



GWINNETT COUNTY  
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**Informal Briefing Minutes**

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 – 10:30 AM

Present: Nicole L. Hendrickson, Kirkland D. Carden, Ben Ku, Jasper Watkins III, Marlene M. Fosque

**1. Community Services**

Public Library Update

Gwinnett Public Library Executive Director Charles Pace provided an overview of services and programs. No official action taken.



# GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY



# LIBRARY HISTORY

- 1. Gwinnett County Public Library History and Authority
  - Authority under Title 20 Chapter 5 of state law
  - Established in 1996 following the dissolution of the Gwinnett-Forsyth Regional Library
- 2. Governed by a 5-member board of directors appointed by the County Commission
- 3. Employees work for the Library District and not for the County or state.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF SERVICE

We offer video or telephone Book-a-Librarian and Book-a-Children's Librarian services to connect adults, families and kids to helpful library resources on topics such as early literacy and career development.

## GRANTS SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY WORK

Via grant funding from Google and the American Library Association, GCPL launched a small business incubator program in fall 2020 designed for citizens who have been in jail or prison and experience enhanced difficulty in finding employment or opportunities to build their own businesses



# PARTNERSHIPS

Through partnerships with Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, Atlanta Community Food Bank, Lettum Eat! Inc., and the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, we have distributed 312,000 lbs of food to over 41,000 individuals.



THROUGH OUR BRANCH OUT PARTNERSHIP, GCPL WORKS WITH GWINNETT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE LIBRARY CARDS TO ALL 180,000 STUDENTS, WHICH GIVES THEM ACCESS TO ALL OF THE LIBRARY'S RESOURCES, INCLUDING ONLINE TUTORING, A SERVICE THAT BECAME ESPECIALLY CRITICAL DURING THE COVID19SHUTDOWN.



## WHAT WE BRING TO THE COMMUNITY



- According to a study done by the UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government, every \$1 put into the library produces \$4.26 in services and positive economic impacts. The state average was \$3.21 from every \$1 invested.



