



Financial Update

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Agenda

- CAFR Award
- Free Cash Certification
- Release of FY20 Capital Budget
- Release of University Station FY20 Public Safety Budget Funds



CAFR – GFOA Award

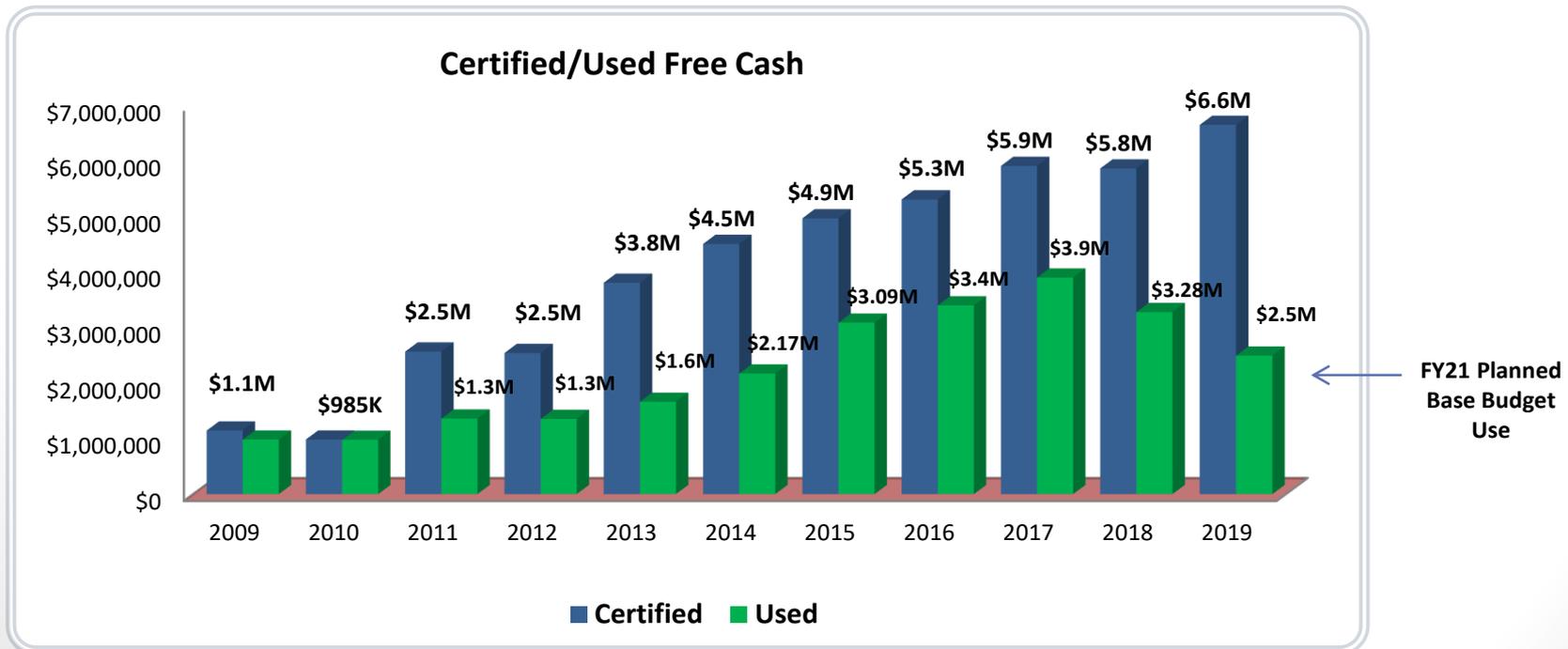
- The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting.
- Reflects the Select Board’s goal of professionalism and transparency with the Town’s finances.
- FY18 CAFR – Westwood’s 22nd consecutive award
- Only 45 cities and towns in Massachusetts receive an award each year (13%)
- Fellow Recipients:

Municipality	Number of Consecutive Years of Awards
Cambridge	33
Worcester	26
Boston	24
Hingham	23
Westwood	22

- Most other recipients have won between 2 and 10 consecutive awards.

Free Cash – Strong Position

- Free cash certification as of 6/30/2019 – \$6,637,200
 - Free cash stabilized and strong.
 - Good FY19 budget to actual results.
 - Continued strong motor vehicle revenue.
- Disciplined use of prior year balance.
 - Not applied to operating budgets.
 - In line with policy.
 - Not using full allowance.
 - Applying additional amounts to capital needs and other one time uses.



- Financial policy target approximately \$3.3M unallocated

History of Free Cash Use

- Certified Free Cash as of July 1, 2019 is \$6,637,200
- Disciplined use of free cash balance.
 - Not applied to operating budgets. Not using full allowance.
 - In line with Financial Policy, apply higher amounts to capital needs, not operating budget.
- FY20 current budget uses :
 - Base
 - \$2,339,000 for base school and municipal capital
 - \$125,000 for Stabilization
 - Additional
 - Capital of \$824,500

Certified Date	July 2019	July 2018	July 2017	July 2016	July 2015	July 2014	July 2013	July 2012	July 2011	July 2010
Amount	\$ 6,637,200	\$5,854,683	\$5,900,219	\$5,386,795	\$4,961,737	\$4,502,878	\$3,806,582	\$2,547,593	\$2,572,798	\$985,616
Proposed 2020 ATM:										
Fall Town Meeting/ Other			\$801,000	\$256,000	\$456,000	\$155,000				
Stabilization	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$500,000	\$344,000	
Capital	\$2,339,000	\$3,163,500	\$2,198,118	\$1,769,050	\$1,652,050	\$1,523,000	\$1,308,150	\$800,000	\$700,000	\$700,000
Articles			\$861,000	\$1,295,000	\$883,000	\$401,509	\$260,500	\$58,000	\$320,000	\$280,000
Total Used	\$ 2,464,000	\$3,288,500	\$3,960,118	\$3,420,050	\$3,091,050	\$2,179,509	\$1,668,650	\$1,358,000	\$1,364,000	\$980,000
Unallocated	\$ 4,173,200	\$2,566,183	\$1,940,101	\$1,966,745	\$1,870,687	\$2,323,369	\$2,137,932	\$1,189,593	\$1,208,798	\$5,616

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FY20 Capital Budget Release

- At May 2019 Town Meeting, \$4,796,000 in capital was approved for FY20
- The first quarter capital already released in the amount of \$3,826,840
- At this time, there remains \$969,160 to be released.
- This tool of releasing the capital each quarter may be amended. A change in policy is being recommended at this time.
 - Commitment to capital approved at Town Meeting.
 - Majority of capital is needed in first quarter:
 - Summer is when many Schools projects occur
 - Town departments order large vehicles in summer.

Select Board Release of University Station Direct Services Budget Funds

- Town Meeting voted approval of \$537,500 for Direct Services Public Safety needs.
- This requires approval by the Select Board to proceed with funding into the operating budget.

University Station Funding		
Department/Budget	Item	Amount Requested
Fire	2 new firefighters (\$129K), adjustment to overtime (\$87.5K)	\$216,500
Police	2 new police officers (\$102K), adjustment to overtime (\$152K)	\$254,000
Police/Fire Shared	Communications Center Director	\$67,000
	Total	\$537,500

- Since 2014 the Town has been able to fund 23 additional Public Service positions and strengthen Public Safety services with University Station funding.

