



# Howard County Council

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### County Executive FY 24 Budget Presentation - Approved

Virtual – this meeting will be **Hybrid** held In-Person and via WebEx  
Video Streamed on <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>  
Monday, April 17, 2023  
6:30 p.m.

Chair Rigby opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

**Councilmembers present:** Christiana Rigby, Chair; Deb Jung, Vice Chair; Opel Jones; Liz Walsh; and David Yungmann

**Council Staff Present:** Michelle Harrod, Council Administrator; Margery Sayers, Executive Assistant; Brenda Smith, Administrative Assistant; Lynne Blume Rosen, Legislative Analyst

Chair Rigby introduced County Executive Ball.

County Executive Ball presented an overview of the FY 24 Budget, which includes the following funding:

- \$2.16 billion for the total Budget amount, which is a 6.6% increase from the FY 23 Budget;
- \$1.1 billion for the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS), which is an increase of \$47 million in recurring County funding and is \$71.6 million above maintenance of effort;
- \$46.4 million for HCPSS salaries to fully fund the negotiated salary agreements;
- \$1 million for HoCo Strives (Strategies to Reach an Inclusive Vision and Equitable Solutions);
- \$2 million increase for the Howard Community College;
- \$1.2 million increase for the Howard County Library System;
- \$8.6 million for the Howard County Police;
- \$2.4 million for 26 new firefighter trainee positions;
- \$1 million for Howard County General Hospital;
- \$1 million for Sheppard Pratt;
- \$500,000 for Tuerk House;
- \$1.7 million for Maternal Health
- \$10 million for the Housing Opportunities Trust Fund;
- \$6.5 million for the Homeownership & Housing Rehabilitation Program;
- \$1 million for Rental Assistance;
- \$2 million pandemic relief and grant match;

- \$402,000 for disparity study;
- \$20,000 for HoCo Fresh;
- \$150,000 USDA Meat Processing Facility feasibility study;
- \$500,000 Purchased Conservation Easement Pilot Program;
- \$32,500 for Roving Radish;
- \$150,000 for Elkridge Bus Service Expansion;
- \$40.7 million for EC Safe and Sound;
- \$15 million for HCPSS Systemic Renovations;
- \$13 million for road resurfacing;
- \$600,000 for new tech positions;
- \$500,000 for Innovation Grants; and
- 5% increase or more for cost-of-living increases.

County Executive Ball thanked everyone for their attention and partnership.

Chair Rigby commented that she looks forward to discussing the Budget with the Departments throughout the Budget season.

Chair Rigby adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.