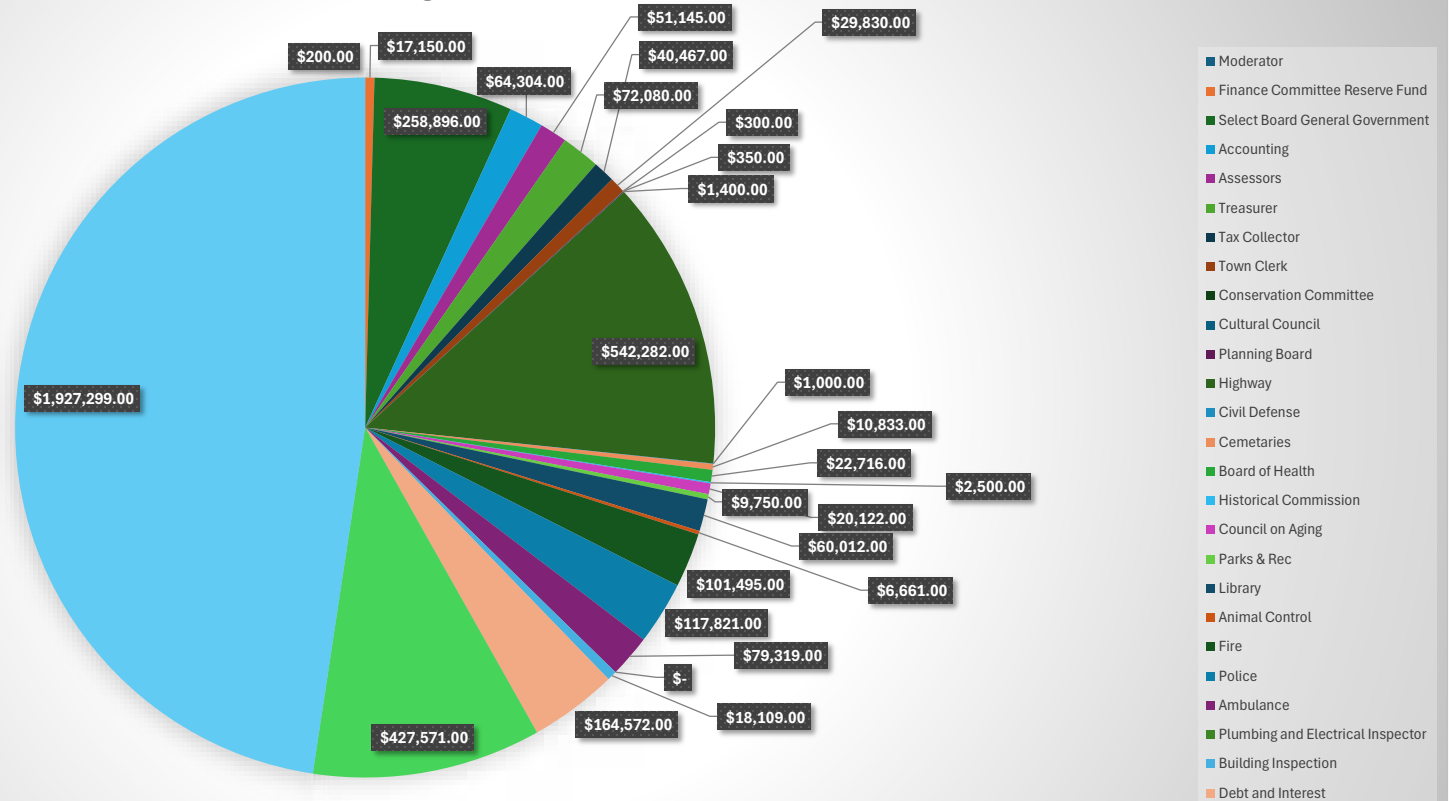




Town of Chester Fiscal Year 2027 Budget

Budget Breakdown





Town of Chester Budget Request Form

Purpose: This form is used by departments to submit their annual or project-based budget requests for review and approval.

