
District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority

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Table LA0-1

Description	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	from FY 2024
OPERATING BUDGET	\$0	\$0	\$737,566,811	\$788,241,048	6.9
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

Note: Prior year actuals are not reported for the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority (WASA), also known as DC Water, because the agency does not use the District's financial system for its actual transactions.

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 2025 Board-proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2025 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table LA0-2 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual data.

Table LA0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	%	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	%
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	from FY 2024	Change*	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2024	Change
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER												
Enterprise and Other Fund												
- Wasas	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
TOTAL FOR ENTERPRISE AND OTHER	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
GROSS FUNDS	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

*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 2025 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table LA0-3 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 actual expenditures.

Table LA0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Proposed	Change	Percentage
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	from FY 2024	Change*
701100C - Continuing Full Time	0	0	147,203	154,105	6,901	4.7
701400C - Fringe Benefits - Current Personnel	0	0	45,869	46,425	557	1.2
701500C - Overtime Pay	0	0	8,509	9,103	594	7.0
SUBTOTAL PERSONNEL SERVICES (PS)	0	0	201,581	209,633	8,052	4.0
711100C - Supplies and Materials	0	0	54,568	55,585	1,017	1.9
712100C - Energy, Communications and Building Rentals	0	0	39,232	40,318	1,086	2.8
713100C - Other Services and Charges	0	0	44,039	45,330	1,291	2.9
713200C - Contractual Services - Other	0	0	93,070	102,284	9,213	9.9
714100C - Government Subsidies and Grants	0	0	23,430	23,796	366	1.6
717100C - Purchases Equipment and Machinery	0	0	1,437	1,364	-73	-5.1
718100C - Debt Service Payments	0	0	280,210	309,932	29,722	10.6
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)	0	0	535,986	578,608	42,622	8.0
GROSS FUNDS	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	6.9

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table LA0-4 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2024 approved budget. It also provides FY 2022 and FY 2023 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

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024	Actual FY 2022	Actual FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Proposed FY 2025	Change from FY 2024
(CO0024) CFO OPERATIONS										
(C02401) WASA Funding	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (CO0024) CFO OPERATIONS	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	0	0	737,567	788,241	50,674	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

(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 2025 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. Additional information on this agency’s interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H**. All schedules can be found in the FY 2025 Operating Appendices, Volume 6 located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer’s website.

Program Description

Service Area: DC Water provides more than 700,000 residents and 21.3 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 2023, DC Water pumped an average of more than 94 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 1,300 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 of 384 MGD, with a peak design capacity to treat more than 555 MGD. An additional 225 MGD can be treated utilizing the Wet Weather Treatment Facility at Blue Plains.

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 2025 Board-proposed budget.

FY 2024 Approved Budget to FY 2025 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table LA0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2024 approved budget and the FY 2025 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2025 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table LA0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUND - WASAS: FY 2024 Approved Budget and FTE		737,567	0.0
Increase: To align projections with debt services payments	Multiple Programs	29,722	0.0
Increase: To align resources with programmatic operational spending goals	Multiple Programs	11,814	0.0
Increase: To align personnel services and Fringe Benefits with projected costs	Multiple Programs	8,052	0.0
Increase: To align Fixed Costs with proposed estimates	Multiple Programs	1,086	0.0
ENTERPRISE AND OTHER FUND - WASAS: FY 2025 Mayor's Proposed Budget		788,241	0.0
GROSS FOR LA0 - DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY		788,241	0.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2025 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2025 Proposed Operating Budget Changes

Table LA0-6 contains the proposed FY 2025 budget by fund compared to the FY 2024 approved budget.

Table LA0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2024 Approved	FY 2025 Proposed	% Change from FY 2024
Enterprise and Other Fund - WASAS	\$737,566,811	\$788,241,048	6.9
GROSS FUNDS	\$737,566,811	\$788,241,048	6.9

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 \$29,721,829 to align projections with debt service payments associated with the Capital Improvement Program. Additionally, the proposed budget includes a net increase of \$11,814,480 to align resources with programmatic operational spending goals, primarily due to an increase in contractual services to meet critical asset maintenance and operational requirements. The budget proposal also includes an increase of \$8,052,073 to align personnel services with projected costs to maintain a high-performance workforce. Lastly, an increase of \$1,085,855 is reflected to align Fixed Costs with proposed estimates to support an increase in water usage as a result of changes made in the treatment process at the plant, and projected Electricity and Telecommunications costs.

