

Howard County Executive Calvin Ball

FY24 Operating Budget

A Bold Vision of Community Investment



Totals \$2.16 Billion

6.3% increase from last year's budget



Funding for HCPSS

Historic total funding of

**\$1.1
Billion**

Increase of

\$47 Million

in recurring county
funding



HCPSS Enrollment

Students enrolled in September of each school year



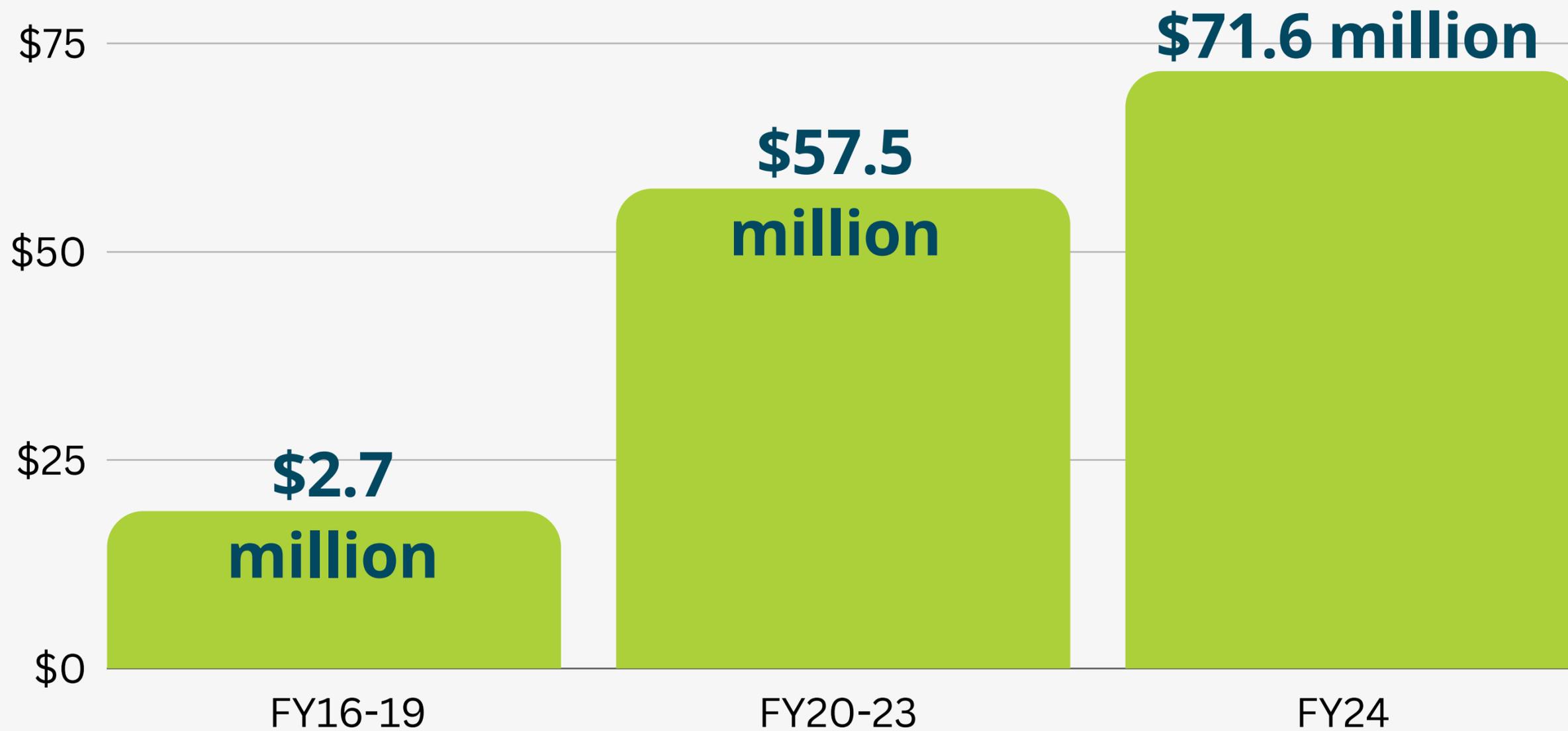
58,868 students
enrolled in **2019**



57,676 students
enrolled in **2020**



HCPSS Funding Above Maintenance of Effort



Increasing HCPSS Salaries

\$46.4 million



Fully funded negotiated salary agreements



Guilford Park High School

Our first new high school since 2005



HoCo STRIVES

Strategies To Reach an Inclusive Vision and Equitable Solutions

\$1 million

Address learning
loss

Close achievement gaps

Increase youth
engagement

Improve food access

Provide mental
health resources



Howard Community College

\$2 million increase

in the FY 24 operating budget,
second highest increase in 15 years



Home to the Safest City in America



Public Safety



\$8.6 million
for Howard County Police



\$2.4 million
for 26 new
firefighter trainee positions

Improving Access to Behavioral Health



\$1 million

Howard County
General Hospital

\$1 million

Sheppard Pratt



\$500,000

Tuerk House

\$1.7 million for Maternal Health

This will support underinsured and unisured mothers to access quality prenatal care, promoting favorable health outcomes for mothers and babies.



