform the board of commissioners that the proposed budget can be funded with a ½ cent reduction in the ad valorem tax rate and no increases in any other local taxes or fees. I believe the budget accomplishes all of the actions called for in year one of the county's recently adopted Strategic Plan.

Highlights of the proposed budget include:

- Even with a decrease in revenue resulting from a ½ cent ad valorem tax reduction, the county will realize an additional \$433,295 in ad valorem taxes attributable to additional revenue from the natural gas pipeline under construction, growth in personal property and the tax yield from new solar farms.
- The county will see an increase of \$300,085 in the yield from the local sales tax. Next year's projected revenues are based on the trend established by current and prior year collections.
- The budget includes funding for 13 fewer full time positions than currently authorized resulting in a savings of \$854,399 in salary and benefits and a 4.3% reduction in the county workforce.
- Two significant economic development incentive payments were completed this fiscal year resulting in a savings of \$530,557.
- A software upgrade project was completed in the Tax Office resulting in a savings of \$198,000.

- The contribution to the Halifax Community College has been reduced by \$163,000 because of the completion of the Early College capital project.
- An amount of \$510,357 is included for a 2.5% across the board salary increase for all county employees exclusive of the sheriff's employees who will receive a 7% salary increase.
- The county was able to avoid a proposed 27% increase in employee health insurance cost by switching carriers. While the initial quote would have cost the county almost an additional \$700,000 the negotiated 5% increase will yield only a \$162,482 increase in health insurance costs.
- An amount of \$150,000 in new funds has been included as an Economic Development Opportunity Fund, which can be drawn on to further assist any project that will further the county's economic development.
- The budget includes \$112,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance chassis.
- The budget includes \$25,000 for playground equipment and \$10,000 for an updated Master Recreation Plan. We believe sufficient part time funds are already budgeted to handle an expanded youth athletic program.
- The budget includes \$20,000 for the creation of a new space in the Health and Wellness facility
- The budget includes \$67,000 for two new Sheriff's vehicles.
- The contribution to public school remains unchanged. An amount of \$3,500,000 will be budgeted for current expenses and \$354,453 will be budgeted for school capital outlay.
- The budgeted revenues will include only \$621,583 in appropriated fund balance. The current year budget included just over \$2,000,000 in appropriated fund balance. Given the uncertainty surrounding the county's financial management, we thought it prudent to leave the county adequate resources to deal with any unanticipated revenue shortfalls or expenditure demands.
- All fire district tax rates remain unchanged for FY 2019-20.
- Enterprise Funds rates remain unchanged for FY 2019-20.

I extend my sincere thanks to Angela Cahoon, County Finance Director and Linda Taylor, Finance Consultant, for their hard work in developing this budget recommendation. Angela just recently joined the county staff and has done a remarkable job in learning the ropes very quickly. I also want to thank the county department heads who did their best to submit very reasonable and well justified budget requests. The department heads are to be particularly complimented for their willingness to support, and in some cases, volunteer staff reductions.

I invite your review of the proposed FY 2019-20 Recommended Northampton County Budget.



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**Proposed General Fund Budget (Operational)
2019-2020 Budget**

ORG	Department	2019	2020	2020	2020	2020	2020
		2018-2019 Approved	2019-20 Depart Request	2019-20 Admin Approved	2019-20 Changes WS	2019-20 Other Changes	2019-20 Board Approved
	REVENUES:						
	Ad valorem taxes	\$18,444,772	\$18,913,372	\$18,878,067			
	Other taxes and license	\$210,400	\$180,150	\$198,200			
	Sale tax	\$2,350,000	\$2,450,085	\$2,650,085			
	Intergov. Unrestricted	\$118,105	\$102,000	\$14,200			
	Categorical Grants	\$523,093	\$435,187	\$533,799			
	Intergov. Restricted	\$236,356	\$226,856	\$226,856			
	Health F/S Restrict	\$1,617,685	\$1,556,209	\$1,556,209			
	Permits/Fees	\$255,500	\$228,100	\$229,100			
	Sales/Services	\$1,708,978	\$1,801,620	\$1,849,136			
	Health Sales/Services	\$987,963	\$781,800	\$911,300			
	Miscellaneous	\$225,615	\$138,678	\$138,678			
	Fund Balance Approp	\$2,332,346		\$621,583			
	Total Revenue	\$29,010,813	\$26,814,057	\$27,807,213	\$0	\$0	\$0
	Difference		-\$1,196,114	\$0			
	Other Funds:						
66	Solid Waste	\$2,349,154	\$2,345,224	\$2,354,644			
61	Enterprise	\$3,212,797	\$3,137,116	\$3,243,417			
251	Tourism Dev	\$78,000	\$88,086	\$88,794			

