

Proposed 2014-2015 Essex Town Budget Presentation



**ANNUAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 24, 2014**

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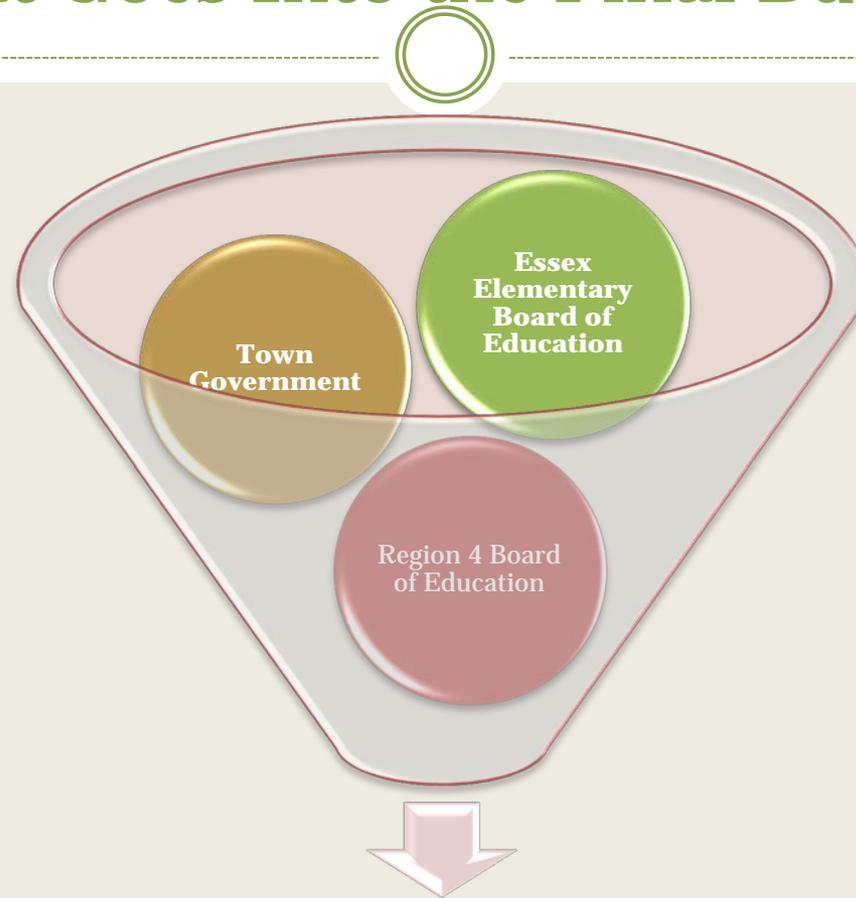
MISSION



- To consistently provide Town government services in a prompt, efficient, and respectful manner.
- To continually develop and improve the services that we provide to the community.
- To wisely manage and utilize the financial and physical resources of our Town government.