Department Name:	Town Budget
Requestor Name:	Andrew alward
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net
Fiscal Year:	2027
Submission Date:	5/7/2026

Expenses							
Acct Numbers	Department	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Moderator	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Finance Committee Reserve Fund	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 17,150.00	\$ 7,000.00	68.97%	
	Select Board General Government	\$ 151,424.00	\$ 243,441.00	\$ 258,896.00	\$ 15,455.00	6.35%	
	Accounting	\$ 58,500.00	\$ 63,478.00	\$ 64,304.00	\$ 826.00	1.30%	
	Assessors	\$ 47,820.00	\$ 45,569.00	\$ 51,145.00	\$ 5,576.00	12.24%	
	Treasurer	\$ 61,425.00	\$ 64,995.00	\$ 72,080.00	\$ 7,085.00	10.90%	
	Tax Collector	\$ 34,414.00	\$ 36,528.00	\$ 40,467.00	\$ 3,939.00	10.78%	
	Town Clerk	\$ 24,290.00	\$ 26,469.00	\$ 29,830.00	\$ 3,361.00	12.70%	
	Conservation Committee	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Cultural Council	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	3500000.00%	
	Planning Board	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	600.00%	
	Highway	\$ 518,735.00	\$ 536,284.00	\$ 542,282.00	\$ 5,998.00	1.12%	
	Civil Defense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Cemeteries	\$ 10,733.00	\$ 10,783.00	\$ 10,833.00	\$ 50.00	0.46%	
	Board of Health	\$ 77,446.00	\$ 21,103.00	\$ 22,716.00	\$ 1,613.00	7.64%	
	Historical Commission	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Council on Aging	\$ 25,161.00	\$ 19,536.00	\$ 20,122.00	\$ 586.00	3.00%	
	Parks & Rec	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	18.18%	
	Library	\$ 54,012.00	\$ 57,627.00	\$ 60,012.00	\$ 2,385.00	4.14%	
	Animal Control	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 6,462.00	\$ 6,661.00	\$ 199.00	3.08%	
	Fire	\$ 80,615.00	\$ 69,957.00	\$ 101,495.00	\$ 31,538.00	45.08%	
	Police	\$ 99,272.00	\$ 112,358.00	\$ 117,821.00	\$ 5,463.00	4.86%	
	Ambulance	\$ 66,696.00	\$ 77,642.00	\$ 79,319.00	\$ 1,677.00	2.16%	
	Plumbing and Electrical Inspector	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Building Inspection	\$ 15,104.00	\$ 15,535.00	\$ 18,109.00	\$ 2,574.00	16.57%	
	Debt and Interest	\$ 50,572.00	\$ 50,572.00	\$ 164,572.00	\$ 114,000.00	225.42%	
	Insurance / Retirement	\$ 350,750.00	\$ 379,150.00	\$ 427,571.00	\$ 48,421.00	12.77%	
	Education	\$ 1,854,210.00	\$ 1,960,279.00	\$ 1,927,299.00	\$ (32,980.00)	-1.68%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 3,612,876.00	\$ 3,820,368.00	\$ 4,048,184.00	\$ 227,816.00	5.96%	

Revenues

Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Levy Limit	\$ 3,385,564.00	\$ 3,513,019.00	\$ 3,600,844.00	\$ 87,825.00	2.50%	
	State Aid Unrestricted	\$ 221,683.00	\$ 224,122.00	\$ 225,815.00	\$ 1,693.00	0.76%	
	Chapter 70	\$ 72,014.00	\$ 79,282.00	\$ 115,723.00	\$ 36,441.00	45.96%	
	Veterans Benefits	\$ 13,296.00	\$ 14,320.00	\$ 16,820.00	\$ 2,500.00	17.46%	
	Exemptions VBS & Elderly	\$ 10,777.00	\$ 14,368.00	\$ 19,331.00	\$ 4,963.00	34.54%	
	State Owned Land	\$ 30,374.00	\$ 30,374.00	\$ 30,374.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Cell Towers	\$ 50,550.00	\$ 50,550.00	\$ 50,550.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Town Hall Auditorium Revenue	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 5,250.00	190.91%	Increased rental fees for auditorium use
	CMELD Portion of Acct and treasurer	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Local Receipts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Total Requested Amount	\$ 3,799,008.00	\$ 3,940,785.00	\$ 4,079,457.00	\$ 138,672.00	3.52%	

