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 citywide reimbursement for indirect cost allocation, transfer from Houston First Local Government Corporation (LGC) pertaining to a 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 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).
- Transfer to the Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Special Revenue Fund to improve facility maintenance.
- Citywide membership costs for organizations such as the Houston Read Commission and the U.S Conference of Mayors.
- 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.:	210,302,551

Business Area Budget Summary

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

		FY2014 Actual	FY2015 Current Budget	FY2015 Estimate	FY2016 Budget
Expenditures	Personnel Services	10,917,213	13,675,162	13,675,162	**19,789,776**
	Supplies	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
	Other Services and Charges	105,882,352	113,288,101	112,809,317	**118,239,358**
	Total M & O Expenditures	116,799,565	127,963,263	127,484,479	**139,029,134**
	Debt Service & Other Uses	50,481,407	103,044,943	103,044,943	**71,273,417**
	Total Expenditure	167,280,972	231,008,206	230,529,422	**210,302,551**
Revenues		52,943,644	62,224,702	88,017,371	**67,321,357**
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**

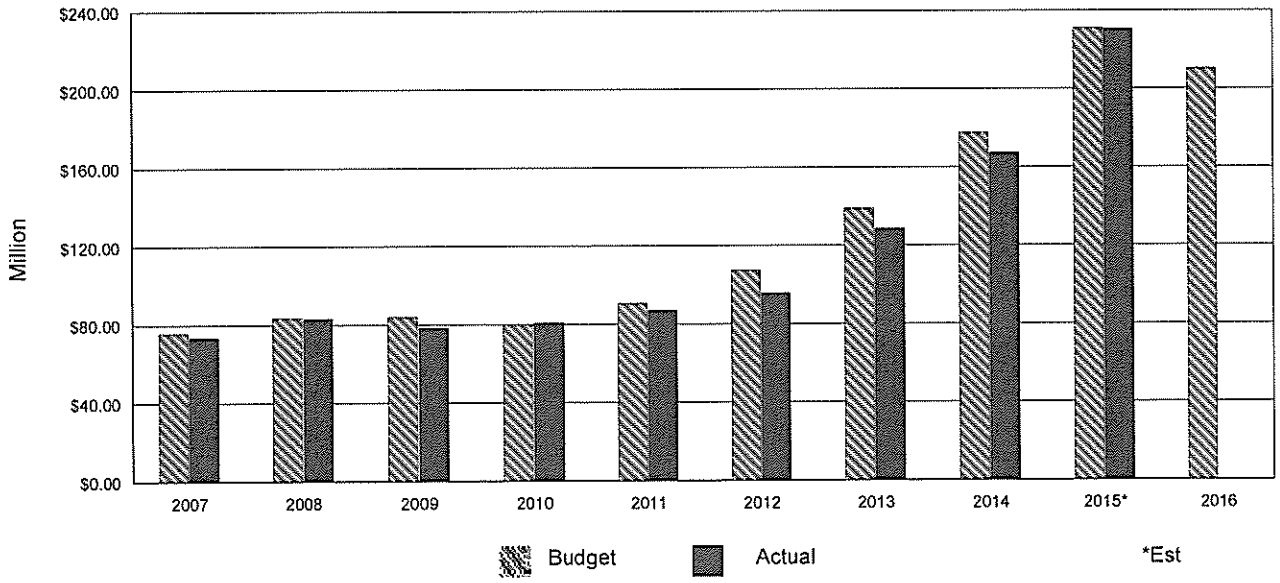
Significant Budget Changes and Highlights

The FY2016 Budget includes:

- Limited Purpose Annexation Sales Tax payments of $54.2 million.
- Transfer of $22 million to the Houston Forensic Science Local Government Corporation (LGC).
- $20 million for 380 payments ($7 million Bayou Greenway 2020).
- $17.9 million for the encouragement, promotion improvement, and application of the arts to promote tourism, offset by Hotel Occupancy Tax revenue from Houston First.
- $17.4 million for transfer to the Maintenance Renewal and Replacement Special Revenue Fund (Fund 2105).
- Contingency funding of $2.5 million for unplanned expenditures in other General Fund Departments.
- Energy Contingency of $2 million (Fuel $1 million, Electricity $1 million).
- $1.6 million for Houston Recovery Center.
- $1.5 million for the City of Houston Youth Summer Job Program (SJP).

In FY2016, captured revenue transfer to Dedicated Drainage Street and Renewal Fund is no longer included in General Government.

