



FINANCE DEPARTMENT

2026 Operating and 5-Year CIP Budget Presentation

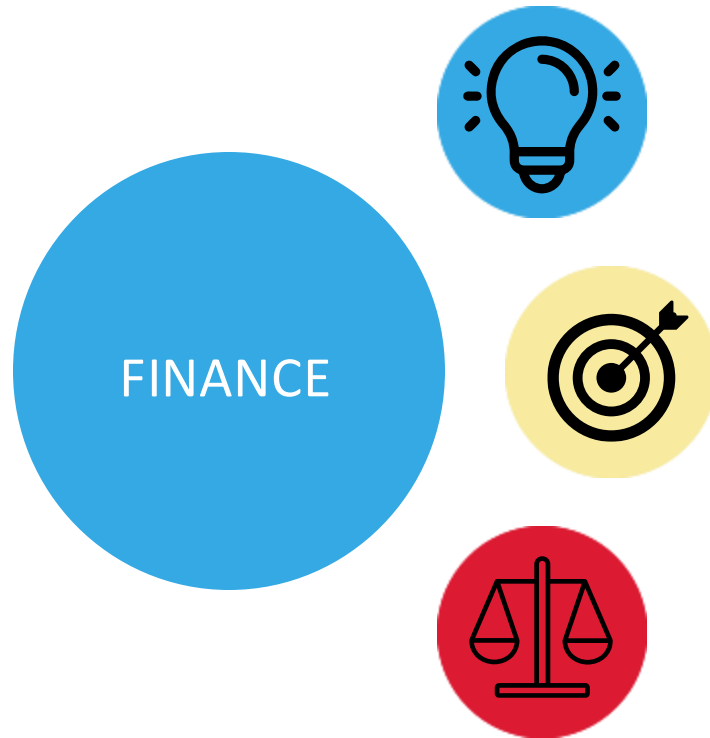
FY26 – Budget Requests

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Vision, Mission & Values

Department Statements



VISION

- Strategic Partnership and Value Creation
- Automation and technology
- Data-Driven Insights and Performance
- Innovation and Continuous Improvement
- Excellence in Customer Service

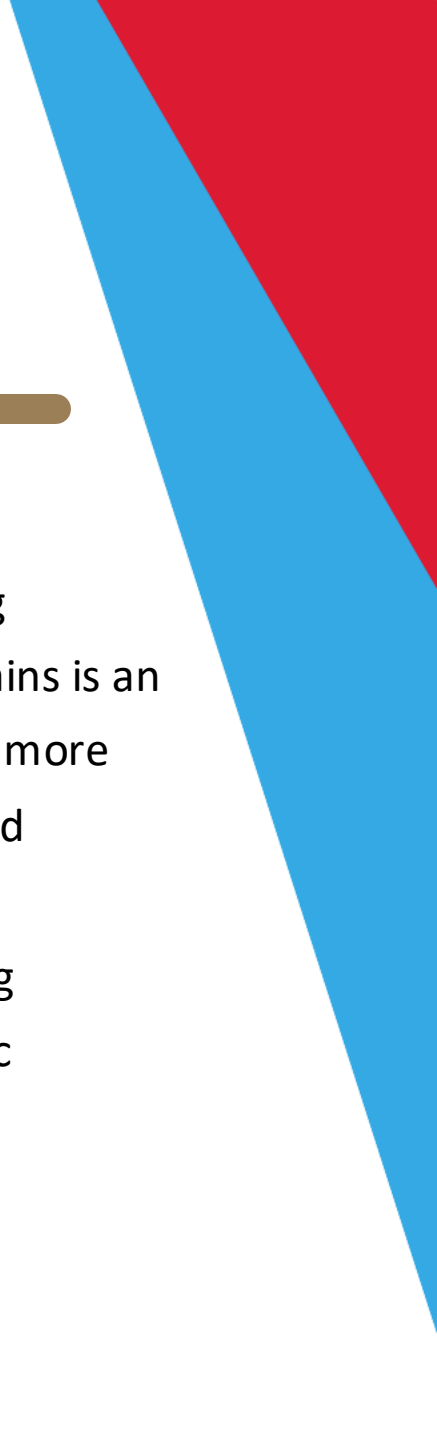
MISSION

- The mission of the Finance Department is to provide leadership, operational oversight, and system coordination of financial products and services for Rockdale County. We add value with accurate, insightful, and timely information, analysis, and solutions that promote informed decision making.

VALUES

- The core values of the Finance Department are integrity, accuracy, efficiency, and ensuring ethical practices, precise financial reporting, and streamlined operations.

Opportunities & Challenges



SUCSESSES

- GFOA 2025 Budget Book Presentation Award 2nd year
- 2023 Audit Complete with no findings
- 2025 budget recommendation and passage

OPPORTUNITIES

- Knowledgeable tenured staff
- Work towards more innovation and efficiency

CHALLENGES

- Financial Accounting Software – Great Plains is an ERP software that is more than 20 years old and considered obsolete
- Grants Team Staffing
- Navigating Economic Uncertainty

FY25 Goals & Initiatives

Department's Reimagine Rockdale Strategic Plan

- **Reporting**
 - Monthly reporting of budget to actuals and adoption of amendments by the BOC throughout the year as changes are made.
 - Preparation of the 2026 budget book and submission to GFOA.
- **Compliance** - Clean audit for 2024 and submission to GFOA.
- **Automation & Technology**
 - ACH Project – Go live in August with 30% of vendors on board by end of 2025
 - One Meeting Implementation
 - Acquisition of new Accounting Software.
- **Grants** - Elevate the integrity of Rockdale County's grant process for greater funding opportunities, compliance, reimbursement, and service to all officials and departments.

