

DEBT SERVICE FUND

The Debt Service Fund reports current financial resources restricted for the payment of principal and interest for long-term debt. The Debt Service Fund is operated in accordance with the debt policy section of the County’s financial policies.

LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of change in general long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Governmental Activities	Balance at June 30, 2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance at June 30, 2023
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 58,555,660	\$ 11,208,998	\$ (7,647,575)	\$ 62,117,083
Special Source Revenue Bonds	88,880,000	27,970,000	(6,745,000)	110,105,000
Recreation Revenue Bonds	5,251,000	-	(844,000)	4,407,000
Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds	85,431,417	2,871,207	(2,896,065)	85,406,559
Financed Purchased	18,193,545	7,000,000	(5,175,177)	20,018,368
Leases	2,247,574	3,164,209	(470,545)	4,941,238
Compensated Absences	11,764,318	11,365,078	(4,490,401)	18,638,995
Claims IBNR Payable	4,800,000	35,701,620	(34,901,620)	5,600,000
Net Pension Liability	176,509,333	161,878,206	(31,041,747)	307,345,792
Other Postemployment Benefit Liability	53,616,299	3,604,356	(27,561,535)	29,659,120
Total	\$ 505,249,146	\$ 264,763,674	\$ (121,773,665)	\$ 648,239,155

Source Greenville County Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (FY2023)

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS

General obligation bonds are used to finance a variety of public projects. The full faith and credit of the County backs these bonds. Article X, Section 14, of the constitution of the State of South Carolina, 1895, as amended (the “Constitution”), provides that counties shall have the power to incur bonded indebtedness in such a manner and upon such terms and conditions as the General Assembly shall prescribe by general law. General obligation debt may be incurred only for public and corporate purpose in an amount not exceeding 8% of the assessed value of all taxable property of such county. The County Bond Act provides that the governing bodies of the several counties of the State may issue general obligation bonds to defray the cost of any authorized purpose and for any amount not exceeding its applicable constitutional debt limit.

Under Article X, Section 14, of the Constitution, bonded indebtedness of the County existing on November 30, 1977, is not considered in determining the county’s 8% debt limitation. General obligation debt authorized by a majority vote of the qualified electors of the county voting in a referendum may be incurred without limitation as to amount.

In addition, Article X, Section 12 and Section 13, of the Constitution provides that bonded indebtedness may be incurred by counties for sewage disposal or treatment, fire protection, street lighting, garbage collection and disposal, water service, or any other service or facility benefiting only a particular geographical section of a county, provided a special assessment, tax or service charge, in an amount designed to provide debt service on bonded indebtedness, incurred for such purpose, shall be imposed upon the area or persons receiving the benefit therefrom; and general obligation debt so incurred shall not be considered in computing the bonded indebtedness of counties under the 8% debt limitation. In addition to the state limitation that general obligation debt not exceed 8% of assessed valuation, the County Financial Policies require that annual debt service not exceed 15% of the combined operating and capital budgets.

COUNTY'S DEBT LIMITATION	
Assessed Value, FY2023	\$ 3,070,934
Less Manufacturer's Abatements and Properties Pledges for SSRB Security	\$ (207,972)
Constitutional Debt Limit (8%) Valuation of Taxable Property	229,037
Outstanding Debt Subject to Limit	62,124
Net Amount of Debt Applicable to Limit	38,009
Debt Margin	\$ 191,028

Note: Amounts expressed in thousands

The County's general obligation debt service payments total \$6,790,632 for FY2024 and \$6,403,432 for FY2025. These payments include the following issues:

- \$7,700,000 issued in 2012 for the partial refunding of Series 2005
- \$20,115,000 issued in 2013 for the partial refunding of Series 2004, 2004A, and 2005A
- \$25,000,000 issued in 2014 for Greenville Technical College project
- \$8,880,000 issued in 2014 for the advanced refunding of Series 2006 and 2007
- \$10,080,000 issued in 2016 for the advanced refunding of Series 2011A, 2013D, and 2008C
- \$6,000,000 issued in 2023 for the magistrate office construction

The following chart depicts the annual requirements to amortize the County's general obligation debt.