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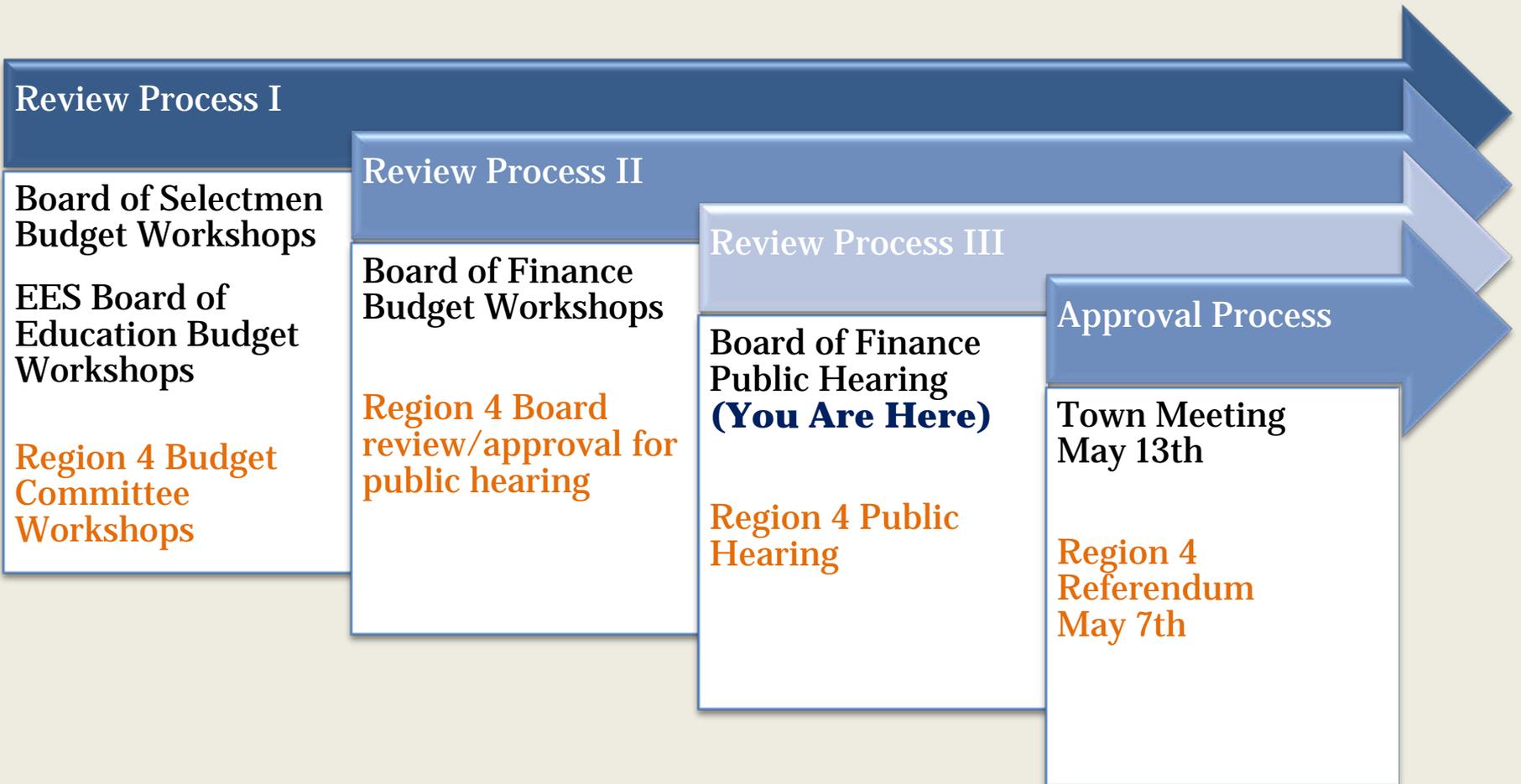
What Goes Into the Final Budget?



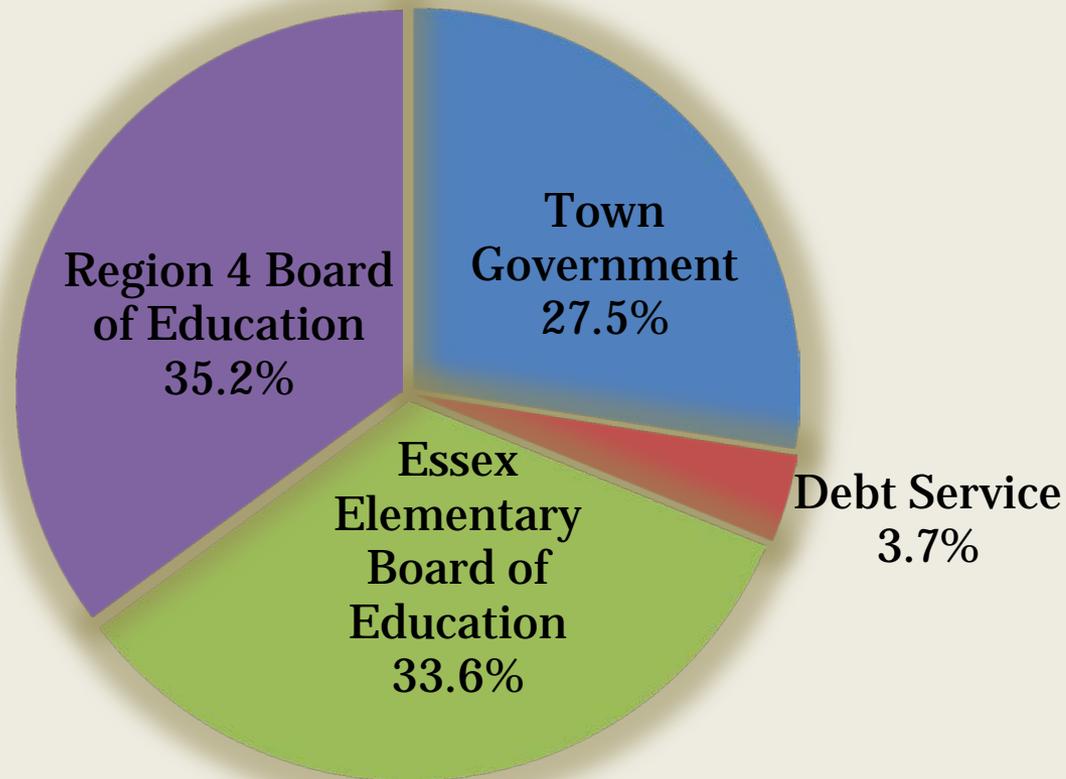
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The Budget Process



Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures



Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Town Government-Selectmen's Budget



FY 2014-2015 Request:

\$7,202,161

**This represents an increase of \$234,700 or 3.37%
over the prior fiscal year.**

Includes debt service of \$854,369

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Essex Elementary Board of Education



FY 2014-2015 Request:

\$7,742,313

**This represents an increase of \$107,396 or 1.41%
over the prior fiscal year.**

Summary of Proposed Budget Expenditures Region 4 – Town of Essex Share



FY 2014-2015 Request:

\$8,112,489

**This represents an increase of \$30,717 or .38% over the
prior fiscal year.**

**The reduction in Essex share of ADM offset \$236,848 of
what would have been a \$267,565 increase**

To be voted on at referendum on May 6th

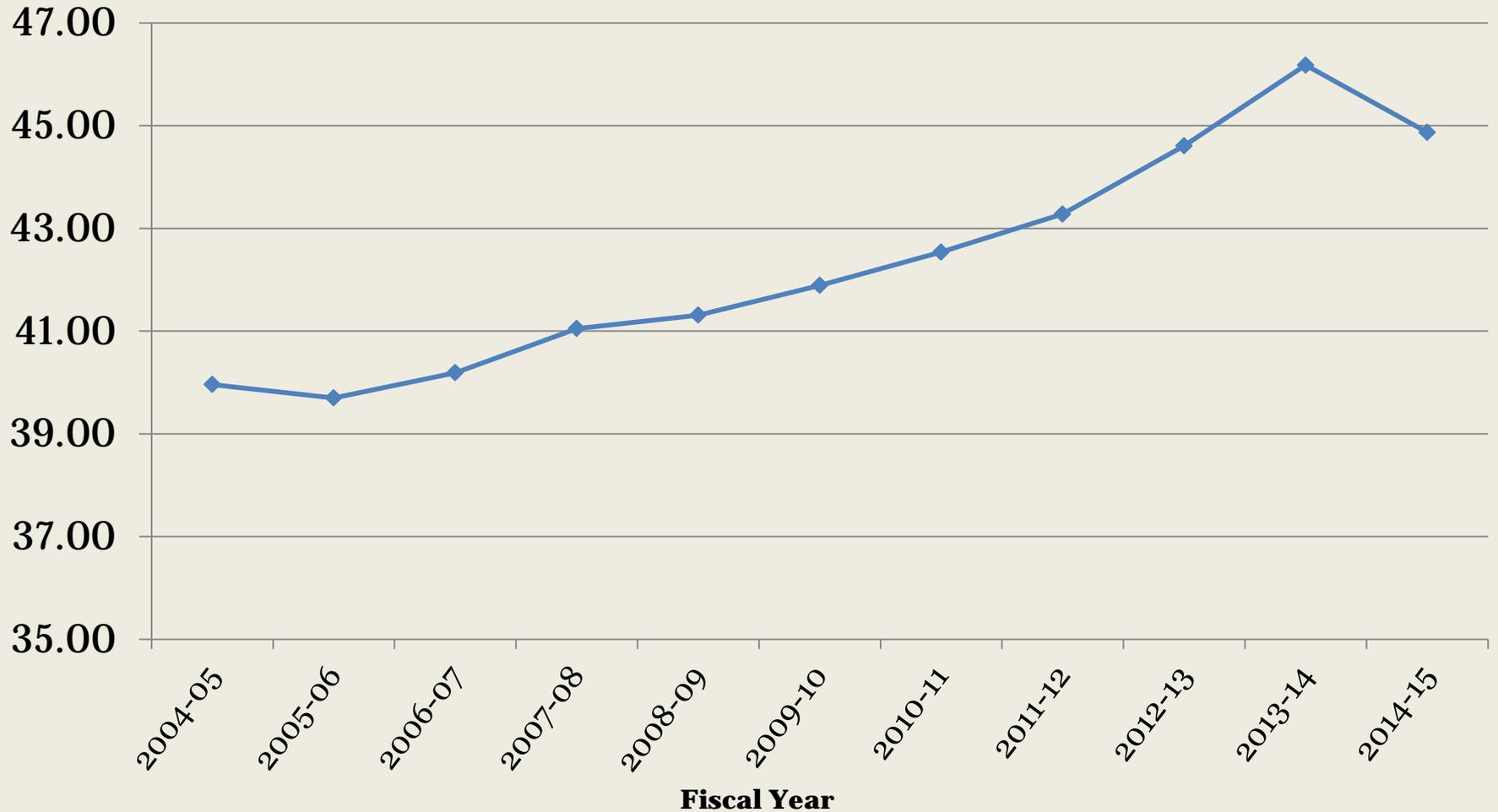
Proposed 2014-2015 Essex Town Budget Average Daily Membership (ADM)



