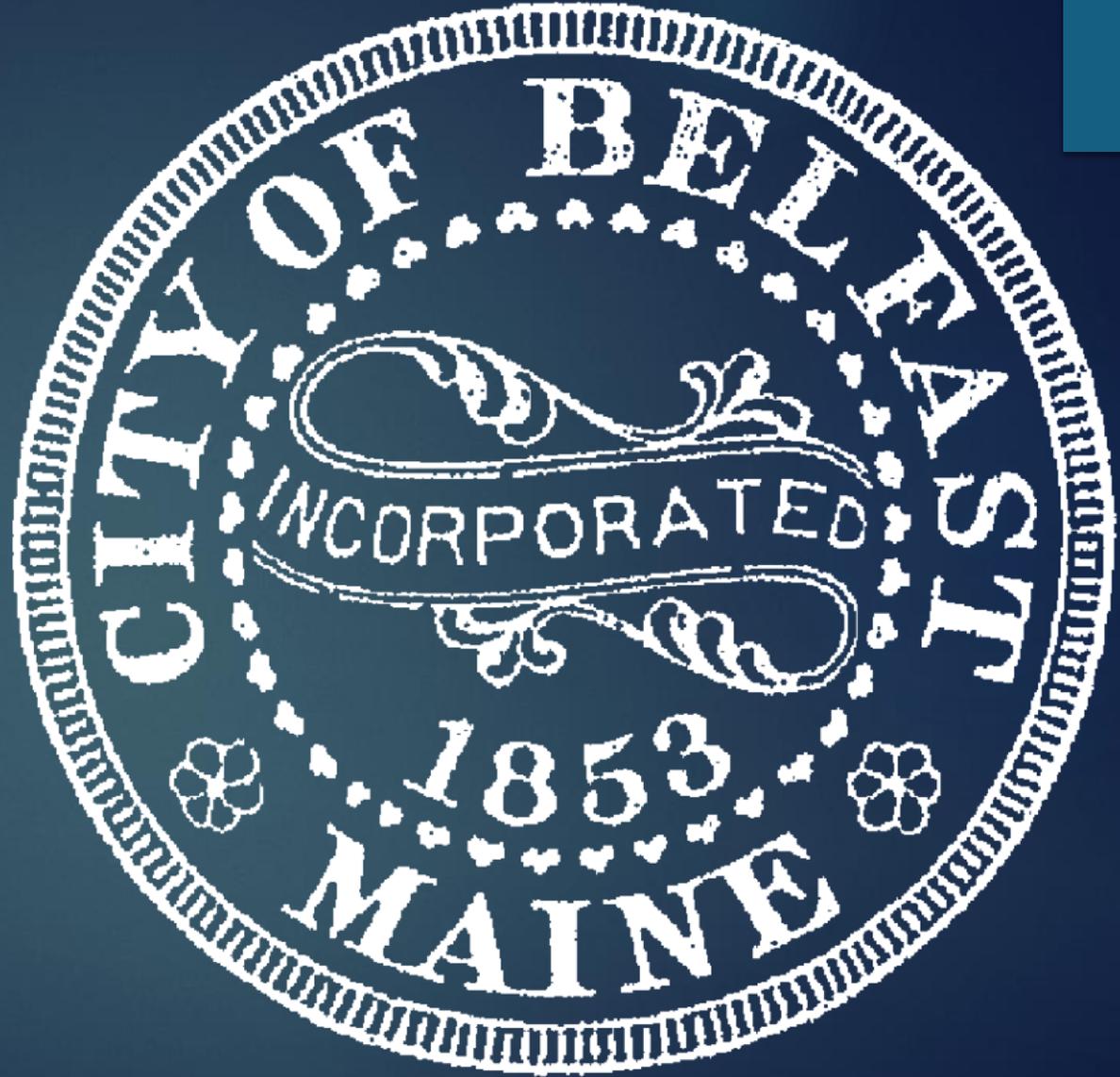


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*The City of Belfast has secured  
state & federal funding for future projects  
planned for the next several years:*

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|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Public Safety Building                       | \$2,463,000 in federal grant funding |
| 2. Congress Street Road Construction            | \$2,050,000 in federal grant funding |
| 3. Former Bradbury & Former Superior Courthouse | \$2,000,000 in federal grant funding |
| 4. Intersection Improvement at Rt 1 & Congress  | \$670,000 in state grant funding     |
| 5. Intersection Improvement at Rts 1 & 52       | \$368,287 in federal grant funding   |



The challenge of FY2025-26 is the  
**uncertainty regarding the future of  
State and Federal Funding**  
And the substantial increase in the  
**Regional School District #71 payment.**



Last year, Regional School District #71 increased their annual budget by \$624,038 or 6.07%.

**This year, Regional School District #71 has increased their annual budget such that it will increase the required payment from Belfast taxpayers by \$798,762 or 7.32%.**

**Regional School District #71 has increased their annual budget over the past two years by \$1,422,800 or 13.83%.**



## **FY2025-26 City of Belfast Budget:**

The City of Belfast **gross budget totals \$29,772,035**, including Capital Improvement Projects. This proposal is a **decrease of \$2,653,626 from the initial requests** made by City Departments and outside organizations.

The **FY25-26 gross budget** is an **increase of \$997,091 from last year's City Council Approved Budget**.