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4110	Commissioners	\$116,387	\$124,121	\$117,869			
4120	Administration	\$276,481	\$282,311	\$228,896			
4122	Human Resources	\$217,848	\$207,948	\$143,780			
4132	Retiree's Hosp	\$363,957	\$357,373	\$357,373			
4130	Finance	\$676,149	\$758,209	\$689,937			
4140	Tax Department	\$894,716	\$702,732	\$669,559			
4144	Land Records	\$194,372	\$198,281	\$203,668			
4150	Legal	\$201,960	\$150,375	\$100,375			
4160	Court	\$23,601	\$11,601	\$11,601			
4168	RRS	\$310,858	\$341,309	\$310,629			
4170	Elections	\$208,656	\$230,260	\$232,889			
4180	Reg of Deeds	\$222,815	\$232,699	\$197,128			
4190	Bldgs & Grounds	\$1,079,823	\$1,073,579	\$1,155,198			
4210	MIS	\$283,809	\$311,773	\$312,410			
4220	Central Garage	\$85,519	\$83,649	\$84,760			
4250	Bulk Fuel	\$5,000	\$17,000	\$17,000			
4270	Central Stores	\$200	\$10,000	\$10,000			
4310	Sheriff	\$2,681,732	\$2,857,135	\$2,893,560			
4312	Sheriff School Res Offcra	\$125,778	\$202,920	\$250,436			
4316	Sheriff Execution Accts	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000			
4320	Jail	\$1,477,648	\$1,319,063	\$1,566,953			
4321	Youth Detention	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			
4325	Emer Communications	\$1,064,329	\$901,370	\$961,641			
4329	Non-Departmental Capital Outlay	\$0	\$0	\$150,000			
4330	Emer Manag	\$181,049	\$174,037	\$177,634			
4340	Forestry Program	\$120,108	\$120,000	\$105,498			
4350	Bldg Insp	\$173,116	\$162,110	\$165,237			
4360	Medical Examiner	\$12,000	\$35,000	\$35,000			
4370	Ambulance	\$3,482,817	\$3,455,552	\$3,714,884			
4371	Contrib: Rescue	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000			
4380	Animal Control	\$82,187	\$55,852	\$63,288			
4910	Planning	\$157,410	\$159,933	\$160,704			
4920	EDC	\$245,635	\$514,921	\$121,297			
4950	Cooperative Ext	\$299,503	\$285,134	\$291,160			
4960	Soil Conservation	\$113,807	\$117,425	\$120,517			
5311	DSS Co's Share	\$2,178,203	\$1,790,464	\$1,656,614			
5811	Aging	\$59,781	\$60,658	\$62,632			
6120	Recreation	\$283,989	\$287,367	\$352,000			
5820	Veterans	\$55,267	\$56,502	\$59,356			
5190	E & H	\$111,153	\$111,153	\$111,153			
5196	Block Grant	\$88,612	\$90,000	\$90,000			
5196	Match-Block Grant	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5833	CBA Programs	\$90,873	\$90,873	\$90,873			
5833	Co's share CBA	\$9,087	\$9,087	\$9,087			
5833	JCPC	\$3,241	\$3,241	\$3,241			
5110	Health Programs	\$4,026,926	\$3,842,135	\$3,902,907			
5210	Mental Health	\$77,614	\$77,614	\$77,614			
5210	5 cent bottle tax	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000			
5000	Rest Home Comm	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$1,200			
4923	SW Pickup	\$170,000	\$0	\$0			
9800	Contingency	\$91,000	\$155,000	\$155,000			
9800	Tax Revaluation	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			
9800	Debt Service	\$1,301,511	\$1,024,372	\$1,024,372			
4922	Enviva Incentive	\$360,557	\$0	\$0			
6123	Cultural Recreation	\$11,100	\$10,004	\$10,004			
5601	Senior Tarheel Leg	\$600	\$600	\$600			
	Talon Bldg	\$0	\$0	\$0			

