



Utilities

APPROVED FY22 BUDGET

\$23,716,495

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 FY22 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities Non-Departmental Account (NDA) is \$23,716,495, a decrease of \$1,529,224 or 6.1 percent from the FY21 Approved Budget of \$25,245,719. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 75.4 percent; natural gas, 10.5 percent; water and sewer, 10.2 percent; fuel oil, 0.1 percent; and propane, 0.1 percent. Renewable energy and other expenses total 3.7 percent.

The FY22 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 FY22 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$23,716,495) and the other tax supported funds (\$3,600,772), is \$27,317,267, a decrease of \$1,884,224 or approximately 6.5 percent below the FY21

Approved utilities budget. The FY22 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,576,590, a decrease of \$330,502 below the FY21 Approved Budget.

Increased utilities expenditures result primarily from greater consumption due to new facilities or services, increased rates, 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, energy, and HVAC management systems) help offset increased utility consumption and higher unit costs. Reductions in energy consumption at County facilities due to telework also contribute to reduced utility expenditures. Renewable energy includes the purchase of credits to offset fossil fuel purchases.

COUNTY PRIORITY OUTCOMES

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

-  **Easier Commutes**
-  **A Greener County**

PROGRAM CONTACTS

Contact Angela Dizelos of the Department of General Services/Utilities Management at 240.777.6028 or Gary Nalven of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2779 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY20	Budget FY21	Estimate FY21	Approved FY22	%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	23,938,495	25,245,719	23,345,719	23,716,495	-6.1 %
County General Fund Expenditures	23,938,495	25,245,719	23,345,719	23,716,495	-6.1 %
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—

FY22 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		

FY22 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
FY21 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	25,245,719	0.00
Changes (with service impacts)		
Add: Bus Depot Microgrid [Utilities]	382,546	0.00
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Decrease Cost: Utilities Savings at County Facilities [Utilities]	(597,513)	0.00
Decrease Cost: Street Light Efficiency Improvement [Utilities]	(1,314,257)	0.00
FY22 APPROVED	23,716,495	0.00

FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED (\$000S)

Title	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27
COUNTY GENERAL FUND						
EXPENDITURES						
FY22 Approved	23,716	23,716	23,716	23,716	23,716	23,716
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
Brookville Microgrid Payments	0	949	2,103	3,084	3,320	3,320
These payments fund the solar microgrid installation at the Brookville Bus Depot in Silver Spring. In the future, a portion of these costs will be charged to the Transit budget where there will also be offsetting fuel cost savings. The exact cost allocations will vary based on the pace and scope of bus fleet electrification.						
Restoration of Costs to Pre-COVID-19 Levels	0	598	598	598	598	598
Subtotal Expenditures	23,716	25,263	26,417	27,398	27,634	27,634

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