

BOROUGH OF RINGWOOD

2025 BUDGET PRESENTATION



Presented at Public Budget Hearing May 20, 2025



BUDGET PROCESS/TIMELINE

October 2024: Department Budget Request Forms Submitted

November 2024: Public Department Budget Hearings Held

January/February 2025: Preparation of Draft Budget

February/March 2025: Council Finance Committee Budget Review

April 2025: Budget Introduction

May 2025: Public Hearing & Adoption



2025 ASSESSMENT RESULTS

2024 Total Tax Rateable = \$1,453,665,300

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Rateable Net Change in 2025

-\$1,101,800

Total added tax rateables for 2024 was \$1,561,365



2025 ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

| Type of Property | Property Count | Total Assessment | Percent |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---------|
| Vacant Land | 208 | \$ 53,106,000 | 3.31% |
| Residential | 4295 | \$ 1,302,079,500 | 81.17% |
| Farm | 40 | \$ 4,206,200 | 0.26% |
| Commercial | 61 | \$ 70,129,500 | 4.37% |
| Industrial | 26 | \$ 23,042,300 | 1.44% |
| Exempt | 227 | \$ 151,557,200 | 9.45% |
| SUB-TOTAL | 4858 | \$ 1,604,120,700 | 100.00% |
| (Less Exempt) | 227 | \$ 151,557,200 | |
| NET VALUATION TAXABLE (2025) | 4631 | \$ 1,452,563,500 | |

Properties Exempt from Taxes: Schools, Veterans, State Land, Churches, Cemeteries, Government Properties, etc.



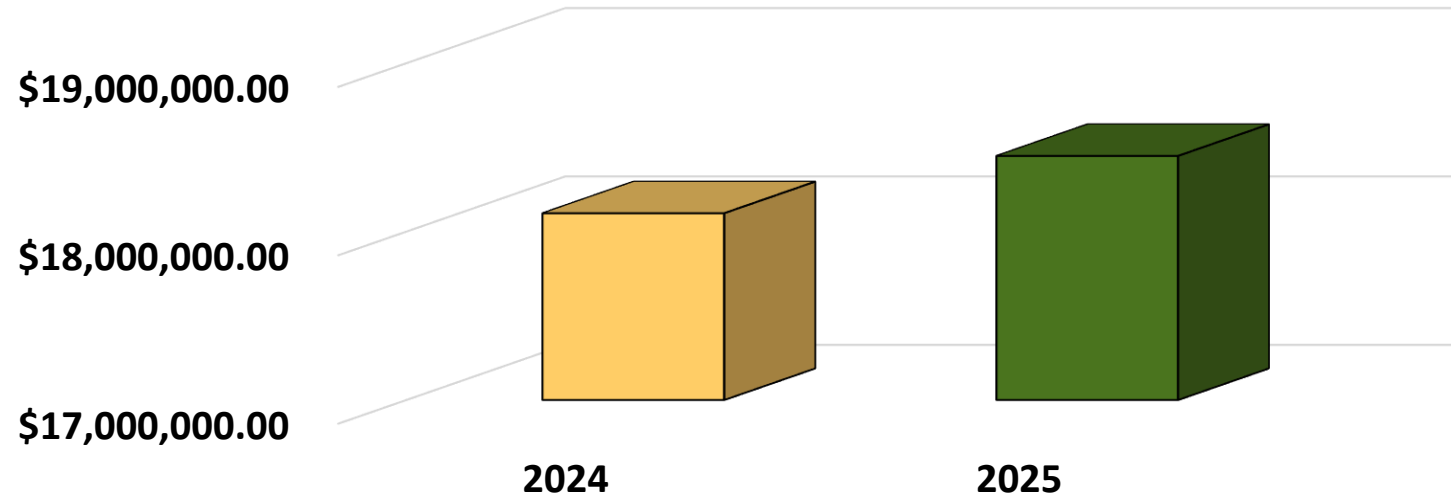
2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

Proposed Budget for 2025:

\$18,499,460



2025 MUNICIPAL BUDGET HISTORY



| Year | Operating Budget | Increase from Previous year | Percent Increase |
|------|------------------|-----------------------------|------------------|
| 2024 | \$ 18,109,123 | \$ 754,818 | 4% |
| 2025 | \$ 18,499,460 | \$ 390,337 | 2% |

