



# Utilities

## APPROVED FY24 BUDGET

\$24,276,203

## 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 total approved FY24 Operating Budget for the Utilities Non-Departmental Account is \$24,276,203, an increase of \$1,539,866 or 6.77 percent from the FY23 Approved Budget of \$22,736,337. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 65 percent; natural gas, 10 percent; water and sewer, 9 percent. Renewable energy and other expenses total 16 percent.

The FY24 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, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) Water, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The total utilities budget request for these "outside" agencies is \$83,661,976 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY24 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$24,276,203) and the other tax supported funds (\$4,604,165), is \$28,880,368, an increase of \$1,539,866 or approximately 5.63 percent above the FY23 Approved utilities budget of \$27,340,502. The FY24 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,006,114, a decrease of \$399,997 from the FY23 Approved Budget of \$4,406,111.

Increases in 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. Renewable energy includes solar power generation and storage as well as 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:

 **A Greener County**

 **Easier Commutes**

## 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 FY22	Budget FY23	Estimate FY23	Approved FY24	%Chg Bud/App
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
<b>County General Fund Personnel Costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>
Operating Expenses	26,190,844	22,736,337	31,454,747	24,276,203	6.8 %
<b>County General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>26,190,844</b>	<b>22,736,337</b>	<b>31,454,747</b>	<b>24,276,203</b>	<b>6.8 %</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
FTEs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	—

### FY24 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>FY23 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>22,736,337</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Changes (with service impacts)</u></b>		
Enhance: Brookville Bus Depot Microgrid Payment [Utilities]	1,539,866	0.00
<b>FY24 APPROVED</b>	<b>24,276,203</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## FUNDING PARAMETER ITEMS

CC APPROVED (\$000S)

Title	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>						
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
<b>FY24 Approved</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>24,276</b>
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
<b>Brookville Microgrid Payments</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>966</b>	<b>636</b>	<b>298</b>	<b>298</b>
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.						
<b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>	<b>24,276</b>	<b>25,052</b>	<b>25,242</b>	<b>24,912</b>	<b>24,574</b>	<b>24,574</b>

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