

Water and Sewer Fund

Fund 515

	2011/12 Actual	2012/13 Current	2013/14 Requested	2013/14 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
State	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
Local	0	0	0	0	0%
Charges & Fees	400,759	526,000	579,350	579,350	10%
Miscellaneous	115,688	0	0	0	0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	0	1,236,834	1,304,737	1,334,032	8%
Debt Refinancing	6,345,727	0	0	0	0%
Fund Balance	13,800	0	0	71,260	0%
From General Fund	0	245,000	0	0	0%
Total	\$6,875,974	\$2,007,834	\$1,884,087	\$1,984,642	-1%
Expenses					
Personal Services	\$78,827	\$78,512	\$81,373	\$81,691	4%
Supplies & Operations	123,848	200,728	569,842	569,842	184%
Debt Service	608,372	1,642,252	1,232,872	1,333,109	-19%
Debt Refinancing	6,345,727	0	0	0	0%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(280,800)	0	0	0	0%
Future Projects	0	86,342	0	0	0%
Total	\$6,875,974	\$2,007,834	\$1,884,087	\$1,984,642	-1%
Employees					
Permanent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%
Hourly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0%

Budget Highlights

The budget commits \$1.3 million of the ¼ cent sales tax and \$1,600,000 or 1 cent on the property tax rate to fund countywide water and wastewater capital and operating needs. In addition to this newly appropriated funding, the department has approximately \$10 million in projects approved in previous years that it will undertake in Fiscal Year 2013/14.

Performance Measurement

Fiscal Year 2013/14

Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2013/14 focus on providing needed water and sewer infrastructure projects within the unincorporated areas of the County, as well as efficiently supporting and

managing these projects. Staff will improve quality of life by developing and implementing water and sewer projects that will strategically extend at least 13,000 linear feet (2.5 miles) of water lines and at least 74,900 linear feet (14.2 miles) of sewer lines. In addition to these projects, Water and Sewer will explore and apply for at least three grants to maximize county dollars, as well as run all new and previously approved projects that have changed since original approval through a prioritization tool to ensure the County pursues the projects that are the highest priority.

Fiscal Year 2012/13

At mid-year, Water and Sewer was on target to meet all but one of its outcomes. The Highway 150 sewer project, which will extend sewer availability in the southwestern part of Catawba County, was bid and awarded by County Commissioners. To offset the cost of projects in both the Water and Sewer and Solid Waste Funds, staff has applied for three grants and received a total of \$105,000. Additionally, Water and Sewer staff has run all new and previously approved water and sewer projects through the department's Utility Prioritization Tool to ensure those recommended for Fiscal Year 2013/14 are those that demonstrate the most need.

The one outcome Water and Sewer is not on track to meet relates to the number of linear feet of water lines that will be extended in Fiscal Year 2012/13. As of mid-year, 2,300 linear feet of water lines was complete versus the goal of 12,300. This is due to municipality requested changes in two projects, Highway 16 North Water and Community Road Water, which delayed project implementation.

Fiscal Year 2011/12

In Fiscal Year 2011/12, Water and Sewer achieved two of its four outcomes. Staff applied for three grants to off-set the cost of projects, components, and operations, and was awarded two grants. Water and Sewer also used its Utility Prioritization Tool to determine which of the previously and currently funded water and sewer projects were the most needed.

Staff was unable to acquire 100 percent of easements needed to provide sewer infrastructure to the southern part of the County. Only 75 percent of necessary easements were acquired. However, staff has continued working to finalize the remaining easements. Staff also sought to extend a minimum of 16,750 linear feet of water lines and at least 26,000 linear feet of sewer lines to improve the quality of life in Catawba County. 1,700 linear feet of water lines were installed as a part of the Jim Beard Rd-Robinette Rd-Mockingbird Lane project. Additionally, the Bunker Hill High/Oxford Elementary Sewer project (26,000 linear feet) was delayed due to NC-DENR delaying approval of the bid. This project was rescheduled to be completed in October 2012.

WATER AND SEWER ADMINISTRATION

Statement of Purpose

Provide a source of clean drinking water and environmentally responsible sewage disposal in the unincorporated areas of the County.

Outcomes

1. To improve quality of life in Catawba County, Utilities and Engineering will continue to develop and implement water and sewer projects which will strategically extend at least 13,000 linear feet (2.5 miles) of water lines and at least 74,900 linear feet (14.2 miles) of sewer lines. This will enhance infrastructure availability to citizens in the unincorporated areas of the County.
2. Explore grant opportunities by utilizing staff to investigate and apply for a minimum of three grants annually to offset costs of projects, components, or operations associated with Water and Sewer Management, Solid Waste Management, or the EcoComplex as measured by tracking grant applications.
3. To ensure the water and sewer projects completed in Fiscal Year 2013/14 are those that demonstrate the most need, all previously and currently funded projects in the Water and Sewer Capital Improvement Plan that have changed since their approval will be re-run through the Utility Prioritization Tool and reprioritized accordingly.