

# Public Service Commission

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Table DH0-1

Description	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	from FY 2026
OPERATING BUDGET	\$18,633,721	\$19,097,614	\$20,792,531	\$20,835,694	0.2
FTEs	90.3	89.5	93.6	93.2	-0.4
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	N/A
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the Public Service Commission (PSC) or (The Commission) is to serve the public interest by ensuring that financially healthy utility companies provide safe, reliable, and quality utility services at reasonable rates for District of Columbia customers, while fostering grid modernization, conservation of natural resources, preservation of environmental quality, and advancement of the District's climate policy commitments.

- Motivating customer and results-oriented employees;
- Protecting consumers to ensure public safety, reliability, and quality services;
- Regulating monopoly services to ensure their rates are just and reasonable;
- Fostering fair and open competition among service providers;
- Resolving disputes among consumers and service providers; and
- Educating consumers and informing the public about its mission and services.

## Goals

The Commission has identified three goals for carrying out its mission:

**Grid Modernization** – The Commission's top priority is modernizing the District's distribution energy delivery system. We work to ensure that the District's energy delivery system remains safe, reliable, and affordable while also becoming more sustainable, interactive, and secure.

**Infrastructure Enhancement** – The Commission acts on applications for infrastructure investment and monitors their implementation. The Commission's goal is to ensure, reliability, and sustainability of the District's utility distribution systems.

**Community Engagement** – The Commission conducts its operations in a transparent way, engaging DC customers through aggressive outreach programs and its website. The Commission's Consumer Service Specialists interact with the public daily while resolving consumer complaints and other issues.

## Summary of Services

The Public Service Commission (PSC) regulates public utilities operating in the District of Columbia by issuing orders in formal proceedings that may include written comments or testimony, hearings, studies, and investigations; ensuring fair and appropriate utility prices; fostering competition by licensing utility service providers and supervising the competitive bidding process; ensuring that utility providers meet various environmental regulations and standards by operating in ways that conserve natural resources and preserve environmental quality; and resolving disputes among consumers and utility service providers. In addition to its regulatory services, the Commission also conducts outreach via its website, public forums, and various literature in order to educate utility consumers and inform the public

The agency's FY 2027 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

### FY 2027 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table DH0-2 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget and Full-Time Equivalents by revenue type compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual data.

**Table DH0-2**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change*	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	% Change
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>												
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	18,077	18,620	20,148	20,148	0	0.0	87.3	87.0	90.5	90.0	-0.5	-0.5
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>18,077</b>	<b>18,620</b>	<b>20,148</b>	<b>20,148</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>87.3</b>	<b>87.0</b>	<b>90.5</b>	<b>90.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>-0.5</b>
<b>FEDERAL RESOURCES</b>												
FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR	544	477	631	674	43	6.8	2.9	2.5	3.2	3.2	0.1	1.6
<b>TOTAL FOR FEDERAL RESOURCES</b>	<b>544</b>	<b>477</b>	<b>631</b>	<b>674</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>PRIVATE FUNDS</b>												
PRIVATE DONATIONS -FPR	12	0	14	14	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
<b>TOTAL FOR PRIVATE FUNDS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>18,634</b>	<b>19,098</b>	<b>20,793</b>	<b>20,836</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

\* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

**Note:** If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private) and Special Purpose Revenue type, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2027 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

## FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table DH0-3 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual expenditures.