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4340	Vol Fire Dept	\$14,500	\$14,500	\$14,500			
	Schools:						
5900	Current Expense	\$3,500,000	\$3,109,051	\$3,500,000			
5900	C.O.	\$354,453	\$939,952	\$354,453			
5900	Fines	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000			
	Contributions:						
4730	Drain-Watershed	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000			
5000	Caswell	\$390	\$390	\$390			
5816	Faison Sen Ctr	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5850	Food Bank	\$0	\$0	\$0			
6110	Library	\$156,430	\$156,430	\$156,430			
5920	Halifax CC	\$260,000	\$260,000	\$97,000			
6140	Museum	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$5,000			
4930	Upper Coastal Plains COG	\$9,605	\$9,605	\$9,605			
5920	RC Comm Coll	\$30,000	\$60,000	\$30,000			
4930	CADA	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500			
4930	Chamber of Commerce	\$15,569	\$16,152	\$16,152			
4930	Non-profit Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$20,000			
4731	Lake Gaston Weed	\$100,000	\$116,000	\$116,000			
	Roanoke River Partners	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
5850	RPO	\$6,649	\$6,649	\$6,649			
4531	CPTA	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500			
4530	Tri-County Airport	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000			
4530	Regional Airport	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000			
4930	Four Rivers	\$0	\$500	\$500			
	Hannah's Place	\$0	\$0	\$0			
5850	King's Kitchen	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000			
	R-Chowan Safe	\$0	\$0	\$0			
	Roanoke River Basin	\$0	\$0	\$0			
4955	Ag Day	\$1,416	\$0	\$0			
4956	Garden Coop Ext	\$988	\$0	\$0			
5866	Ag Carolina	\$3,829	\$0	\$0			
	Total Expenditures	\$29,010,813	\$28,010,171	\$27,807,213			

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- Funding included for new space at the Health and Wellness Center.
- Level funding for public schools
- Budget includes \$150,000 to establish an Economic Development Opportunity Fund.
- Only \$621,583 of fund balance is appropriated compared to about \$2,000,000 in the current fiscal year.

