

Town of East Granby Annual Budget for 2026-27



PUBLIC HEARING
APRIL 21, 2026

Board of Finance Budget Calendar

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Jan

- Boards of Education and Selectmen present high level budget drivers for fiscal 2027 spending

Feb

- Review Final Grand List (largest Revenue source)
- BoF directs budgets to be presented by: **BoS at 3.8%** and **BoE at 5.0%**

Mar

- BoS presents **5.0%**
- BoE presents **3.8%**

Board of Finance Budget Calendar

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- BoF reviews expected revenues and expenses
- Sets Budgets to go to Public Hearing
- BOS: **3.8%** and BOE **5.0%**

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- Public Hearing
- BoF sets Budgets to go to Town Meeting

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- Town Meeting on Budget

5/7

- Expected machine vote on budget
- If approved, BoF sets the mill rate

Sources of Revenue

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- **Property Taxes**
 - Includes Supplemental Motor Vehicle Taxes, Past Due Taxes, Interest and Liens. Valuations are on the Grand List as of the previous October 1st
- **State Grants**
 - Education, Non-Education, Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PiLOT) for State-Owned Property including Bradley
- **Town Fees and Interest**
 - Building Permits, Town Clerk Fees, Interest on General Fund
- **Use of Cash Balance**

Property Taxes

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- **Mill Rate**
 - BoF anticipates a 31.35 Mill Rate for Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles, a 2.79% increase from prior year at 30.50.

State Grants

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- Estimate based on the Governor's proposed adjustments to the State budget
 - Only specific proposal to date
- Estimates show flat funding.
- Payments in Lieu of Taxes for Bradley Airport now come from CT Airport Authority, instead of the State, and are set in statute.

Town Fees and Interest

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- **Charges for Permits, Licensing or Activities**
 - Most of the fees are set by state statute
- **Interest on General Fund**
 - Market interest rate on conservative investments continues to be high compared to recent years.

Use of Cash Balance

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- **BoF Policy**
 - Maintain Cash Balance of at least 10% of Expenditures
 - Desire to raise cash balance when borrowing is anticipated

- **Additional Balance can accrue due to**
 - Higher revenues than expected
 - ✦ State budget finalized after Town's
 - ✦ General Fund interest
 - Operating boards spend less than budgeted

Use of Cash Balance

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- BoF anticipates drawing \$766,382 from Cash Balance to use for revenue. This leaves 10.93% of Expenditures in the Account
- The BoF intends to maintain a cash balance of at least 10% of expenditures
- In FY 27, the Town begins replenishing the general fund to reduce the amount owed by the Sewer Use Fund. If the deficit had been fully paid the balance would be 16.36% of expenditures.

Estimated Revenues

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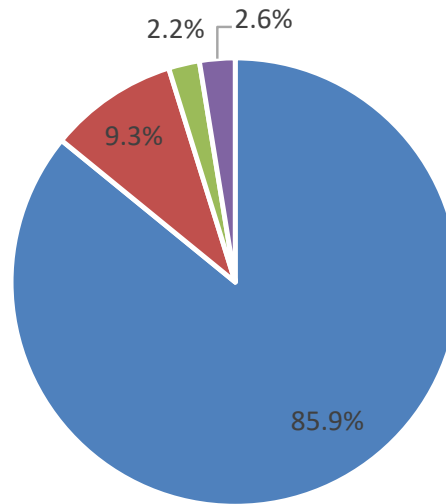
Proposed Revenues	Budget 2025-26	Projected 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27	Percent Change *	% of Total Revenue	Incremental Expenditure
Property Tax Collections	\$ 24,330,408	\$ 24,524,131	\$ 25,658,158	4.6%	85.9%	\$ 1,134,027
State Grants	2,781,205	2,781,205	2,781,205	0.0%	9.3%	-
- Education	2,086,479	2,086,479	2,086,479	0.0%	7.0%	-
- Non Education	694,726	694,726	657,991	-5.3%	2.2%	(36,735)
Town (Fees, Interest and Non- Property Tax)	667,289	750,289	667,289	-11.1%	2.2%	(83,000)
Use of General Fund Balance	529,189	252,466	766,382	203.56%	2.6%	513,916
Total Revenue	\$ 28,308,091	\$ 28,308,091	\$ 29,873,034	5.53%	100.0%	\$ 1,564,943

* The Board proposes increasing Use of General Fund Balance by \$237,193 over current year plan to \$766,382. The board anticipates that Town revenues will be flat to FY26 Budget even though FY26 revenues were slightly higher than budget.