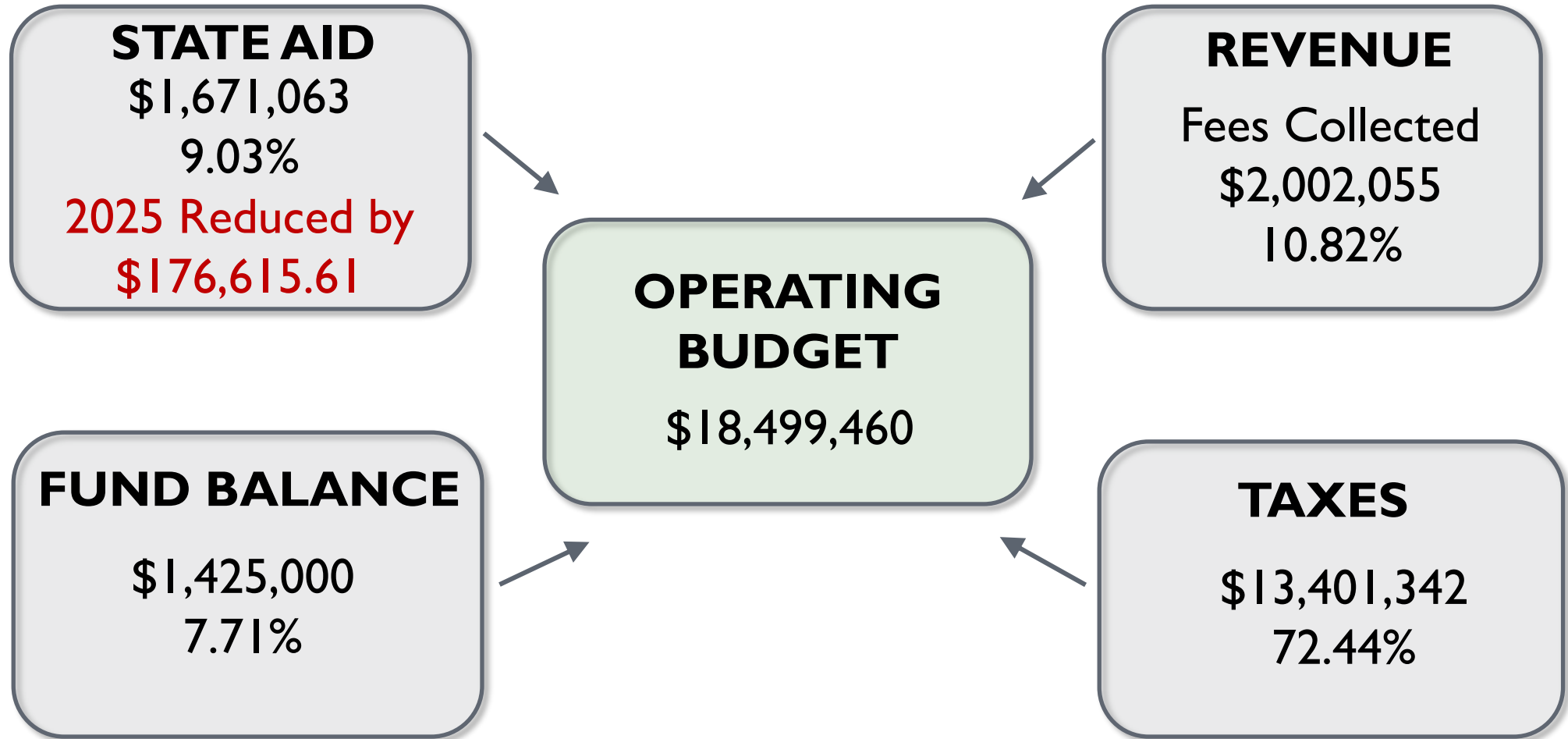


2025 TAX SUMMARY

| | |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| 2025 Proposed Budget | \$18,499,460 |
| 2025 Amount Raised by Taxes | \$ 13,401,342 |
| Applied Fund Balance | \$ 1,425,000 |
| 2024 Average Home Assessment | \$ 302,874 |
| 2025 Average Home Assessment | \$ 303,162 |
| 2024 Municipal Rate | 0.888% |
| 2025 Municipal Tax Rate | 0.922% |