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	TOTAL
2024	\$ 5,605,001	\$ 1,185,631	\$ 6,790,632
2025	\$ 5,375,000	\$ 1,028,432	\$ 6,403,432
2026	\$ 4,215,000	\$ 834,412	\$ 5,049,412
2027	\$ 3,510,000	\$ 694,362	\$ 4,204,362
2028	\$ 2,930,000	\$ 544,068	\$ 3,474,068
2029-2043	\$ 15,620,000	\$ 2,664,401	\$ 18,284,401
TOTAL	\$ 37,255,001	\$ 6,951,306	\$ 44,206,307

SPECIAL SOURCE REVENUE BONDS

The County issued Special Source Revenue Bonds beginning in 1996 to provide for specific county needs. These bonds are repaid primarily from fee-in-lieu-of-tax payments of certain designated properties located in multi-county parks within Greenville County. The annual requirements to amortize the County's Special Source Revenue Bonds are as follows:

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	TOTAL
2024	\$ 6,470,000	\$ 3,897,443	\$ 10,367,443
2025	\$ 6,750,000	\$ 3,978,589	\$ 10,728,589
2026	\$ 6,940,000	\$ 3,812,844	\$ 10,752,844
2027	\$ 7,105,000	\$ 3,622,204	\$ 10,727,204
2028	\$ 7,350,000	\$ 3,395,518	\$ 10,745,518
2029-2043	\$ 75,490,000	\$ 24,560,295	\$ 100,050,295
TOTAL	\$ 110,105,000	\$ 43,266,893	\$ 153,371,893

Each series is outlined below:

- Series 2012 issue of \$7,835,000 for partial refunding of Series 2003
- Series 2021A issue of \$26,160,000 for refunding Hospitality Tax Refunding
- Series 2021B issue of \$4,520,000 for financing Hospitality Tax project and costs of issuance
- Series 2021 issue of \$60,000,000 for financing costs of constructing roads, sidewalks, parking garage and other infrastructure
- Series 2023 issue of \$27,970,000 for financing costs for road revenue bonds

RECREATION REVENUE BONDS

The County issued Recreation Revenue Bonds in May 2020 to provide for recreation projects. These bonds are repaid primarily from a transfer from the Parks, Recreation, and Tourism special revenue fund. The annual requirements to amortize the County’s Recreation Revenue Bonds are as follows:

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	TOTAL
2024	\$ 682,000	\$ 83,138	\$ 765,138
2025	\$ 744,000	\$ 72,530	\$ 816,530
2026	\$ 401,000	\$ 59,024	\$ 460,024
2027	\$ 409,000	\$ 51,084	\$ 460,084
2028	\$ 418,000	\$ 42,986	\$ 460,986
2029-2032	\$ 1,753,000	\$ 87,595	\$ 1,840,595
TOTAL	\$ 4,407,000	\$ 396,357	\$ 4,803,357

Each series is outlined below:

- Series 2020A issue of \$1,820,000 for Recreation System Revenue Refunding Bonds
- Series 2020C issue of \$3,375,000 issue for Pavilion Recreation Complex and other capital improvements

INSTALLMENT PURCHASE REVENUE BONDS

The County issued County Square Redevelopment Revenue Bonds, Series 2021 and 2022 to refund a portion of the IPRB Bond Anticipation Notes and to pay costs of issuance. The annual requirements to amortize the County’s Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds are as follows:

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	TOTAL
2024	\$ 1,935,000	\$ 2,597,350	\$ 4,532,350
2025	\$ 2,025,000	\$ 2,511,600	\$ 4,536,600
2026	\$ 2,110,000	\$ 2,421,800	\$ 4,531,800
2027	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 2,328,200	\$ 4,528,200
2028	\$ 2,315,000	\$ 2,218,200	\$ 4,533,200
2029-2044	\$ 52,710,000	\$ 17,492,300	\$ 70,202,300
TOTAL	\$ 63,295,000	\$ 29,569,450	\$ 92,864,450

