



Town of Carlisle FY25-29 Financial Forecast



This presentation forecasts expenditures and revenues for the next five years, using conservative variables to estimate budget impacts. The forecast also predicts tax impacts to help Town officials see long-term budget impacts and help shape budget goals.

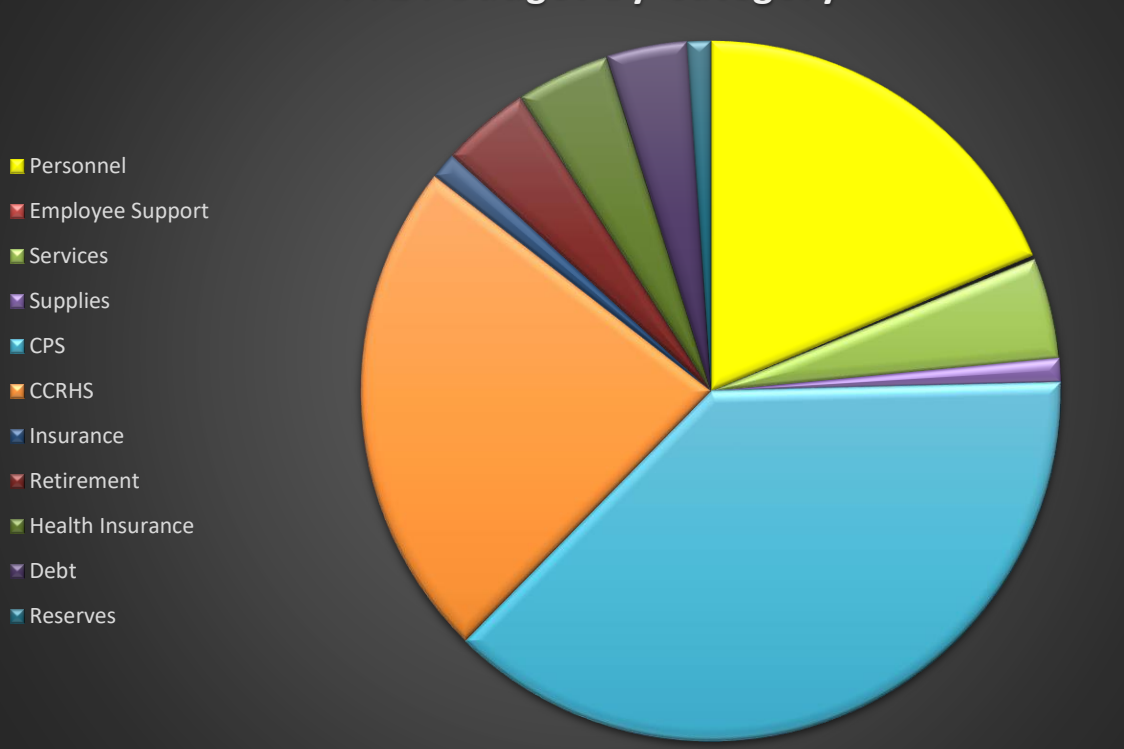


Forecasting Expenses



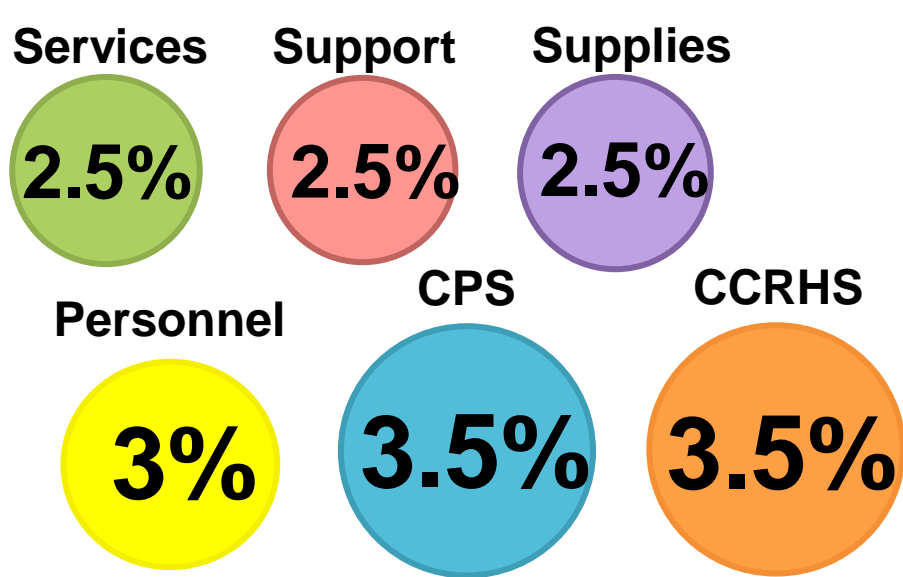
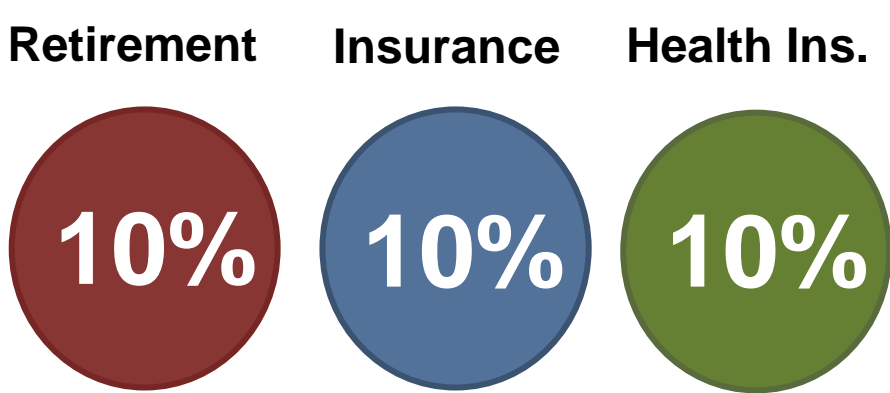
The variables listed in this section extrapolate costs over five years to predict expenses and help town officials understand budget impacts.

