

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

This budget funds the utility costs for 185 (General Fund) facilities with approximately 3,799,884 total square feet, and over 63,489 streetlights and 747 traffic controlled signalized intersections.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The FY08 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$24,410,750, an increase of \$769,880 or 3.3 percent from the FY07 Approved Budget of \$23,640,870. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is as follows: electricity, 86.4 percent; natural gas, 8.9 percent; water and sewer, 4.1 percent; and fuel oil 0.6 percent. The total increase is due to unit rate cost increases, and from new or annualized facilities, streetlights, or traffic signals.

The FY08 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.

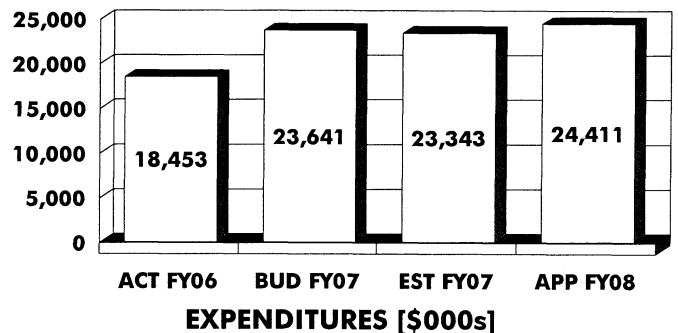
Utilities expenditures are also found in the budgets of other County agencies: Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS), Montgomery College, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). The total approved budget for these "outside" agencies is \$74,308,550 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY08 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$24,410,750) and the other tax supported funds (\$2,207,920), is \$26,618,670 an increase of \$768,830 or approximately 3.0 percent from the FY07 approved utilities budget.

Program Summary

	Expenditures	WYs
Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)	24,410,750	0.0
Totals	24,410,750	0.0

Trends



The FY08 Approved Budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$4,672,590, an increase of \$55,430 or 1.2 percent from the FY07 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.

FY08 Changes

	Expenditures	WYs
FY07 Approved	23,640,870	0.0
FY08 Approved	24,410,750	0.0

BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY06	Budget FY07	Estimated FY07	Approved FY08	% 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	18,453,014	23,640,870	23,342,880	24,410,750	3.3%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
County General Fund Expenditures	18,453,014	23,640,870	23,342,880	24,410,750	3.3%
PERSONNEL					
Full-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Part-Time	0	0	0	0	—
Workyears	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	—

FY08 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	WYs
COUNTY GENERAL FUND		
FY07 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION	23,640,870	0.0
Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)		
Increase Cost: Utility unit costs per ICEUM guidelines [Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)]	264,860	0.0
Increase Cost: CIP and PSP related utilities [Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)]	257,880	0.0
Increase Cost: Renewable energy cost premium [Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)]	146,470	0.0
Increase Cost: CIP project related utilities [Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)]	129,000	0.0
Decrease Cost: Solid Waste System Benefit Charge [Utilities (for All General Fund Departments)]	-28,330	0.0
FY08 APPROVED:	24,410,750	0.0