Item	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
Expenses	\$ 3,612,876.00	\$ 3,820,368.00	\$ 4,048,184.00	\$ 227,816.00	5.96%	
Revenue	\$ 3,799,008.00	\$ 3,940,785.00	\$ 4,079,457.00	\$ 138,672.00	3.52%	
Totals	\$ 186,132.00	\$ 120,417.00	\$ 31,273.00			



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Accountant						
Requestor Name:	Andrew Alward						
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/5/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Accountant Salary	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 37,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ (2,000.00)	-5.41%	Moved to Employee not Contracted
	Office Expense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	#DIV/0!	
	Audit Expenses	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	5.56%	To cover possible Federal Audit again
	Software Expense	\$ 7,436.15	\$ 8,478.00	\$ 10,004.00	\$ 1,526.00	18.00%	Contract
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 59,436.15	\$ 63,478.00	\$ 64,304.00	\$ 826.00	1.30%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Ambulance						
Requestor Name:	Andrew Alward						
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
10122.27	Ambulance Services	\$ 66,696.00	\$ 73,482.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 1,518.00	2.07%	
	Ambulance Replacement	\$ -	\$ 4,160.00	\$ 4,319.00	\$ 159.00	3.82%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 66,696.00	\$ 77,642.00	\$ 79,319.00	\$ 1,677.00	2.16%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Animal Control						
Requestor Name:	Teresa Donovan						
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/5/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Inspector Stipend	\$ 1,035.00	\$ 1,066.00	\$ 1,120.00	\$ 54.00	5.07%	
	Inspector Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Animal Control Stipend	\$ 2,812.00	\$ 2,896.00	\$ 3,041.00	\$ 145.00	5.01%	
	ACO Expenses	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 6,347.00	\$ 6,462.00	\$ 6,661.00	\$ 199.00	3.08%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Assessors						
Requestor Name:	Andy Myer						
Requestor Email:	assessor@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	1/17/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Prinicipal Assessor's Salary	\$ 16,640.00	\$ 17,139.00	\$ 21,220.00	\$ 4,081.00	23.81%	works 15 hours a week at \$27 an hour
	Board of Assessors Stipend	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	100.00%	to offset the decrease in consulting due to members taking on a more active roll
	Assessors Training	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -	\$ (1,200.00)	-100.00%	No longer needed
	Assessors Office Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	Level Fund
	Maps & GIS Software	\$ 4,450.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,700.00	\$ -	0.00%	Contracted
	Catalis Software	\$ 4,230.00	\$ 4,230.00	\$ 8,925.00	\$ 4,695.00	110.99%	Approved at special town meeting and in line with the signed contract
	Assessors Consultant	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)	-33.33%	Contracted
	Assessor's Clerk Assistant	\$ 2,400.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Assessors Schooling	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -	0.00%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 47,820.00	\$ 45,569.00	\$ 51,145.00	\$ 5,576.00	12.24%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Transfer Station and BOH						
Requestor Name:	Liz Massa						
Requestor Email:	boardofhealth@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	3/2/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
40491	BOH Salary		\$ 4,966.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (3,466.00)	-69.79%	increase for workload
	State requirement Stipend			\$ 4,500.00	\$ 4,500.00	#DIV/0!	
40491.01	TS Salary		\$ 14,137.00	\$ 14,844.00	\$ 707.00	5.00%	
	TS Clerk			\$ 1,872.00	\$ 1,872.00	#DIV/0!	one hour per working day 2 days a week for counting and justifying cash and reporting for front office/cash handler
40491.03	BOH Expense		\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	\$ (2,000.00)	-100.00%	
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	Note: \$400 per month new rubbish compactor lease has NOT begun for TS revolving acct.			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ -	\$ 21,103.00	\$ 22,716.00	\$ 1,613.00	7.64%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Select Board						
Requestor Name:	Andrew Alward						
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	1/21/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
10122	Selectboard Stipends	\$ 7,739.00	\$ 7,971.00	\$ 8,370.00	\$ 399.00	5.01%	Raising the stipend to better comp members
10122.01	Town Administrator Salary	\$ 66,414.00	\$ 68,406.00	\$ 71,827.00	\$ 3,421.00	5.00%	3% COLA + 2% Raise
10122.02	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$ 15,039.00	\$ 15,490.00	\$ 18,432.00	\$ 2,942.00	18.99%	3% COLA + 2% Raise + 2 more hours total 17 hours per week
10122.03	Select board's Dues	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ (1,080.00)	-51.92%	MMA and Small TA dues 605
10122.04	Town Counsel Services	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	14.29%	To cover legal costs
10122.05	Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	50.00%	
10122.06	PVPC Annual Assessment	\$ 230.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 242.00	\$ (8.00)	-3.20%	
10122.07	Town report	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 150.00	\$ (650.00)	-81.25%	Changed to Inhouse Printing