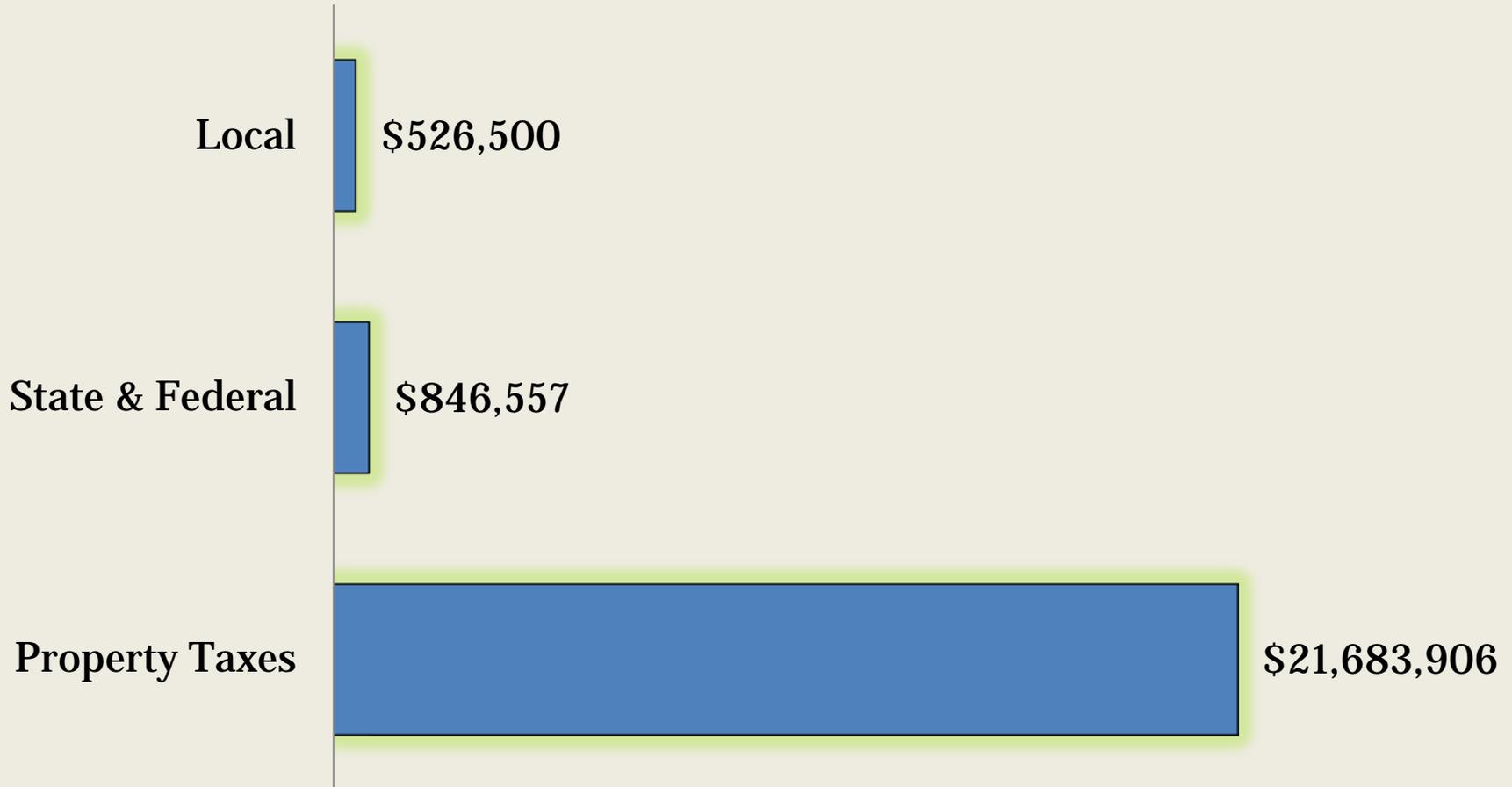
ADM = Town's share of total Region 4 student population as of October 1 of the previous year

	2013-2014		2014-2015	
	Students	%	Students	%
Chester	245	24.33%	240	24.14%
Deep River	297	29.49%	308	30.99%
Essex	465	46.18%	446	44.87%
Total	1,007	100.00%	994	100.00%