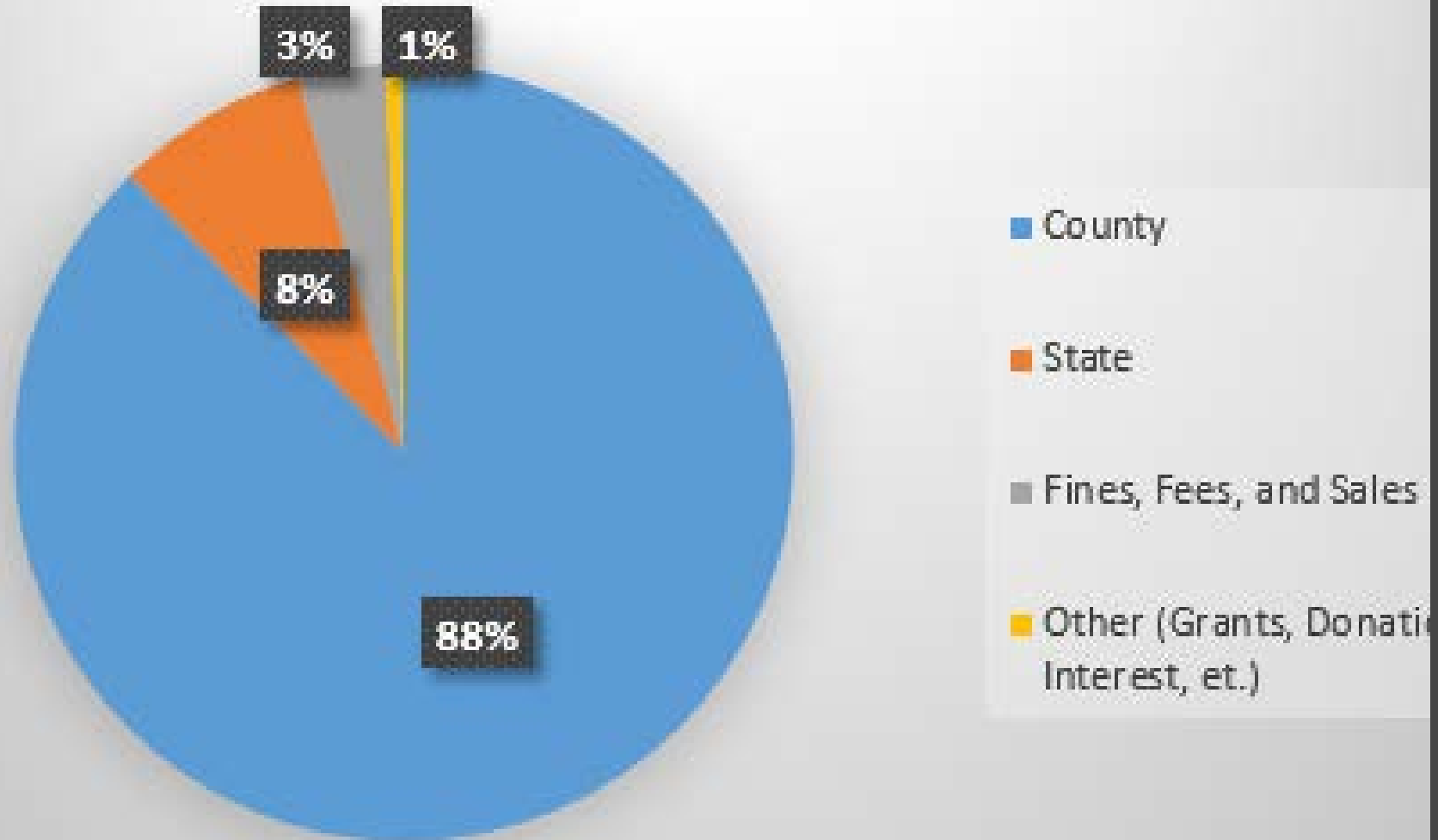
# 2019 FINANCIAL

COUNTY \$18,782,929  
STATE \$ 1,722,655

FINES, FEES, AND SALES \$769,900  
OTHER \$ 165,580

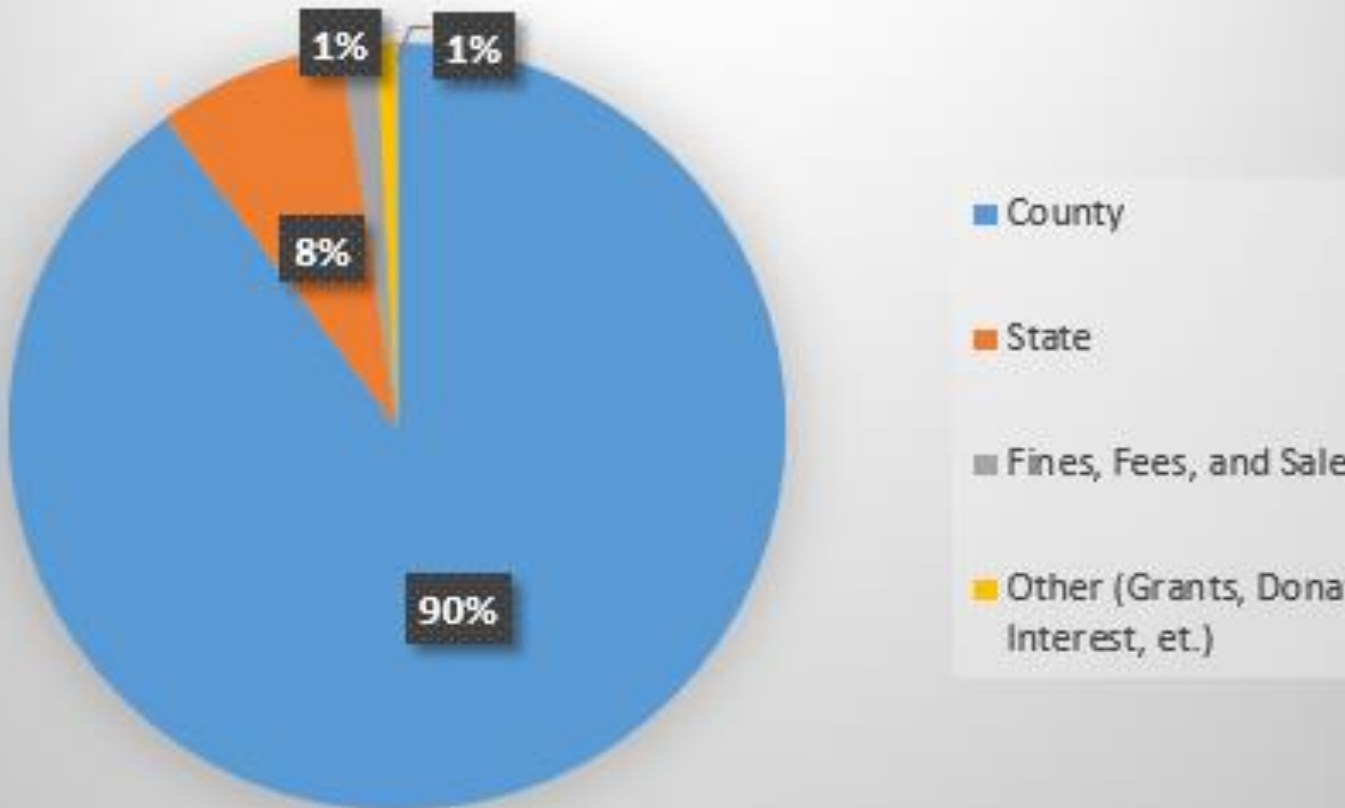
GRANTS AND DONATIONS \$ 84,688  
INTEREST \$ 59,118  
OTHER \$ 15,356  
FEDERAL \$ 6,418

## Source of Funds 2019



# 2020 FINANCIAL

## Source of Funds FY 2020



### FY2020 FUNDING SOURCES:

COUNTY \$19,549,926  
STATE \$1,701,665  
FINES, FEES AND SALES \$331,302  
OTHER \$178,757

GRANTS AND DONATIONS \$131,917  
INTEREST \$23,290  
FEDERAL \$18,574  
OTHER \$ 4,976

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QUESTIONS?