



Utilities

Approved FY18 Budget
\$26,235,645

Full Time Equivalents
0.00

Mission Statement

The goals of the County Government relating to utility consumption are to:

- achieve energy savings by the elimination of wasteful or inefficient operation of building systems;
- continue improvements in energy efficiency in all County operations; and
- obtain required energy fuels at the most favorable cost to the County.

HIGHLIGHTS

The County owns, operates, and/or maintains 431 facilities totaling 10,565,056 square feet. The Department of General Services manages the payment for 1,402 separately metered utility accounts for these facilities, streetlights, and traffic-controlled signalized intersections.

Budget Overview

The FY18 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$26,235,645 an increase of \$455,152 or 1.8 percent from the FY17 Approved Budget of \$25,780,493. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 76.0 percent; natural gas, 7.4 percent; water and sewer, 7.4 percent; other utilities, 7.3 percent; renewable energy, 0.9 percent; fuel oil, 0.8 percent; and propane, 0.2 percent. The County Council imposed a cost reduction of \$150,000 for assumed non-specific energy savings. The approved budget for utilities is \$150,000 below the amount recommended by the County Executive.

The FY18 Approved Budget includes County government utilities expenditures for both tax and non-tax supported operations. Tax supported utilities expenditures related to the General Fund departments are budgeted in the Utilities NDA, while utilities expenditures related to special fund departments are budgeted in those funds. Some of these special funds, such as Recreation and portions of the Department of Transportation, are tax supported. Other special funds, such as Solid Waste, are not supported by taxes, but through user fees or charges for services.

Utilities expenditures are also found in the budgets of other County agencies: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Montgomery College, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The total utilities budget request for these "outside" agencies is \$73,316,759 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY18 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$26,235,645) and the other tax supported funds (\$3,736,445), is \$29,972,090, an increase of \$355,152 or approximately 1.2 percent from the FY17 Approved utilities budget. The FY18 Approved budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$5,268,645, a \$0 increase from the FY17 Approved Budget.

In both the tax and non-tax supported funds, utilities expenditures result primarily from higher commodity unit costs due to market price fluctuations; greater consumption due to new facilities or services; and in some cases, a more precise alignment of budgeted costs with actual prior-year expenditures by utility type. Energy conservation and cost-saving measures (e.g., new building design, lighting technology, and energy and HVAC management systems) are assumed to offset increased utility consumption for new facilities and higher unit costs.

Linkage to County Result Areas

While this program area supports all eight of the County Result Areas, the following are emphasized:

- ◆ **An Effective and Efficient Transportation Network**
- ◆ **Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods**

Program Contacts

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BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY16	Budget FY17	Estimate FY17	Approved FY18	%Chg Bud/App
COUNTY GENERAL FUND					
EXPENDITURES					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Personnel Costs	0	0	0	0	—
Operating Expenses	25,181,827	25,780,493	25,780,493	26,235,645	1.8 %
County General Fund Expenditures	25,181,827	25,780,493	25,780,493	26,235,645	1.8 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—

FY18 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY17 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	25,780,493	0.00
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: FY 18 Increase due to unit costs and consumption changes	530,885	0.00
Increase Cost: Additional Utilities for 1401 Rockville Pike, Rockville MD	74,267	0.00
Decrease Cost: Non-specific Council Reduction	(150,000)	0.00

FY18 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
FY18 APPROVED	26,235,645	0.00

FUTURE FISCAL IMPACTS

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Title	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY18 Approved	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Subtotal Expenditures	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236	26,236

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