Fund Summary

Fund Name	:	**Special Waste Transportation and Inspection Fund**
Business Area	:	**Houston Health Department**
Fund No./Bus. Area No.	:	**2423 / 3800**

	FY2025 Current Budget	FY2025 Estimate	FY2026 Budget
Beginning Fund Balance	3,213,605	3,213,605	**3,978,579**
Current Revenues	5,128,800	5,211,800	**5,181,200**
Total Available Resources	8,342,405	8,425,405	**9,159,779**
Maintenance and Operations	5,698,960	4,446,826	**7,159,427**
Total Expenditures	5,698,960	4,446,826	**7,159,427**
Planned Ending Fund Balance	2,643,445	3,978,579	**2,000,352**
Total Budget	8,342,405	8,425,405	**9,159,779**
Fund Balance Distribution			
Non-Spendable	0	0	**0**
Restricted	0	0	**0**
Committed	2,643,445	3,978,579	**2,000,352**
Assigned	0	0	**0**
Unassigned	0	0	**0**

The above summarizes the FY2025 Budget, the FY2025 Estimate and the FY2026 Budget for the Special Waste Transportation and Inspection Fund. Also included are the beginning and ending fund balances, total revenues and total expenditures.

The Fats, Oil, and Grease (FOG) section is responsible for the permitting of all special waste generators, transporters, and biological pretreaters in the City of Houston. The mentioned entities are regulated by Environmental Investigators who are charged with the responsibility of conducting routine inspections and providing technical knowledge for complaint investigations. Investigators conduct routine inspections to assure that generators are complying with the cleaning requirements and other regulations mandated by the FOG Ordinance. Special waste transporters and biological pretreaters are monitored to assure that waste loads from generators are treated and disposed of properly. The goal of the FOG program is to prevent the infiltration of fats, oils, and grease into the sanitary sewer, and to assure that the City's infrastructure and the health of the citizens are protected. The FOG program is responsible for conducting over 15,000 inspections annually on commercial establishments that includes restaurants, carwashes, laundry mats, and dry cleaners.

Revenue from permitting and collaboration with the Houston Public Works Department is based on inspections and investigations conducted. The revenue is used for numerous reasons to support and provide resources useful to the program, such as personnel cost. Field investigators are supplied with tools such as laptops and network equipment to input daily field activities. In addition, sampling equipment and other supplies are necessary to conduct proper and efficient field investigations. Print shop costs are also pertinent for supplying stakeholders with manifests that are purchased by the section and sold to the stakeholders on an as-needed basis to document the collection, transportation, and disposal of City-regulated waste.