General Government
Current Budget vs Actual Expenditures



Business Area Revenue Summary

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

Commit Item	Description	FY2015 Current Budget	FY2015 Estimate	FY2016 Budget
9900010003	GGOV - General			
416020	Miscellaneous Franchise Fee	1,500,000	1,400,054	1,390,006
422122	Municipal Service Fees - TIRZ	4,729,200	4,729,200	4,925,200
422141	Intergovernmental Revenue - TIRZ	5,750,193	6,088,747	6,674,276
425010	Indirect Cost Recovery-Aviation	2,838,374	2,838,374	3,258,744
425020	Indirect Cost Recovery - Civic Center	233,181	0	0
425030	Indirect Cost-CUS Fund	8,441,300	8,441,300	9,810,103
425060	Indirect Cost Recover -Public TV	108,499	108,499	121,463
425070	Indirect Cost-Building Inspection	1,454,707	1,454,316	1,595,671
425080	Indirect Cost Recovery-Street & Drainage	1,015,054	1,015,850	1,101,460
425090	Indirect Cost Recovery-911 Emergency	110,000	110,000	110,000
425100	Indirect Cost Recovery-Other	6,260,244	6,260,244	7,504,934
426330	Miscellaneous Copies Fees	1,200	11,090	11,000
431020	Contributions from Others	0	109,167	0
434240	Sale of Capital Assets-Land/Streets	0	23,500,000	0
434305	Judgments & Claims	100,000	0	100,000
434330	Subrogations	10,000	0	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	255,354	250,000
452020	Recoveries & Refunds	800,000	2,452,898	1,300,000
452030	Miscellaneous Revenue	250,000	823,041	250,000
490060	Transfer from Civic Center	1,380,000	1,380,000	1,380,000
490120	Transfer from Component Unit	19,892,750	20,039,237	20,428,500
490140	Transfer from Parking Management	7,000,000	7,000,000	7,000,000
Total	General Government	62,224,702	88,017,371	67,321,357

Business Area Expenditure Summary

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

Commit Item	Description	FY2014 Actual	FY2015 Current Budget	FY2015 Estimate	FY2016 Budget
503050	Health/Life Insurance - Retiree Civilian	10,917,213	13,675,162	13,675,162	**12,789,776**
504020	Compensation Contingency	0	0	0	**7,000,000**
Total	**Personnel Services**	**10,917,213**	**13,675,162**	**13,675,162**	**19,789,776**
511110	Fuel	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
Total	**Supplies**	**0**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**	**1,000,000**
520110	Management Consulting Services	1,579,152	639,521	639,521	**3,139,521**
520112	Banking Services	121,511	127,800	127,800	**127,800**
520115	Real Estate Lease/Office Rental	4,554,414	4,650,000	4,650,000	**4,650,000**
520144	Limited Purpose Annexation Payment	47,190,651	51,973,682	51,973,682	**54,195,685**
520145	Criminal Intelligence Services	1,493,283	0	0	**0**
520605	Advertising Services	322,603	500,000	500,000	**500,000**
520730	Tax Appraisal Fees	7,788,238	8,800,000	8,800,000	**8,963,403**
520735	Tax Refunds	584,257	0	0	**0**
520750	Elections	2,268,264	0	0	**2,500,000**
520755	Contingency	7,119	1,095,984	617,200	**2,500,000**
520760	Contributions	15,644,339	16,972,910	16,972,910	**17,853,660**
520765	Membership & Professional Fees	1,367,311	1,685,122	1,685,122	**1,294,997**
521505	Electricity	0	1,000,000	1,000,000	**1,000,000**
521905	Legal Services	1,117,052	1,585,000	1,585,000	**1,585,000**
522205	Metro Commuter Passes	719,388	720,000	720,000	**720,000**
522430	Misc Othr Svcs & Chrg	2,192,160	4,256,292	4,256,292	**4,927,502**
522435	Interest Charges Past Due Accounts	130	0	0	**0**
522620	Claims & Judgments	16,524,809	18,277,101	18,277,101	**13,277,101**
522795	Other Interfund Services	696,723	1,004,689	1,004,689	**1,004,689**
522845	Interfund Vehicle Services	1,710,948	0	0	**0**
Total	**Other Services and Charges**	**105,882,352**	**113,288,101**	**112,809,317**	**118,239,358**
531085	Other Interest	3,039,502	4,927,500	4,927,500	**3,387,500**
532015	Transfers to Convention & Entertainment	289,875	0	0	**0**
532025	Transfers to Special Revenues	39,970,092	60,127,142	60,127,142	**24,225,992**
532040	Transfers to Component Unit	7,181,938	23,434,621	23,434,621	**23,626,245**
532135	Ch.380 - Transfers to Other Funds	0	14,555,680	14,555,680	**20,033,680**
Total	**Debt Service and Other Uses**	**50,481,407**	**103,044,943**	**103,044,943**	**71,273,417**
Grand Total Expenditures		**167,280,972**	**231,008,206**	**230,529,422**	**210,302,551**