Affordable Housing



\$10 million

Housing Opportunities
Trust Fund (\$5 million pending
further council review and approval)



\$6.5 million

Homeownership &
Housing Rehabilitation Program



\$1 million

Rental Assistance



Supporting our Local Economy

Increasing resiliency and access for businesses



\$2 million
pandemic relief
and grant match



\$402,000
disparity study



Clean and Sustainable Environment

USDA Meat Processing Facility
feasibility study
\$150,000



\$20,000

Purchased Conservation Easement
Pilot Program
\$500,000



\$32,500



FIRST COUNTY IN NATION TO BE CERTIFIED LEED PLATINUM



Calvin Ball
County Executive



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\$150,000 Elkridge Bus Service Expansion

This will build on our efforts to promote a multimodal transportation system for all



\$80 million to support infrastructure



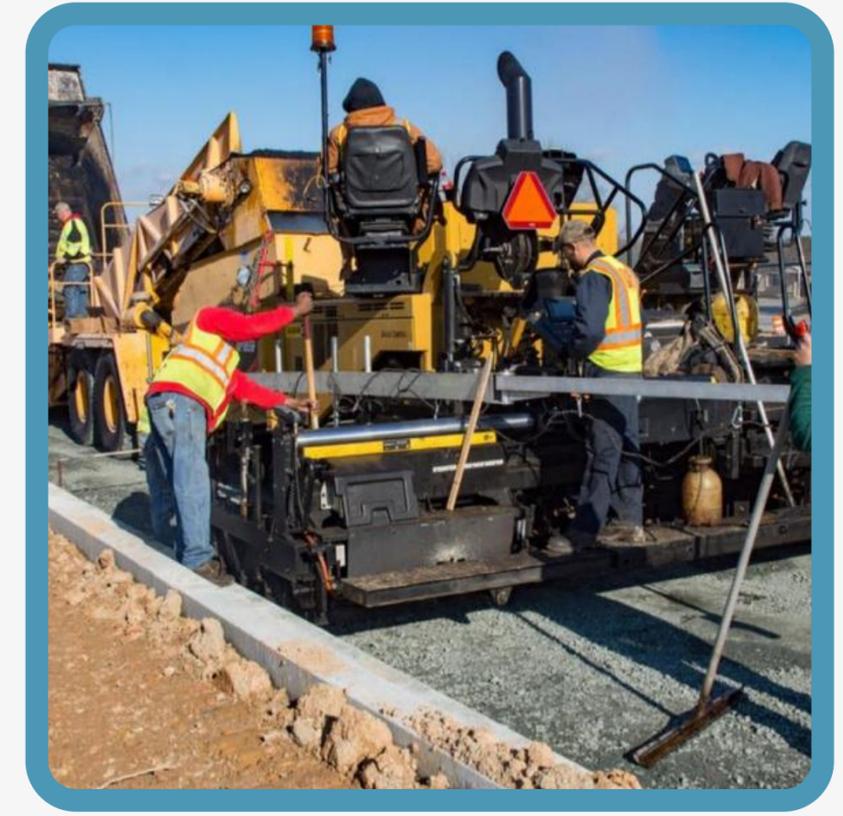
\$40.7 million

EC Safe and Sound



\$15 million

