

Water and Sewer Fund

Fund 515

	2014/15 Actual	2015/16 Current	2016/17 Requested	2016/17 Approved	Percent Change
Revenues					
Charges & Fees	\$710,024	\$646,000	\$721,000	\$721,000	11.6%
Interest on Investments	110,967	0	0	0	0.0%
1/4 Cent Sales Tax	10,695	0	0	713,472	0%
From General Fund	0	1,575,000	1,600,000	1,600,000	1.6%
Fund Balance	(1,710,152)	295,860	160,792	0	-100.0%
Total	(\$878,466)	\$2,516,860	\$2,481,792	\$3,034,472	20.6%
Expenses					
Personal Services	\$101,510	\$106,847	\$95,269	\$96,015	-10.1%
Supplies & Operations	725,033	864,678	864,833	864,833	0.0%
Debt Service	1,316,874	1,545,335	1,521,690	1,521,690	-1.5%
Contingency	0	0	0	551,934	0%
Enterprise Contra Accounts	(3,021,883)	0	0	0	0%
Total	(\$878,466)	\$2,516,860	\$2,481,792	\$3,034,472	20.6%
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%

Budget Highlights

The Water and Sewer Management Fund increased 20.6 percent from Fiscal Year 2015/16 to \$3,034,472 because the dedicated 1 cent on property tax (\$1,600,000) and ¼ cent sales tax (\$713,472) not needed to cover operating and debt expenses is reserved in the operating fund for future needs. Several projects were closed because either the need for the project no longer existed or the partnering municipality was not prepared to move forward at the time. Closing these projects provided funding for newly requested projects and allows for excess sales tax to be budgeted as contingency (\$551,934). These funds can't be spent without being transferred. They will fall to fund balance if not spent.

Performance Measurement

Fiscal Year 2016/17

Outcomes for Fiscal Year 2016/17 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 to strategically extend at least 8,000 linear feet of water lines and at least 1,000 linear feet of sewer lines. In addition to these projects, Water and Sewer will apply for at least three grants to maximize county dollars, as well as run all new and previously approved projects through a prioritization tool to ensure the County pursues the projects with the highest level of positive community impact possible.

Fiscal Year 2015/16

Two outcomes for Water & Sewer Administration were on target at mid-year. All projects, both current and new, were prioritized using the Utility Prioritization Tool. To help determine future projects, a list of properties was being developed to survey unincorporated residents. Projects currently underway, including Highway 150 Sewer and SECC Phase 3 Tank and Booster projects, were in completion phase. The two outcomes not on target are 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.

Fiscal Year 2014/15

All but one outcome for Water & Sewer Administration was achieved by the end of the year. All projects, both current and new, were prioritized using the Utility Prioritization Tool. To help determine future projects, a list of properties was developed to survey unincorporated residents. 8,280 linear feet of water line was installed during the Old Shelby Road CDBG project. Finally, staff applied for CDBG funding for water service to some underserved portions of the County, but the outcome was unachieved because Curlee Road, the underserved area in consideration, no longer qualified for water and sewer due to revised program eligibility criteria put in place by the State.

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 of water lines and at least 5,000 linear feet 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 2016/17 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.