Projected Revenues

By Sources

FY 2020

\$27,807,213

Fund Balance
2.2%

All Other
0.5%

Sales & Service
9.9%

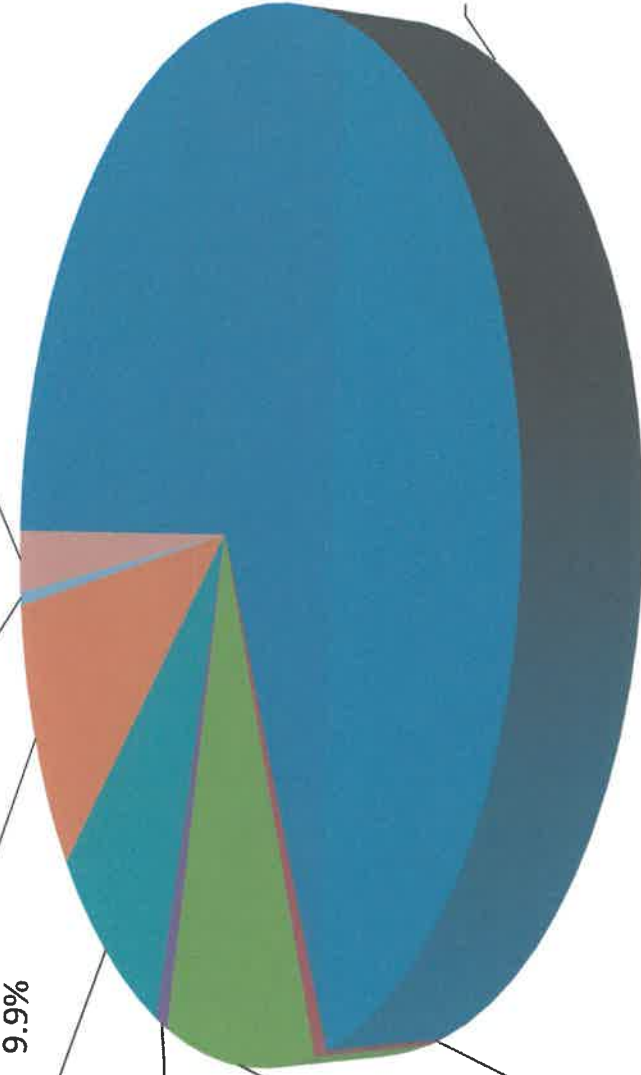
Inter. Gov't
8.4%

Fees & Permits
0.8%

Sales Tax
9.5%

Other Tax
0.7%

Property Tax
67.9%



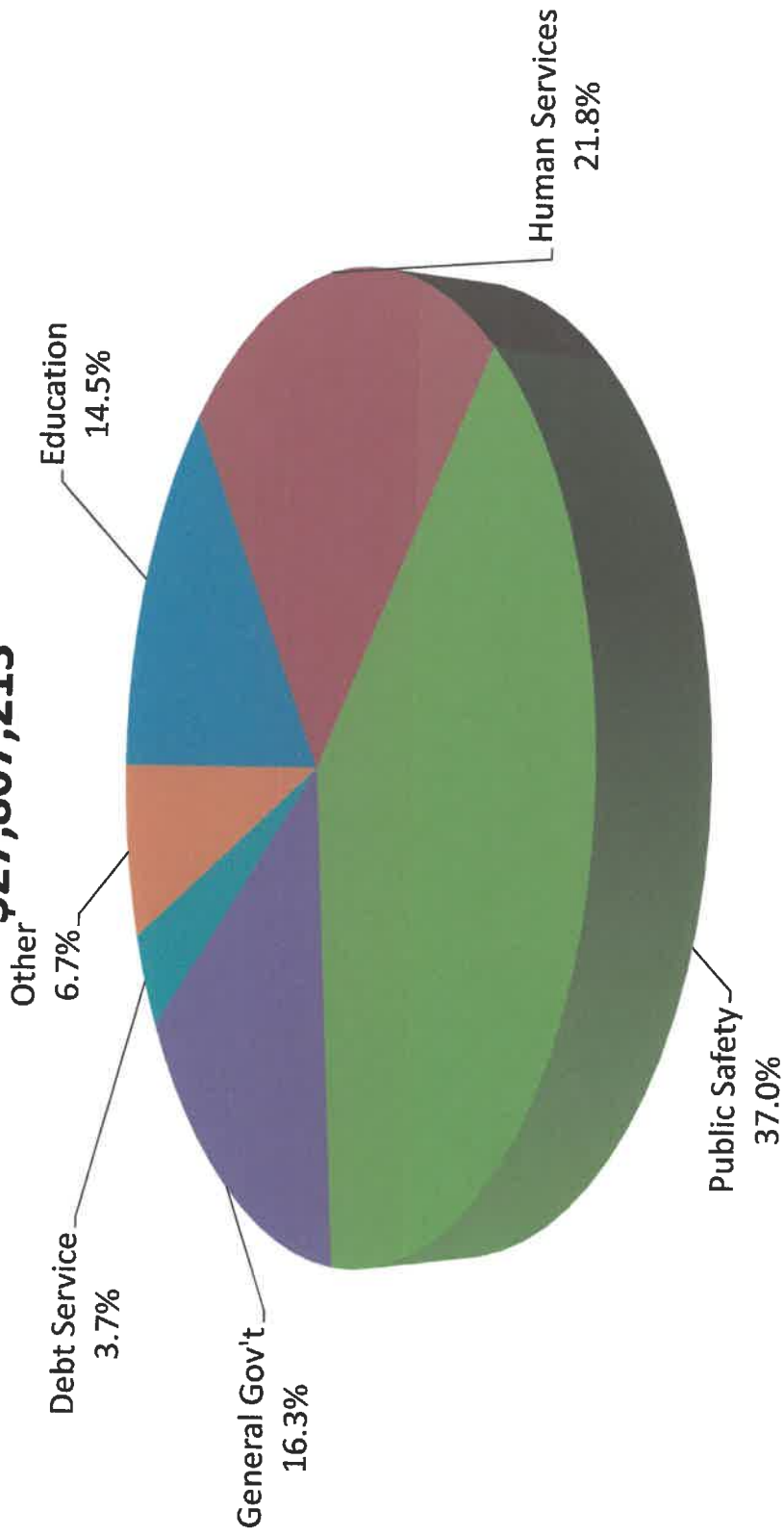
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Projected Expenditures

