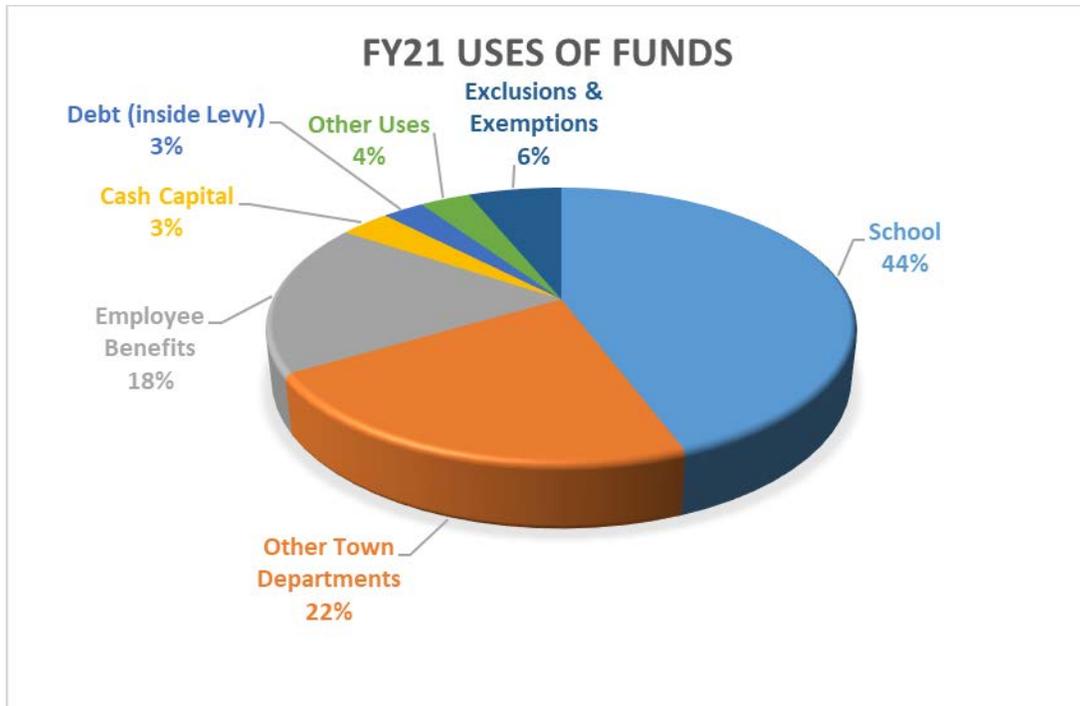


FY2021 Operating and Capital Budget Requests

The proposed FY21 budget request is summarized in the following table (more complete versions of the FY21 Sources & Uses are presented in [Exhibit I and Exhibit B](#), which appear on p.41):

	FY20	FY21	\$	%
	Budget	Request	Inc/(Dec)	Inc/(Dec)
Sources of Funds				
Taxes	\$ 134,008,497	\$ 139,158,709	\$ 5,150,212	3.8%
State Aid	10,714,574	10,885,003	170,429	1.6%
Local Revenue	11,352,726	12,990,000	1,637,274	14.4%
Free Cash to balance	2,515,000	2,639,066	124,066	4.9%
Other free cash items	3,985,670	2,507,245	(1,478,425)	0.0%
Other Sources	1,476,945	1,858,351	381,406	25.8%
CPA Funds	887,500	349,500	(538,000)	-60.6%
CPA to offset debt	552,044	553,444	1,400	0.3%
Exempt Debt	10,888,408	10,638,135	(250,273)	-2.3%
Total Sources	\$ 176,381,364	\$ 181,579,453	\$ 5,198,089	2.9%
Uses of Funds				
School	\$ 76,783,930	\$ 80,379,651	\$ 3,595,721	4.7%
Other Town Departments	39,069,488	40,339,811	1,270,323	3.3%
Employee Benefits	31,033,447	32,598,243	1,564,796	5.0%
Cash Capital	5,893,417	6,027,237	133,820	2.3%
Debt Service (inside Levy)	4,300,000	5,000,000	700,000	16.3%
Other Uses	7,860,630	6,042,932	(1,817,698)	-23.1%
Exempt Debt	11,440,452	11,191,579	(248,873)	-2.2%
Total Uses	\$ 176,381,364	\$ 181,579,453	\$ 5,198,089	2.9%
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 0	\$ 0		

Sources of Funds: The 3.8% increase in Taxes reflects the allowed growth in the levy limit (2.5%) and \$1.8 million of new growth. At this point State Aid is showing an increase of \$170,429. The 14.4% increase in Local Revenue reflects significant growth (compared with the revised FY 20 budget) in a few areas; including motor vehicle excise tax (\$542,000), investment income (\$492,000), and licenses and permits earnings (\$400,000).



Uses of Funds: The 4.68 % increase in the School budget reflects the cost of contractual step, and cost-of-living increases, a one-time adjustment (\$664,000 or an additional .87%) for special education costs, and initiatives identified in the School Committee’s strategic plan. The 3.2% increase in Other Town Departments is consistent with the budget guideline of 3.5%, wage increase levels recommended by the Human Resources Board (2.5%) and various adjustments in other expenses for all departments. The Town request includes a provision to provide funding for open town union contracts. There are no new positions proposed on the Town side; however, the Sustainable Energy Committee (SEC) is proposing to increase the hours of two staff members. Although debt is up 16.3% and cash capital is up 2.3%, costs remain within the debt policy adopted by the Board and are affordable, while the budget continues to address critical town-wide needs.

Because of the favorable revenues in building permit fees, motor vehicle excise tax, and investment returns for FY19, the Board also anticipates using Free Cash to fund several stabilization reserves, and avoid borrowing costs for several capital projects, including the following:

Supplemental FY20 appropriations:

- \$ 300,000 for current year snow and ice removal costs
- \$2,000,000 to fund a portion of the Hunnewell School Design (approved at 12/19 STM)
- \$ 144,000 North 40 Remediation (originally estimated at \$32 million. Can be resolved by December for \$264,000)

FY21 appropriations:

\$1,338,144 Town Hall Annex Design
\$ 500,000 Special Education Stabilization Fund
\$ 112,000 Special Education Stabilization Fund (Medicaid)
\$ 50,000 Baler stabilization Fund
\$ 49,419 IOD Indemnity Fund
\$ 13,682 Recreation Pond Fund