HCPSS Systemic Renovations

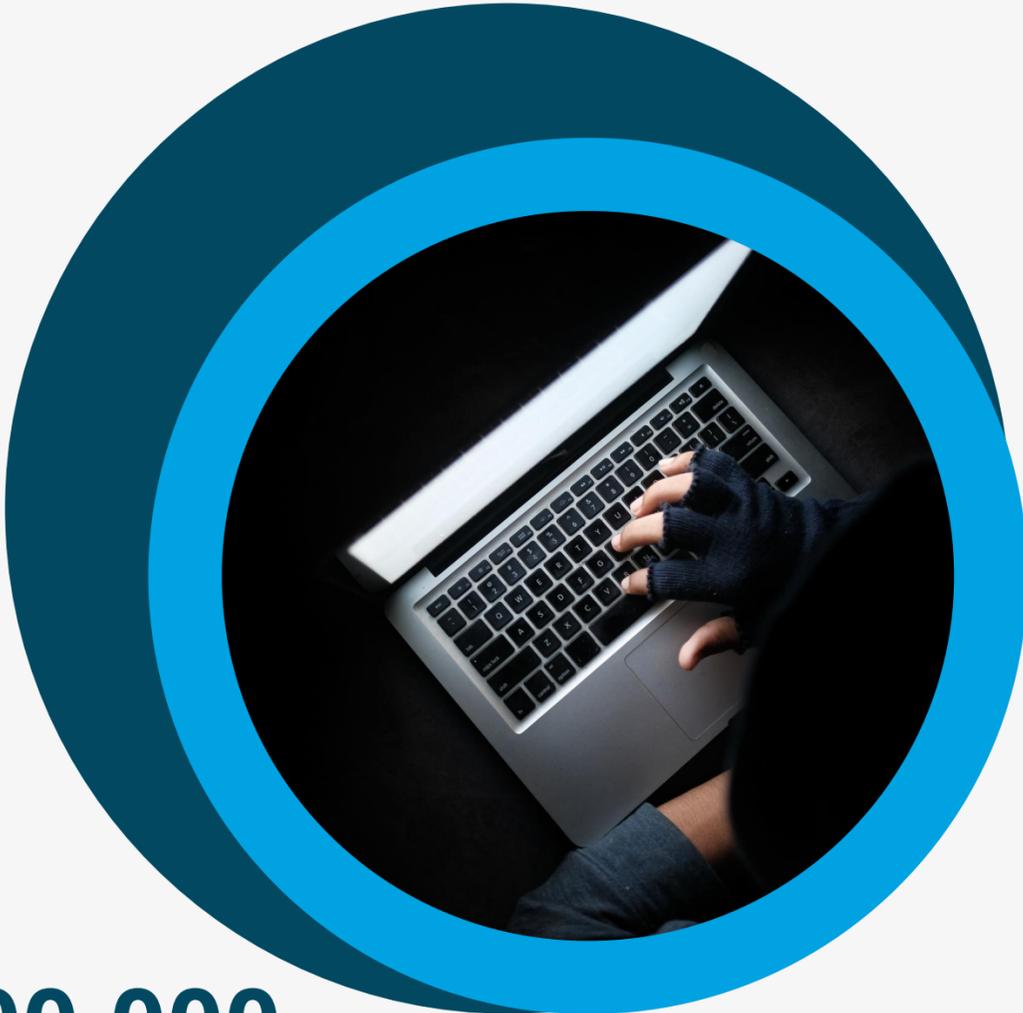


\$13 million

Road resurfacing



Innovative & Efficient Government



\$600,000
New tech positions



\$500,000
Innovation Grants



AAA Bond Rating

Top 2% in the nation

MOODY'S

FitchRatings

STANDARD
& POOR'S



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"...These factors, along with stable financial operations and very strong management, including comprehensive policies and practices that have allowed the county to weather several economic downturns, underpin the 'AAA' rating."

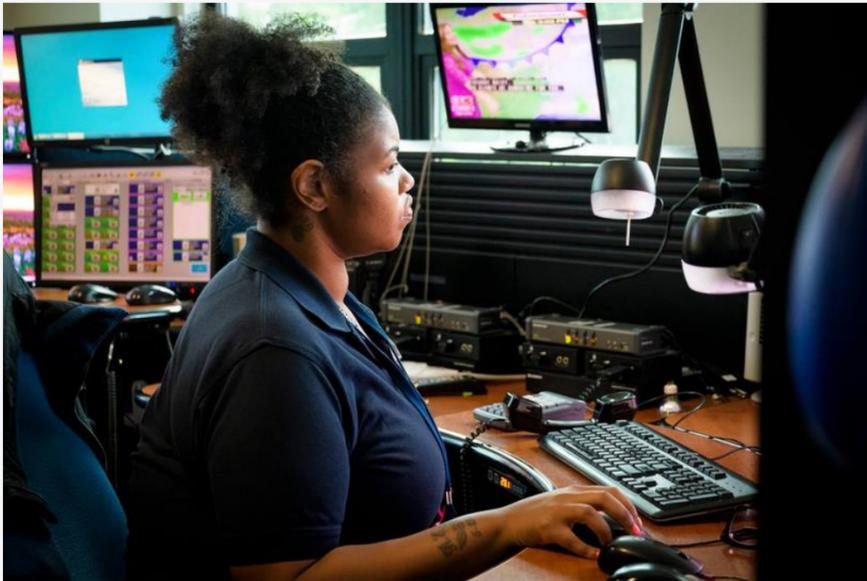
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Fitch cited the county's, "high level of financial flexibility throughout economic cycles, consistent with a long history of sound operating performance and healthy reserves."

FitchRatings



Supporting Our Workforce



Includes a 5% increase or more in general for cost-of-living increases



