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# 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

The County owns, operates, and/or maintains 412 facilities totaling 9,687,923 square feet. The Department of General Services manages the payment for 770 separately metered utility accounts for these facilities. The Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) budget funds 447 of these accounts, in addition to 68,426 streetlights, and 822 traffic-controlled signalized intersections.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

The FY15 Approved Budget for the tax supported Utilities non-departmental account (NDA) is \$25,234,133 a decrease of \$462,514 or -1.8 percent from the FY14 Approved Budget of \$25,696,647. Allocation of these utilities expenditures is approximately: electricity, 84.0 percent; natural gas, 7.1 percent; water and sewer, 6.6 percent; and fuel oil, 0.8 percent, and propane, .2 percent.

The FY15 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 budget request for these "outside" agencies is \$70,504,690 which includes the entire bi-county area of WSSC.

The FY15 Approved tax supported budget for Utilities Management, including both the General Fund NDA (\$25,234,133) and the other tax supported funds (\$2,740,142), is \$28,066,005, a decrease of \$462,514 or approximately -1.6 percent from the FY14 Approved utilities budget. The FY15 Approved budget for non-tax supported utilities expenditures is \$5,325,559 a decrease of \$744,906 or 12.3 percent from the FY14 Approved Budget.

In both the tax and non-tax supported funds, 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, and energy and HVAC management systems) are assumed to offset increased utility consumption for new facilities and higher unit costs.

## LINKAGE TO COUNTY RESULT AREAS

While this program area supports all eight of the County Result Areas, the following are emphasized:

- ❖ ***An Effective and Efficient Transportation Network***
- ❖ ***Safe Streets and Secure Neighborhoods***

## PROGRAM CONTACTS

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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

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

The Utilities non-departmental account provides the General Fund utilities operating expense appropriations for the facilities maintained by the Department of General Services and the Department of Transportation. The utilities expenditures for other non-tax supported operations and other agencies are appropriated within their respective department or agency.

## BUDGET SUMMARY

	Actual FY13	Budget FY14	Estimated FY14	Approved FY15	% 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	22,680,448	25,696,647	25,679,365	25,234,133	-1.8%
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
<b>County General Fund Expenditures</b>	<b>22,680,448</b>	<b>25,696,647</b>	<b>25,679,365</b>	<b>25,234,133</b>	<b>-1.8%</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	—
<b>GRANT FUND MCG</b>					
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Salaries and Wages	0	0	0	0	—
Employee Benefits	0	0	0	0	—
<b>Grant Fund MCG Personnel Costs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>
Operating Expenses	0	0	0	0	—
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0	—
<b>Grant Fund MCG Expenditures</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</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	—
<b>DEPARTMENT TOTALS</b>					
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>22,680,448</b>	<b>25,696,647</b>	<b>25,679,365</b>	<b>25,234,133</b>	<b>-1.8%</b>
<b>Total Full-Time Positions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Part-Time Positions</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total FTEs</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>—</b>

## FY15 APPROVED CHANGES

	Expenditures	FTEs
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>FY14 ORIGINAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>25,696,647</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b><u>Other Adjustments (with no service impacts)</u></b>		
Increase Cost: Utility costs for new and renovated buildings	695,008	0.00
Increase Cost: Estimated consumption and unit costs	219,693	0.00
Decrease Cost: ESCO contract utility savings	-159,784	0.00
Decrease Cost: Streetlight utilities	-387,431	0.00
Increase Cost: \$830,000 reduction for energy savings	-830,000	0.00
<b>FY15 APPROVED:</b>	<b>25,234,133</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## FUTURE FISCAL IMPACTS

Title	APPR. FY15	FY16	FY17	(\$000's) FY18	FY19	FY20
<b>This table is intended to present significant future fiscal impacts of the department's programs.</b>						
<b>COUNTY GENERAL FUND</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>						
<b>FY15 Approved</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>
No inflation or compensation change is included in outyear projections.						
<b>Subtotal Expenditures</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>	<b>25,234</b>