Historic Average Daily Membership (ADM) Share % for Town of Essex



Summary of Proposed Budget Revenue



Summary of Proposed Budget Revenue State & Federal Revenues



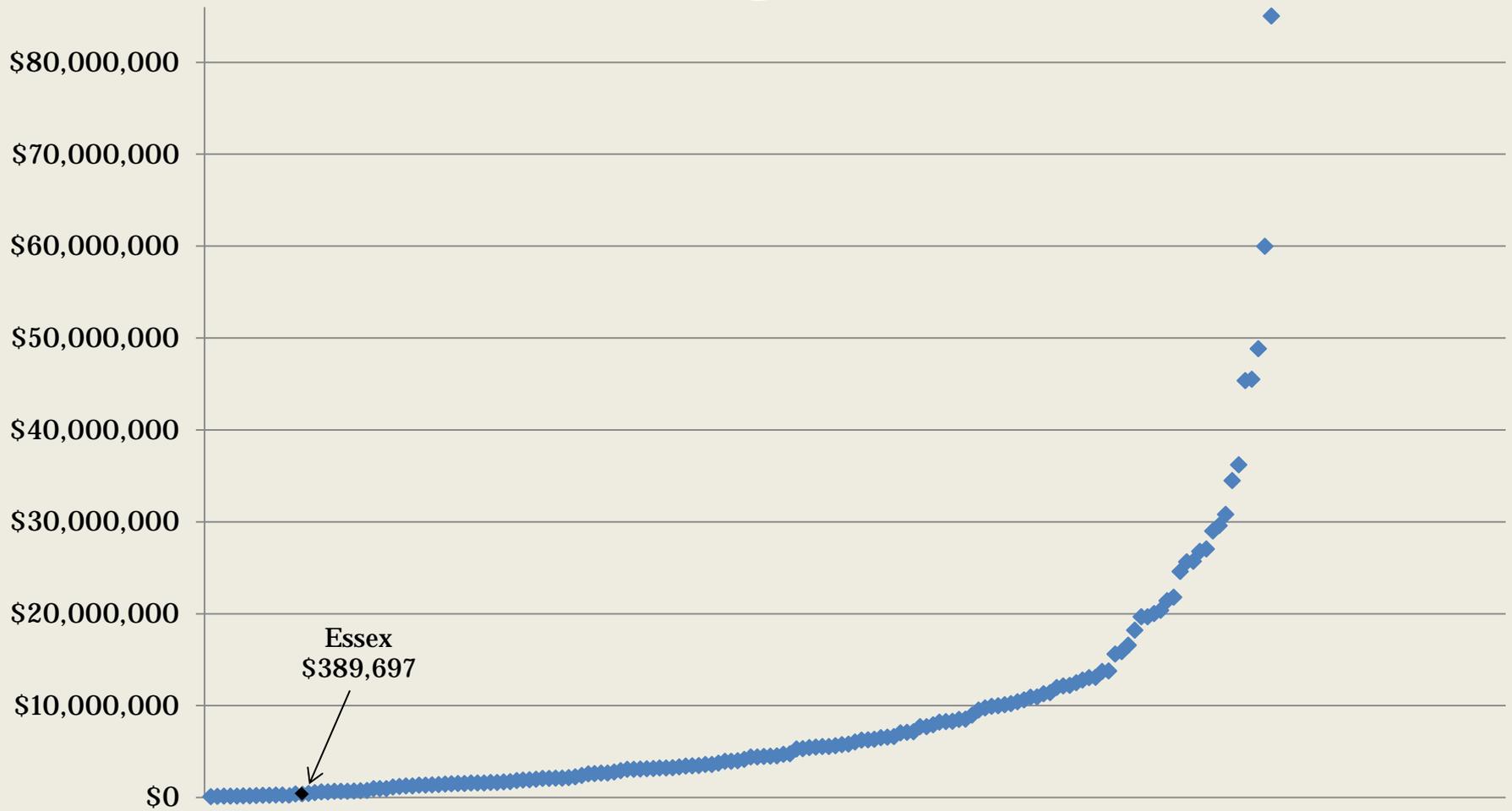
Based on the Governor's recommended budget, revenue from State & Federal sources is expected to be flat compared to the current fiscal year.

The primary components are:

Education Cost Sharing	\$389,697
Town Aid Road	\$215,656
Municipal Grant in Aid	\$70,111

These 3 grants account for nearly 80% of our State funding.

