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TO: Guilford County Board of Commissioners

FROM: *Anthony Clarke*  
 Dr. Anthony Clarke, President, Guilford Technical Community College

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026/27 GTCC County Operating Budget Request

The FY2026/27 GTCC County Operating Budget request is provided below. GTCC currently employs 130 county-funded employees with nineteen vacancies.

Our current total budget is:

BUDGET	AMOUNT	PERCENT	NUMBER OF FULL-TIME POSITIONS
State	\$93,102,904	52.9 %	618
County:			
Utilities/Rent/Insurance/Legal	4,769,146		0
Building Maintenance	3,777,607		26
Custodial Services	4,107,481		58
Campus Police	3,053,422		30
Institutional Support	3,194,543		8
Grounds Maintenance	825,801		8
Total County Operating	\$19,728,000	11.2%	130
Federal Grants	31,297,695	17.8%	0
Federal Loans	18,000,000	10.2%	0
Institutional / Other	13,884,059	7.9%	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$176,012,658</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>765</b>

Our total operating budget request totals \$21,275,000, an increase of \$1,547,000 or 7.8% and includes the following:

## Employee Salary Increase

Currently, we do not have any further information regarding the 2025-2027 biennium budget. The 2026-2027 budget request includes a projected 3% pay increase for county-funded employees, 4.8% increase for medical insurance, and 4.2% increase for the retirement rate. Our request is that our county-funded employees receive the same pay increase and benefits as our state-funded employees.

Description	Projected Cost	Comments
3% projected salary increase for FY2026/27	\$341,305	A 3% pay raise is requested for the College's county-funded employees for FY2026/27. <b>Community college employees do not receive a cost-of-living increase.</b>
4.2% projected retirement rate increase for FY2026/27	\$73,336	The projected increase would be the same increase as state-funded employees.
4.8% projected medical insurance rate increase for FY2026/27	\$52,650	The projected increase would be the same increase as state-funded employees.
10% projected dental plan insurance rate increase for FY2026/27	\$29,651	The projected increase is based upon consultation with our dental provider.
<b>Total FY2026/27 salary/benefits</b>	<b>\$496,942</b>	

## Operating Costs – Existing Items

Operating costs for existing items is increasing 6.4% as indicated below.

Description	Projected Costs	Comments
Insurance & bonding premium increases	\$224,952	23.8% increase in insurance rates because of various actual and projected property and liability rate increases.
Utility increases	\$298,310	5% increase in gas, 8% increase in electricity, and 25% increase in water based on usage and projected rate increase.
Legal cost increase	\$10,000	Increase in need of counsel due to the growing complexity and number of legal issues.
Rent increase	\$30,422	4.4% increase in rental rates excluding the Union Square Campus.
<b>Total FY2026/27 Operating Requests</b>	<b>\$563,684</b>	

**Operating Costs – New and Special**

The request for rent increase is due to the expiration of the original lease for the Union Square Campus on July 31, 2026. The college currently pays \$150,000 a year in rent. The total rent is \$450,000 a year, but the college’s rent payment was offset over the ten-year lease with a credit for \$3 million in equipment (\$300,000 per year) that the college provided to the campus. That offset is no longer available in the new lease and, therefore, the college’s rent is increasing by \$300,000 annually.

The Union Square campus is vital to the college as the campus supports instruction for 140 GTCC Nursing students each term.

