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Board of Supervisors Adopts FY 2022 Budget; Lowers Tax Rate by 5.5 Cents

The Loudoun County Board of Supervisors has approved a budget totaling approximately \$3.3 billion in total appropriations for the general county government and school system for Fiscal Year (FY) 2022. The adopted budget includes a real property tax rate of \$0.980 per \$100 in assessed value, 5.5 cents lower than the current tax rate.

The FY 2022 adopted budget includes:

- An increase over FY 2021 of approximately \$68 million in local tax funding to Loudoun County Public Schools (7.2% increase over last year).
- \$9.5 million in base budget adjustments the county's budget to continue providing current services, including increases in contracts and ongoing maintenance agreements, lease and utility increases and inflationary impacts.
- An increase of \$12.4 million for employee compensation, which includes a 3% merit increase and a step increase for public safety employees.
- The addition of 168 positions in 20 different county departments to open new facilities, maintain or enhance current service levels, support the county's Capital Improvement Program and position the organization to pursue the Board's strategic priorities.
- An increase of \$45.3 million to fund debt service and capital needs of the county government and LCPS.

The FY 2022 adopted budget also includes funding for several Board of Supervisors strategic initiatives including the expansion of the adult drug court, body-worn cameras for the law enforcement, collective bargaining, and expansion of the Youth After School program. In addition, the adopted budget includes Loudoun County's operating and capital subsidy payments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority due to the anticipated start of Metrorail's Silver Line revenue service in Loudoun County during FY 2022.

Capital Improvement Program

The Board also adopted the Amended FY 2021-2026 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) that totals \$3.1 billion for the six-year planning period and includes county and school projects. The category with the largest expenditure percentage is transportation projects at 37%, followed by school projects at 26%, which incorporates the School Board's adopted capital plan and accommodates all requested school projects.

New projects include the Arcola Quarters for the Enslaved, which will restore an existing historic site in Arcola to create a passive recreation and educational facility, and the local match

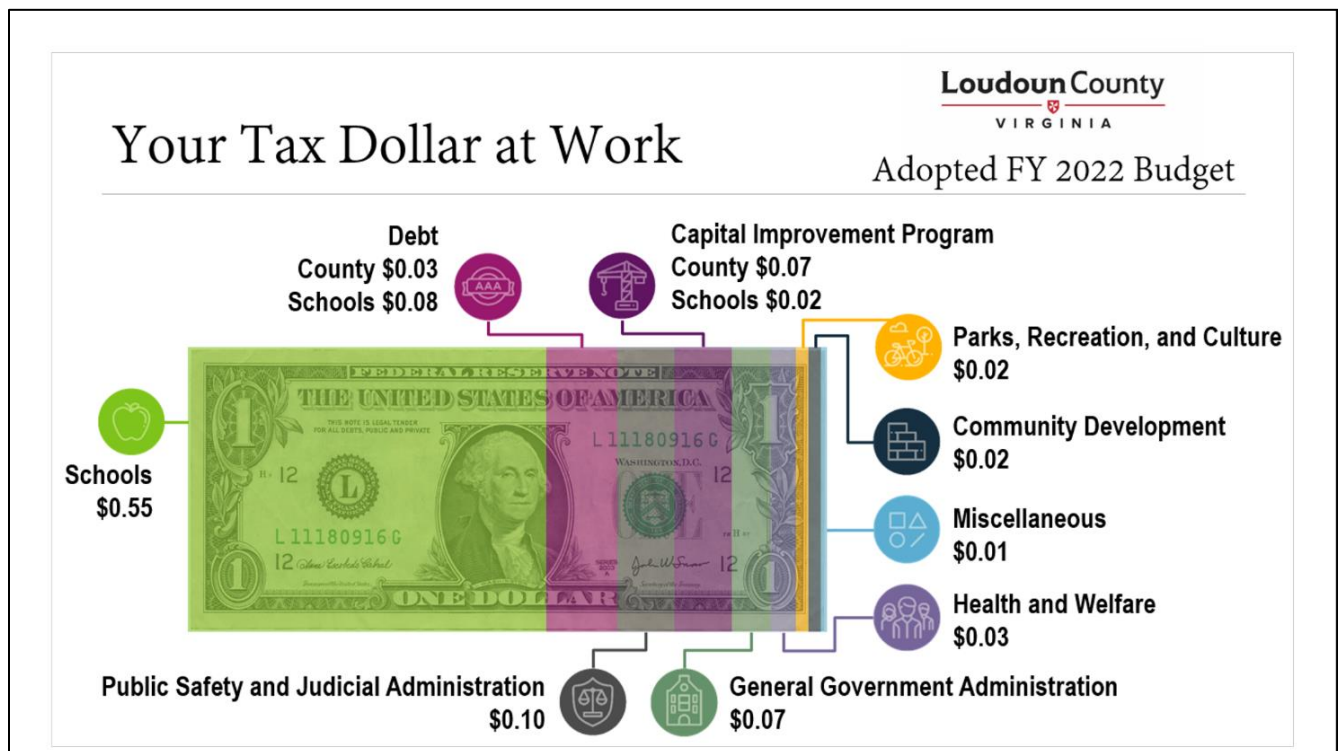
for the FEMA grant to mitigate flooding issues in Selma Estates.

The CIP also calls for accelerating critical Board priorities, including the Western Loudoun Recreation Center and the Remote Site Connectivity project, which expands broadband to five county sites, also in western Loudoun.

Fiscal Year 2022

The FY 2022 budget will go into effect July 1, 2021, while the new tax rates are effective as of January 1, 2021, and will be used for the spring tax collection.

The complete adopted budget document will be posted on the county's website in the coming weeks. More information about the budget process is online at www.loudoun.gov/budget.



**This graphic illustrates how each tax dollar is spent in the adopted
Fiscal Year 2022 Loudoun County budget.**

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