Summary of Proposed Budget Revenue Education Cost Sharing to Municipalities



Summary of Proposed Budget Revenue

Local Revenues



Local Revenues are expected to show a slight improvement

Primary sources of local revenue are:

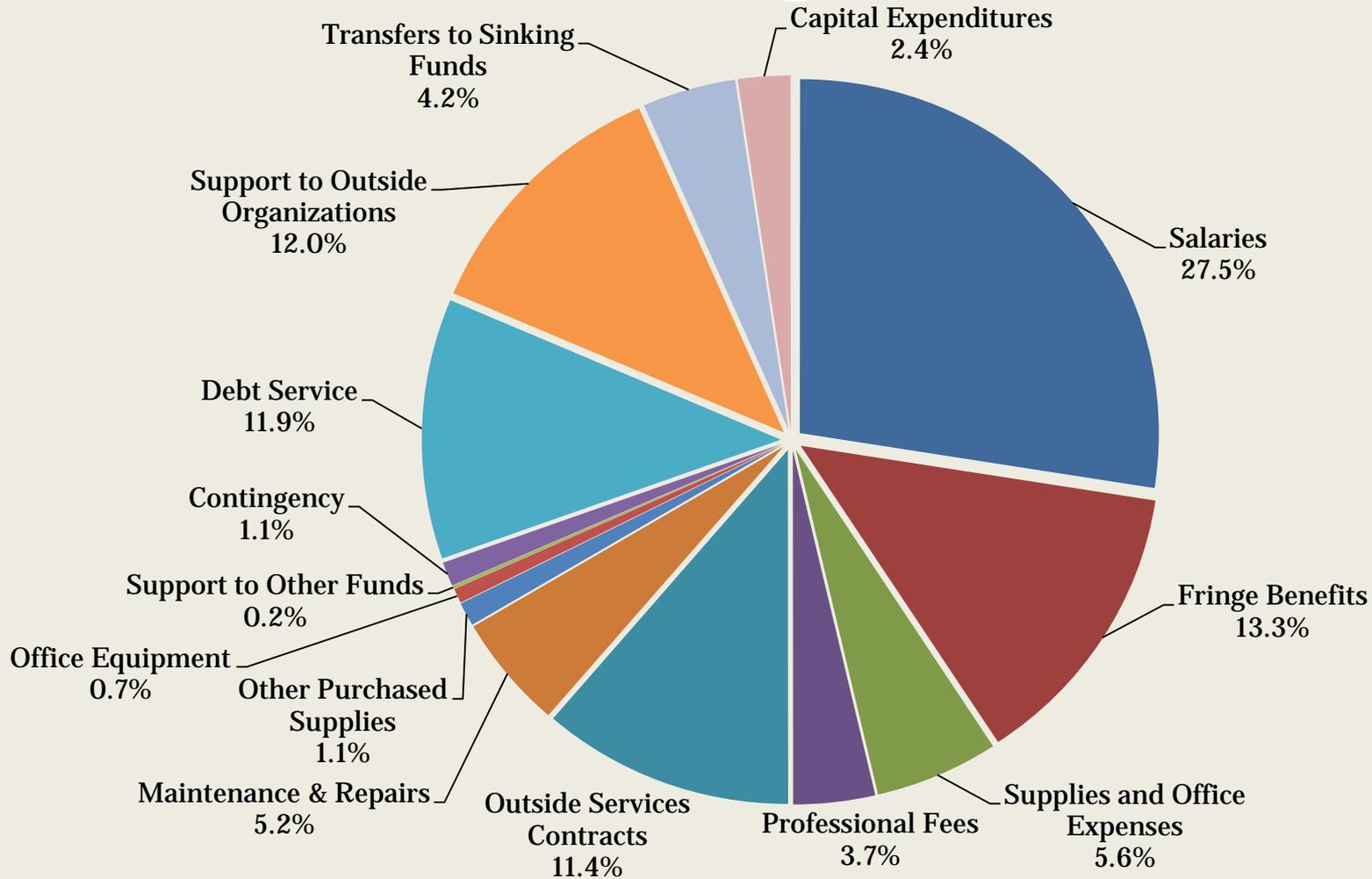
Building Permits	\$120,000
Town Clerk Fees	\$115,000
Conveyance Tax	\$105,000
Transfer Station	\$70,000
Regional Host Fees	\$69,000

These account for 91% of local revenues.

Interest revenue is estimated at \$4,800 which is up slightly compared to the current fiscal year but still a steep decline from prior years.

