

What We Need

Berkley needs a sustainable financial plan that reflects the real cost of maintaining essential town services. Departments across the board have reached a breaking point: Police and Fire are operating with minimal staffing; Highway equipment is aging and difficult to replace; and the Library, Council on Aging, and other community services are stretched thin. Town Hall has too few staff to keep up with financial management, grant writing, or long-term planning—limiting our ability to bring in new revenue or reduce costs elsewhere. These challenges are not the result of overspending, but of a revenue structure that has not kept pace with the cost of operations. Moving forward, Berkley must identify new, ongoing sources of funding to sustain core services and maintain safety, accessibility, and quality of life. Potential solutions could include increased local revenue, new grant funding, or a Proposition 2½ override—options that residents will ultimately decide. The SAVE Task Force’s goal is to provide transparent information and a clear understanding of the tradeoffs each option presents, so the community can make informed choices about Berkley’s financial future.