

WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATION FUND

Key Function Organization Chart

Water & Sewer Administration
1.0 FTEs
\$2,495,330

Fund Services

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

Budget Highlights

WATER & SEWER ADMINISTRATION FUND					Fund 515
	2015/16 Actual	2016/17 Current	2017/18 Requested	2017/18 Adopted	Percent Change
Revenues					
Charges & Fees	\$858,115	\$721,000	\$979,000	\$979,000	35.8%
Interest on Investments	163,522	0	0	0	0.0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	0	713,472	803,907	803,907	12.7%
From General Fund	1,575,000	1,600,000	712,364	712,423	-55.5%
Fund Balance	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Total	\$2,596,637	\$3,034,472	\$2,495,271	\$2,495,330	-17.8%
Expenses					
Personal Services	\$114,159	\$96,015	\$96,360	\$96,419	0.4%
Supplies & Operations	723,287	864,833	899,149	899,149	4.0%
Debt Service	1,535,155	1,521,690	1,499,762	1,499,762	-1.4%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(1,578,578)	551,934	0	0	0%
Total	\$794,023	\$3,034,472	\$2,495,271	\$2,495,330	-17.8%
Employees					
Permanent	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%
Hourly	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0%
Total	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.0%

The budget decrease of \$539,142 (-17.8 percent) is primarily due to elimination of contingency that was budgeted last year to balance the fund after closing some projects in the Water & Sewer Capital Fund. The values remaining in the closed projects were sufficient to cover projects in the current year. As a result all Water & Sewer dedicated revenue was budgeted in the operating fund and exceeded planned expenses.

Performance Measurement

FISCAL YEAR 2017/18

The sole outcome for Fiscal Year 2017/18 will 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. In order to do this, staff will meet with the newly-created Utility Investment Advisory Committee (UIAC) biannually. This committee will not only promote municipal partnerships, but also develop infrastructure and support the County's economic development.

MID-YEAR FISCAL YEAR 2016/17

All outcomes for Water & Sewer Administration were not on target at mid-year. The Utility Prioritization Tool is undergoing changes as it pertains to the Countywide Strategic Plan process. Additionally, one outcome not on target was related to extending sewer lines and securing grant funding. Staff explored infrastructure grants through a State workshop and determined that Catawba County is not competitive for CDBG Infrastructure grants due to changes in the program's eligibility criteria related to median income and poverty. Finally, staff continues to develop and implement water and sewer projects. During the first half of this fiscal year 10,300 linear feet of water line had been installed on the Davis Road Water Project. New projects for this fiscal year, Highway 16 Sleeves and Highway 16 Sewer are budgeted; however, the Department of Transportation widening of NC 16 is delaying these projects and a previously budgeted water project; Balls Creek Water I & II. The widening of NC 16 is slated to bid in April 2017. Therefore, it is probable that the sewer or water line construction will not begin in Fiscal Year 2016/17.

FISCAL YEAR 2015/16

Only one of the Water & Sewer Administration outcomes were achieved by end of year. All projects,

Fiscal Year	Total Outcomes	Achieved	Not Achieved	Success Rate
2015/16	4	1	3	33%
2014/15	4	3	1	75%
2013/14	3	3	0	100%

both current and new, were prioritized using the Utility Prioritization Tool. However, one of the projects on Davis Road was not completed as expected. Only 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines along Highway 150 were installed. A survey targeting citizens' desire/need for municipal water and/or sewer service was put on hold since the existing process seeking petitions and municipal input gauge commitment for projects; therefore, this outcome was also not achieved. Finally, staff did not apply for any grants because the State has determined Catawba County does not qualify to apply due to new points/rating systems by the State.

Outcomes

1. Promote municipal partnerships in developing infrastructure to support the County's economic development and the delivery of clean drinking water and environmentally responsible sewage disposal to citizens by working with the Utility Investment Advisory Committee (UIAC).

2. Complete design and construction of up to 8,000 linear feet of water lines to unserved properties affected by Duke Energy's coal ash basins at Marshall Steam Station by June 2018.