

# General Government

## Summary

General Government service area departments provide for the overall policy direction, record keeping, fiscal and legal management of the county. Also, departments in this service area provide services including the assessing property values and collecting property taxes, conducting elections, and recording and maintaining various public records.

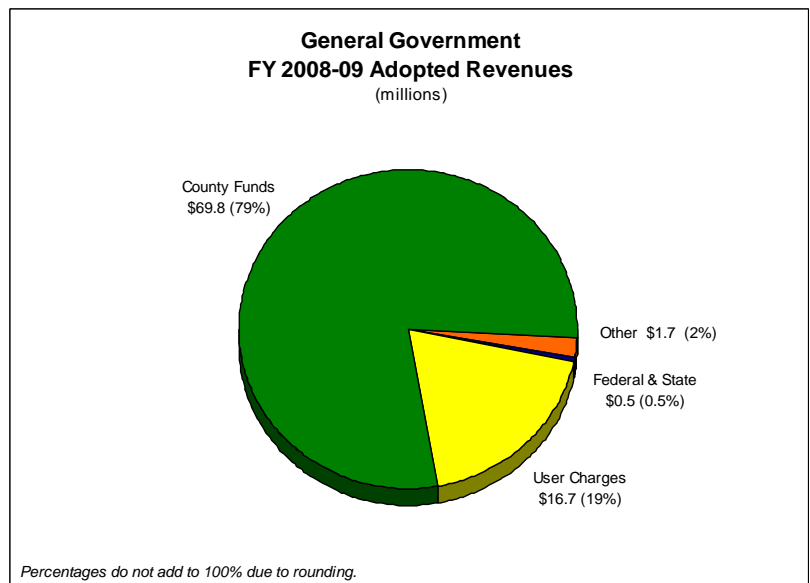
General Government departments include:

- Human Resources
- Finance
- Budget and Management
- Tax
- County Administration
- County Attorney
- County Commissioners
- Register of Deeds
- Board of Elections
- Clerk to the Board
- Purchasing
- Internal Audit

## Expenditures

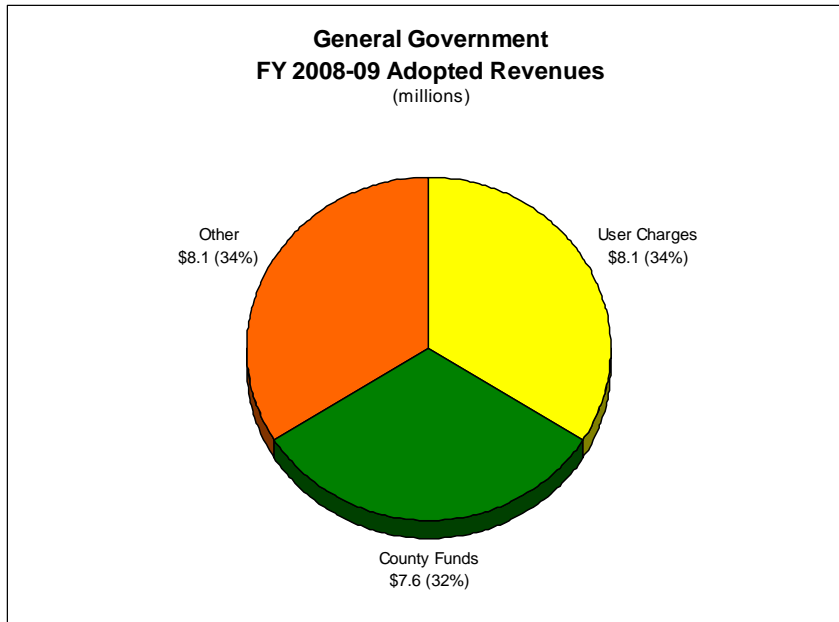
Guilford County will spend \$23,842,271 for General Government services in the 2008-2009 fiscal year, an decrease of \$159,509 (-0.7%) from the FY 07-08 approved budget. General Government departments account for about 4% of the total expenditures for the County.

The adopted budget includes three new reappraisal technicians (\$94,500) for the Tax Department. These positions will allow the department to begin preliminary work related to the next county wide property revaluation scheduled for 2012. The county is required to reassess all property every eight years. The General Government budget also includes an additional \$597,624 for the county's cost for insurance for county retirees. In addition, the budget includes \$614,000 for the purchase of 181 additional voting machines to ensure the County has sufficient machines to avoid long lines during the 2008 presidential election.



## Revenues

General Government revenues are roughly evenly split between User Fees (34%), Other/Miscellaneous revenues (34%), and County Funds (32%). User Fees include the fess paid to Guilford County by cities and towns for tax billing and collection services, as well as various fees paid to the Register of Deeds for the recording of official documents. Other/Miscellaneous revenues includes the county's share of Excise Taxes paid to the Register of Deeds, portions of fund balance earmarked for technology improvements for the Register of Deeds, and fees for copies.



	FY 2006-07	Adopted FY 2007-08	Amended FY 2007-08	Adopted FY 2008-09	Change vs. Adopted	
					\$	%
<b>Departments</b>						
County Commissioners	\$ 436,075	\$ 438,551	\$ 461,892	\$ 465,224	\$ 26,673	6.1%
Clerk to the Board	\$ 185,945	\$ 211,134	\$ 193,034	\$ 189,401	\$ (21,733)	-10.3%
County Administration	\$ 771,157	\$ 1,786,294	\$ 1,421,873	\$ 1,780,426	\$ (5,868)	-0.3%
County Attorney	\$ 1,017,162	\$ 1,101,102	\$ 667,365	\$ 608,493	\$ (492,609)	-44.7%
Human Resources	\$ 4,247,527	\$ 4,140,405	\$ 4,141,007	\$ 4,738,029	\$ 597,624	14.4%
Budget & Management	\$ 498,495	\$ 546,693	\$ 551,860	\$ 491,979	\$ (54,714)	-10.0%
Internal Audit	\$ 354,558	\$ 387,637	\$ 396,571	\$ 404,333	\$ 16,696	4.3%
Finance	\$ 2,425,607	\$ 2,531,358	\$ 2,660,148	\$ 2,499,103	\$ (32,255)	-1.3%
Purchasing	\$ 415,228	\$ 480,525	\$ 498,722	\$ 502,855	\$ 22,330	4.6%
Tax	\$ 5,927,597	\$ 6,334,915	\$ 6,373,980	\$ 6,453,666	\$ 118,751	1.9%
Register of Deeds	\$ 2,499,602	\$ 3,140,331	\$ 3,144,365	\$ 3,069,335	\$ (70,996)	-2.3%
Elections	\$ 2,040,177	\$ 2,902,835	\$ 2,904,067	\$ 2,639,427	\$ (263,408)	-9.1%
	<b>\$ 20,819,128</b>	<b>\$ 24,001,780</b>	<b>\$ 23,414,884</b>	<b>\$ 23,842,271</b>	<b>\$ (159,509)</b>	<b>-0.7%</b>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Federal & State	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$ -	
User Charges	\$ 9,371,694	\$ 9,324,509	\$ 9,431,509	\$ 8,102,442	\$ (1,222,067)	-13.1%
Other	\$ 8,413,913	\$ 8,888,905	\$ 8,895,905	\$ 7,678,234	\$ (1,210,671)	-13.6%
Fund Balance	\$ 957,781	\$ 435,604	\$ 435,604	\$ 424,208	\$ (11,396)	-2.6%
County Funds	\$ 2,075,741	\$ 5,352,762	\$ 4,551,866	\$ 7,637,387	\$ 2,284,625	42.7%
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