

# Utilities

## 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

Fund the utility costs for 183 (General Fund) facilities with approximately 3,674,938 total square feet, and more than 61,358 streetlights and 737 traffic controlled signalized intersections.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

The FY07 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$23,640,870, an increase of \$4,516,680 or 23.6 percent from the FY06 approved budget of \$19,124,190. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is as follows: electricity, 84.1 percent; natural gas, 10.6 percent; water and sewer, 4.0 percent; and fuel oil 1.3 percent. The total increase is due to unit rate cost increases, and from new or annualized facilities, streetlights, or traffic signals.

The FY07 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 Public Works and 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 budget request for these "outside" agencies is \$70,070,610 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

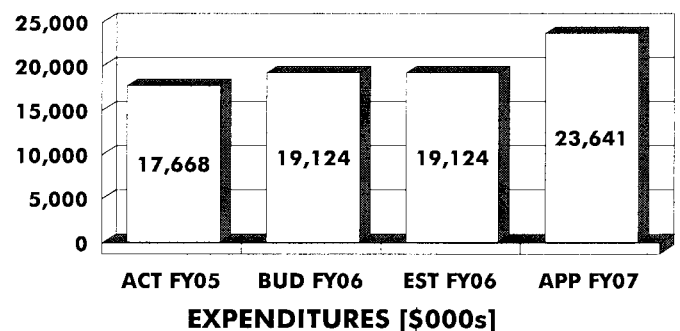
The FY07 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$23,640,870) and the other tax supported funds (\$2,227,470), is \$25,868,340 an increase of \$4,865,570 or approximately 23.2 percent from the FY06 approved utilities budget.

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## Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)	23,640,870	0.0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23,640,870</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## Trends



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The FY07 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,617,160, an increase of \$1,706,460 or 58.6 percent from the FY06 approved budget. In both the tax and non-tax supported funds, increased 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, energy and HVAC management systems) help offset increased utility consumption or unit costs.

## **PROGRAM CONTACTS**

Contact Bryan Hunt of the Office of Management and Budget at 240.777.2770 for more information regarding this department's operating budget.

## **PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS**

### ***Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)***

The Utilities non-departmental account provides the General Fund operating expense appropriation for the Department of Public Works and Transportation, Division of Operations. The utilities expenditures for other non-tax supported operations and other agencies are appropriated within their respective department or agency.

### ***FY07 Changes***

	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>WYs</b>
<b>FY06 Approved</b>	<b>19,124,190</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>FY07 Approved</b>	<b>23,640,870</b>	<b>0.0</b>

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY05	Budget FY06	Estimated FY06	Approved FY07	% 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	17,667,981	19,124,190	19,124,190	23,640,870	23.6%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
<b>County General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>17,667,981</b>	<b>19,124,190</b>	<b>19,124,190</b>	<b>23,640,870</b>	<b>23.6%</b>
<b>PERSONNEL</b>					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—

## FY07 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	WYs
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>FY06 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>19,124,190</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b><u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u></b>		
Increase Cost: CIP and PSP related utilities	4,124,680	0.0
Increase Cost: CIP project related utilities	376,000	0.0
Increase Cost: Traffic Signal project related utilities	43,000	0.0
Increase Cost: Streetlighting project related utilities	29,000	0.0
Decrease Cost: Energy conserving utility CIP projects	-56,000	0.0
<b>FY07 APPROVED:</b>	<b>23,640,870</b>	<b>0.0</b>