

## FY 2024 Budget preview

### **FREE CASH**

For the second year in a row we have a strong free cash amount available. Certified free cash as of 7/1/2022 is \$1,189,798.

#### **Large Contributors to Free Cash:**

FY22 Room Excise above estimate	\$	206,575
FY22 Motor Vehicle Excise above estimate		124,769
FY22 High School RSD assessment reduced due to excess E&D		111,162
FY22 Up-island RSD assessment reduced due to excess E&D		83,597
Dukes County (FY22 Assessment reduction, FY21 Assessment refund, Project Refunds)		81,284
FY22 Health Insurance unexpended		68,325
FY22 Council on Aging staff changes		30,320
FY22 Increased rent on town properties		21,803
Free cash from prior year - unused		89,231
Total of above	\$	817,066

### **ARPA**

West Tisbury has received \$303,957 in ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. A change in ARPA rules allows any amount under \$10 million to be considered recovery of “loss revenue” and may be used for any municipal use (with two exceptions—may not be used for debt service or to fund pension plans). In other words, it can be used like free cash—for any town projects or even as an additional revenue source to decrease the tax levy.

### **EXCESS LEVY CAPACITY**

When we set the tax rate for FY23 in the near future, our excess levy capacity may exceed \$450,000. This is well above what we thought back in February when we thought we would be close to the levy limit. The main reason for the change was due an increase in state cherry sheet revenue mostly due to a \$278,000 increase in the payment in lieu of taxes for state owned land. Also based on final FY22 local revenue receipts, we were able to increase our estimated FY23 revenues used on the tax recap to lower the tax levy.