Only about 35.8% of a Collier County Resident’s tax bill pays for County Government including Constitutional Officer Services. Municipal Service Taxing Units exist in various locations and are intended to provide extra-ordinary services within a specific district funded by a separate ad valorem property tax. Other separate independent taxing authorities such as the School District of Collier County, South Florida Water Management District/Big Cypress Basin (SFWMD/BCBB) and Independent Fire Districts make up the remainder.

DID YOU KNOW?
Collier County has won the Government Finance Officers Association Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for the past 32 years.

For detailed budget information and various presentations, please go to http://www.colliergov.net/index.aspx?page=111
The Board of County Commissioners continued to set rigorous and conservative budget guidance for FY19 which included a millage neutral General Fund tax rate – the same tax rate as last year and for that matter since FY2010. The Unincorporated Area General Fund millage rate is maintained at $.8069, thus allowing continuation of the median landscape capital program. The following FY2019 Budget highlights are noteworthy:

- Maintained the County’s investment quality credit rating.
- State and Federal mandates fully funded.
- The County has spent over $104 million restoring the community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma; another $34 million remains appropriated in FY19 for final cleanup activities; the primary means to fund this cleanup included deferring $54.5 million in capital projects and reducing reserves by $56.3 million; of the amount spent, $23.7 million has been reimbursed to date through insurance proceeds and FEMA.
- Roughly $18 million has been programmed within the General Fund supporting general governmental capital initiatives.
- Planned growth in front line services and capital facilities support with expanded County Manager operations has added an addition of 45.75 FTE’s.
- A 2.0% General Wage Adjustment was approved to remain competitive in a highly aggressive labor market and recognize existing employees for their continued commitment, service and loyalty to the agency.
- Principal debt and annual debt service continues to decline; is fully funded and policy compliant; no new debt is planned within this adopted budget.
- Programmed an additional $500,000 to $1,500,000 as part of a new Board Approved Beach Parking Agreement with the City of Naples.
- Taxable values increased county-wide 5.58%, representing the seventh consecutive year of tax base growth. Median home prices have recently trended lower but remain within average ranges posted over the past two years, visitation to the destination – while slowing somewhat – remains high, all permitting, and inspection activity remains strong - and the County’s unemployment rate continues to drop. While positive economic measures continue to exist, fiscal conservatism must co-exist with funding for priority service, program and infrastructure replacement and maintenance as the County moves forward with future financial planning.

**FY 19 Net Adopted Budget**

An overview of the sources and use of money that support Collier County:

**Where The Money Comes From**

- Priced the General Fund - the largest operating fund which pays for services that affect those who live in and visit Collier County - totals $436M.
- The General Government category pays for those services benefiting residents and visitors of Collier County. These services include maintenance and operation of the various regional recreational facilities; governmental facilities; social services; animal services; libraries; transportation system and general administrative services.

**Health and safety continues to be the largest expenditure category and includes services such as Sheriff Operations, Emergency Medical Services, Court System Operations and the Public Health Services.**

**FY19 General Fund (001) Revenue Sources**

- The General Government category pays for those services benefiting residents and visitors of Collier County.