

Article 46 Sales Tax

Website: <http://orangecountync.gov/finance/Article46/Article46SalesTax>

The Article 46 One-Quarter Cent (1/4 cent) County Sales and Use Tax was approved by Orange County voters in the November 2011 election, and became effective April 1, 2012. A Special Revenue Fund has been established to receive and account for the One-Quarter Cent (1/4 cent) Sales and Use Tax proceeds. The sales and use tax proceeds are divided 50% to the County's two school systems and 50% to Economic Development initiatives. The funds will remain separate from the County's General Fund to allow for more isolated and accurate tracking of revenues and expenditures. The Board of County Commissioners approved a ten-year commitment to allocate the proceeds as follows:

- 50% of the funding will be allocated in an equitable manner between the County's two school systems, based on the Average Daily Membership (ADM) of each school system, for the dedicated purpose of funding capital projects, including but not limited to, facility improvements at older schools and the procurement of technology.
- 50% of the funding will be allocated to Economic Development initiatives.

The tables below reflect proposed uses of the anticipated proceeds of \$2,772,980 by the two school systems and Economic Development in FY 2014-15:

School Systems Proposed Use for FY 2014-15	Amount
Technology – Student Access Computing Devices (Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools)	\$ 426,345
Facility Improvements at Older Schools (Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools)	\$ 426,345
Technology – 1:1 Laptops Initiative (District-Wide – Orange County Schools)	\$ 533,800
TOTAL	\$1,386,490

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Economic Development Proposed Use for FY 2014-15	Amount
Debt Service on Infrastructure	\$ 836,490
Utility Service Agreement with Mebane	\$ 50,000
Collaborative Outreach	\$ 20,000
Small Business Loan Pool	\$ 200,000
Collateral Materials	\$ 20,000
Innovation Center	\$ 100,000
Agricultural Economic Development	\$ 60,000
Business Investment Grants	\$ 100,000
TOTAL	\$1,386,490

The FY 2014-19 Capital Investment Plan lays out more specifically the projects and initiatives that are planned with the proceeds over the next five (5) years.