

HUMAN AND CULTURAL SERVICES SUMMARY

The City of Houston provides human and cultural services through the Houston Public Library, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Health and Human Services Department. These departments offer opportunities for cultural enrichment and recreation, and promote the health of Houston citizens by administering public health laws and ordinances. Specific services and programs include the following: the operation of Houston's central and branch libraries, swimming pools, recreational centers, and parks; regular maintenance of parks and esplanades; monitoring of air and water quality; provision of animal regulation and care; operation of multi-service centers; services to senior citizens; preventive health care, such as immunizations and restaurant inspections.

The Human and Cultural Services function has a General Fund budget of \$133.7 million in FY2004. The chart below provides an eight year history of budgets and expenditures, the FY2003 Budget and Estimate, and the FY2004 Budget for the human and cultural services departments.

BUDGET vs. ACTUAL EXPENDITURES

