

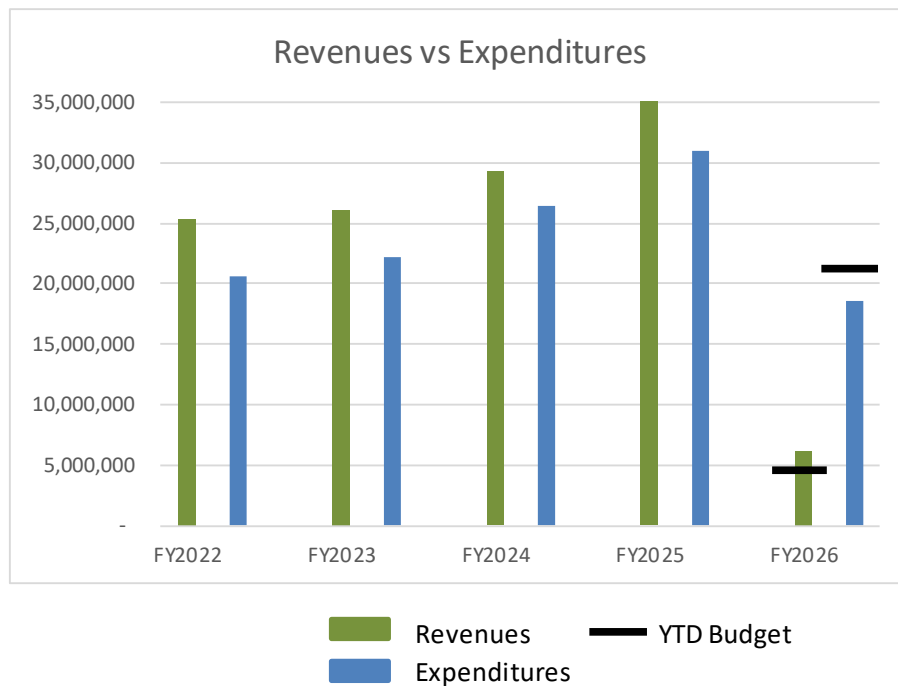
**TOWN COUNCIL
STAFF REPORT
Finance & Administration Department**



MEETING DATE:	February 10, 2026
PROJECT:	Consent Agenda: Year-to-date Financial Report
PROJECT MANAGER:	Natalie Majorkiewicz, CGFO, CGFM, Director of Finance & Administration

General Fund Financial Overview:

The chart below shows the revenue collections and expenditures trend for the last four full years and FY2026 year-to-date (YTD) through December 2025. Revenues have been higher than expenditures for the last four full years.



FY2026 YTD through December shows General Fund total revenues above the total budgeted amount with Building Safety Permits showing the largest impact. Total expenditures for December are below the total budget for all departments

FY26 General Fund Financial Overview

Revenues		Expenditures
\$6,116k	<i>YTD</i>	\$18,569k
140.2%	<i>% of Budget</i>	87.9%
\$4,364k	<i>YTD Budget</i>	\$21,133k

ATTACHMENTS:

1. General Fund
2. Stormwater Fund
3. Capital Improvement Program Fund
4. Debt Service Fund
5. Special Revenue Funds
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7. Grant Index
8. Community Foundation of the Lowcountry Fund Balances



