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## News Release

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### **Carolina Beach Launches Financial Transparency Center**

**CAROLINA BEACH, NC** – The Town of Carolina Beach has partnered with ClearGov, a leading municipal transparency and benchmarking platform, to launch an infographic-based fiscal transparency center. The new easy-to-understand tool provides taxpayers an in-depth view into the finances of every department in the local government. The site also provides visual insights into the town's demographics and housing trends.

Carolina Beach is the first town in North Carolina to leverage the ClearGov platform to increase transparency of the local government. The Town has added detailed revenues and expenditures breakdowns of its general fund budget, as well as utilities funds. The Town has also added commentary to many of the metrics and graphs on the site to help lend context to the figures for residents.

Carolina Beach is part of a growing movement of North Carolina municipalities that are taking transparency to a new level on ClearGov platform, which also showcases basic profiles of every municipality in the state utilizing data from the NC Department of the State Treasurer.

You can visit Carolina Beach's ClearGov site by visiting our website, or clicking on the following link:

<http://www.cleargov.com/north-carolina/new-hanover/town/carolina-beach/2018>