10122.08	Elevator Expenses	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,750.00	\$ 2,250.00	450.00%	Inspection and quarterly maintenance
10122.09	Zoning Bd of Appeals Expenses	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 200.00	\$ (100.00)	-33.33%	Advertising for public hearings
10122.1	Town Hall Custodian Pay	\$ 7,204.00	\$ 7,204.00	\$ 7,300.00	\$ 96.00	1.33%	140 a week
10122.11	Town Internet Service Comcast		\$ 12,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	58.33%	Includes elevator phone
10122.12	IT Services		\$ 24,475.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 5,525.00	22.57%	Contract + less than \$2,000 for IT improvements, more emails and email filtering
10122.13	Phone Service		\$ 5,940.00	\$ 8,300.00	\$ 2,360.00	39.73%	Phone service for all town phones contract
10122.14	Website		\$ 4,375.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ (375.00)	-8.57%	
10122.15	Old School Building Maintenance		\$ 5,000.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ (2,500.00)	-50.00%	Planned to sell early in the new fiscal year
10122.16	Town Hall Repairs		\$ 10,250.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 7,750.00	75.61%	Boiler Inspection and fire extinguisher inspection
10122.17	Town Hall Expenses		\$ 25,750.00	\$ -	\$ (25,750.00)	-100.00%	
10122.18	Pest Control		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,225.00	\$ 25.00	2.08%	
10122.19	Landfill Monitoring		\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
10122.2	Town Hall Electric		\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	900000.00%	
10122.21	Town Heating		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	20.00%	
10122.22	Steinhard Scholarship	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	Paid for out of trust account
10122.23	Hamilton Scholarship	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	Paid for out of trust account
10122.24	Training and Employee Appreciation		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	#DIV/0!	
10122.25	Veterans Agent Assessment	\$ 6,118.00	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 6,750.00	\$ 300.00	4.65%	
10122.26	Veterans Benefits	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 19,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	-13.64%	
10122.27	Town Hall Water		\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	240000.00%	
10122.28	Hiring and Talent Acquisition		\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	35000.00%	To pay for job postings
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 151,424.00	\$ 243,441.00	\$ 258,896.00	\$ 15,455.00	6.35%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Council On Aging						
Requestor Name:	Keirsen Broman						
Requestor Email:	coa@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/27/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Salary - Keirsen Broman	\$ 12,036.00	\$ 12,036.00	\$ 12,397.00	\$ 361.00	3.00%	
	Cookouts/Crafts	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600.00	#DIV/0!	Added events and services for seniors
	Facepainting	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	#DIV/0!	
	Foot Clinic	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	#DIV/0!	Rate increase
	Hair	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,800.00	#DIV/0!	New service
	Staples	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	#DIV/0!	Necessary supplies for COA
	Expenses	\$ 13,125.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ -	\$ (7,500.00)	-100.00%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 25,161.00	\$ 19,536.00	\$ 20,122.00	\$ 586.00	3.00%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Cultural Council						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/18/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Office Supplies	0	0	150	\$ 150.00	#DIV/0!	
	Fund Raising Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	#DIV/0!	
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	Revenues				\$ -	#DIV/0!	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 350.00	\$ 350.00	#DIV/0!	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Dept and Interest						
Requestor Name:	Andrew Alward						
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/5/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Water Treatment Plant	\$ 29,479.00	\$ 29,479.00	\$ 29,479.00	\$ -	0.00%	Year 20 of 30 on the loan
	Highway Trucks	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	#DIV/0!	Lease on Highway Truck
	Fire Truck Note - Interest	\$ 20,093.00	\$ 20,093.00	\$ 20,093.00	\$ -	0.00%	Interest on Fire Truck Payment
	Short term Dept	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Fire Truck Loan Payment			\$ 85,000.00	\$ 85,000.00	#DIV/0!	Yearly payment on Fire Truck
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 50,572.00	\$ 50,572.00	\$ 164,572.00	\$ 114,000.00	225.42%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Education						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Gateway Budget	\$ 1,644,903.00	\$ 1,705,106.00	\$ 1,637,010.00	\$ (68,096.00)	-3.99%	110 total students
	Smith VOC School	\$ 168,000.00	\$ 130,158.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 5,842.00	4.49%	7 total students at \$22,559 per student
	Westfield VOC		\$ 83,708.00	\$ 110,916.00	\$ 27,208.00	32.50%	6 total students at \$18,486 per student
	Transportation	\$ 41,307.00	\$ 41,307.00	\$ 43,373.00	\$ 2,066.00	5.00%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 1,854,210.00	\$ 1,960,279.00	\$ 1,927,299.00	\$ (32,980.00)	-1.68%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