By Function

FY 2020

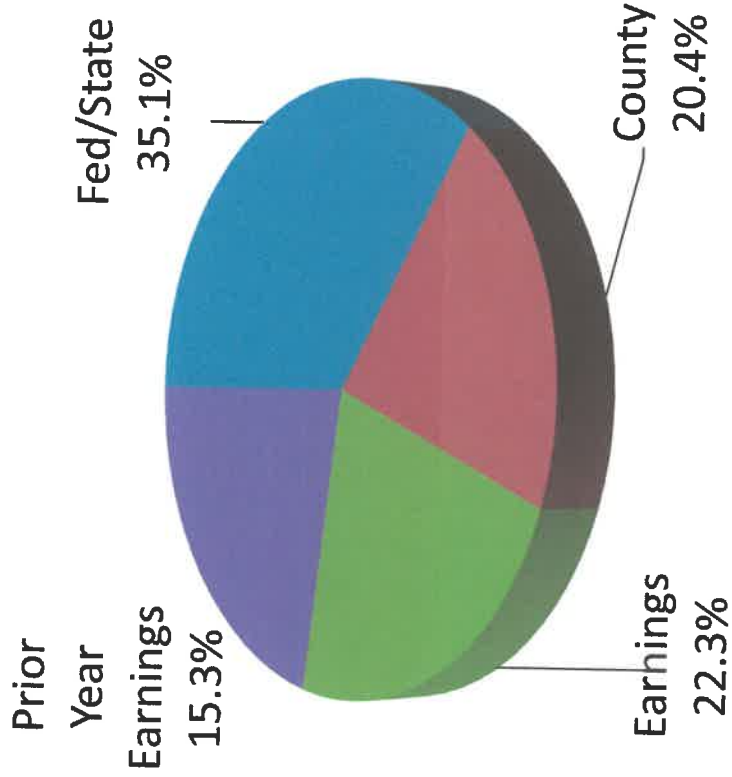
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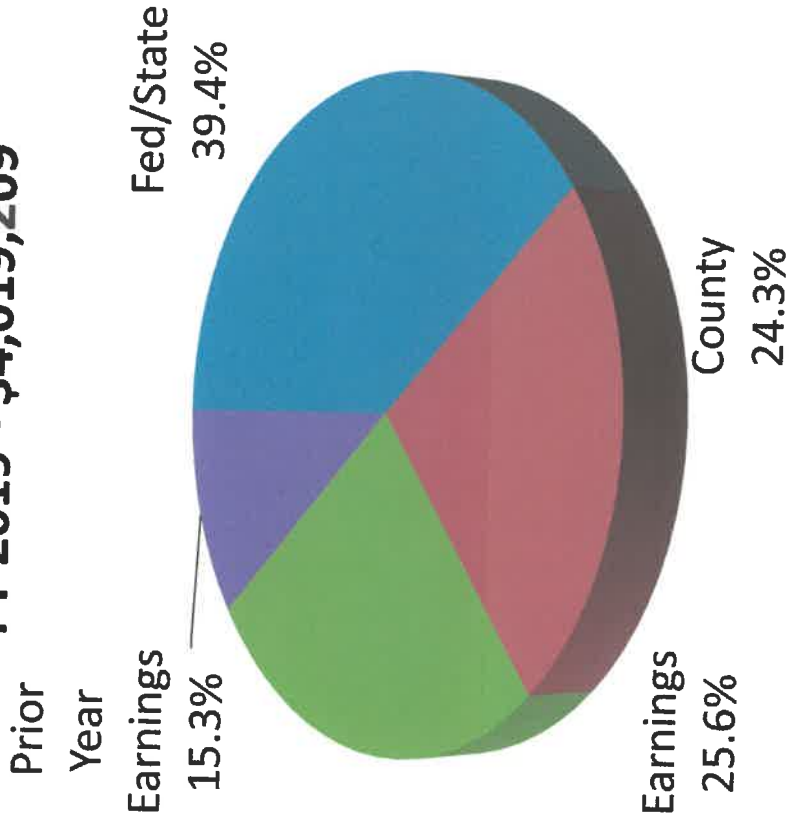
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Health Revenue By Source