FY24 Budget By Category

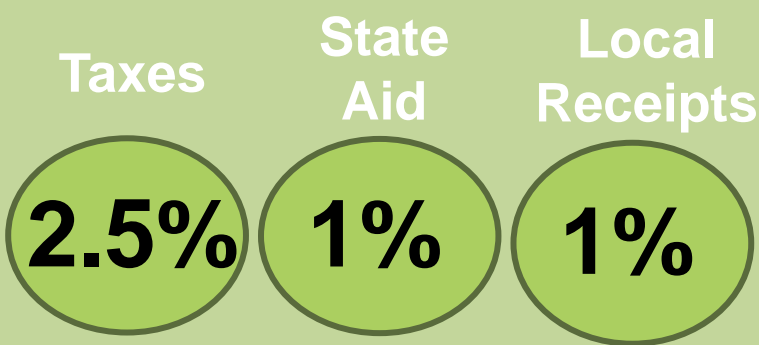


Budget	Total	% Increase
FY2024	\$34,107,340.00	
FY2025	\$35,348,596.64	3.64%
FY2026	\$36,634,500.84	3.64%
FY2027	\$38,382,612.40	4.77%
FY2028	\$39,799,022.64	3.69%
FY2029	\$41,285,026.31	3.73%

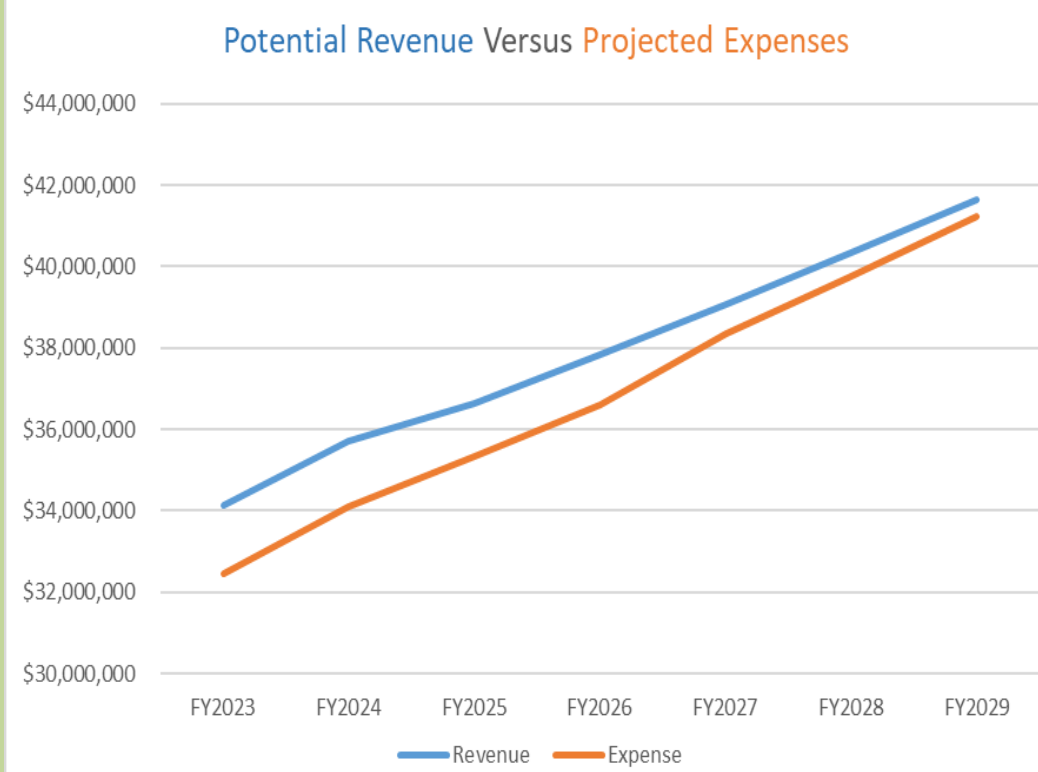
Forecasted Increases



Revenue Analysis

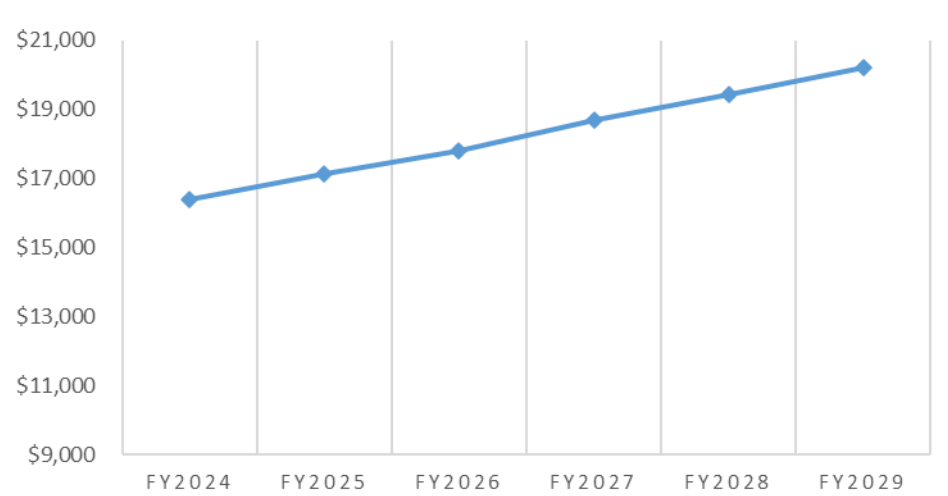


Revenues for this forecast are conservatively estimated. This ensures the town meets its stated revenue projections and intentionally generates Free Cash for capital expenses.



	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Revenue	\$34,120,371	\$35,718,524	\$36,653,793	\$37,852,984	\$39,081,813	\$40,341,015	\$41,631,341
Expense	\$32,448,042	\$34,107,340	\$35,339,570	\$36,615,950	\$38,354,021	\$39,759,853	\$41,234,717
Levy Capacity	\$1,672,329	\$1,611,184	\$1,314,223	\$1,237,033	\$727,792	\$581,162	\$369,624

AVERAGE TAX BILL



Tax Impact

Perhaps the most important part of this forecast is how budget decisions impact the average tax bill. This helps officials isolate the impact of long-term budget decisions.

Average Tax Bill Analysis	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029
Proposed Levy Increase	\$837,250	\$1,399,858	\$1,254,745	\$1,716,443	\$1,384,255	\$1,453,389
% Tax Bill Increase	2.75%	4.34%	3.73%	4.87%	3.82%	3.84%
Average Increase	\$451	\$743	\$664	\$911	\$743	\$777
Average Bill	\$16,381	\$17,124	\$17,788	\$18,699	\$19,442	\$20,219

Operating Budget Recommendations

- Because Carlisle budgets with significant levy capacity, town officials should select a guiding metric that helps shape budget decisions. Options include average tax bill increase, operating budget growth, or strict adherence to new revenue.
- Current spending levels will eliminate Carlisle's excess levy capacity and reduce town services in 5-6 years.
- Revenue estimates are deliberately conservative to ensure consistent Free Cash generation. Loosening revenue assumptions will reduce Free Cash generation and impact the Town's capital planning.
- New spending initiatives should include offsets to current spending. This reduces budget growth.
- Significant borrowing for capital projects is not included in this forecast model; however, current debt capacity is included (debt is held constant).
- Spike years caused by CCRHS enrollment shifts should be planned for to avoid serious budget cuts
- Every 200k in new spending equals \$100 added to the average tax bill

Alignment with Capital Planning

- This forecast generates 500-800k in Free Cash annually, supporting recommendations in the FY25-29 capital planning model
- These projections maintain debt capacity, allowing town officials to borrow within the current spending projections and increase borrowing as current debt loads decrease
- The tax impact shown does not include building renovation projects. Town officials can expect \$48 added to the average tax bill for every \$1 million in construction projects

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