Town of Bluffton
Actual Versus Budget
For Period Ending December 31, 2025

	Month of December 2025					Year-to-Date through December 31, 2025				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)
Revenues										
Property Taxes	\$ 737,584	\$ 794,435	\$ 56,851	\$ 787,477	\$ 6,958	\$ 1,273,127	\$ 1,527,148	\$ 254,021	\$ 1,358,913	\$ 168,235
Licenses & Permits										
Business Licenses	90,624	104,331	13,707	75,884	28,447	640,155	477,162	(162,993)	492,049	(14,887)
MASC Telecommunications	2	19	17	2	17	304	35	(269)	297	(262)
MASC Insurance Tax Collection	12,308	-	(12,308)	10,724	(10,724)	13,871	205	(13,666)	12,086	(11,881)
Franchise Fees	96,885	205,470	108,585	87,101	118,369	674,552	716,316	41,764	606,429	109,887
Building Safety Permits	183,299	231,782	48,483	133,922	97,860	1,293,054	1,688,513	395,459	602,239	1,086,274
Application Fees	4,060	4,525	465	2,431	2,094	42,025	35,005	(7,020)	25,165	9,840
Total Licenses & Permits	387,178	546,127	158,949	310,064	236,063	2,663,961	2,917,236	253,275	1,738,265	1,178,971
Grants and Entitlements	-	58,257	58,257	-	58,257	454,005	666,641	212,636	353,650	312,991
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Revenues	47,902	62,298	14,396	33,063	29,235	391,184	329,675	(61,509)	266,154	63,521
Fines & Fees	5,958	13,300	7,342	5,928	7,372	51,510	86,345	34,835	51,264	35,081
Interest Income	26,664	42,598	15,934	9,018	33,580	310,997	423,248	112,251	105,180	318,068
Miscellaneous Revenues	7,398	11,000	3,602	41,206	(30,206)	335,298	66,753	(268,545)	359,996	(293,243)
Total Revenues	1,212,684	1,528,015	315,331	1,186,756	341,259	5,480,081	6,017,046	536,965	4,233,422	1,783,624
Other Financing Sources	1,750	-	(1,750)	-	-	7,400	-	(7,400)	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	84,267	99,342	15,075	130,306	(30,964)
Total Other Financing Sources & Transfers In	1,750	-	(1,750)	-	-	91,667	99,342	7,675	130,306	(30,964)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 1,214,434	\$ 1,528,015	\$ 313,581	\$ 1,186,756	\$ 341,259	\$ 5,571,748	\$ 6,116,388	\$ 544,640	\$ 4,363,728	\$ 1,752,660
Expenditures										
Building Safety	\$ 58,905	\$ 62,876	\$ 3,971	\$ 67,827	\$ (4,951)	\$ 374,089	\$ 353,227	\$ (20,862)	\$ 406,730	\$ (53,503)
Communications	55,144	39,662	(15,482)	32,996	6,666	321,814	184,631	(137,183)	192,559	(7,928)
Customer Service	19,094	16,838	(2,256)	21,490	(4,652)	113,750	108,923	(4,827)	122,591	(13,668)
Economic Development	31,975	48,988	17,013	31,975	17,013	266,312	247,906	(18,406)	247,906	-
Events & Venues	-	61,472	61,472	60,029	1,443	-	312,162	312,162	394,478	(82,316)
Executive	124,604	177,872	53,268	139,857	38,015	754,553	930,940	176,387	1,044,901	(113,961)
Finance & Administration	122,299	170,546	48,247	143,724	26,822	562,874	653,510	90,636	767,993	(114,483)
Human Resources	33,825	60,560	26,735	40,192	20,368	278,908	341,882	62,974	406,240	(64,358)
Information Technology	102,253	236,074	133,821	122,579	113,495	1,127,565	1,241,511	113,946	1,488,301	(246,790)
Municipal Court	33,861	57,594	23,733	35,359	22,235	267,766	242,818	(24,948)	253,559	(10,741)
Municipal Judges	8,491	10,101	1,610	8,774	1,327	49,506	48,789	(717)	50,417	(1,628)
Planning & Community Development	95,832	134,174	38,342	116,188	17,986	611,610	706,521	94,911	856,592	(150,071)
Police	724,433	1,170,900	446,467	835,767	335,133	4,468,194	4,878,571	410,377	5,617,927	(739,356)
Project Management	56,965	85,922	28,957	63,120	22,802	337,894	381,475	43,581	422,691	(41,216)
Public Services	226,019	340,392	114,373	280,707	59,685	1,234,562	1,473,247	238,685	1,829,715	(356,468)
Town Council	10,734	11,217	483	18,215	(6,998)	69,101	67,775	(1,326)	115,012	(47,237)
Town Wide	231,008	556,899	325,891	287,045	269,854	1,796,348	2,144,772	348,424	2,665,044	(520,272)
Total Expenditures	1,935,442	3,242,087	1,306,645	2,305,844	936,243	12,634,846	14,318,660	1,683,814	16,882,656	(2,563,996)
Other Financing Uses										
Contribution to Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to Capital Improvements Program Fund	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-	4,250,000	4,250,000	4,250,000	-
Total Transfers	-	250,000	250,000	250,000	-	-	4,250,000	4,250,000	4,250,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 1,935,442	\$ 3,492,087	\$ 1,556,645	\$ 2,555,844	\$ 936,243	\$ 12,634,846	\$ 18,568,660	\$ 5,933,814	\$ 21,132,656	\$ (2,563,996)



Town of Bluffton
Actual Versus Budget
For Period Ending December 31, 2025

	Month of December 2025					Year-to-Date through December 31, 2025				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)
Revenues										
Stormwater Utility Fee	\$ 166,867	\$ 170,856	\$ 3,989	\$ 152,270	\$ 18,586	\$ 202,129	\$ 220,172	\$ 18,043	\$ 184,448	\$ 35,724
Licenses & Permits										
NPDES Plan Review Fee	3,000	14,600	11,600	3,226	11,374	47,475	39,145	(8,330)	51,049	(11,904)
NPDES Inspection Fee	22,150	45,450	23,300	19,895	25,555	147,700	195,825	48,125	132,665	63,160
Total Licenses & Permits	25,150	60,050	34,900	23,121	36,929	195,175	234,970	39,795	183,714	51,256
Total Revenues	192,017	230,906	38,889	175,391	55,515	397,304	455,142	57,838	368,162	86,980
Other Financing Sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources & Trfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 192,017	\$ 230,906	\$ 38,889	\$ 175,391	\$ 55,515	\$ 397,304	\$ 455,142	\$ 57,838	\$ 368,162	\$ 86,980
Expenditures										
Watershed Management	\$ 82,090	\$ 167,699	\$ 85,609	\$ 233,209	\$ (65,510)	\$ 575,190	\$ 1,096,448	\$ 521,258	\$ 1,634,052	\$ (537,604)
Total Expenditures	82,090	167,699	85,609	233,209	(65,510)	575,190	1,096,448	521,258	1,634,052	(537,604)
Other Financing Uses										
Transfers Out to Capital Improvements Program Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out to General Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer Out to Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	65,525	61,400	(4,125)	64,806	(3,406)
Contribution to Fund Balance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	65,525	61,400	(4,125)	64,806	(3,406)
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 82,090	\$ 167,699	\$ 85,609	\$ 233,209	\$ (65,510)	\$ 640,715	\$ 1,157,848	\$ 517,133	\$ 1,698,858	\$ (541,010)



