

How Do We Fix It?

There isn't a single quick fix to Berkley's financial challenges—it will take a combination of careful planning, transparent communication, and community decision-making. The first step is understanding the true cost of running the town and the gap between what we spend and what we're allowed to raise under state law. From there, the community can consider a range of options: increasing local revenues, improving financial efficiency, pursuing grants and shared services, or potentially asking voters to approve a Proposition 2½ override. Each option comes with tradeoffs that must be clearly understood before decisions are made.

Long-term, Berkley will need to strengthen its financial systems, modernize Town Hall operations, and ensure competitive pay to retain qualified staff. The SAVE Task Force's role is to provide accurate information, outline the facts, and help residents evaluate the paths forward—so that together, we can create a sustainable, balanced future for Berkley.