GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Department Description and Mission

The General Government Budget includes citywide costs that are not attributable to any single Department.

Major revenue sources in General Government are the City-wide reimbursement for indirect cost allocation, transfer from Houston First Local Government Corporation (LGC) pertaining to portion of Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue to be disbursed to the Houston Arts and transfer from Parking Management Fund.

Major expenditure items in General Government include the following:

- Payments related to Limited Purpose Annexation agreements which are offset by increased sales tax revenues.
- Payments related to Chapter 380 Agreements to promote economic development and stimulating business and commercial activity within the City.
- Transfer to Component Unit includes funding for the Houston Forensic Science Local Government Corporation (LGC)
- Transfer to Special Revenues includes property tax revenue funding sent to the Dedicated Drainage Street and Renewal Fund and funding sent to the Police Special Service Fund to support HPD overtime enhancement within Tax Increment Reinvestment Zones (TIRZs) which is offset by revenue from the TIRZs
- Health benefits costs for retiree civilians
- Contribution payment for the encouragement, promotion, improvement and application of arts to promote tourism which is offset by the revenues received from Houston First Local Government Corporation (LGC) funded by Hotel Occupancy Taxes.
- Tax Appraisal Fees
- Interest related payments for Tax Revenue Anticipation Note (TRANS), Houston Police Officers Pension System (HPOPS) and the Coastal Water Authority (CWA)
- Funding for maintenance renewal and replacement costs to be allocated to facilities condition assessment priority one and priority two items
- Citywide membership costs for organizations such as Greater Houston Partnership and Bay Area Houston Partnership
- Lease payments for Bob Lanier Public Works Building at 611 Walker
- Claims and Judgment payments related to lawsuits filed against the City

Department Organization

General Government
9900

FTEs:	0
Exp.:	220,919,856

Business Area Budget Summary

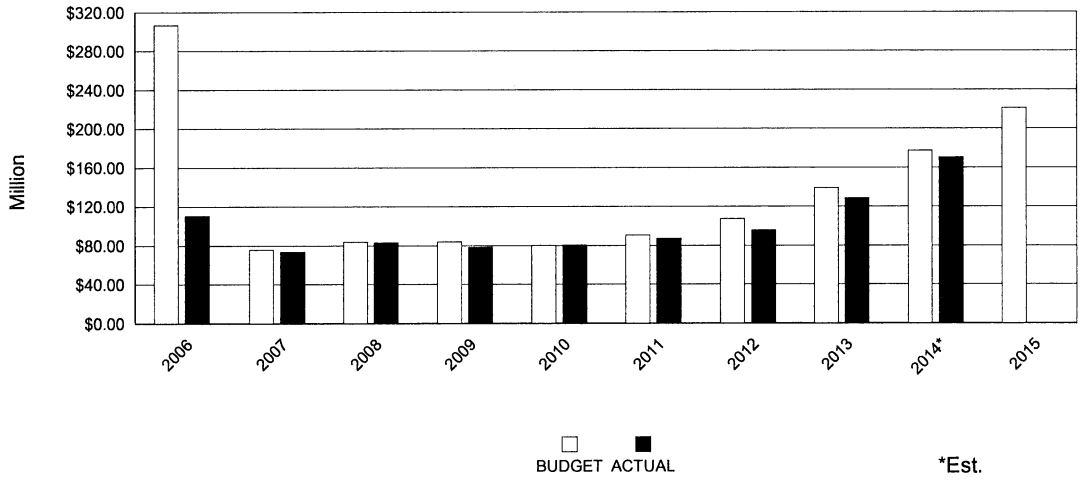
Fund Name : General Fund
Business Area Name : General Government
Fund No./Bus. Area No. : 1000 / 9900

		FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Current Budget	FY2014 Estimate	FY2015 Budget
Expenditures	Personnel Services	12,564,096	12,883,703	5,883,703	**17,133,718**
	Supplies	565,632	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,000,000**
	Other Services and Charges	94,971,196	111,927,356	111,927,356	**108,910,933**
	Total M & O Expenditures	108,100,924	125,811,059	118,811,059	**128,044,651**
	Debt Service & Other Uses	20,324,421	51,620,273	51,620,273	**92,875,205**
	Total Expenditures	128,425,345	177,431,332	170,431,332	**220,919,856**
Revenues		62,925,872	53,829,848	55,281,122	**62,724,702**
Staffing	Full-Time Equivalents - Civilian	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
	Full-Time Equivalents - Classified	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
	Full-Time Equivalents - Cadets	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
	Total	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**
	Full-Time Equivalents - Overtime	0.0	0.0	0.0	**0.0**

Significant Budget Changes and Highlights

The FY2015 Budget includes:
- o Limited Purpose Annexation Sales Tax payments of $48.5 million.
- o Transfer of $32.5 million captured revenue to the Dedicated Drainage Street and Renewal Fund.
- o Transfer of $21.2 million to the Houston Forensic Science Local Government Corporation (LGC).
- o $17.3 million for the encouragement, promotion improvement, and application of the arts to promote tourism, offset by Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue from Houston First.
- o $14.5 million for 380 payments ($5.6 million Bayou Greenway 2020).
- o $14.3 million for transfer to the new Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Special Revenue Fund.
- o $10.3 million for Claims and Judgment payments related to lawsuits filed against the City.
- o Contingency funding of $4 million for unplanned expenditures in other General Fund Departments.
- o Energy Contingency of $3 million (Fuel $2 million, Electricity $1 million).
- o $1.5 million for the City of Houston Youth Summer Job Program (SJP).