**Town of Bluffton
Actual Versus Budget
For Period Ending December 31, 2025**

	Month of December 2025					Year-to-Date through December 31, 2025				
	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)	FY 2025	FY 2026	More/(Less)	Budget	Over / (Under)
Revenues										
Property Taxes										
Real & Personal Property Tax (TIF)	\$ 445,195	\$ 495,553	\$ 50,358	\$ 434,993	\$ 60,560	\$ 446,150	\$ 601,792	\$ 155,642	\$ 435,926	\$ 165,866
GO Bond Debt Service Property Tax	38,463	41,428	2,965	40,404	1,024	61,728	80,193	18,465	64,843	15,350
Total Property Tax	483,658	536,981	53,323	475,397	61,584	507,878	681,985	174,107	500,769	181,216
Licenses & Permits										
Municipal Improvement District Fee	23,878	24,227	349	23,624	603	26,694	32,399	5,705	26,410	5,989
Interest Income										
	6,255	1,609	(4,646)	4,036	(2,427)	54,721	16,499	(38,222)	35,304	(18,805)
Miscellaneous Revenues										
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	513,791	562,817	49,026	503,057	59,760	589,293	730,883	141,590	562,484	168,399
Other Financing Sources										
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	65,525	61,400	(4,125)	61,400	-
Total Other Financing Sources & Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	65,525	61,400	(4,125)	61,400	-
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 513,791	\$ 562,817	\$ 49,026	\$ 503,057	\$ 59,760	\$ 654,818	\$ 792,283	\$ 137,465	\$ 623,884	\$ 168,399
Expenditures										
Series 2014 TIF Bonds Debt Service										
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 896,386	\$ 919,815	\$ 23,429	\$ 919,815	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	23,429	11,866	(11,563)	11,866	-
Series 2022 TIF Bonds Debt Service										
Principal	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Series 2020 GO Bonds Debt Service										
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	61,025	54,650	(6,375)	54,650	-
Series 2020A GO Bonds Debt Service										
Principal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interest	-	-	-	-	-	65,525	61,400	(4,125)	61,400	-
Miscellaneous										
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	1,046,365	1,047,731	1,366	1,047,731	-
Other Financing Uses										
Transfers Out to Capital Improvements Program Fund	-	1,900,000	1,900,000	-	1,900,000	1,400,000	1,900,000	500,000	2,776,358	(876,358)
Total Transfers	-	1,900,000	1,900,000	-	1,900,000	1,400,000	1,900,000	500,000	2,776,358	(876,358)
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 1,900,000	\$ -	\$ 1,900,000	\$ 2,446,365	\$ 2,947,731	\$ 501,366	\$ 3,824,089	\$ (876,358)



Town of Bluffton
Budget and Actual - Capital Improvement Program Fund
For Period Ending December 31, 2025