**Table DH0-3**  
(\$ in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	%
	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	from FY 2026	Change*
701100C-CONTINUING FULL TIME	9,935	10,567	11,566	11,746	180	1.6
701200C-CONTINUING FULL TIME - OTHERS	1,106	1,226	1,118	1,122	4	0.4
701300C-ADDITIONAL GROSS PAY	475	215	0	0	0	N/A
701400C-FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL	2,267	2,488	2,917	2,960	42	1.5
<b>SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)</b>	<b>13,783</b>	<b>14,496</b>	<b>15,600</b>	<b>15,827</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>1.5</b>
711100C-SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	12	4	41	41	0	0.0
712100C-ENERGY COMM & BLDG RENTALS	2,178	2,243	2,422	2,346	-76	-3.1
713100C-OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	2,338	2,008	2,147	1,985	-162	-7.5
713200C-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - OTHER	112	88	179	211	33	18.2
717100C-PURCHASES EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY	109	168	280	302	22	7.8
717200C-RENTALS EQUIPMENT & OTHER	100	90	124	124	0	0.0
<b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)</b>	<b>4,850</b>	<b>4,602</b>	<b>5,192</b>	<b>5,009</b>	<b>-184</b>	<b>-3.5</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>18,634</b>	<b>19,097</b>	<b>20,793</b>	<b>20,836</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>0.2</b>

\* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

## FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table DH0-4 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2026 approved budget. It also provides FY 2024 and FY 2025 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

**Table DH0-4**  
(\$ in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026
AFO002-AGENCY ACCOUNTING SERVICES	288	268	233	225	-8	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.7	0.0
AFO003-AGENCY BUDGETING AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES	234	206	189	125	-64	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.7	-0.4
AFO005-AGENCY /CLUSTER FINANCIAL EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	66	66	65	0	-65	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	-0.3
<b>AFO000-AGENCY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>540</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>-137</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>-0.7</b>
AMP003-COMMUNICATIONS	827	894	864	463	-401	5.3	5.3	5.5	3.0	-2.5
AMP005-CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT	720	845	778	1,864	1,087	4.5	4.5	4.6	3.0	-1.6
AMP009-FLEET MANAGEMENT	2	3	3	80	77	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

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	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026	Actual FY 2024	Actual FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Proposed FY 2027	Change from FY 2026
AMP011-HUMAN RESOURCE SERVICES	415	456	480	522	42	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	0.1
AMP012-INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES	351	389	595	791	195	2.3	2.3	2.4	3.0	0.6
AMP014-LEGAL SERVICES	213	156	280	3,347	3,067	2.0	1.0	1.0	16.0	15.0
AMP019-PROPERTY, ASSET, AND LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT	4,396	4,197	4,280	2,332	-1,948	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	-0.8
AMP026-TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT	424	357	691	319	-372	1.6	1.6	1.7	0.0	-1.7
AMP030-EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATION	0	0	0	953	953	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0
<b>AMP000-AGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM</b>	<b>7,347</b>	<b>7,299</b>	<b>7,970</b>	<b>10,670</b>	<b>2,700</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>13.1</b>
R01702-COMMISSION OPERATIONS	0	0	0	1,991	1,991	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.0	11.0
<b>EC0017-REAL PROPERTY APPEALS PROCESS</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>1,991</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
R02301-PIPELINE SAFETY	782	676	909	1,308	398	4.5	4.2	4.8	6.8	2.0
<b>EC0023-PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>676</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>1,308</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>2.0</b>
R02401-CONSUMER OUTREACH	468	494	500	1,158	658	3.3	3.2	3.3	9.0	5.7
R02403-UTILITY REGULATION	9,449	10,089	10,927	5,360	-5,567	60.0	60.8	63.4	32.0	-31.4
<b>EC0024-UTILITY REGULATION SERVICES</b>	<b>9,917</b>	<b>10,583</b>	<b>11,427</b>	<b>6,518</b>	<b>-4,909</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>64.0</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>-25.7</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>18,634</b>	<b>19,098</b>	<b>20,793</b>	<b>20,836</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>90.3</b>	<b>89.5</b>	<b>93.6</b>	<b>93.2</b>	<b>-0.4</b>

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity**. For detailed information on this agency's Cost Center structure as reflected in the District's Chart of Accounts, please see **Schedule 30-CC FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. Both schedules can be found in the **FY 2027 Operating Appendices**, located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. Additional information on this agency's interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H** in the **Executive Summary, Volume 1**.

