

Berks County

2026 Adopted Budget



Berks County 2026 Budget Schedule

- Proposed Budget November 20, 2025
- Public Review & Comment
 - **County Website** www.Berkspa.gov
 - **Budget & Finance Office**
 - **Commissioner's Office**
- Changes are not significant
- Adopt Budget December 18, 2025

2026 Adopted Budget Key Revenue Revisions

Increase (Decrease) – Net Increase in Revenues All Funds \$1.1M

- **District Attorney's Office \$0.1M**
 - National Forensic Science Improvement Act
 - Law Foundation & DCED funds
- **911 Comm. Center \$0.3M – Title 35 Fees**
- **Facilities \$0.5M – Annex Renovation Reimbursement**
- **County Library Systems \$0.1M – Increase in State funding allocation**
- **Prison \$0.1M – Opioid Settlement Funds**

2026 Adopted Budget Key Expenditure Revisions

Increase (Decrease) – Net Increase Expenditures All Funds \$17.5M

- **Personnel \$0.5M – Total Budget \$212.8M / Total FTE 2,138**
 - **Wages – No change in headcount**
 - **Health \$0.5M - Net increase in stop loss costs & lower pension expense**
- **Capital Plan \$15.1M - Carryforward Projects \$13.4M, New Projects \$1.7M**
 - **Total Budget \$33.2M – GF \$10.4M, Bond Funded \$22.7, Other \$8.9M**
- **Aging \$1.3M - Increase in Aging Well Contracted Services**
- **County Library Systems \$0.1M – Increase in State funding allocation**
- **Prison \$0.1M – Opioid Settlement Funds**
- **Information Systems \$0.1M – Splash BI Upgrade, IS DCP updates**
- **District Attorney's Office \$0.1M – Grant Expense**
- **Other Net Expense Reductions \$0.2M**

Updated Tax Impact Surplus (Deficit) (in Millions)

	(Incr.) Decr.	
	2026 Adopted	2026 Proposed
Total County Budget (Deficit) - All Funds	(\$13.5)	\$2.9
Berks Heim Net Loss	\$2.9	\$2.9
Liquid Fuels Fund	\$3.4	\$2.7
Spec. Legislation/Act 198/Parking Garage Funds	(\$0.1)	(\$0.2)
Act 13 Green Space Fund	\$0.3	\$0.3
Aging/Human Service Development Funds	\$0.0	(\$1.3)
Bond Proceeds	(\$25.0)	(\$25.0)
Hazmat Fund	(\$0.2)	(\$0.2)
Agland Preservation Restricted Fund Balance	\$0.0	\$0.0
Use of Fund Balance for COVID Community Expenditures	\$8.0	\$8.0
Bond Funded Capital	\$13.8	\$1.8
General Fund - Capital	\$10.4	\$8.1
Operating Budget - Tax Impact Surplus (Deficit)	\$0.0	\$0.0

- No tax increase
- Tax rate of **9.013** Mills
- Tax \$901 per \$100K AV

2026 Adopted to Proposed Budget Comparison (In Millions)

General Fund:	Adopted	Proposed	Decrease	% Change
Total Revenue	\$291.6	\$290.9	\$0.7	0.24%
Total Expense	\$296.4	\$293.1	\$3.3	1.13%
Less Total Adjustments	\$13.7	\$14.0	(\$0.3)	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$18.5)	(\$16.2)	(\$2.3)	

All Funds:	Adopted	Proposed	Increase	% Change
Total Revenue	\$677.2	\$676.1	\$1.1	0.16%
Total Expense	\$690.0	\$672.5	\$17.5	2.60%
Less Expense Adjustments	\$0.7	\$0.7	\$0.0	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$13.5)	\$2.9	(\$16.4)	

Comments and Questions

