



Utilities

APPROVED FY21 BUDGET

\$25,245,719

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.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The FY21 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$25,245,719 a decrease of \$731,532 or 2.8 percent from the FY20 Approved Budget of \$25,977,301. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 77.7 percent; natural gas, 9.9 percent; water and sewer, 9.7 percent; fuel oil, 0.1 percent; propane, 0.1 percent; and renewable energy, 0.9 percent. Contract expenses comprise the remaining 1.6 percent.

The FY21 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 \$72,793,448 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY21 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$25,245,719) and the other tax supported funds (\$3,955,772), is \$29,201,491, an decrease of \$719,085 or approximately 2.4 percent from the FY20

Approved utilities budget. The FY21 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,895,567, a decrease of \$11,209 or approximately 0.2 percent from the FY20 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 FY19	Budget FY20	Estimate FY20	Approved FY21	%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	25,638,023	25,977,301	24,378,866	25,245,719	-2.8 %
County General Fund Expenditures	25,638,023	25,977,301	24,378,866	25,245,719	-2.8 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—

FY21 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
	FY20 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	25,977,301 0.00
Changes (with service impacts)		

FY21 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
Reduce: Streetlight Efficiency Savings [Utilities]	(300,000)	0.00
Reduce: Savings for Phased Re-opening of County Facilities due to COVID-19 [Utilities]	(300,000)	0.00
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Decrease Cost: Reduction in Utilities Costs [Utilities]	(131,582)	0.00
FY21 APPROVED	25,245,719	0.00

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED (\$000S)

Title	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY21 Approved	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Subtotal Expenditures	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246	25,246

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