	YTD Estimated	Adopted Budget	Budget Amendments and Transfers	Revised Budget	Actual vs Budget Difference	Actual as % of Budget
Economic Development						
Buckwalter Place Multi-County Commerce Park Phase 2	\$ 114,979	\$ 1,514,455	(505,391)	\$ 1,009,064	\$ 894,085	11.4%
Total Economic Development	114,979	1,514,455	(505,391)	1,009,064	894,085	11.4%
Facilities						
Town Hall Improvements	11,495	-	14,380	14,380	2,885	79.9%
Squire Pope Carriage House	22,221	-	51,805	51,805	29,584	42.9%
Law Enforcement Center Facility Improvements	-	195,000	(36,076)	158,924	158,924	0.0%
Sarah Riley Hooks Cottage	485,894	1,162,350	435,401	1,597,751	1,111,857	30.4%
Town Facilities ADA Compliance Plan	-	100,000	-	100,000	100,000	0.0%
New Riverside Barn Park Event Lawn Pavilion - NEW	473,318	111,500	960,000	1,071,500	598,182	44.2%
New Riverside Barn Park Public Service Building - NEW	5,691	99,000	-	99,000	93,309	5.7%
Public Service Building Expansion & Watershed Facility - NEW	-	201,000	-	201,000	201,000	0.0%
Oscar Frazer Park Pavilion - NEW	3,000	-	195,000	195,000	192,000	1.5%
Total Facilities	1,001,619	1,868,850	1,620,510	3,489,360	2,487,741	28.7%
Housing						
Affordable Housing Project	360,569	740,816	489,580	1,230,396	869,827	29.3%
Total Housing	360,569	740,816	489,580	1,230,396	869,827	29.3%
Information Technology Infrastructure						
Community Safety Cameras Phase 6	1,879	139,200	-	139,200	137,321	1.3%
Network Improvements	14,356	35,000	26,712	61,712	47,356	23.3%
Total Parks	16,235	174,200	26,712	200,912	184,677	8.1%
Land						
Land Acquisition	7,135,126	9,709,302	3,960,000	13,669,302	6,534,176	52.2%
Total Land	7,135,126	9,709,302	3,960,000	13,669,302	6,534,176	52.2%
Parks						
Park Improvements	88,668	60,000	65,000	125,000	36,332	70.9%
Oyster Factory Park	104,610	973,502	-	973,502	868,892	10.7%
New Riverside Park/Barn Site	617,086	2,142,000	(1,322,399)	819,601	202,515	75.3%
New River Trail	1,186,759	3,661,787	1,247,733	4,909,520	3,722,761	24.2%
Buckwalter Place Park Improvements	75,340	1,350,859	91,585	1,442,444	1,367,104	5.2%
Buck Island - Simmonsville Neighborhood Park - NEW	-	198,500	-	198,500	198,500	0.0%
Public Art	43,308	100,000	141,440	241,440	198,132	17.9%
New Riverside Barn Park Phase 2 Trail & Disc Golf - NEW	11,634	135,000	-	135,000	123,366	8.6%
Total Parks	2,127,405	8,621,648	223,359	8,845,007	6,717,602	24.1%
Roads						
Pathway Pedestrian Safety Improvements	170,858	460,235	115,182	575,417	404,559	29.7%
Calhoun Street Streetscape	17,847	427,230	89,593	516,823	498,976	3.5%
Wharf Street Lighting	-	69,500	175,060	244,560	244,560	0.0%
Boundary Street Lighting	-	-	23,224	23,224	23,224	0.0%
Boundary Street Streetscape	15,510	3,359,250	(464,038)	2,895,212	2,879,702	0.5%
Townwide Wayfinding Signage System	-	-	72,238	72,238	72,238	0.0%
Historic District Overhead Power Conversion	-	74,000	(13,200)	60,800	60,800	0.0%
Ghost Roads	228	376,000	(53,784)	322,216	321,988	0.1%
Washington Square Connector	2,415	-	261,940	261,940	259,525	0.9%
Total Roads	206,858	4,766,215	206,215	4,972,430	4,765,572	4.2%
Stormwater and Sewer						
Sewer Connections Policy	35	459,046	150,189	609,235	609,200	0.0%
Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 4	151,736	575,760	3,079	578,839	427,103	26.2%
Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 5	208,875	183,920	332,859	516,779	307,904	40.4%
Historic District Sewer Extension Phase 6	153,508	201,700	442,776	644,476	490,968	23.8%
Bridge Street Streetscape	32,431	1,593,313	118,040	1,711,353	1,678,922	1.9%
Comprehensive Drainage Plan Improvements	-	84,500	121,500	206,000	206,000	0.0%
May River Action Plan Impervious Restoration/Water Quality Project	-	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	0.0%
Stoney Crest Campground/Old Palmetto Bluff Rd	962,603	1,352,432	-	1,352,432	389,829	71.2%
Pritchard Street Drainage Improvements	29,029	1,224,366	1,318,634	2,543,000	2,513,971	1.1%
Total Stormwater and Sewer	1,538,217	5,675,037	2,502,077	8,177,114	6,638,897	18.8%
Total CIP Expenditures	\$ 12,501,008	\$ 33,070,523	\$ 8,523,062	\$ 41,593,585	\$ 29,092,577	30.1%



**Town of Bluffton
Special Revenue Accounts
For Period Ending December 31, 2025**

	FY2026												Period 13	YTD	Original Estimate	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	512	616	659	542	280,235	483										
Local Accommodations Tax	2,117	164,745	133,309	118,983	195,878	173,927										
Hospitality Tax	4,562	336,180	358,387	355,891	379,408	400,676										
Total Revenues	7,191	501,541	492,355	475,416	855,521	575,086	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,907,110	6,682,622

	FY2025												Period 13	YTD	Original Estimate	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	1,571	1,830	1,559	1,417	271,078	697	632	290,058	673	664	174,809	549	435,462	1,180,999	1,022,605	
Local Accommodations Tax	2,700	60,640	138,169	122,416	194,338	192,218	129,925	55,057	93,013	177,747	230,699	217,123	191,598	1,805,643	1,342,930	
Hospitality Tax	8,468	281,963	305,218	314,531	351,835	411,775	348,925	294,270	311,950	420,178	370,020	422,794	392,612	4,234,539	4,140,747	
Total Revenues	12,739	344,433	444,946	438,364	817,251	604,690	479,482	639,385	405,636	598,589	775,528	640,466	1,019,672	7,221,181	6,506,282	

	FY2026 VS FY2025 (more / (less))												Period 13	YTD		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	(1,059)	(1,214)	(900)	(875)	9,157	(214)									(897,952)	
Local Accommodations Tax	(583)	104,105	(4,860)	(3,433)	1,540	(18,291)									(1,016,684)	
Hospitality Tax	(3,906)	54,217	53,169	41,360	27,573	(11,099)									(2,399,435)	
Total Revenues	(5,548)	157,108	47,409	37,052	38,270	(29,604)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(4,314,071)	

