



We Asked, You Shared

Project:

Help Shape the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Timeframe:

February 12-March 31, 2026

Participation:

655 completed surveys





What We Asked

What are your priorities? Share the **top areas** that should be improved through **increased funding of services.**



What We Heard

Top Priorities for Charles County Government Services:

- Emergency medical response
- Programs for children, youth, and family
- Transportation and roads

Top Priorities for Partner Agency Services:

- Education (K-12)
- Crime prevention/law enforcement
- Charles County Public Library

Common Themes:

- Support and concern for education
- Infrastructure strain and growth concerns
- Public safety and emergency services
- Tax burden and government spending concerns
- Growth vs quality of life trade off
- Demand for recreation, youth and community services
- Economic development and jobs





What We're Planning



Continued investment in public education

Funding to support salary increases, mandatory health care costs, central office courier vans, negotiated school bus contractor wages, and replacement of retiring buses, and special education funding.



Expansion of public safety services

Funding for new positions, a new license plate reader system, a drone first responder, funding to support a youth engagement program, and for capital outlay needs including an armored vehicle.



Strengthening emergency medical services

Additional staffing and resources to improve response times and support for increasing call volumes across the county.



Advancing oversight and accountability

Funding for a new Office of the Inspector General.



Investment in county infrastructure and facilities

Maintenance and upgrades to government buildings, and planning future facilities such as public safety stations, improvements to buildings maintained by Charles County Public Schools, such as La Plata High School, and College of Southern Maryland.





What We're Planning (cont.)



Continued funding for transportation improvements

Road resurfacing, intersection upgrades, traffic signal enhancements, and expansion of sidewalks and shared-use paths.



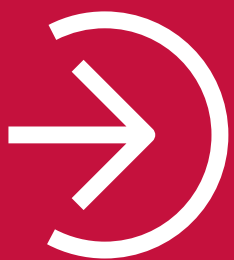
Support for parks, recreation and community amenities

Park improvements, recreational programming, and development of new community spaces to serve residents of all ages.



Investment in technology and digital services

Tools to improve government efficiency, enhance public access to services, and support data-driven decision-making.



Next Steps

Fiscal Year 2027 budget adopted on **May 12, 2026.**



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