FY 2020 - \$4,362,049



FY 2019 - \$4,019,209



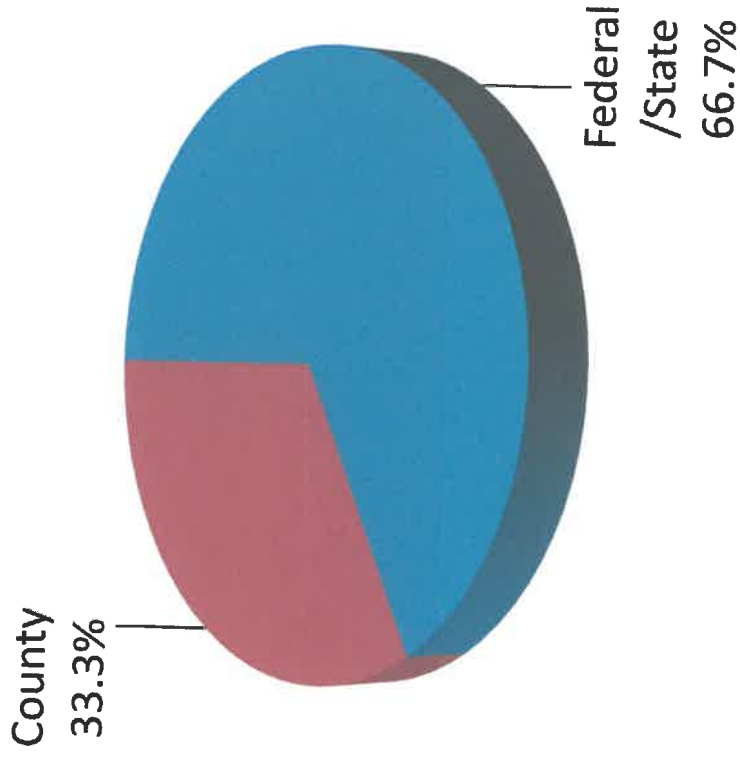
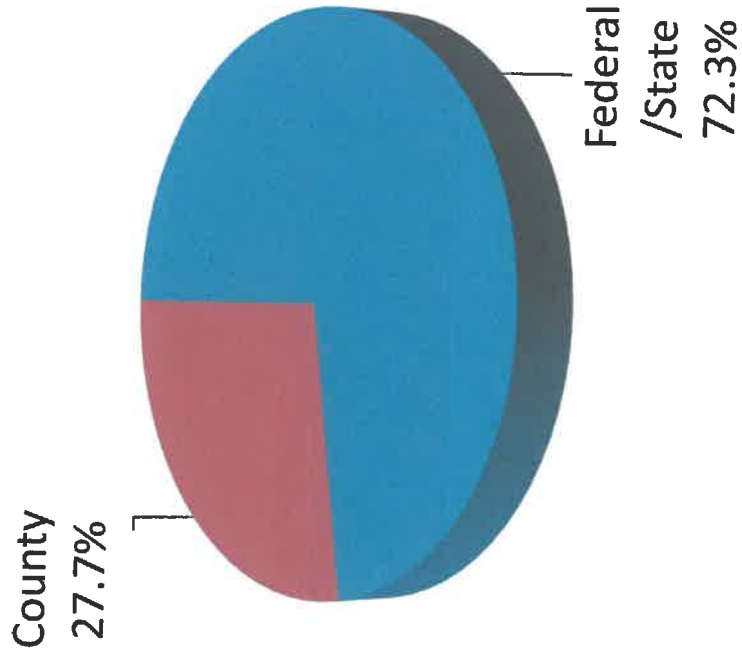
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DSS Revenue

By Source

FY 2020 - \$6,334,455

FY 2019 - \$6,535,885



FY 2019/2020

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