	FY2024												Period 13	YTD	Original Estimate	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	1,533	1,721	1,963	237,553	1,773	2,006	249,085	1,857	2,041	161,350	1,868	1,570	457,086	1,121,406	1,030,150	
Local Accommodations Tax	5,551	152,136	108,061	124,885	176,611	171,277	117,868	70,760	89,999	183,177	210,129	186,173	269,837	1,866,464	1,597,500	
Hospitality Tax	54,512	340,435	282,100	283,048	355,917	349,776	385,693	223,058	314,287	383,243	392,360	423,103	345,958	4,133,490	3,788,036	
Total Revenues	61,596	494,292	392,124	645,486	534,301	523,059	752,646	295,675	406,327	727,770	604,357	610,846	1,072,881	7,121,360	6,415,686	

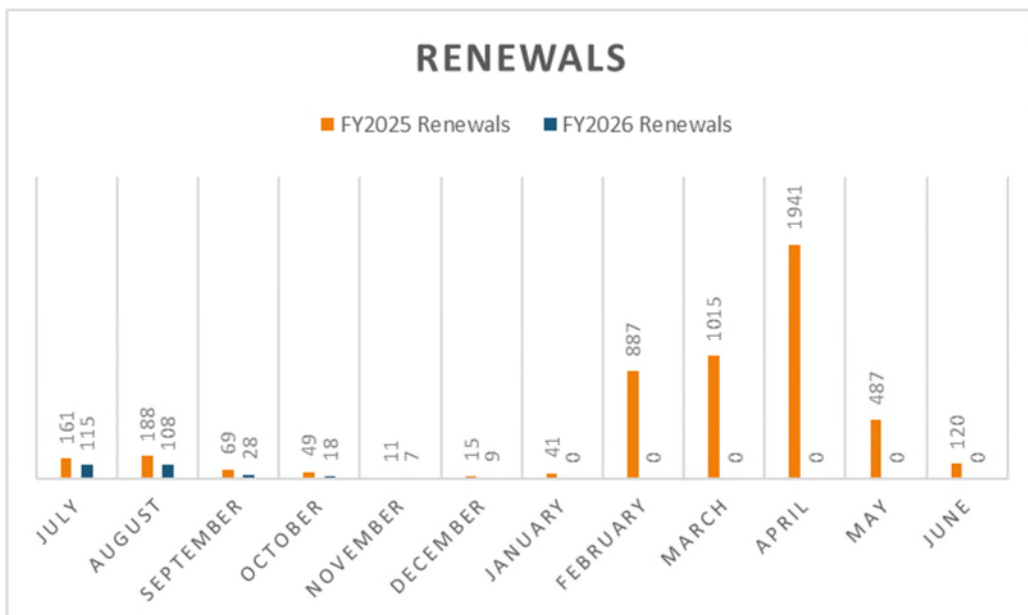
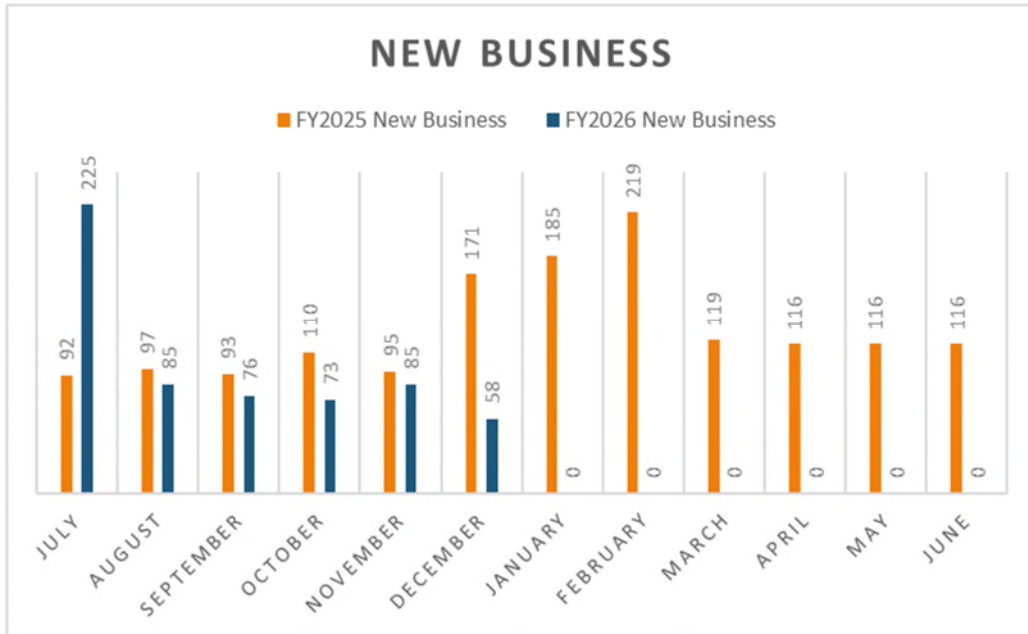
	FY2025 VS FY2024 (more / (less))												Period 13	YTD		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	38	109	(404)	(236,136)	269,305	(1,309)	(248,453)	288,201	(1,368)	(160,686)	172,941	(1,021)	(21,624)	59,593		
Local Accommodations Tax	(2,851)	(91,496)	30,108	(2,469)	17,727	20,941	12,057	(15,703)	3,014	(5,430)	20,570	30,950	(78,239)	(60,821)		
Hospitality Tax	(46,044)	(58,472)	23,118	31,483	(4,082)	61,999	(36,768)	71,212	(2,337)	36,935	(22,340)	(309)	46,654	101,049		
Total Revenues	(48,857)	(149,859)	52,822	(207,122)	282,950	81,631	(273,164)	343,710	(691)	(129,181)	171,171	29,620	(53,209)	99,821		