General Government
Current Budget vs Actual Expenditures



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Business Area Revenue Summary

Fund Name : General Fund
Business Area Name : General Government
Fund No./Bus Area No. : 1000 / 9900

Commit Item	Description	FY2014 Current Budget	FY2014 Estimate	FY2015 Budget
9900010003	**General City Wide**			
416020	Miscellaneous Franchise Fee	1,500,000	1,500,000	**1,500,000**
422122	Municipal Service Fees - TIRZ	4,729,200	4,729,200	**4,729,200**
422141	Intergovernmental Revenue - TIRZ	4,503,773	4,937,902	**5,750,193**
425010	Indirect Cost Recovery-Aviation	2,651,941	2,651,941	**2,838,374**
425020	Indirect Cost Recovery - Civic Center	328,479	328,479	**233,181**
425030	Indirect Cost-CUS Fund	6,173,346	6,173,346	**8,441,300**
425060	Indirect Cost Recover -Public TV	40,528	40,528	**108,499**
425070	Indirect Cost-Building Inspection	1,438,831	1,438,831	**1,454,707**
425080	Indirect Cost Recovery-Street & Drainage	1,120,158	1,120,158	**1,015,054**
425090	Indirect Cost Recovery-911 Emergency	110,000	110,000	**110,000**
425100	Indirect Cost Recovery-Other	3,603,392	3,603,392	**6,260,244**
426330	Miscellaneous Copies Fees	1,200	8,107	**1,200**
434305	Judgments & Claims	100,000	0	**100,000**
434330	Subrogations	10,000	10,000	**10,000**
434505	Prior Year Expenditure Recovery	50,000	0	**50,000**
434510	Prior Year Revenue	50,000	0	**50,000**
445050	Cell Tower Revenue	250,000	250,000	**250,000**
452020	Recoveries & Refunds	800,000	800,000	**800,000**
452030	Miscellaneous Revenue	250,000	0	**250,000**
490060	Transfer from Civic Center	1,380,000	1,380,000	**1,380,000**
490120	Transfer from Component Unit	17,239,000	18,699,238	**19,892,750**
490140	Transfer from Parking Management	7,500,000	7,500,000	**7,500,000**
Total	**General City Wide**	**53,829,848**	**55,281,122**	**62,724,702**
Total	**General Government**	**53,829,848**	**55,281,122**	**62,724,702**

Business Area Expenditure Summary

Fund Name : General Fund
Business Area Name : General Government
Fund No./Bus. Area No. : 1000 / 9900

Commit Item	Description	FY2013 Actual	FY2014 Current Budget	FY2014 Estimate	FY2015 Budget
503040	Health/Life Ins.Ret-Classified	762,163	0	0	**0**
503050	Health/Life Insurance - Retiree Civilian	11,145,207	12,883,703	5,883,703	**14,133,718**
503110	Workers Compensation-Classified-Claim	656,726	0	0	**0**
504020	Compensation Contingency	0	0	0	**3,000,000**
Total	**Personnel Services**	**12,564,096**	**12,883,703**	**5,883,703**	**17,133,718**
511110	Fuel	565,632	1,000,000	1,000,000	**2,000,000**
Total	**Supplies**	**565,632**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**2,000,000**
520110	Management Consulting Services	2,119,488	731,000	731,000	**639,521**
520112	Banking Services	96,929	127,800	127,800	**127,800**
520115	Real Estate Lease/Office Rental	4,003,049	4,650,000	4,650,000	**4,650,000**
520121	IT Application Svcs	276,827	0	0	**0**
520144	Limited Purpose Annexation Payment	41,901,180	45,846,132	45,846,132	**48,473,682**
520145	Criminal Intelligence Services	855,630	3,000,000	3,000,000	**0**
520605	Advertising Services	514,777	500,000	500,000	**500,000**
520730	Tax Appraisal Fees	7,623,228	7,650,000	7,650,000	**8,100,000**
520735	Tax Refunds	0	330,776	330,776	**0**
520750	Elections	536,354	2,000,000	2,000,000	**0**
520755	Contingency	0	5,787,013	5,787,013	**6,068,816**
520757	Maintenance Renewal and Replacement	0	3,000,000	3,000,000	**3,000,000**
520760	Contributions	14,029,902	16,127,910	16,127,910	**17,322,910**
520765	Membership & Professional Fees	1,489,114	1,685,122	1,685,122	**1,685,122**
521505	Electricity	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
521610	Voice Services	760,334	0	0	**0**
521905	Legal Services	2,013,166	1,085,000	1,085,000	**1,585,000**
522205	Metro Commuter Passes	742,689	720,000	720,000	**720,000**
522430	Miscellaneous Other Services & Charges	3,194,016	3,664,813	3,664,813	**3,756,292**
522620	Claims & Judgments	11,354,299	13,017,101	13,017,101	**10,277,101**
522795	Other Interfund Services	681,034	1,004,689	1,004,689	**1,004,689**
522845	Interfund Vehicle Services	2,779,180	0	0	**0**
Total	**Other Services and Charges**	**94,971,196**	**111,927,356**	**111,927,356**	**108,910,933**
531085	Other Interest	2,952,526	4,427,500	4,427,500	**4,927,500**
532015	Transfers to Convention & Entertainment	402,568	461,402	461,402	**461,402**
532020	Transfers to Capital Projects	1,147,150	0	0	**0**
532025	Transfers to Special Revenues	15,822,177	27,051,200	27,051,200	**51,695,867**
532040	Transfers to Component Unit	0	19,680,171	19,680,171	**21,234,756**
532135	Ch.380 - Transfers to Other Funds	0	0	0	**14,555,680**
Total	**Debt Service and Other Uses**	**20,324,421**	**51,620,273**	**51,620,273**	**92,875,205**
	Grand Total Expenditures	**128,425,345**	**177,431,332**	**170,431,332**	**220,919,856**