



Understanding Our Budget

Where the Funds Go

Function	Description
General Government	Services provided by the Legislative Judicial and Administrative branches of Charlotte County for the benefit of the public and governmental bodies.
Public Safety	<p>Services provided by Charlotte County for the security of persons and property in the County.</p> <p>Areas included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > The Sheriff's Department (Corrections and Law Enforcement) > Animal Control > Fire/Rescue > Emergency Services > Medical Examiner
Physical Environment	<p>Services provided by the County for the primary purpose of achieving a satisfactory living environment by controlling and utilizing elements of the environment.</p> <p>Areas included are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Utilities > Solid Waste > Stormwater Management services
Transportation	<p>Services provided by the County for the safe and adequate flow of vehicles, travelers and pedestrians.</p> <p>Included are expenditures directly related to public safety such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Traffic Control > Law Enforcement > Highway Safety Projects.
Economic Environment	Services provided by the County which develop and improve the economic condition of the community and its citizens.
Human Services	<p>Services provided by the County for the care, treatment and control of human illness, injury or handicap and for the welfare of the community as a whole and its individuals.</p> <p>Included are mental health, physical health and public assistance programs as well as developmentally disabled and interrelated programs such as the provision of health care for indigent persons.</p>
Culture & Recreation	This category covers the cost of providing and maintaining cultural and recreational facilities and activities for the benefit of the citizens and visitors to the County.
Reserves, Transfers and Debt Services	This category contains the transfers from one fund to another within the County budget as well as reserves, cash carried over, redemption of long term bonds, payback of short term borrowing and other activities that are not classified as expenditures.