CAPITAL LEASES

Greenville County’s capital leases payable are a culmination of various contracts with a broad range of terms for machinery and equipment. The County’s capital lease arrangement with a commercial bank was initiated in FY1993. On April 17, 1997, the County adopted a Master Lease Agreement. A total of twenty-six leases have been issued under the Master Lease Agreement, twenty-five of which were for the acquisition of vehicles and equipment. Twenty-one master leases have been retired. The budget also includes projected leases for vehicle replacement and additions for both FY2024 and FY2025. The following chart reflects the projected annual requirements to amortize the current lease agreements for FY2024-FY2031:

YEAR ENDING JUNE 30	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST/FISCAL CHARGES	TOTAL
2024	\$ 5,272,211	\$ 354,279	\$ 5,626,490
2025	\$ 4,581,701	\$ 262,346	\$ 4,844,047
2026	\$ 3,805,625	\$ 179,302	\$ 3,984,927
2027	\$ 2,660,460	\$ 103,395	\$ 2,763,855
2028	\$ 1,682,576	\$ 60,310	\$ 1,742,886
2029-2031	\$ 2,015,795	\$ 52,196	\$ 2,067,991
TOTAL	\$ 20,018,368	\$ 1,011,828	\$ 21,030,196

TOTAL DEBT SERVICE OBLIGATIONS

The following chart shows the total current debt obligations of the County for all debt service funds.

	General Obligation Bonds	Installment Purchase Revenue Bonds	Special Source Revenue Bonds	Revenue Recreation Bonds	Capital Leases	Total Debt Service
Principal						
2024	5,605,001	1,935,000	6,470,000	682,000	5,272,211	19,964,212
2025	5,375,000	2,025,000	6,750,000	744,000	4,581,701	19,475,701
2026	4,215,000	2,110,000	6,940,000	401,000	3,805,625	17,471,625
2027	3,510,000	2,200,000	7,105,000	409,000	2,660,460	15,884,460
2028	2,930,000	2,315,000	7,350,000	418,000	1,682,576	14,695,576
2029-2044	15,620,000	52,710,000	75,490,000	1,753,000	2,015,795	147,588,795
Total Principal	\$ 37,255,001	\$ 63,295,000	\$ 110,105,000	\$ 4,407,000	\$ 20,018,368	\$ 235,080,369
Interest						
2024	1,185,631	2,597,350	3,897,443	83,138	354,279	8,117,841
2025	1,028,432	2,511,600	3,978,589	72,530	262,346	7,853,497
2026	834,412	2,421,800	3,812,844	59,024	179,302	7,307,382
2027	694,362	2,328,200	3,622,204	51,084	103,395	6,799,245
2028	544,068	2,218,200	3,395,518	42,986	60,310	6,261,082
2029-2044	2,664,401	17,492,300	24,560,295	87,595	52,196	44,856,787
Total Interest	\$ 6,951,306	\$ 29,569,450	\$ 43,266,893	\$ 396,357	\$ 1,011,828	\$ 81,195,834
Debt Service						
2024	6,790,632	4,532,350	10,367,443	765,138	5,626,490	28,082,053
2025	6,403,432	4,536,600	10,728,589	816,530	4,844,047	27,329,198
2026	5,049,412	4,531,800	10,752,844	460,024	3,984,927	24,779,007
2027	4,204,362	4,528,200	10,727,204	460,084	2,763,855	22,683,705
2028	3,474,068	4,533,200	10,745,518	460,986	1,742,886	20,956,658
2029-2044	18,284,401	70,202,300	100,050,295	1,840,595	2,067,991	192,445,582
Total Debt Service	\$ 44,206,307	\$ 92,864,450	\$ 153,371,893	\$ 4,803,357	\$ 21,030,196	\$ 316,276,203