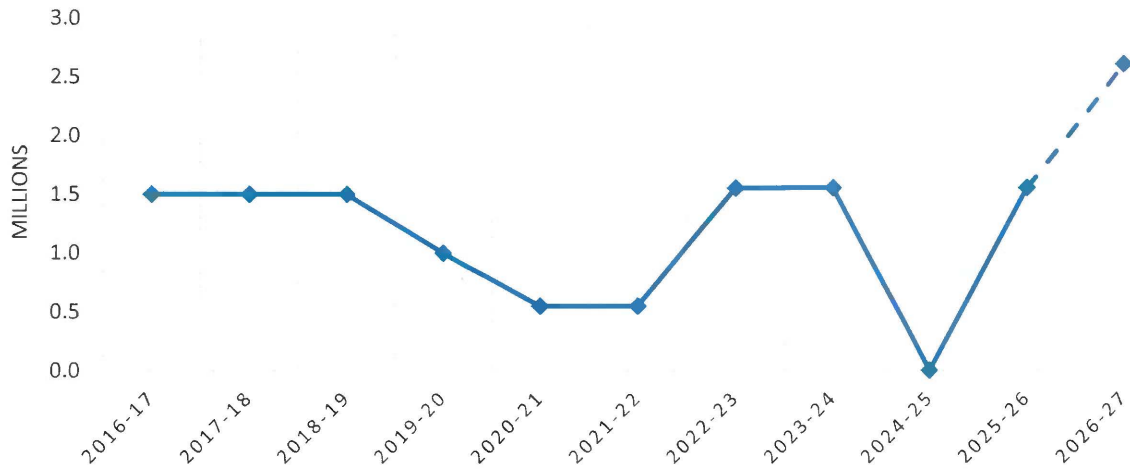
The new custodial and grounds positions are needed to service the new 70,000 square foot GTCC Aviation Center Building One which will be completed in Spring 2027.

<b>Description</b>	<b>Projected Total Costs</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Rent increase	\$300,000	47.3% increase in rental rates. The lease at Union Square, which houses some of our Allied Health programs, is scheduled for renewal on August 1, 2026. The projected increase is \$300,000. This campus currently supports instruction and training for 140 GTCC students per term.
5 new positions (custodial & grounds)	\$186,374	To cover additional needs with the new Aviation building opening in FY2026/27.
<b>Total FY2026/27 Operating Requests</b>	<b>\$486,374</b>	

**Capital Outlay**

The history of our capital outlay from the County is below. We have maintained our fifty-four buildings across five campuses with a \$1.5 million capital outlay for three of the last ten years and \$1.55 million for three of the last four years. This year we are asking for **\$2,600,000** to maintain our campuses.

## COUNTY CAPITAL ALLOCATION FY2017 TO FY2027



A list of proposed FY2026/27 annual local capital outlay projects are numbered in priority order below.

Priority	Project	Projected Cost	Comments
1	Replace Roof - Continuing Education Center (CEC) - Greensboro Campus	\$475,000	GTCC has been able to maintain our facilities in good repair by replacing roofs when they have met or exceeded their life expectancy.
2	Campus Building Automation Upgrades	325,000	Building automation controls are at the end of life. Parts are not available, and failures have increased.
3	Cooling Tower Central Energy Plant (CEP) - Jamestown Campus	275,000	This will allow us to add 300 tons of cooling capacity to our Jamestown Central Energy Plant. We recently installed a 300-ton chiller, but without a cooling tower it only provides redundancy not added capacity.
4	Light Efficiency Upgrades – All Campuses	450,000	This project was identified as a high return on investment opportunity by engineers reviewing energy efficiency opportunities across all GTCC’s facilities and infrastructure.

5	Underground Utility Study – Jamestown Campus	245,000	The water distribution system is near failure in some cases, and due to the age and lack of documentation we do not know where and how the pre-1980 systems are installed. This has resulted in failures due to ruptured pipes and larger impacts than necessary due to the inability to cut individual building services off. The study will document the entire system and provide recommendations for replacement or redesign to provide a more resilient and better documented system.
6	Metal Roof Cover for Medlin Utility Room – Jamestown Campus	125,000	The former utility spaces at the Medlin truck dock are a serious fall hazard and the continued exposure to rain and weather is deteriorating the structure. To preserve the structure and eliminate the fall hazard, we recommend topping the structure with a metal roof similar to the existing one at the campus store entrance.
<b>Priority</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Projected Cost</b>	<b>Comments</b>
7	Replace Roof - Medlin Annex – Jamestown Campus	280,000	GTCC has been able to maintain our facilities in good repair by replacing roofs when they have met or exceeded their life expectancy.
8	Phase I Water Pipe Replacement – Jamestown Campus	425,000	GTCC Jamestown campus was built over a 65-year period and much of the early water distribution pipes and valves are beyond end of life. We do not know how much of our existing water supply infrastructure is more than 40 years old. This Phase I work is to implement the recommended infrastructure improvements from the Study recommended in priority item #5 above.
<b>Total FY 2026/27 Local Capital Project Requests</b>		<b>\$2,600,000</b>	

Please let me know if we can provide any additional information.

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