2025 BUDGET FUNDS AND SOURCES





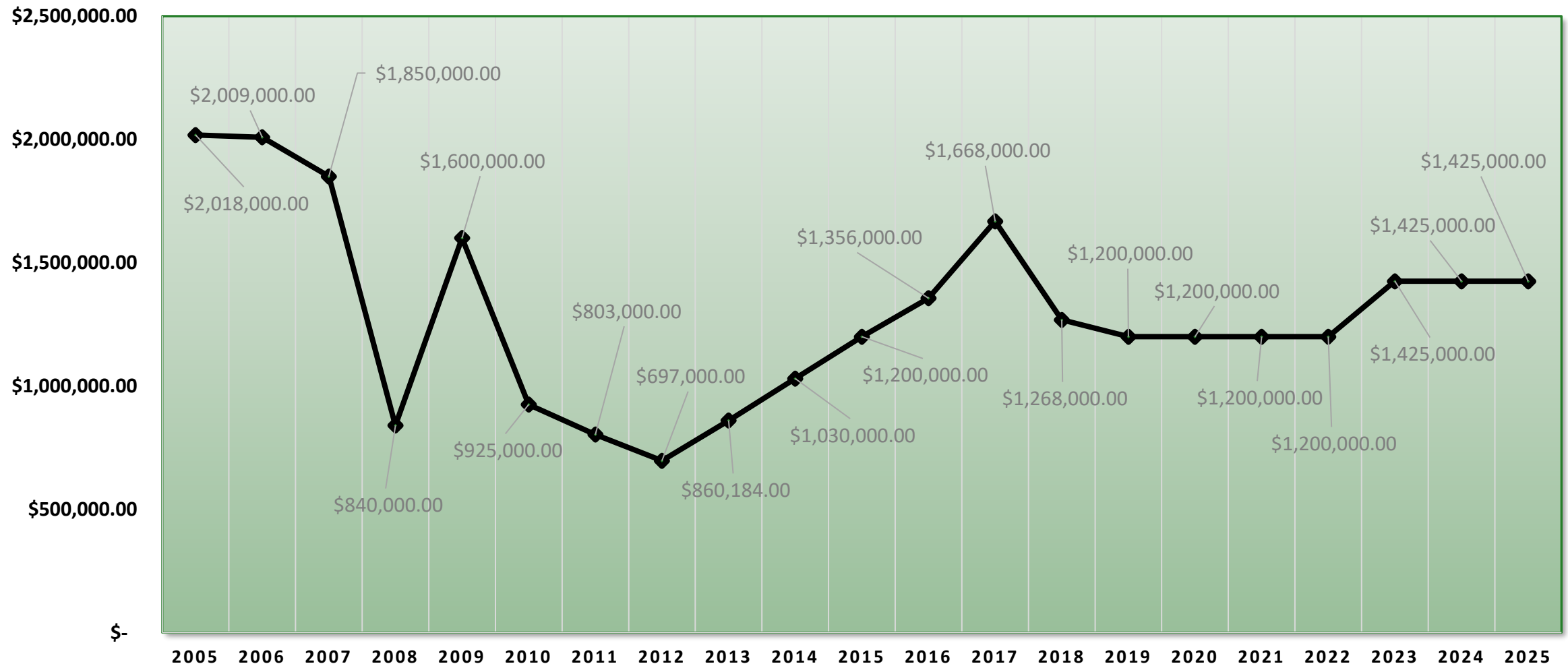
FUND BALANCE FOR 2024 - 2025

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|--|---------------------|
| Balance as of 12-31-2023 | \$ 3,958,232 |
| Fund Balance Used for 2024 Budget | \$ 1,425,000 |
| Remaining Fund Balance - 2024: | \$ 2,533,232 |
| Surplus Generated in 2024 | \$ 1,624,763 |
| Balance as of 12-31-2024 | \$ 4,157,995 |
| Fund Balance Proposed Used for 2025 Budget | \$ 1,425,000 |
| Remaining Fund Balance: | \$ 2,732,995 |



HISTORY OF FUND BALANCE USED (2005-2025)

FUND BALANCE USED





ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR 2025

| <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>Anticipated 2025</u> |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fees & Permits | \$ 210,000.00 |
| Licenses | \$ 20,000.00 |
| Interest on Past Due Taxes | \$ 150,000.00 |
| Interest on Investments | \$ 350,000.00 |
| Sewer Rents | \$ 175,000.00 |
| Vacant Property Fees | \$ 45,000.00 |
| Cell Tower Lease | \$ 144,000.00 |
| Uniform Construction Code Fees | \$ 195,000.00 |
| Shared Services | \$ 70,000.00 |
| Grants | \$ 34,711.18 |
| Sale of Recycling Materials | \$ 45,000.00 |
| Miscellaneous | \$ 63,344.42 |
| Receipts From Delinquent Taxes | \$ 500,000.00 |
| REVENUE/FEES COLLECTED: | \$ 2,002,055.60 |



OTHER ADDITIONAL REVENUE FOR 2025

Grants applied for, but not yet received:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Turf Field | \$ 250,000 |
| County CBGB Grant | \$ 98,375 |
| 2026 DOT Grant for Skyline Lakes Drive (Phase IV) | \$ 692,271 |
| Highlands Tourism Expansion Grant | \$ 35,000 |
| Community Project Funding Program | \$ 2,002,319 |
| Clean Communities Grant | \$ 41,191 |
| Recycling Tonnage Grant | \$ 13,913 |
| Passaic County Grant-Wellness | \$ 1,000 |
| Stigma Free Grant | \$ 2,000 |
| Local Recreation Improvement Grant | \$ 80,000 |

Total: \$3,216,069



2025 APPROPRIATION BUDGET DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION DETAIL

| <u>Function</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Police | \$5,936,724.71 | 32.091% |
| DPW | \$3,034,377.25 | 16.403% |
| Finance & Administration | \$2,204,881.42 | 11.919% |
| Garbage & Recycling | \$1,838,700.00 | 9.939% |
| Insurance | \$881,997.30 | 4.768% |
| Reserve for Uncollected Taxes | \$850,000.00 | 4.595% |
| Library | \$637,811.96 | 3.448% |
| Health Department | \$630,188.18 | 3.407% |
| Building/Land Use | \$591,544.50 | 3.198% |
| Debt | \$557,029.00 | 3.011% |
| Emergency Services | \$444,900.00 | 2.405% |
| Recreation | \$411,735.09 | 2.226% |
| Utilities | \$345,000.00 | 1.865% |
| Miscellaneous | \$134,570.77 | 0.727% |
| | \$18,499,460.18 | 100.000% |



