



Utilities

APPROVED FY20 BUDGET

\$25,977,301

FULL TIME EQUIVALENTS

0.00

 DAVID DISE, DIRECTOR

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.

The Department of General Services manages the payment for over 1,500 separately metered utility accounts for these County facilities, streetlights, and traffic control signalized intersections.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The County has installed 7.6 megawatts of solar and other clean energy technologies on County facilities. To date, the program has produced enough clean energy to power more than 800 homes and lowering greenhouse gas emissions as much as planting 192,000 trees.
- Installed microgrids at the Public Safety Headquarters and the Montgomery County Correctional Facility that now produce clean energy and low-carbon energy to meet the energy needs of these crucial facilities, and enable them to operate independent of the energy grid during normal operations and prolonged power outages.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The FY20 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$25,977,301 a decrease of \$258,445 or 0.99 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget of \$26,235,746. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 79.8 percent; natural gas, 7.4 percent; water and sewer, 12.1 percent; fuel oil, 0.3 percent; and propane, 0.2 percent.

The FY20 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 \$71,157,286 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY20 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$25,977,301) and the other tax supported funds (\$3,883,272), is \$29,860,573, an decrease of \$133,618 or approximately 0.4 percent from the FY19 Approved utilities budget. The FY20 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,906,775, a decrease of \$236,758 or approximately 4.6 percent from the FY19 Approved Budget.

In both the tax and non-tax supported funds, utilities expenditures result primarily from commodity unit costs due to market price fluctuations; consumption changes due to new facilities, systems, 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.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES

While this program area supports all seven of the County Executive's Priority Outcomes, the following are emphasized:

-  **Easier Commutes**
-  **Safe Neighborhoods**

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Angela Dizelos of the Department of General Services/Utilities Management at 240.777.6028 or Naeem Mia of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2786 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY18	Budget FY19	Estimate FY19	Approved FY20	%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	24,662,067	26,235,746	25,586,582	25,977,301	-1.0 %
County General Fund Expenditures	24,662,067	26,235,746	25,586,582	25,977,301	-1.0 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—

FY20 APPROVED CHANGES

		Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND			
		FY19 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	26,235,746 0.00
<u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u>			
Increase Cost: New facilities: Wheaton Library/Recreation Center, Kensington Fire Station addition, and Glen Echo Park [Utilities]		356,555	0.00
Decrease Cost: Energy Efficiency Savings [Utilities]		(615,000)	0.00
		FY20 APPROVED	25,977,301 0.00

FUTURE FISCAL IMPACTS

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Title	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY20 Approved	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Subtotal Expenditures	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977	25,977

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