Purpose: This form is used by departments to submit their annual or project-based budget requests for review and approval.

Department Name:	Historical Commission						
Requestor Name:	John Hultman						
Requestor Email:	jhultman95@gmail.com						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/12/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	
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	Total Requested Amount	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	0.00%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Insurance / Retirement						
Requestor Name:	Andrew Alward						
Requestor Email:	townadministrator@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	3/9/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Prop/Cas/auto/Liab	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 52,528.00	\$ 42,500.00	\$ (10,028.00)	-19.09%	MIA Rates as of March 3rd Letter
	Police/fire/acc. & Health	\$ 11,478.00	\$ 12,281.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ (3,281.00)	-26.72%	MIA Rates as of March 3rd Letter
	Workmen's comp	\$ 9,889.00	\$ 10,244.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 1,756.00	17.14%	MIA Rates as of March 3rd Letter
	Group Health Insurance	\$ 100,628.00	\$ 118,741.00	\$ 142,552.00	\$ 23,811.00	20.05%	Increas of 12.48% + 3 new employees
	Medicare/FICA empl.	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 21,308.00	\$ 31,962.00	\$ 10,654.00	50.00%	
	Unemployment Comp.	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	6.67%	
	County Retirement	\$ 127,755.00	\$ 133,048.00	\$ 139,036.00	\$ 5,988.00	4.50%	
	Bonds	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Vision Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	#DIV/0!	Broken out from Group Health Insurance
	Life Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,501.00	\$ 13,501.00	#DIV/0!	Broken out from Group Health Insurance
	Dental Insurance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,020.00	\$ 3,020.00	#DIV/0!	Broken out from Group Health Insurance
				\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
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				\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Total Requested Amount	\$ 350,750.00	\$ 379,150.00	\$ 427,571.00	\$ 48,421.00	12.77%	