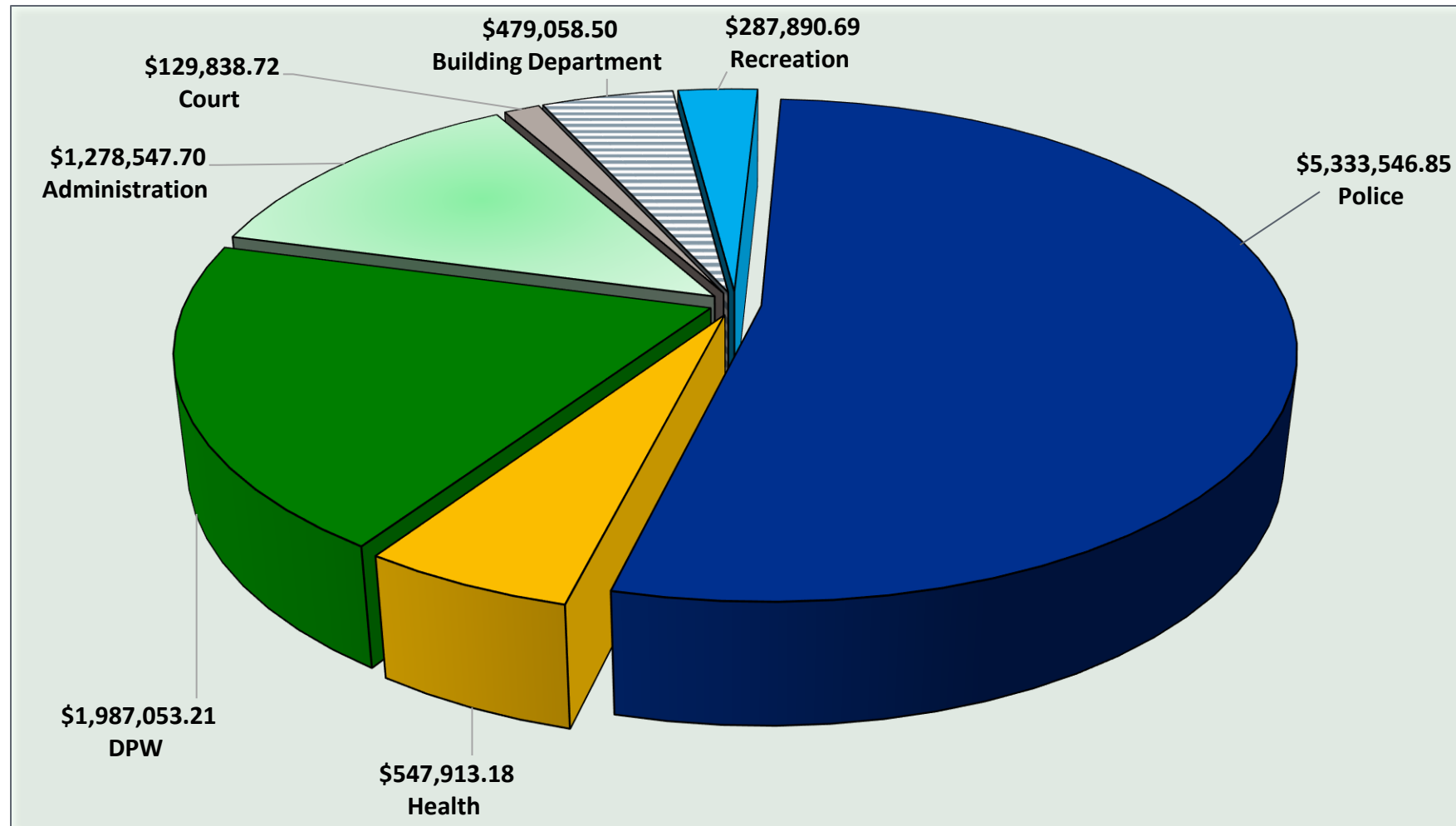
HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS & SAVINGS

- ▶ 2025
 - ▶ Cost of Health Care: \$ 2,022,332
 - ▶ Employee Contribution: \$ 383,432

- ▶ 2025 Additional Savings – Insurance Opt-Out Program
 - ▶ Opt-Out Employee count: 17
 - ▶ Premium Savings: \$ 434,604
 - ▶ Opt-Out Waivers Paid to Employees: \$ 77,909
 - ▶ 2025 Realized Savings Based on Projected Costs: \$ 356,695