	FY2023												Period 13	YTD	Original Estimate	
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	400	468	509	256,141	783	897	229,281	916	1,155	145,283	1,388	1,466	484,835	1,123,522	1,175,700	
Local Accommodations Tax	614	173,603	126,868	137,517	152,941	158,074	114,639	63,354	83,215	24,975	331,683	187,863	176,432	1,731,779	1,577,800	
Hospitality Tax	4,685	255,181	281,079	312,591	335,754	307,857	291,337	235,565	310,100	87,619	491,342	352,679	405,875	3,671,664	2,730,300	
Total Revenues	5,699	429,252	408,456	706,249	489,478	466,828	635,257	299,835	394,471	257,876	824,412	542,009	1,067,142	6,526,964	5,483,800	

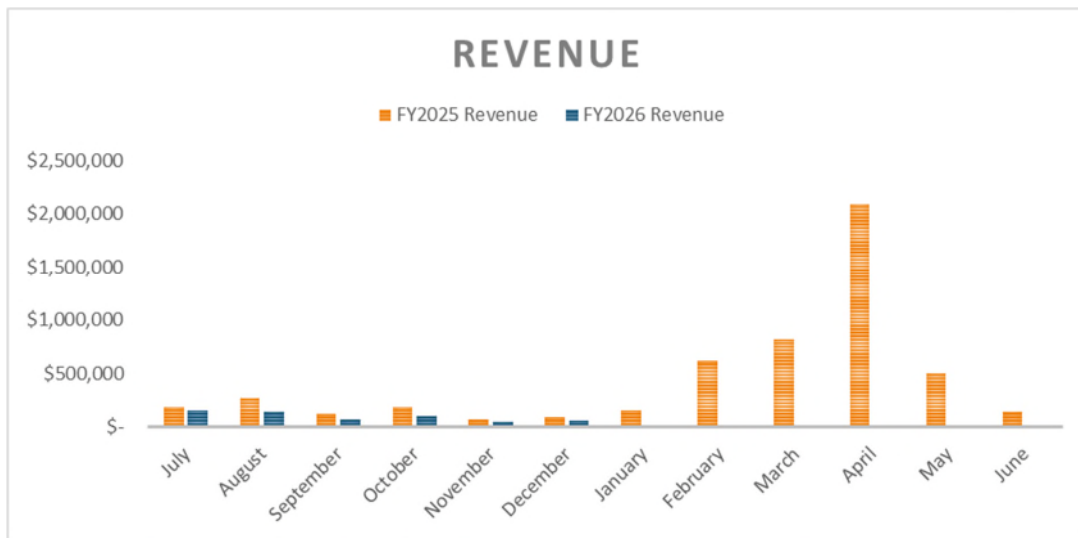
	FY2024 VS FY2023 (more / (less))												Period 13	YTD		
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN				
Revenues																
State Accommodations Tax	1,133	1,253	1,454	(18,588)	990	1,109	19,804	941	886	16,067	480	104	(27,749)	(2,116)		
Local Accommodations Tax	4,937	(21,467)	(18,807)	(12,632)	23,670	13,203	3,229	7,406	6,784	158,202	(121,554)	(1,690)	93,405	134,685		
Hospitality Tax	49,827	85,254	1,021	(29,543)	20,163	41,919	94,356	(12,507)	4,187	295,624	(98,982)	70,424	(59,917)	461,826		
Total Revenues	55,897	65,040	(16,332)	(60,763)	44,823	56,231	117,389	(4,160)	11,856	469,894	(220,055)	68,837	5,739	594,396		

Business License Statistics:

Business License applications for FY2026 through December total 887 (602 new business and 9 renewals) compared to FY2025's total of 1,151 (658 new business and 493 renewals).



Business license renewals reflect a decrease of 40% or 6 and revenue collections decreased 86% or \$38,682 for the month of December when compared to last year as more businesses renewed timelier this year. In contrast, business license revenue generated through permits increased by 22% or \$9,824.