Operating Budget Summary

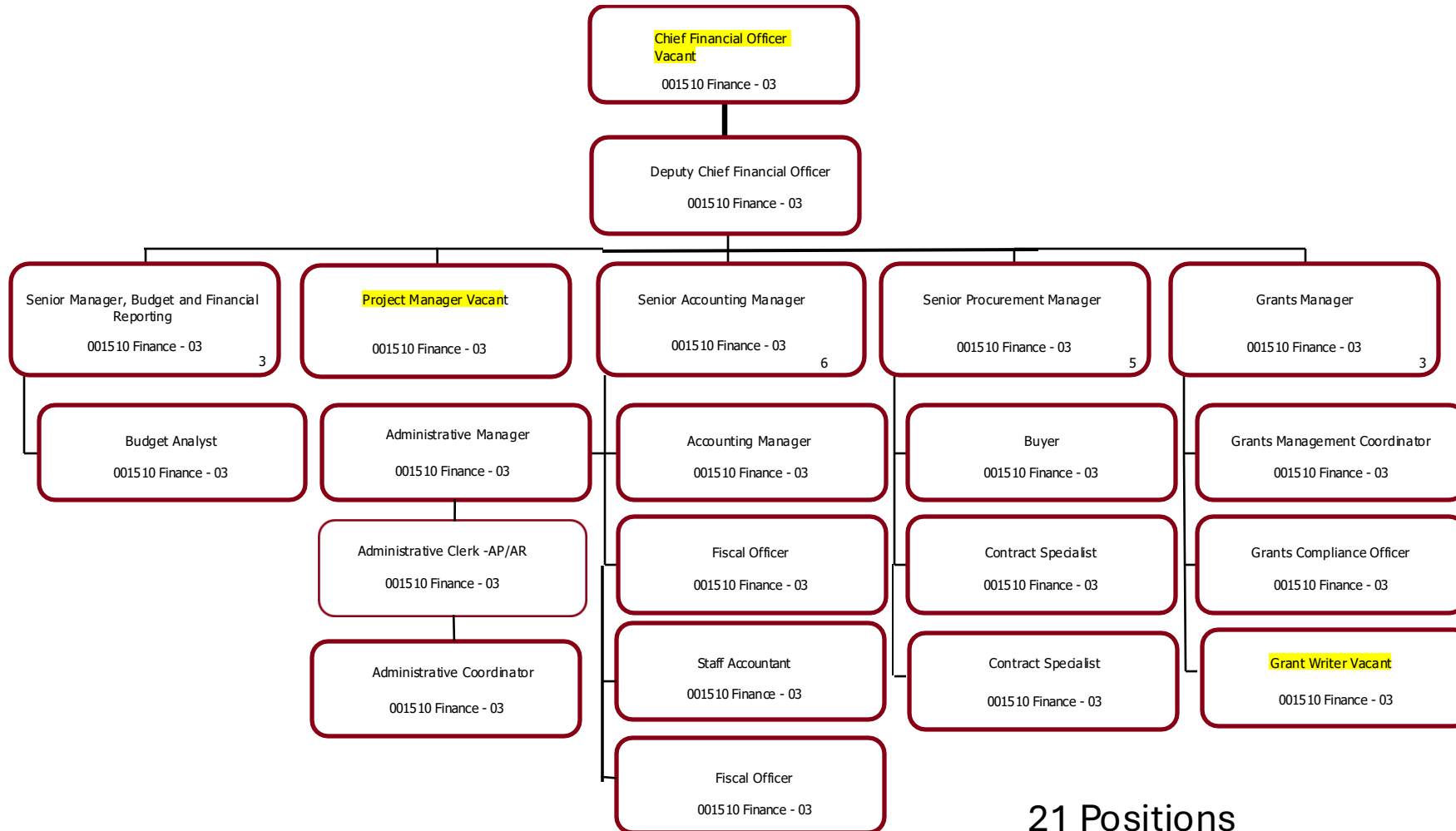
	Budget FY 2025	Proposed FY 2026	Change
Total Operating Expenses	\$15,511,501	\$2,285,668	-\$13,225,833
Total Personnel Services & Benefits	\$2,060,015	\$2,066,775	\$6,760
Total Est. Budget impact	\$17,571,516	\$4,352,443	-\$13,219,073

Operating Budget Changes

- All debt payments (PFA, Land Acquisition, and Costley Mill) moved to non-departmental fund
 - JAC Bond Payment \$5,500,000
 - Sigman Road Bond Payment \$ 904,899
 - Costley Mill Bond Payment \$1,090,446
- Supplemental funding for E-911 and Drug Testing Lab moved to non-departmental
- Street Lighting budget moved to non-departmental
- \$3.5 million budgeted for Capital in non-departmental

Finance Current Organizational Chart

Fiscal Year 2025 & 2026 – No Requests



21 Positions
3 Currently Vacant

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5-Year Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) 2026-2030

Rockdale County Finance Department
Five Year Capital Improvement Plan
 Fiscal Year 2026-2030

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	Five Year Total
Automotive Equipment						
Technology Programs & Improvements	\$1,200,000					\$1,200,000
Construction & Heavy Equipment						
Building Improvements/Renovations/Expansions						
New Buildings						
TOTALS	\$1,200,000					\$1,200,000

- Bid draft has been prepared and is ready for release upon final review.
- Project Manager to manage ERP implementation already included in org plan so no new staff needed.



Thank You!