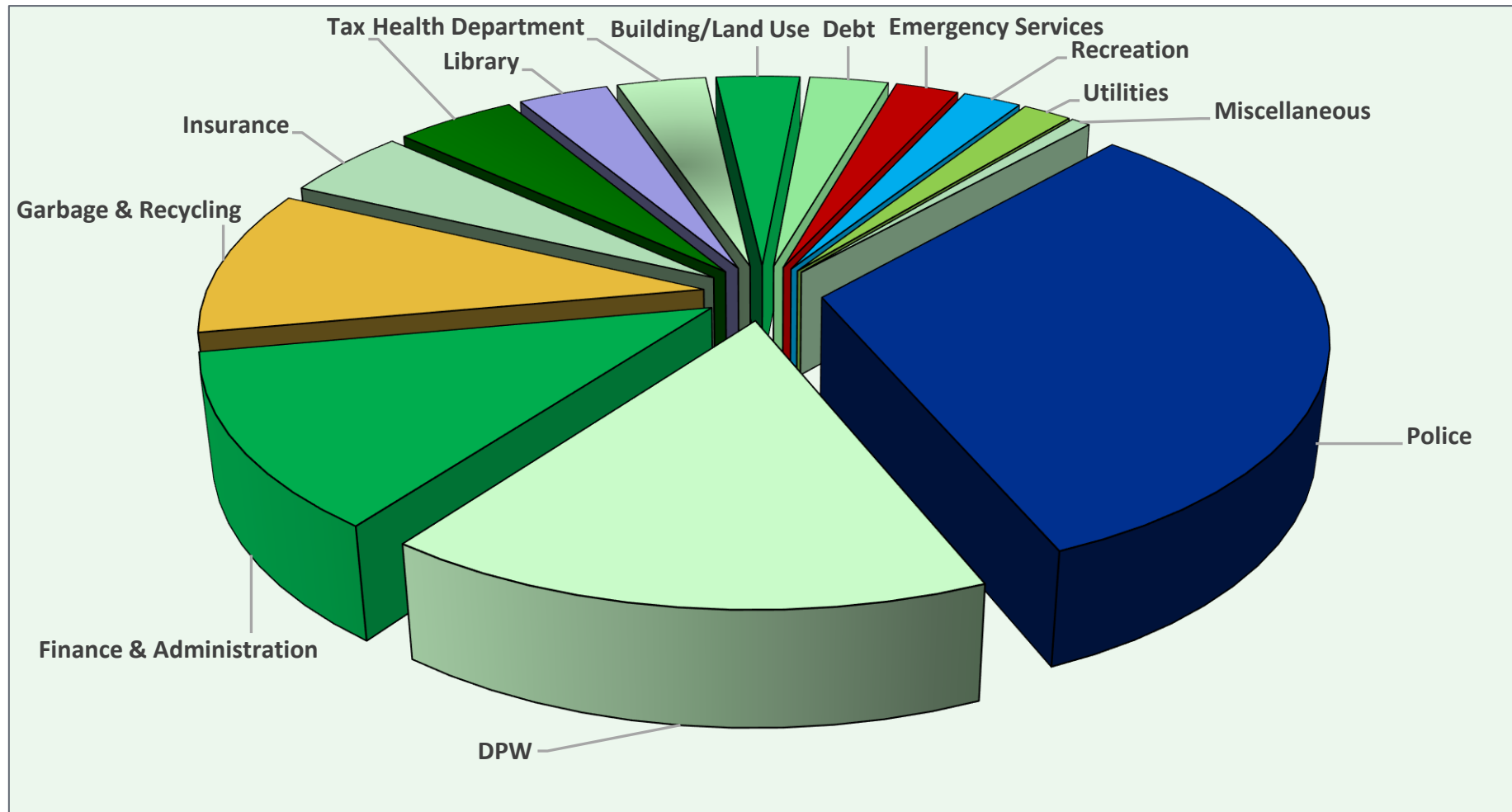


2025 SALARY DISTRIBUTION



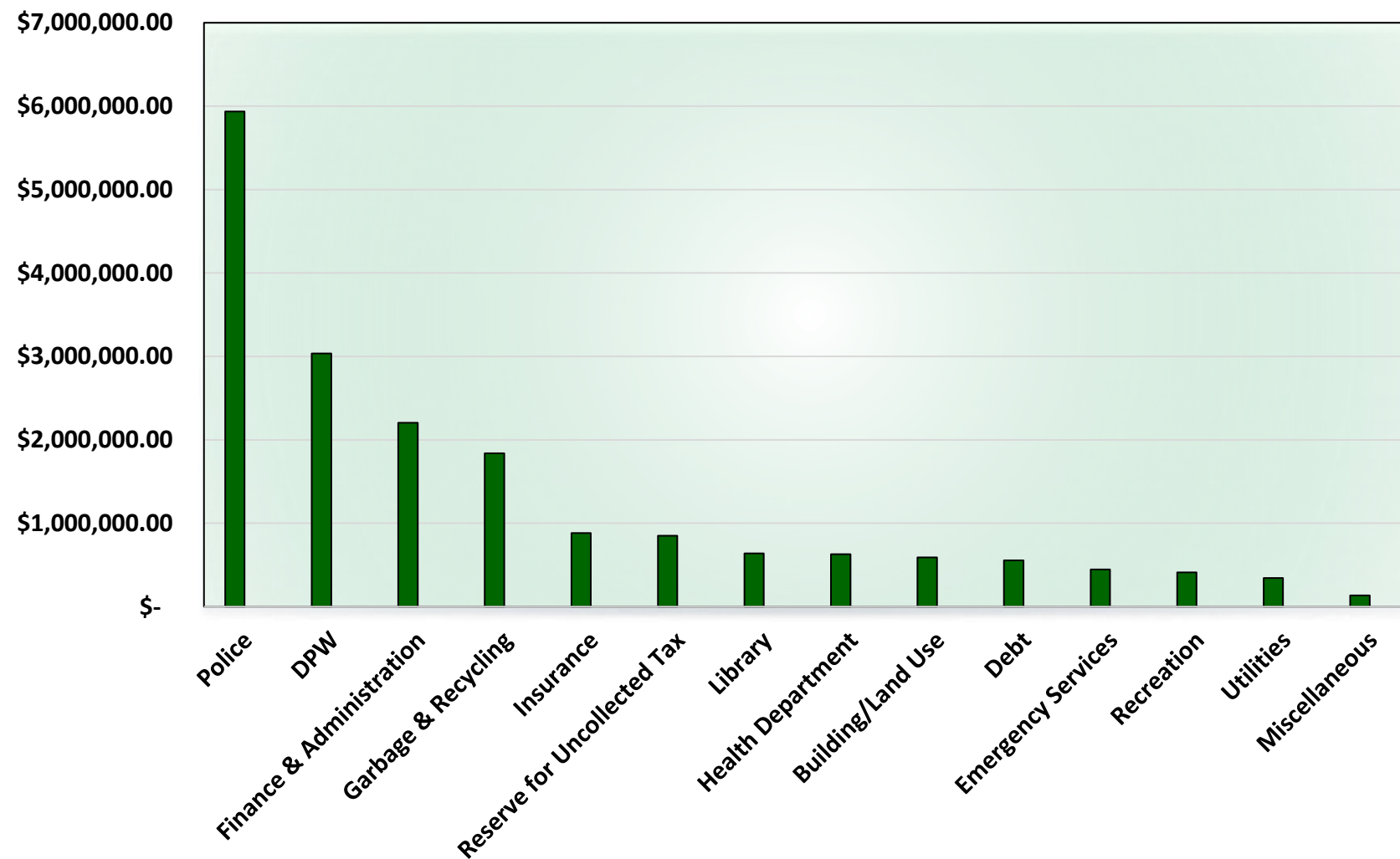


2025 APPROPRIATION BUDGET DISTRIBUTION BY FUNCTION





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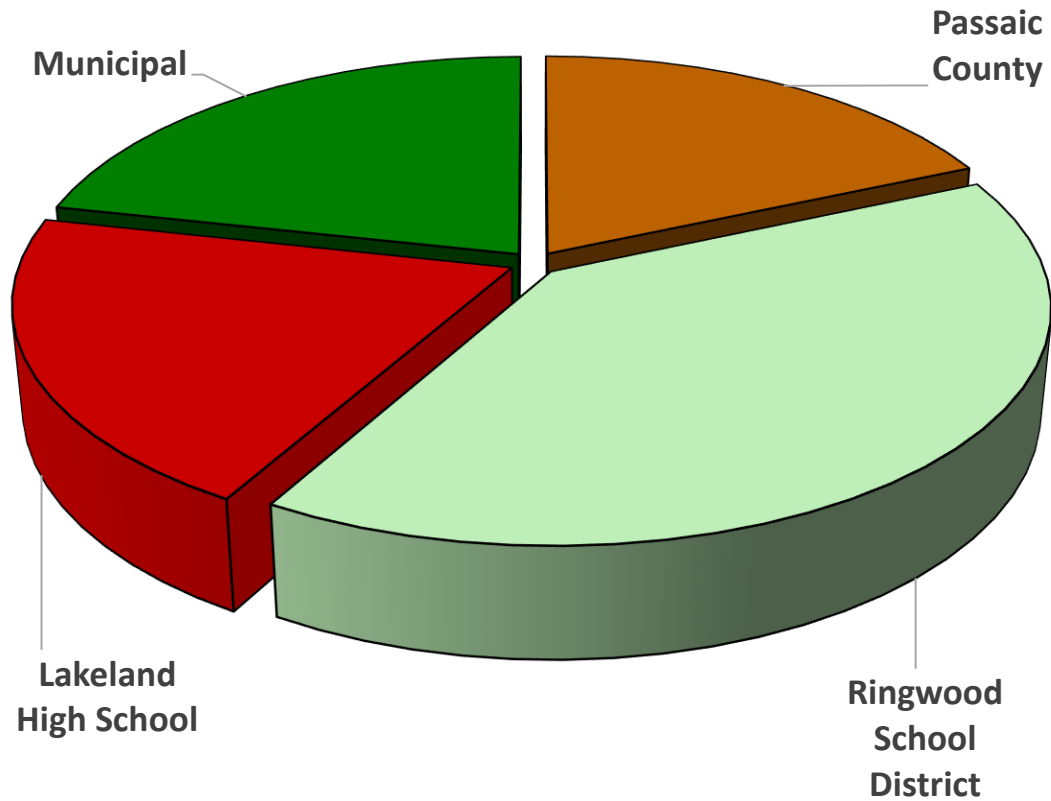


2025 BUDGET SUMMARY

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| ■ 2025 Budget Introduced | \$18,499,460 |
| ■ Increase from 2023 Budget | \$390,337 |
| ■ Average Assessed Value of Home | \$303,162 |
| ■ Increase to Average Assessed Home | \$106.35 |