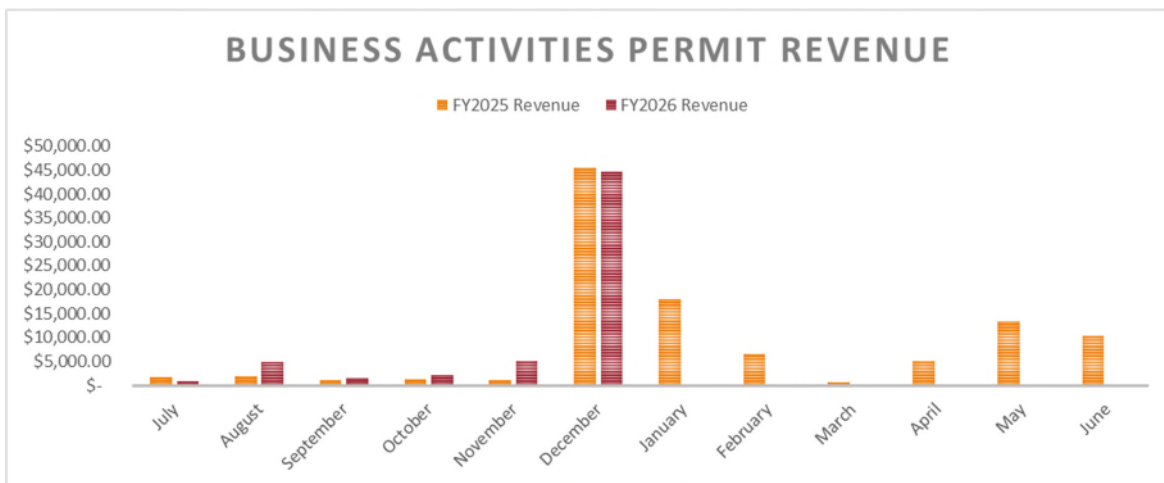
The amended ordinance that went into effect January 1st, 2019 included additional incentives for new businesses and businesses with multiple locations within the Town. For the 2025 business license renewals, there were five hundred, nineteen (519) renewals eligible for an incentive.

Incentive	Number of Businesses	Gross Income Deducted	Total Incentive Amount
10%	196	\$ 4,844,151	\$ 7,250
20%	229	8,218,746	56,973
40%	185	13,954,412	94,8241
CAP	13	266,898,685	367,573
2+	300	9,923,607	12,618
Grand Total	923	303,839,601	\$ 539,235

Rate Class	Number of Businesses	Total Incentive Amount
1	141	\$ 144,035
2	24	3,564
3	48	2,699
4	106	87,335
5	55	52,852
7	498	12,072
8.1	48	218,918
8.6	1	138
9.3	2	17,622
Grand Total	923	\$ 539,235

Included in the Business License Revenue are permits for both Mobile Vending and Short-Term Rental.

- Mobile Vending Permit (MVP): \$400 for a calendar year
 - Two (2) MVPs issued in December
 - Forty-six (46) are compliant
 - Zero are non-compliant
 - One (1) is in-process
 - There are forty-seven (47) identified Mobile Vending businesses
- Short-Term Rental Permit (STRP): \$325 for a calendar year
 - One hundred, twenty-nine (129) STRPs issued in December
 - Four (4) for 2025
 - One hundred, twenty-five (125) for 2026
 - Two hundred and sixty-one (261) STRPs are compliant with a permit
 - Twenty-two (22) are non-compliant
 - Eight (8) are in-process
 - There are two hundred and ninety-one (291) properties identified



Grant Program / Name	Federal/ State/ Other	Grant #	Town Project Description	Department	Status	Amount Funded by Grant	Town's Match	Total Project Amount	Date of Award	Grant Start Date	Grant Expiration
South Carolina Infrastructure Investment Program (SCIIP)	Federal	A-23-C015	Stoney Crest area septic to sewer; local match split equally among Town, Beauf.Co, and BJWSA.	Stormwater	AWARDED TO BJWSA	\$ 5,925,000.00	\$1,975,000 divided equally among Town, County, and BJWSA	\$ 7,900,000.00	04/27/23	04/24/23	6/1/2026
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant from the State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF)	Federal	SLT-5134	coronavirus recovery, Entitlement community with Tier 5 reporting	Finance	Active	\$ 1,982,471.00	none	\$ 1,982,471.00	05/27/21	03/03/21	obligated by 12/31/2024 expended by 12/31/2026
Nonpoint Source Implementation Program - Section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act	Federal	EQ-3-544	May River Watershed Action Plan, Phase VI - stormwater retrofit (Pritchard St)	Stormwater / CIP	Active	\$ 124,577.00	\$ 83,398.00	\$ 207,975.00	11/16/22	11/16/22	7/12/2026 Extension
Nonpoint Source Implementation Program - Section 319(h) - Clean Water Act	Federal	EQ-4-318	May River Phase VII - HD Sewer Phases 4-6	CIP	Active	\$ 529,850.00	\$ 367,920.00	\$ 897,770.00	6/16/2023	2/29/2024	9/30/2027
FY24 COPS Technology and Equipment Program Invitational Solicitation	Federal	15JCOPS-24-GG-02292	equipment for PD	Police	Active	\$ 1,348,000.00	none	\$ 1,348,000.00	9/30/2024	3/9/2024	3/31/2026
FY23 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program	Federal	23SLCGP14	cybersecurity project	IT	Active	\$ 79,500.00	\$ 15,900.00	\$ 95,400.00	6/18/2025	6/1/2025	5/31/2026
State of South Carolina and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding - Hurricane Helene	Federal	Agreement A47118	4829, Helene	Exec	Active	\$ 99,209.56	none; state match	\$ 113,773.84	4/15/2025	9/29/2024	until FEMA closes
State of South Carolina and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding - Tropical Storm Debby	Federal	Agreement 6882F6	4835, Debby	Exec	Active	\$ 70,517.87	none; state match	\$ 92,554.69	4/18/2025	9/29/2024	until FEMA closes