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Department Name:	Library								
Requestor Name:	Tammy Merenda								
Requestor Email:	tmereand@cwmares.org								
Fiscal Year:	2027								
Submission Date:	3/6/2026								
Budget Allocations									
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	State Aid	Cultural Council/Donations	Justification
	Salaries	\$ 35,595.00	\$ 38,779.00	\$ 40,718.00	\$ 1,939.00	5%	\$ 6,027.23		reflects COLA for staff; director salary partially offset by state aid
	Expenses	\$ 17,217.00	\$ 17,648.00	\$ -	\$ (17,648.00)	-100.0%			
	MassCat Annual Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 419.00	\$ (781.00)	-65%			annual fee decreased due to a transition from Masscat to CWMARS consortium
				\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!			
EXPENSES:	Heating			\$ 2,538.00	\$ 2,538.00	#DIV/0!			
	Books/materials			\$ 11,984.00	\$ 11,984.00	#DIV/0!			
	Technology			\$ 2,538.00	\$ 2,538.00	#DIV/0!			
	CNA Insurance			\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	#DIV/0!			
	MPLC (show movies)			\$ 215.00	\$ 215.00	#DIV/0!			
	Supplies			\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	#DIV/0!			
	Maintenance			\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	#DIV/0!			
				\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!			
PAID FOR BY STATE AID	Programs			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!		\$ 2,400.00	Paid for by Cultural Council, Grants, or Donations
	Summer Reading/Storytime			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!		\$ 1,200.00	Paid for by Cultural Council, Grants, or Donations
	Museum Passes			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!		\$ 845.00	Paid for by Cultural Council, Grants or Donations
	Periodicals			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!		\$ 600.00	Paid for by Cultural Council, Grants or Donations
	Total Requested Amount	\$ 54,012.00	\$ 57,627.00	\$ 60,012.00	\$ 2,385.00	4.14%			



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Department Name:	Moderator						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Moderator	200	200	200	0	0%	
					0	#DIV/0!	
					0	#DIV/0!	
			0	0	0	#DIV/0!	
	Total Requested Amount	200	200	200	0	0%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Parks & Rec						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Memorial Day Parade	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ -	0%	
	Expenses	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ -	0%	
	Parks Maintenance	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	23%	Contracted for Emary Field and Old Elementary School
				\$ -		#DIV/0!	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Total Requested Amount	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$ 1,500.00	18%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Planning Board						
Requestor Name:	Liz Massa						
Requestor Email:	planningboard@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Expenses and Dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	0%	
	Public hearing Postings			\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00	#DIV/0!	To pay for postings of Public Meetings
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
			\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Total Requested Amount	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,200.00	600%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Plumbing and Electrical						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Electrical Inspector Stipend			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	Paid from permits pulled
	Electrical Inspector Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
	Plumbing Inspector Stipend			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	Paid from permits pulled
	Assistant Plumbing Inspector Stipend			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	Paid from permits pulled
	Plumbing Inspector Expenses			\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	
		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	#DIV/0!	



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Department Name:	Chester-Blandford Police Department						
Requestor Name:	Jennifer Dubiel						
Requestor Email:	pdchief@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/20/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
60110.00	Police Chief Salary	\$ 37,492.00	\$ 38,617.00	\$ 40,548.00	\$ 1,931.00	5.00%	*Please see attached document
60210.01	Police Officer Wages	\$ 26,214.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 28,350.00	\$ 1,350.00	5.00%	*Please see attached document
60210.03	Police Sergeant Wages	\$ 8,510.00	\$ 8,765.00	\$ 9,203.00	\$ 438.00	5.00%	(projected COLA & Raise)
60210.12	Police Records Clerk	\$ -	\$ 10,920.00	\$ 10,920.00	\$ -	0.00%	
60210.04	Police Expenses	\$ 22,872.00	\$ 22,872.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 1,128.00	4.93%	*Please see attached document
60210.11	Police Training Expenses	\$ 4,184.00	\$ 4,184.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 616.00	14.72%	*Please see attached document
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
		\$ 99,272.00	\$ 112,358.00	\$ 117,821.00	\$ 5,463.00	4.86%	



