

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SUMMARY

The General Government Budget includes citywide costs that are not attributable to any single department. Included are expenditures such as external accounting and auditing services, billing and collection services, citywide memberships, claims and judgments, interest on short-term borrowing, management consulting services, tax appraisal fees, tax refunds, and transfers to the debt service funds.

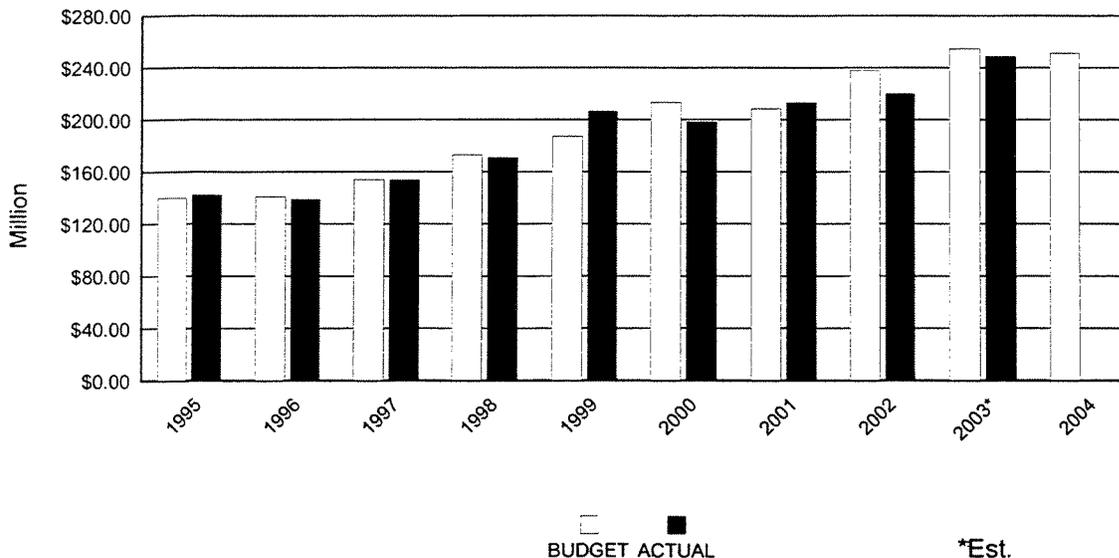
The FY2004 General Government budget includes funding to continue the current FY2003 functions such as the Mayor's After School Program, the City's Downtown Employee Transit Pass Program, payment of Debt Service and payment for the Houston Emergency Center's lease and operating expenses. Additional funding has been included for City elections and any special run-off elections. Other funding increases include: 1) Health Benefit Retirees - expenditures have increased as a result of increased rates and a projected increase in enrollment for retirees; 2) Zoo Contract - the contract with the Houston Zoo Development Corporation to operate the Houston Zoo is now budgeted in General Government and 3) Limited Purpose Annexations - The City anticipates receiving an additional \$10 million in sales tax revenue in FY2004 as a result of strategic partnership agreements with various municipal utility districts and one-half of this amount is budgeted in General Government to be returned to the utility districts.

FISCAL YEAR 2004 BUDGET

Department Budget Summary

Fund Name : General Fund					
Department Name : General Government					
Fund/Department No. : 100 / 99					
		FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Budget	FY2003 Estimate	FY2004 Budget
Expenditure Summary	Personnel Services	17,787,344	30,875,000	21,286,572	27,856,214
	Supplies	0	0	0	0
	Other Services and Charges	28,810,030	33,022,927	38,260,447	44,923,444
	Equipment	0	0	0	0
	Non-Capital Equipment	0	0	0	0
	Total M & O Expenditures	46,597,374	63,897,927	59,547,019	72,779,658
	Debt Service & Other Uses	173,465,999	190,513,001	189,327,764	178,167,228
Total Expenditures	220,063,373	254,410,928	248,874,783	250,946,886	
Revenue Summary		15,132,219	14,886,906	15,745,443	13,829,836
Staffing Summary	Full-Time Equivalents - Civilian	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Full-Time Equivalents - Classified	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Full-Time Equivalents - Cadets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
	Full-Time Equivalents-Overtime	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Budget Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$2 million has been budgeted for the November election. o Additional funding has been allocated for retiree Health Benefits due to an increase in rates and a projected increase in participant enrollment. o Limited Purpose Annexation Sales Tax payments have increased \$5 million due to additional strategic partnership agreements with municipal utility districts. o Funding has been included for lease payments and operating expenses for the Houston Emergency Center. 				

**General Government
Budget vs Actual Expenditures**



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ACCT	DESCRIPTION	FY2002 Actual	FY2003 Budget	FY2003 Estimate	FY2004 Budget
1145	Health/Life Ins Active Civilian	(51,472)	0	0	0
1146	Health/Life Ins Retiree Civilian	7,901,781	9,180,507	9,610,215	12,895,036
1266	Health/Life Ins Retiree Classified	9,949,130	11,694,493	11,676,357	14,961,178
1420	Long Term Disability	(12,095)	0	0	0
1981	Compensation Contingency	0	10,000,000	0	0
Total Personnel Services		17,787,344	30,875,000	21,286,572	27,856,214
3205	Insurance Fees	1,221,405	1,000,000	1,510,000	1,630,406
3300	Accounting & Auditing Services	659,681	705,000	705,000	650,000
3305	Advertising Services	173,802	200,000	200,000	200,000
3321	Computer Info/Contracting Srvc	44,000	0	0	0
3330	Legal Services	1,023,570	915,000	950,000	1,155,000
3335	Management Consulting Services	660,181	1,055,774	1,015,774	310,774
3345	Miscellaneous Support Services	284,026	300,000	280,000	280,000
3400	Real Estate Lease/Office Rental	5,384,857	8,805,513	8,805,513	9,228,312
3404	Metro Commuter Passes	604,749	600,000	645,000	645,000
3794	Print Shop Services	0	0	1,016	0
3805	Printing & Reproduction Srvc	0	0	4,552	0
3824	Limited Purpose Annexation Payments	827,930	5,788,000	2,788,000	7,750,000
3845	Tax Appraisal Fees	4,591,117	4,932,211	4,932,211	5,410,736
3860	Billing & Collection Services	750,000	750,000	750,000	750,000
3870	Elections	2,092,286	0	34,035	2,000,000
3875	Claims and Judgements	6,858,786	7,000,000	6,000,000	6,000,000
3895	Misc Other Services & Charges	2,370,572	3,623,000	2,489,817	2,268,000
3904	Zoo Contract	0	500,000	6,376,100	7,371,787
3905	Membership & Professional Fees	1,255,638	748,429	773,429	773,429
3910	Travel-Training Related	7,430	0	0	0
3999	Management Initiative/Consol. Savings	0	(3,900,000)	0	(1,500,000)
Total Other Services and Charges		28,810,030	33,022,927	38,260,447	44,923,444
5417	Other Interest	4,365,999	4,650,000	3,219,763	2,403,998
5631	Transfers to General Fund	100,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
5639	Transfer to Special Revenues	0	7,763,001	8,008,001	10,663,230
5645	Transfers to Gen Debt Service	151,850,000	160,850,000	160,850,000	147,850,000
5655	Trans to Certs. of Oblig. Debt Svc	17,150,000	17,150,000	17,150,000	17,150,000
Total Debt Service and Other Uses		173,465,999	190,513,001	189,327,764	178,167,228
Grand Total Expenditures		220,063,373	254,410,928	248,874,783	250,946,886