

# District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

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Table LA0-1

| Description      | FY 2024  | FY 2025 | FY 2026       | FY 2027       | % Change        |
|------------------|----------|---------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
|                  | Actual   | Actual  | Approved      | Proposed      | from<br>FY 2026 |
| OPERATING BUDGET | \$22,333 | \$0     | \$838,132,574 | \$844,105,090 | 0.7             |
| FTEs             | 0.0      | 0.0     | 0.0           | 0.0           | N/A             |
| CAPITAL BUDGET   | \$0      | \$0     | \$0           | \$0           | N/A             |
| FTEs             | 0.0      | 0.0     | 0.0           | 0.0           | N/A             |

The vision of the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (DC Water) is to be known for superior service, ingenuity, and stewardship to advance the health and well-being of our diverse workforce and communities, with the mission to exceed expectations by providing high quality water services in a safe, environmentally friendly, and efficient manner.

**History:** In 1996, DC Water was created by District law, with the approval of the United States Congress, as an independent authority of the District government with a separate legal existence. In June 2010, the agency adopted a new logo and brand name, DC Water, while its official name remained District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority. Beginning in FY 2013, for accounting purposes, DC Water was no longer reported as a component unit of the District government.

**Governance:** DC Water's Board of Directors establishes policies and guides the strategic planning process. The Board is composed of eleven members and eleven alternates, representing the District, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, and Fairfax and Loudoun Counties in Virginia. The Board's District members establish policies, set rates, and charges for all District services. The entire Board votes and establishes policies for joint-use services. The General Manager/CEO reports to the Board and manages the operations and performance of the enterprise.

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 LA0-2 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 LA0-2**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

| Appropriated Fund                 | Dollars in Thousands |                   |                     |                     |                           |              | Full-Time Equivalents |                   |                     |                     |                           |             |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
|                                   | Actual<br>FY 2024    | Actual<br>FY 2025 | Approved<br>FY 2026 | Proposed<br>FY 2027 | Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 | %<br>Change* | Actual<br>FY 2024     | Actual<br>FY 2025 | Approved<br>FY 2026 | Proposed<br>FY 2027 | Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 | %<br>Change |
| <b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>           |                      |                   |                     |                     |                           |              |                       |                   |                     |                     |                           |             |
| ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS - WASA | 22                   | 0                 | 838,133             | 844,105             | 5,973                     | 0.7          | 0.0                   | 0.0               | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                       | N/A         |
| <b>TOTAL FOR ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b> | <b>22</b>            | <b>0</b>          | <b>838,133</b>      | <b>844,105</b>      | <b>5,973</b>              | <b>0.7</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>22</b>            | <b>0</b>          | <b>838,133</b>      | <b>844,105</b>      | <b>5,973</b>              | <b>0.7</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>  |

\* 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 LA0-3 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 LA0-3**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

| Account Group                               | Actual<br>FY 2024 | Actual<br>FY 2025 | Approved<br>FY 2026 | Proposed<br>FY 2027 | Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 | %<br>Change* |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|
| 701100C-CONTINUING FULL TIME                | 0                 | 0                 | 159,348             | 167,504             | 8,156                     | 5.1          |
| 701400C-FRINGE BENEFITS - CURR PERSONNEL    | 0                 | 0                 | 46,914              | 47,193              | 279                       | 0.6          |
| 701500C-OVERTIME PAY                        | 0                 | 0                 | 11,200              | 12,265              | 1,065                     | 9.5          |
| <b>SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)</b>     | <b>0</b>          | <b>0</b>          | <b>217,462</b>      | <b>226,963</b>      | <b>9,501</b>              | <b>4.4</b>   |
| 711100C-SUPPLIES & MATERIALS                | 0                 | 0                 | 57,491              | 60,177              | 2,686                     | 4.7          |
| 712100C-ENERGY COMM & BLDG RENTALS          | 0                 | 0                 | 41,659              | 42,201              | 542                       | 1.3          |
| 713100C-OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES            | 0                 | 0                 | 48,149              | 54,470              | 6,321                     | 13.1         |
| 713200C-CONTRACTUAL SERVICES - OTHER        | 22                | 0                 | 102,284             | 99,994              | -2,290                    | -2.2         |
| 714100C-GOVERNMENT SUBSIDIES & GRANTS       | 0                 | 0                 | 24,170              | 24,552              | 381                       | 1.6          |
| 717100C-PURCHASES EQUIPMENT & MACHINERY     | 0                 | 0                 | 1,531               | 1,005               | -526                      | -34.3        |
| 718100C-DEBT SERVICE PAYMENTS               | 0                 | 0                 | 345,387             | 334,744             | -10,643                   | -3.1         |
| <b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)</b> | <b>22</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>620,670</b>      | <b>617,142</b>      | <b>-3,528</b>             | <b>-0.6</b>  |
| <b>GROSS FUNDS</b>                          | <b>22</b>         | <b>0</b>          | <b>838,133</b>      | <b>844,105</b>      | <b>5,973</b>              | <b>0.7</b>   |

\* Percent change is based on whole dollars.