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Department Name:	Tax Collector						
Requestor Name:	Terry Donovan						
Requestor Email:	taxcollector@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/26/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Collectors Salary	\$ 24,056.00	\$ 24,778.00	\$ 26,017.00	\$ 1,239.00	5.00%	3% COLA + 2% Raise
	Software Support	\$ 3,358.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,950.00	\$ 200.00	5.33%	Rate increase
	Office Expenses	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ (3,000.00)	-50.00%	Broken out to better capture expenses
	Mailing Supplies	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00	#DIV/0!	To pay for mailings
	Tax Taking	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	100.00%	
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		\$ 34,414.00	\$ 36,528.00	\$ 40,467.00	\$ 3,939.00	10.78%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

Purpose: This form is used by departments to submit their annual or project-based budget requests for review and approval.							
Department Name:	Town Clerk						
Requestor Name:	Terry Donovan						
Requestor Email:	townclerk@townofchester.net						
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Town Clerk Salary	\$ 15,747.00	\$ 16,219.00	\$ 17,030.00	\$ 811.00	5.00%	3% COLA + 2% Raise
	Assistant Town Clerk Pay	\$ -	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 200.00	5.00%	3% COLA + 2% Raise
	Office Expenses	\$ 3,543.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,600.00	\$ (900.00)	-20.00%	
	Elections	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 1,750.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,250.00	185.71%	two fed elections and one town election
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				\$ -		#DIV/0!	
		\$ 24,290.00	\$ 26,469.00	\$ 29,830.00	\$ 3,361.00	12.70%	



Town of Chester Budget Request Form

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Department Name:	Treasurer						
Requestor Name:							
Requestor Email:							
Fiscal Year:	2027						
Submission Date:	2/6/2026						
Budget Allocations							
Acct Numbers	Category	FY 2025 Budgeted For	FY 2026 Budgeted For	Requested Amount	FY27 vs FY26	Percentage Change	Justification
	Treasurer Services	\$ 41,325.00	\$ 43,065.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 6,935.00	16.10%	
	Payroll Services	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,150.00	\$ 1,150.00	38.33%	New Payroll System with rate lock for 3 years
	Treasurer Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ (1,000.00)	-66.67%	
	Tax Title Software	\$ -	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 1,780.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Bank Charges	\$ 100.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 650.00	\$ -	0.00%	
	Land Court Fees	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ -	0.00%	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
					\$ -	#DIV/0!	
		\$ 61,425.00	\$ 64,995.00	\$ 72,080.00	\$ 7,085.00	10.90%	



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Department Name:	Capital Items		
Requestor Name:			
Requestor Email:			
Fiscal Year:	2027		Use only a percentage of interest from stabilization accounts to cover these items
Submission Date:	4/3/2026		
Budget Allocations			
Acct Numbers	Category	Requested Amount	Justification
Building	Historical Commission Chimney Repair	\$ 3,500.00	Chimney repair at jail, needs metal liner and cap. rough estimate \$3,500
General	IT Upgrades	\$ 10,000.00	Upgrade to meet ADA requirements for Website (\$1,500) Buy battery back ups (\$1,000) new laptops (\$1,000) new server (6,500)
		\$ 13,500.00	



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Balances of Stabilization			
Acct Numbers	Category	Requested Amount	Justification
	General Stabilization	\$ 631,907.00	
	Building	\$ 60,000.00	add \$22,000 from free cash
	Education	\$ 50,542.00	add \$37,000 from free cash
	Vehicle	\$ 63,000.00	add \$25,000 from free cash
	Insurance	\$ 10,000.00	add \$10,000 from free cash
	OPEB	\$ 5,000.00	add \$5,000 from free cash
		\$ 820,449.00	