## Program Description

The Public Service Commission operates through the following 5 programs:

**Real Property Appeals Process** – oversee the electricity, natural gas, and landline telephone utilities while balancing utility viability and safeguarding the public interests in utility matters

This program contains the following activity:

- **Commission Operations** – adjudicate formal cases, set and approve utility rates, regulate utility policies and programs, ensure consumer protection and reliability

**Pipeline Safety** – conducts inspections of natural gas construction projects, investigates incidents, audits Washington Gas’ records, and issues notices of probable violations to ensure compliance with federal and District standards.

This program contains the following activity:

- **Pipeline Safety** – oversees the Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Program while focusing on inspections, incident investigations, infrastructure modernization, and enhancing safety.

**Utility Regulation Services** – regulates natural gas, electric, and local telecommunications services to ensure providers offer safe, reliable, and quality services at reasonable rates to District of Columbia residential, business, to government customers.

This program contains the following 2 activities:

- **Consumer Outreach** – provides outreach on utility issues to District of Columbia consumers; and
- **Utility Regulation** – regulates natural gas, electric, and local telecommunications services to ensure providers offer safe, reliable, and quality services at reasonable rates to District of Columbia residential, business, and government customers.

**Agency Management** – provides for administrative support and the required tools to achieve operational and programmatic results. This program is standard for all agencies using performance-based budgeting.

**Agency Financial Operations** – provides comprehensive and efficient financial management services to, and on behalf of, District agencies so that the financial integrity of the District of Columbia is maintained. This program is standard for all agencies using performance-based budgeting.

### **Program Structure Change**

The approved program structure changes are provided in the Agency Realignment appendix to the proposed budget, which is located at [www.cfo.dc.gov](http://www.cfo.dc.gov) on the Annual Operating Budget and Capital Plan page.

## FY 2026 Approved Budget to FY 2027 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table DH0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2026 approved budget and the FY 2027 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2027 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

**Table DH0-5**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>20,148</b>	<b>90.5</b>
Increase: To align personnel services and fringe benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	205	-0.5
Decrease: To adjust the contractual services budget	Multiple Programs	-131	0.0
Decrease: To adjust fixed costs with projected estimate	Multiple Programs	-74	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>20,148</b>	<b>90.0</b>
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPRS: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>631</b>	<b>3.2</b>
Increase: To align the budget with projected grant awards	PIPELINE SAFETY PROGRAM	43	0.1
<b>FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPRS: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>674</b>	<b>3.2</b>
<b>PRIVATE DONATIONS -FPR: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0
<b>PRIVATE DONATIONS -FPR: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>14</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>GROSS FOR DH0-PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (DH0)</b>		<b>20,836</b>	<b>93.2</b>

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see **Appendix H, FY 2027 Interagency Budgets**, in the **Executive Summary, Volume 1** located on the OCFO's website.

## FY 2027 Proposed Operating Budget Changes

Table DH0-6 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget by fund compared to the approved FY 2026 budget.

**Table DH0-6**

Appropriated Fund	FY 2026 Approved	FY 2027 Proposed	% Change from FY 2026
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS	\$20,147,704	\$20,147,704	0.0
FEDERAL GRANT FUND - FPR	\$630,827	\$673,990	6.8
PRIVATE DONATIONS -FPR	\$14,000	\$14,000	0.0
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$20,792,531</b>	<b>\$20,835,694</b>	<b>0.2</b>

### Mayor's Proposed Budget

**Increase:** The Public Service Commission's (PSC) Special Purpose Revenue (SPR) funds are derived from assessing utility companies for services provided in the District. PSC's proposed SPR budget includes a net increase of \$205,304 to align the budget with projected salary and Fringe Benefits costs across multiple programs. This adjustment also includes a decrease of 0.5 Full-Time Equivalent (FTE).

In Federal Grant funds, the proposed budget includes a net increase of \$43,163 to align the budget with projected grant awards from the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT) for the District's Pipeline Safety Grant Program. This adjustment also includes an additional 0.1 FTE for the Pipeline Safety program.

**Decrease:** The Public Service Commission's SPR funds budget reflects a net decrease of \$74,447 to align with projected occupancy fixed cost estimates. Additionally, the budget includes a net decrease of \$130,857 to adjust contractual services costs across multiple programs.