Total Estimated Revenues \$29,873,034

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Revenue by Source



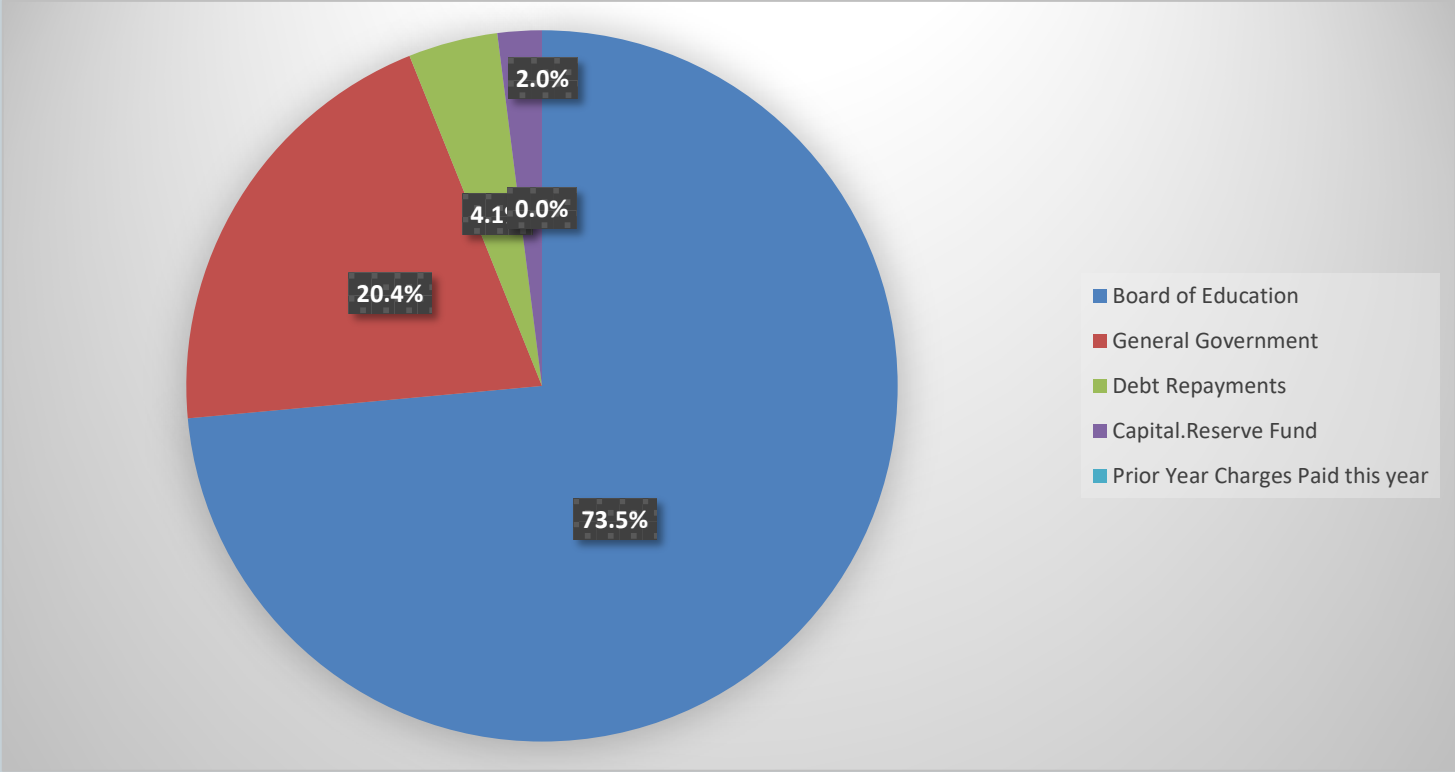
■ Property tax ■ State grants ■ Town fees ■ Cash balance

Proposed Expenditures

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Proposed Expenditures	Budget 2025-26	Projected 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27	Percent Change **	% of Expenditure	Incremental Expenditure
Board of Education	\$ 20,923,500	\$ 20,923,500	\$ 21,970,100	5.00%	73.54%	\$ 1,046,600
General Government	5,865,600	5,865,600	6,088,501	3.80%	20.38%	\$ 222,901
Debt Repayments	1,168,991	1,168,991	1,214,433	3.89%	4.07%	\$ 45,442
Capital Reserve Fund	350,000	350,000	600,000	71.43%	2.01%	\$ 250,000
Prior Year Charges Paid this year	-	-	-			\$ -
Total	\$ 28,308,091	\$ 28,308,091	\$ 29,873,034	5.53%	100.00%	\$ 1,564,943

Total Estimated Expenditures: \$ 29,873,034



Debt Service

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- Town Incurs Debt for Major Projects
- BOE LED Project
 - Issued FY 2022, Final Payment in FY 2028
- Elementary Schools Project
 - Issued April 2012, Final Payment of \$513,500 in FY 2027
- Roofs and Roads Projects
 - Issued July 2021, Matures in 2042

Capital Reserve Fund

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- Town “savings account” for Major Purchases
- Used to Maintain and Upgrade Infrastructure
 - Each Purchase Must Be Approved at Town Meeting
- Money from the General Fund is put into (allocated to) the Capital Reserve each year
- A Five-Year Capital Plan is maintained and updated annually
- Last year’s appropriation was significantly lower than typical due to planned underspending. This year returns to typical funding.

General Government and Board of Education

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Detailed budgets will be presented separately by the respective Boards

- **General Government– Town Annual operating costs:**
Owned by the Board of Selectman
 - Administrative offices
 - Safety (Police, Fire, Ambulance)
 - Maintenance (roads, parks, buildings, equipment, etc.)
- **Education – Annual operating costs:**
Owned by the Board of Education
 - Educational program delivery (EG school system)
 - School buildings and facilities

Questions