

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

The General Fund, by definition, is the City’s main operating fund. Authoritative accounting standards define the general fund as the fund used by default “to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.” Many of the primary functions of the City along with administration are accounted for within the General Fund. Following is a brief discussion of each business center in the General Fund.

General Government

The General Government includes the departments that provide the overall general administration of the City including the City Council, City Clerk, City Manager, Management and Legislative Affairs, Marketing and Communications, City Attorney, City Auditor, Human Resource Management, Civil Service Commission, City Registrar, Commissioner of Revenue, City Assessor, City Treasurer, Finance and Budget, Procurement, Information Technology, and Telecommunications.

	FY2016 Approved	FY2017 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 15,130,586</u>	<u>\$ 15,518,743</u>	<u>\$ 388,157</u>	<u>3%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

General Government expenditures are projected to increase slightly over FY2016 budget.

Non-Departmental

Non-Departmental accounts for services and costs not related to other departments or agencies. Included in this section are allocations for contractual obligations or community services supported by the City, tax relief to the Elderly and Disabled citizens (Senior Citizen Tax Relief), local funding for the Portsmouth Public Schools, and transfers to other funds.

	FY2016 Approved	FY2017 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 114,176,249</u>	<u>\$ 115,736,196</u>	<u>\$ 1,559,947</u>	<u>1%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

Non-Departmental reflects an increase in the local share to Portsmouth Public Schools, employee bonus for City employees and various adjustments for contractual obligations.

Judicial

This business center includes civil and criminal agencies pertaining to the prosecution and adjudication including the Circuit Court Judges, Circuit Court Clerk, Magistrate, General District Court, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Juvenile Court Services, the Sheriff and the Commonwealth Attorney. Services provided include the provision of a judicial procedure for the enforcement of State laws and City ordinances; assisting the Circuit Court Judges; maintaining and preserving documents; hearing criminal; traffic and civil cases; and protecting the welfare of children and families. Prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency and the provision of constitutional and municipal services for the City of Portsmouth is also included.

	FY2016	FY2017		Percent
	Approved	Proposed	Dollar Change	Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 18,813,600</u>	<u>\$ 19,244,833</u>	<u>\$ 431,233</u>	<u>2%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

Judicial expenditures are projected to increase slightly over FY2016 budget.

Public Safety

This business center includes the departments of Police, E-911, and Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services which address citizenry protection. Services include the protection and security of all citizens to include community-policing efforts, the provision of efficient fire prevention, fire suppression, emergency medical care, hazardous material response and disaster preparedness services for the citizens of Portsmouth.

	FY2016 Adopted	FY2017		Percent
		Proposed	Dollar Change	Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 55,394,642</u>	<u>\$ 55,524,346</u>	<u>\$ 129,704</u>	<u>0.2%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

Public Safety expenditures are projected to increase slightly in FY2017. The Police Department will maintain a level funded budget, while adding maintenance and video storage costs for body worn cameras. Flexibility within vacancy savings will allow Police to recruit and fill sworn Police Officer positions. The Fire Department will be replacing Fire ambulances and procuring various equipment needs.

Public Works/General Services

Public Works/General Services consists of the divisions of Mosquito Control, Stormwater Management, Streets and Highways, Engineering, Traffic Engineering, Property Management, Cemetery Perpetual Care, Utilities, Harbor Center Pavilion and Rental for Land. Services provided include integrated Mosquito Control Program, maintenance of city streets and alleys, management of construction and other infrastructure projects, cleaning and maintenance of city stormwater drainage system and management of facilities and properties in the City.

	FY2016	FY2017		Percent
	Adopted	Proposed	Dollar Change	Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 17,850,809</u>	<u>\$ 14,511,828</u>	<u>\$ (3,338,981)</u>	<u>-19%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

The Division of Landscape and Cemetery are re-aligned within the Department of Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services.

Public Health

This business center includes the departments of Public Health, Behavioral Healthcare Services, Social Services and the Office of Comprehensive Services. These departments are dedicated to promoting, protecting and preserving a health and safe community, provide Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities, Substance Abuse and Prevention Services to the citizens of Portsmouth and enhance the quality of life by promoting safety and self-sufficiency through agency programs and community partnerships. The General Fund appropriation in Public Health represents the City's contribution to these organizations. Separate funds account for services in Behavioral Health Services, Comprehensive Services and Social Services.

	FY2016 Approved	FY2017 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures (Public Health)	<u>\$ 1,267,485</u>	<u>\$ 1,276,976</u>	<u>\$ 9,491</u>	<u>1%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

A slight expenditure increase is projected for Public Health.

Parks, Recreation and Cultural

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural business center includes City's parks, museums, and libraries. A separate fund accounts for the activities of the City's two golf courses.

	FY2016 Adopted	FY2017 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 8,184,149</u>	<u>\$ 11,603,435</u>	<u>\$ 3,419,286</u>	<u>42%</u>

FY2016 Budget Comments

This category is projected to increase due to the re-alignment of department services. In FY2017, Landscape Maintenance and Cemetery Maintenance are included within Parks, Recreation and Leisure services.

Community and Economic Development

This business center includes the departments of Economic Development, Permits and Inspections and Planning which address the City's overall development, marketing and planning needs. Services provided include the enforcement of the Commonwealth of Virginia's Building codes and assigned local regulations, coordination of new programs to promote new business development and the maintenance of existing businesses, and the provision of support for programs and activities related to the physical development and use of land in the City.

	FY2015 Adopted	FY2016 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,952,612</u>	<u>\$ 4,620,650</u>	<u>\$ (331,962)</u>	<u>-7%</u>

FY2017 Budget Comments

Community and Economic Development business center is projected to decrease from FY2016 budget. Neighborhood Advancement will merge with Permits / Inspections and City Planning. This merger aligns the departments with City / State Codes and ordinances, while reducing costs and increasing efficiency.