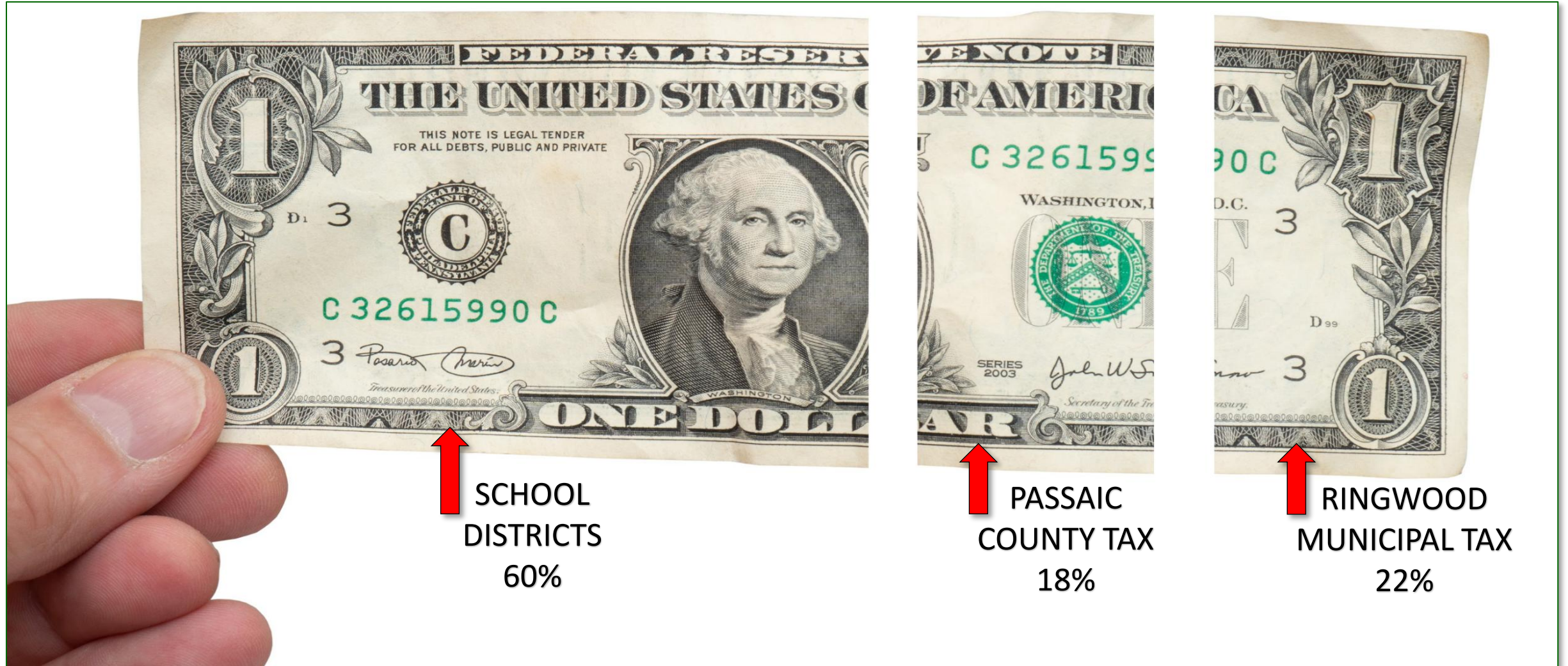
2024 AVERAGE TAX BILL BREAKDOWN



| 2024 Average Residential Assessment \$302,874.00 | | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| Description | Amount | Percent |
| Passaic County | \$ 2,329.10 | 18.472% |
| Ringwood School District | \$ 5,015.59 | 39.779% |
| Lakeland High School | \$ 2,544.14 | 20.178% |
| Municipal | \$ 2,719.81 | 21.571% |
| TOTAL: | \$ 12,608.64 | 100.000% |



TAX DOLLAR DISTRIBUTION





WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

2025 Operating Budget Introduced

\$1,801,470

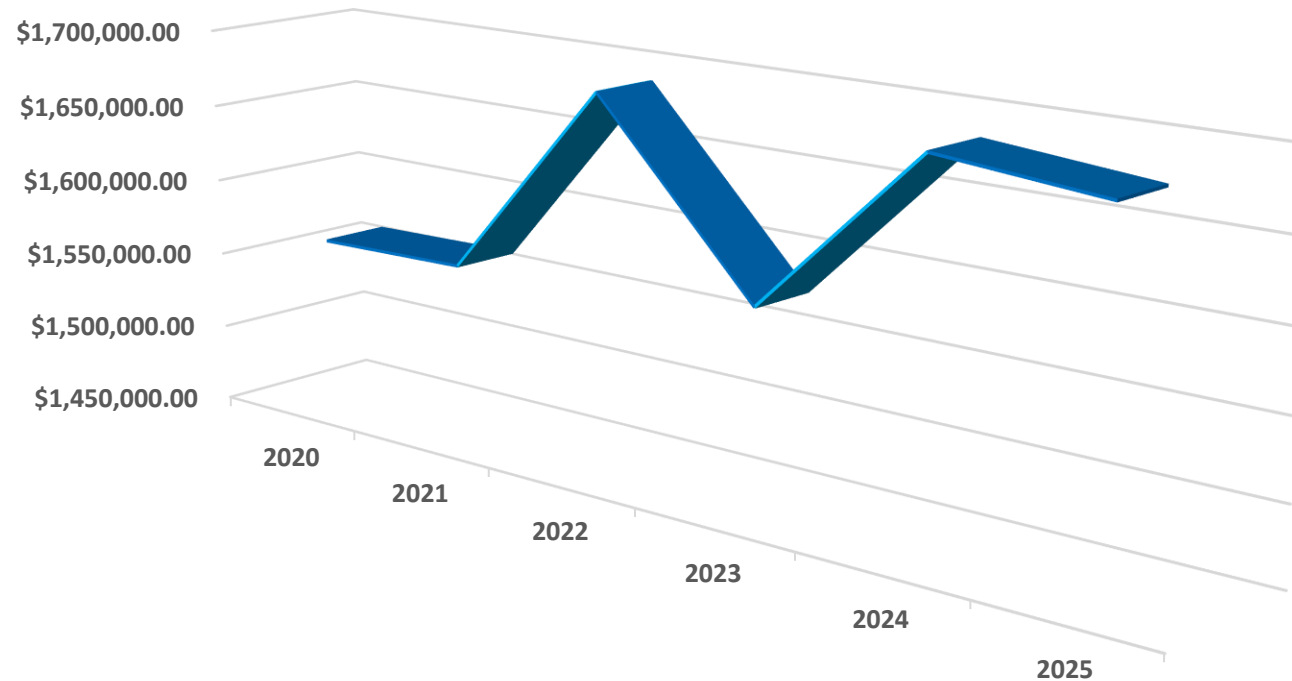
2025 Operating Budget Increase from 2024