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Town Government Expenditures by Category



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Major Budget Drivers



Description	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015		
		Request	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change
Salaries	1,884,603	1,978,615	94,012	4.99%
Fringe Benefits	940,886	957,026	16,140	1.72%
Supplies and Office Expenses	391,581	400,714	9,133	2.33%
Professional Fees	256,206	263,381	7,175	2.80%
Outside Service Contracts	809,663	817,583	7,920	0.98%
Maintenance & Repairs	372,560	374,835	2,275	0.61%
Other Purchased Supplies	71,850	78,650	6,800	9.46%
Office Equipment	43,100	48,600	5,500	12.76%
Support to Other Funds	11,000	11,000	-	0.00%
Contingency	80,000	80,000	-	0.00%
Total Operating Expenditures	\$ 4,861,449	\$ 5,010,404	\$ 148,955	3.06%
Debt Service	824,579	854,369	29,790	3.61%
Support to Outside Organizations	836,491	861,914	25,423	3.04%
Transfers to Sinking Funds	252,000	304,500	52,500	20.83%
Capital Expenditures	192,942	170,974	(21,968)	-11.39%
Total Expenditures	\$ 6,967,461	\$ 7,202,161	\$ 234,700	3.37%

Major Budget Drivers

Salaries



Increase of \$94,012 (or 4.99%) reflects:

Contractual increases	\$14,733
Non-Union Increases	\$33,466
Step increases	\$10,211
Net staffing changes	\$21,577
Eligibility for Longevity	\$14,025

Staffing changes are partially offset by the decrease in Professional Fees.

Major Budget Drivers

Fringe Benefits



Increase of \$16,140 (or 1.72%) reflects:

Health Insurance	\$13,640
FICA	\$2,500
Unemployment Comp Ins	(\$3,000)
Workers Comp Ins	\$3,000

Major Budget Drivers

Professional Fees



Increase of \$7,175 (or 2.80%) reflects:

Economic Development	\$8,000
Planning Services	\$1,125
Technology Services	(\$4,132)
Various Other	\$2,182

Major Budget Drivers

Outside Service Contract and Maintenance & Repairs



Outside Service Contracts reflects an increase of \$7,920 (or 0.98%) due primarily to the increased cost associated with the Resident Trooper contract.



Maintenance & Repair expenditures are budgeted for a combined increase of \$2,275 (or 0.61%) The Highway Department budget is the major driver of this increase due to a \$4,000 increase in Grounds Maintenance & Repairs.

Major Budget Drivers

Other Purchased Supplies and Office Equipment



Other Purchased Supplies increase of \$6,800 (or 9.46%) consists of \$3,500 increase for Fuel & Oil as well as a \$2,000 increase to the Tree Committee Allocation



The increase of \$5,500 (or 12.76%) in Office Equipment is made up almost entirely of a \$5,000 increase in Technology Equipment. This is offset by a reduction in Capital Expenditures (capital lease expense)

Major Budget Drivers

Support to Outside Organizations



Organization	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015	
		Request	Increase/ (Decrease)
Essex Fire Department	302,700	320,700	18,000
Essex Library	270,000	275,300	5,300
Ivoryton Library	102,000	104,000	2,000
Visiting Nurses	60,795	66,874	6,079
Tri-Town Youth Services	33,500	34,505	1,005
Estuary Council of Seniors Club	32,500	33,150	650
Essex Ambulance Association	19,422	12,634	(6,788)
Estuary Transit	15,380	16,147	767
Shoreline Soup Kitchens	5,000	5,000	-
Middlesex Ctr for Behavioral Health	3,500	3,500	-
Gilead	2,500	2,500	-
Community Renewal Team	1,500	1,500	-
Rushford Center	1,250	1,250	-
Community Health Center, Inc.	1,500	1,500	-
Literacy Volunteers of America	1,000	1,100	100
The Connection	750	750	-
Sexual Assault Crisis	650	650	-
Middlesex Cty Substance Abuse Council	500	500	-
Regional Mental Health	354	354	-
Total	\$ 854,801	\$ 881,914	\$ 27,113

Major Budget Drivers

Transfers to Sinking Funds



Increase of \$52,500 (or 11.97%) reflects following increases/ **(decreases)**:

Cruiser Sinking Fund	\$5,000
Fire Department	\$15,000
Open Space	\$15,000
Park & Recreation	\$2,500
Revaluation	(\$5,000)
Municipal Property	\$15,000
Waste Water Mgmt Plan	\$5,000