FY24 State Appropriation Act	State	none	New River Linear Trail	CIP	Active	\$ 2,000,000.00	\$ 705,172.00	\$ 2,705,172.00	10/16/2023	10/16/2023	10/15/2026
National Opioid Guaranteed Political Subdivision Subfund	State	none	Opioid settlement money	Police	Active	\$ 30,400.00	none	\$ 30,400.00	7/15/2024	7/1/2024	6/30/2025
South Carolina Power Team Site Readiness Fund (SRF) Grant	Local	n/a	economic development for Buckwalter MCIP, Building A	Exec	Active	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,715,365.00	\$ 4,045,365.00	6/25/2024	11/13/2024	12/31/2025
FY25 State Appropriation Act	State	none	K9 program	Police	Active	\$ 50,000.00	none	\$ 50,000.00	7/24/2024	7/1/2024	6/15/2026
State of South Carolina and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding - Hurricane Helene	State	Agreement A47118	4829, Helene	Exec	Active	\$ 14,564.28	none	see Federal project	4/15/2025	9/29/2024	until FEMA closes
State of South Carolina and Subrecipient Public Assistance Funding - Tropical Storm Debby	State	Agreement 6882F6	4835, Debby	Exec	Active	\$ 22,036.82	none	see Federal project	4/18/2025	9/29/2024	until FEMA closes
School Safety Program FY26 (School Resource Officer)	State	SR-018-C0702-26	continued funding for six SROs in FY26	Police	Active	\$ 540,346.00	none	\$ 540,346.00	7/28/2025	7/1/2025	6/30/2026
Palmetto Pride Tree Grant	Local/Non-Profit	none	Tree grant for 257 trees	Public Works	Active				9/30/2025	10/1/2025	9/30/2026
Sarah Riley Hooks Cottage Restoration	Local	25S-015-06102025	ATAX award for Sarah Riley Hooks Cottage	CIP	Active	\$ 257,304.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 857,680.00	7/16/2025	6/1/2025	5/31/2026

\$ 8,148,776.53

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	Federal		Historic District drainage	Watershed	pre-app approved 5/5/25; full application due 8/29/25	\$ 287,625.00	\$ 95,875.00	\$ 383,500.00			
National Coastal Resiliency Fund	private non-profit but this money is primarily Federal.		Planning Assessment for Wetlands Mitigation	Watershed	full application due 7/18/25; determination by 12/2025; awards between March and June 2026.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			Did not get funded- 12/3/25
Land and Water Conservation Fund	Federal		New Riverside Barn Park Phase 2	CIP	pre-app filed 9/11; full app due 12/5	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 2,000,000.00			
Relentless Challenge Grant	State		DRCI- Smart Growth for Bluffton: Expanding and Attracting Business	DRCI	Application submitted; Decision expected December 2025	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 100,000.00			

	As of December 2025					
	Bluffton Police Department Benevolence Fund		Mayor's Stay Safe Bluffton Scholarship Fund		Town of Bluffton Parks & Public Art Fund	
	Dec. 2025	FY through Dec. 2025	Dec. 2025	FY through Dec. 2025	Dec. 2025	FY through Dec. 2025
Beginning Balance	\$ 140,373.45	\$ 139,272.80	\$ 30,901.12	\$ 25,473.25	\$ 3,988.34	\$ 3,945.09
Contributions & Investment Activity						
Contributions to Fund	\$ 500.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 554.64	\$ 5,846.92	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Interest & Dividend Income	49.45	952.80	11.01	183.46	4.98	30.59
Investment Income & Losses	160.85	782.48	35.84	162.11	16.18	33.82
Total Contributions & Investment Activity	710.30	2,335.28	601.49	6,192.49	15,021.16	15,064.41
Expenses						
Distributions - Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distributions - Program Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fees - Administrative & Investment	526.01	1,050.34	113.09	212.42	0.01	-
Fees - Credit Card Processing	-	-	13.14	76.94	-	-
Total Expenses	526.01	1,050.34	126.23	289.36	0.01	-
Net Change to Fund Balance	\$ 184.29	\$ 1,284.94	\$ 475.26	\$ 5,903.13	\$ 15,021.15	\$ 15,064.41
Pending Contributions						
Total Pending Contributions		\$ -		\$ -		\$ -
Pending Expenses						
Total Pending Expenses		-		-		-
Projected Ending Balance		\$ 140,557.74		\$ 31,376.38		\$ 19,009.50