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

Table LA0-4 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 LA0-4**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

| Division/Program and Activity          | Dollars in Thousands |                   |                     |                     |                           | Full-Time Equivalents |                   |                     |                     |                           |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
|  | Actual<br>FY 2024    | Actual<br>FY 2025 | Approved<br>FY 2026 | Proposed<br>FY 2027 | Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 | Actual<br>FY 2024     | Actual<br>FY 2025 | Approved<br>FY 2026 | Proposed<br>FY 2027 | Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 |
| C02401-WASA FUNDING                    | 22                   | 0                 | 838,133             | 844,105             | 5,973                     | 0.0                   | 0.0               | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | N/A                       |
| CO0024-CFO OPERATIONS                  | 22                   | 0                 | 838,133             | 844,105             | 5,973                     | 0.0                   | 0.0               | 0.0                 | 0.0                 | 0.0                       |
| <b>TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET</b> | <b>22</b>            | <b>0</b>          | <b>838,133</b>      | <b>844,105</b>      | <b>5,973</b>              | <b>0.0</b>            | <b>0.0</b>        | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>0.0</b>          | <b>N/A</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

**Service Area:** DC Water provides more than 700,000 residents and 25.95 million annual visitors in the District of Columbia with retail water and wastewater (sewer) services. With a total service area of approximately 725 square miles, DC Water also treats wastewater for approximately 1.8 million people in neighboring jurisdictions, including Montgomery and Prince George's Counties in Maryland, and Fairfax and Loudoun Counties in Virginia.

**Drinking Water Quality:** With a strong emphasis on water quality, DC Water maintains an annual flushing program, regulatory and voluntary water quality testing, and ongoing system upgrades. In partnership with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Washington Aqueduct, DC Water ensures a high-quality treatment process for delivering outstanding drinking water throughout the year.

**Pumped and Treated Water Storage:** During Fiscal Year 2024, DC Water pumped an average of more than 100.7 million gallons of water per day. In addition, DC Water stores approximately 60 million gallons of treated water at its eight facilities (reservoirs and tanks). The Washington Aqueduct, which treats drinking water, stores an additional 49 million gallons.

**Water Distribution System:** DC Water delivers water through approximately 2,000 miles of interconnected pipes, four pumping stations, four reservoirs, three elevated water tanks, and approximately 43,860 valves and 9,510 fire hydrants.

**Blue Plains Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Blue Plains, located at the southernmost tip of the District, is the largest advanced wastewater treatment facility in the world, covering more than 150 acres along the Potomac River. Through the complete treatment process, Blue Plains treats an annual average of 320 million gallons per day (MGD) and has a design capacity to treat approximately 800 million gallons per day.

**Sewer System:** DC Water operates approximately 2,000 miles of combined, separate and stormwater sewers, 50,000 manholes and 25,000 catch basins, 16 stormwater pumping stations and 9 offsite wastewater pumping stations.

## Program Structure Change

The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority has no program structure changes in the FY 2027 Board-proposed budget.

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

Table LA0-5 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 LA0-5**  
**(\$ in thousands)**

| DESCRIPTION  | DIVISION/PROGRAM | BUDGET         | FTE        |
|--|------------------|----------------|------------|
| <b>ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUND - WASAS: FY 2026 Approved Budget and FTE</b>      |                  | <b>838,133</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
| Increase: To align fixed costs with proposed estimates                         | CFO OPERATIONS   | 542            | 0.0        |
| Increase: To align personnel services and fringe benefits with projected costs | CFO OPERATIONS   | 9,501          | 0.0        |
| Increase: To align resources with programmatic operational spending goals      | CFO OPERATIONS   | 6,573          | 0.0        |
| Decrease: To align projections with debt services payments                     | CFO OPERATIONS   | -10,643        | 0.0        |
| <b>ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUND - WASAS: FY 2027 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>      |                  | <b>844,105</b> | <b>0.0</b> |
| <b>GROSS FOR LA0-WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY (LA0)</b>                           |                  | <b>844,105</b> | <b>0.0</b> |

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 LA0-6 contains the proposed FY 2027 budget by fund compared to the FY 2026 approved budget.

**Table LA0-6**

| Appropriated Fund                 | FY 2026<br>Approved | FY 2027<br>Proposed | % Change<br>from<br>FY 2026 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUNDS - WASA | 838,132,574         | 844,105,090         | 0.7                         |
| <b>GROSS FUNDS</b>                | <b>838,132,574</b>  | <b>844,105,090</b>  | <b>0.7</b>                  |

### Mayor's Proposed Budget

**Increase:** The District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority's (DC Water) proposed Enterprise and Other funds budget includes an increase of \$9,500,550 to align personnel services and fringe benefits with projected costs to ensure a high-performance workforce. Additionally, the budget proposal includes a net increase of \$6,572,729 to better align resources with programmatic spending goals, primarily for contractual service costs. Lastly, the proposed budget includes an increase of \$542,046 to align Fixed Costs with the proposed occupancy estimates.

**Decrease:** DC Water's proposed Enterprise and Other funds budget includes a decrease of \$10,642,809 align projections with debt services payments associated with the Capital Improvement Program.