\$96,425



WATER REVENUE

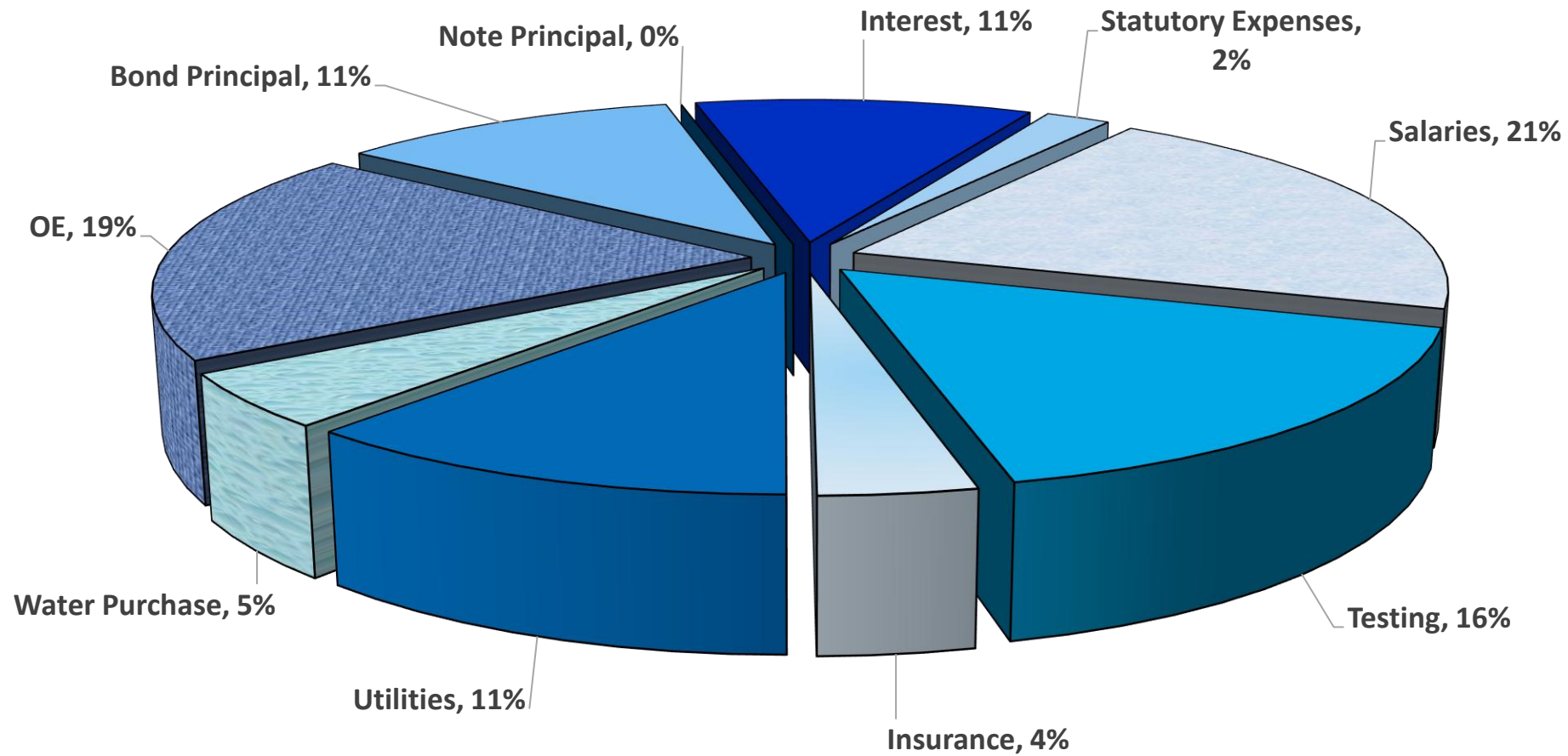
Water Revenue - 2020 - 2025




| Year | Revenue |
|-------------|--------------|
| 2020 | \$ 1,561,255 |
| 2021 | \$ 1,563,286 |
| 2022 | \$ 1,689,565 |
| 2023 | \$ 1,576,940 |
| 2024 | \$ 1,684,850 |
| 2025 (est.) | \$ 1,675,000 |



2025 BUDGET DISTRIBUTION



The seal of Kingwood Borough is a circular emblem. It features a central yellow shield with a grey stone bridge or archway. The year '1742' is inscribed on the shield. The shield is surrounded by a green border with a serrated, leaf-like edge. The words 'KINGWOOD' and 'BOROUGH' are written in green around the top and bottom of the seal, respectively. The numbers '19' and '18' are also visible on the left and right sides of the seal.

Any questions?

Thank you.