This increase is a result of:  
**\$798,762 increase from RSU #71**  
**\$198,329 increase from City of Belfast expense lines.**



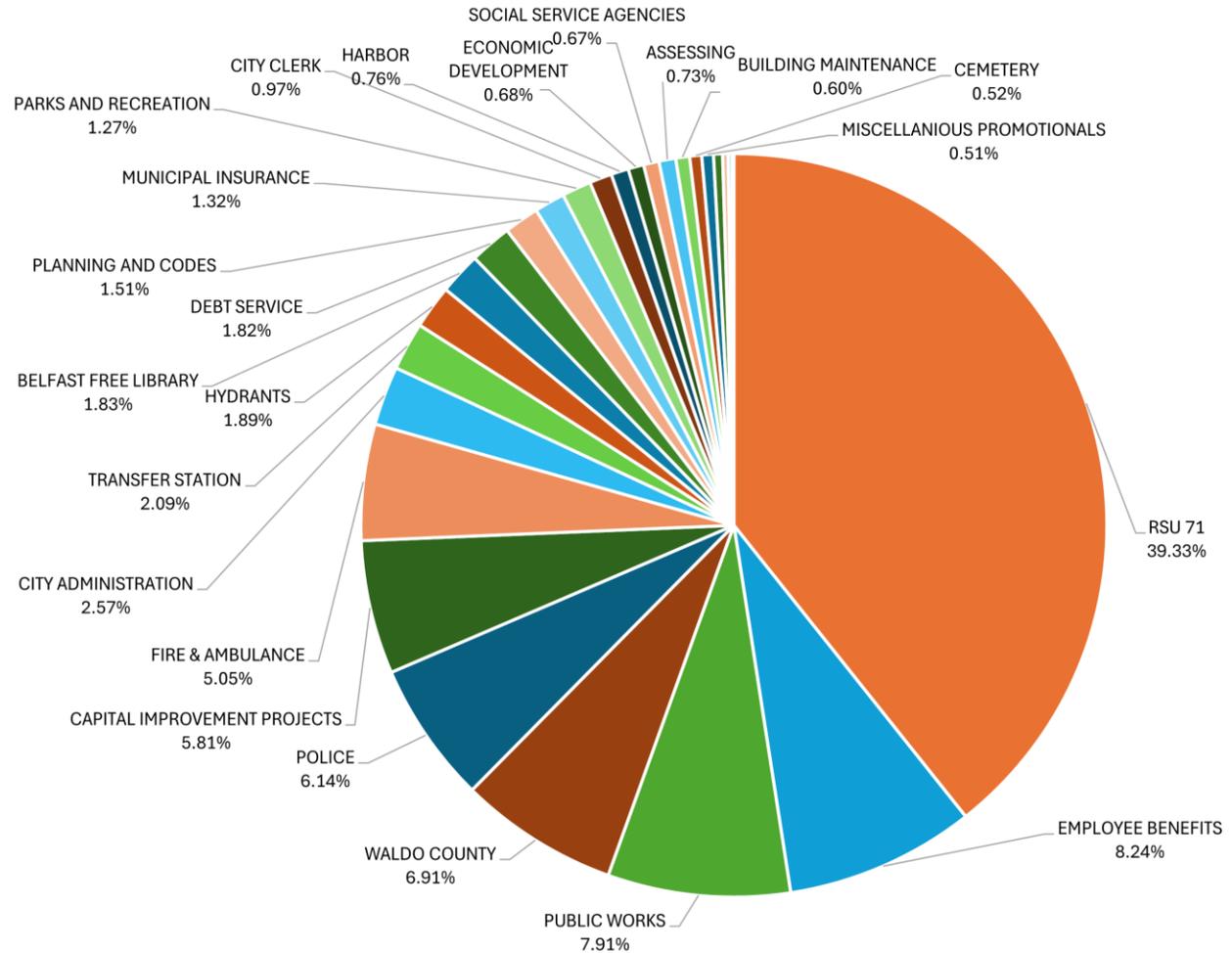
## FY2025-26 Budget (Gross) Largest Expenses:

1. RSU 71	\$11,707,932	39.3%
2. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,452,234	8.2%
3. PUBLIC WORKS	\$2,354,965	7.9%
4. WALDO COUNTY	\$2,058,544	6.9%
5. POLICE	\$1,828,660	6.1%
6. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS	\$1,731,029	5.8%
7. FIRE & AMBULANCE	\$1,504,145	5.1%



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## **Increased Expenses from the FY2024-25 Budget:**

The City of Belfast gross budget is an increase of \$997,091 from last year's City Council Approved Budget.

This increase is a result of a \$798,762 increase from RSU #71 and \$198,329 increase from City of Belfast expense lines.



## The largest increases in FY2025-26 Budget

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Regional School District #71  | increase of \$798,762 |
| 2. Capital Improvement Plan      | increase of \$330,039 |
| 3. Police Department Wages       | increase of \$194,820 |
| 4. Retirement Plan Contributions | increase of \$156,014 |
| 5. Fire and Ambulance Wages      | increase of \$133,179 |



**Decreases in City Non-Property Tax Revenue were offset by \$725,753 from the City Revenue Sharing Stabilization Account, and \$187,233 from the City School Stabilization Account, totaling \$912,986.**



**Increased required payments from Belfast taxpayers to Regional School District #71 in the amount of \$798,762 this year, when combined with the FY2025-26 City of Belfast Budget, increases the overall NET budget by \$577,827 compared to FY2024-25.**



## The FY2025-26 City of Belfast Budget tax proportions

Regional School Unit #71	\$11,707,932	<b>55%</b>
City of Belfast	\$7,548,299	<b>35%</b>
County of Waldo	\$2,058,544	<b>10%</b>



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