Major Budget Drivers

Capital Expenditures & Debt Service



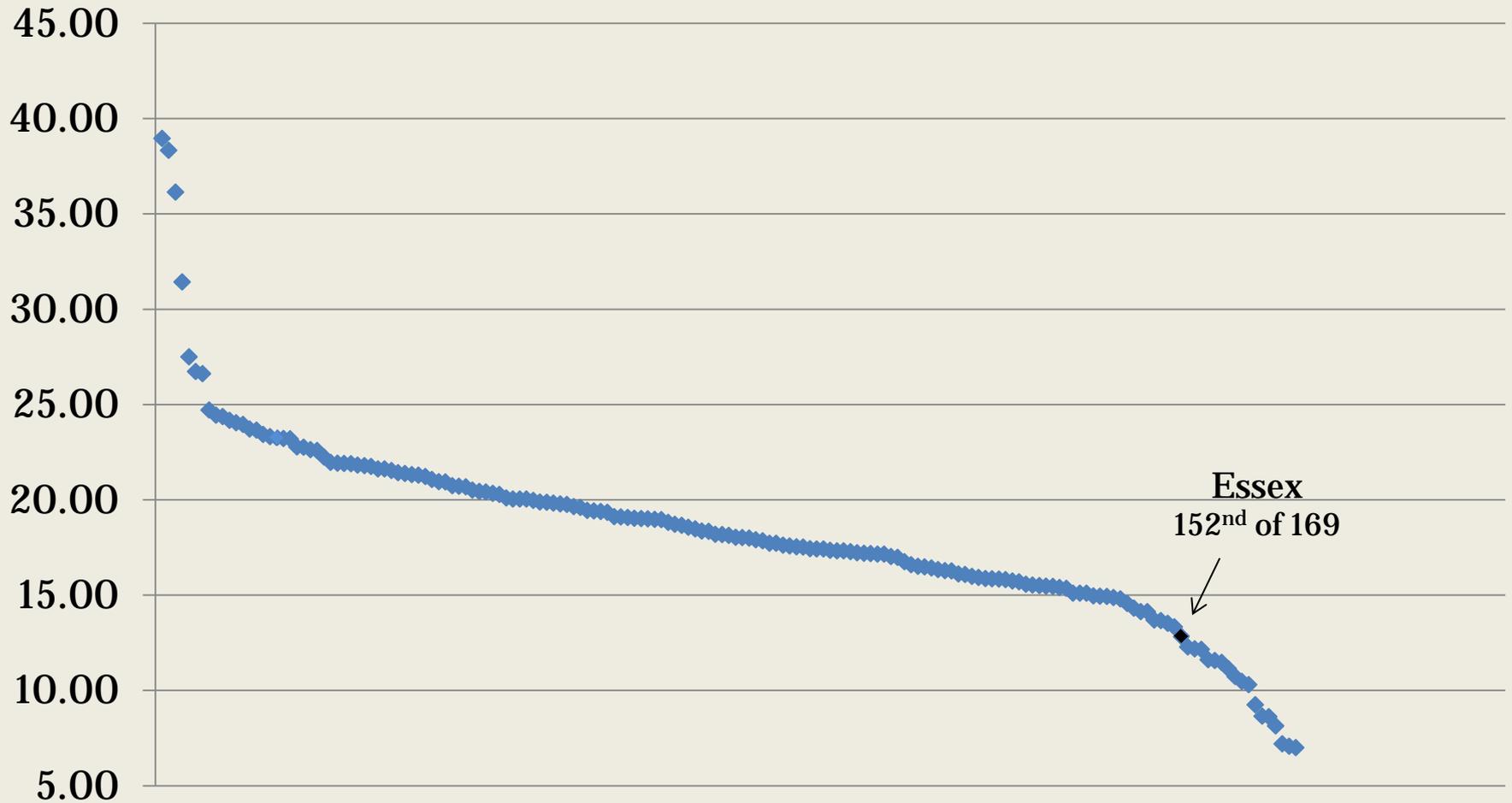
The Capital Expenditures decrease of \$21,968 (or - 11.39%) reflects the reduction in Capital Equipment Leases as we finish the lease payments in November 2014 for the Town Hall-wide replacement of technology equipment.



Debt Service interest expense savings due to the advance refunding is down compared to last fiscal year. This results in a \$29,790 increase in total Debt Service costs in FY 2014-2015

Municipal Fiscal Indicators

Equalized Mill Rate



Source: OPM – Municipal Fiscal Indicators -fiscal year ended 2012

Website Links



- **Town Website:**

www.essexct.gov

- **Office of Policy and Management website:**

<http://www.ct.gov/opm/site/default.asp>

(link is also on town website under Finance Department)

Highlights and Initiatives



To name a few:

- ❖ STEAP Civic Campus Grant nearing completion
- ❖ Completed State mandated revaluation
- ❖ Now accepting Credit Cards at Transfer Station
- ❖ Soon will be accepting Credit Cards for tax payments
- ❖ Main Street Investment Fund Grant for Ivoryton Center
- ❖ Preservation of Place Grant for Centerbrook
- ❖ Applied for STEAP grant- Facility Enhancement – Public Works
- ❖ Building/Capital Committee will be finalizing report soon
- ❖ Planned improvements to West Ave. entrance to Town Hall
- ❖ Park & Rec -Undertake a strategic assessment & market analysis of Special Revenue Fund to strengthen the revenues versus expenses
- ❖ Park & Rec - Increase usage of and visitors to Viney Hill Brook Park
- ❖ Park & Rec - Increase our Community Events sponsorships by 50%