



2024

PROPOSED BUDGET

October 17, 2023

Augusta
GEORGIA

Takiyah A. Douse
Interim Administrator

FY
2024

Commission Budget Priorities

- I. Homelessness
- II. Human Resources
- III. Infrastructure
- IV. Public Safety
- V. Quality of Life

Revenue and Expenditure Highlights

Key Revenue Highlights:

- 2% Growth in Digest
- 3% Sales Tax (LOST) Increase
- 8.7% Insurance Premium Tax Increase (FY23)
- 9% Franchise Fees (Electricity) Increase

Key Expenditure Highlights:

- \$2.2M ESCO Debt Service
- \$1.6M Election Expenses
- \$2.3M Public Safety Salary Increases
- \$3.3M Cost of Living Adjustments

Year Over Year

FUND	FY23 BUDGET (AMENDED)	FY24 BUDGET (PROPOSED)	VARIANCE AMOUNT	% INCREASE/ DECREASE
GENERAL/LAW				
ENFORCEMENT	\$191,136,210.00	\$200,226,770.00	\$9,090,560.00	4.8%
Riverfront Activities	\$126,410.00	\$84,740.00	(\$41,670.00)	-33.0%
IT Radio System	\$1,073,040.00	\$1,127,250.00	\$54,210.00	5.1%
Traffic Mitigation	\$93,240.00	\$111,000.00	\$17,760.00	19.0%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$192,428,900.00	\$201,549,760.00	\$9,120,860.00	4.7%
SPECIAL REVENUE	\$194,003,810.00	\$142,495,710.00	(\$51,508,100.00)	-26.6%
CAPITAL PROJECT	\$266,674,200.00	\$284,233,160.00	\$17,558,960.00	6.6%
DEBT SERVICE	\$37,392,940.00	\$15,602,640.00	(\$21,790,300.00)	-58.3%
ENTERPRISE	\$335,342,600.00	\$423,813,560.00	\$88,470,960.00	26.4%
INTERNAL SERVICE	\$56,023,030.00	\$57,427,290.00	\$1,404,260.00	2.5%
TRUST & AGENCY	\$14,552,090.00	\$31,297,200.00	\$16,745,110.00	115.1%
TOTAL	\$1,096,417,570.00	\$1,156,419,320.00	\$60,001,750.00	5.5%

New Programs

Department	Description	Administrator Recommended
Administrator's Office	"Give Change that Counts" campaign to reduce panhandling by educating the community; no additional funding needed	\$25,000.00*
Finance	Expanded Internal Audit Services	\$300,000.00
Information Technology	Cybersecurity Enhancements	\$285,000.00
CVB-Destination Augusta	Festivals and Parades	\$50,000.00
Building Inspection	Electronic Plan Review Software	\$200,000.00
Planning and Development	Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance	\$95,000.00
Marshal's Office	Litter Patrol Expansion	\$98,780.00

*No additional funding allocated for FY2024

American Rescue Plan Funding

Obligations	Balance as of 09/30/23	Proposed Changes for 2024	Revised Obligations
Pay Plan Supplement	\$4,872,364	(\$1,044,470)	\$3,827,894
ESD Demolition Program; approved in 2023 Adopted Budget	\$309,965	\$425,00	\$734,965
311 Realignment; 2-FTE	\$125,000	(\$125,00)	-
311 Realignment; United Call Center (Space Cost)	\$300,000	(\$300,00)	-
Street Lighting; Deficit Adjustment	\$283,000	\$1,181,400	\$1,464,400
Street Lighting; Expansion Plan	\$1,968,000	(\$1,181,400)	\$786,600

Total ARP Unallocated Balance \$1,492,628

Budget Challenges

- Landfill and Garbage Collections
 - Funds 541, 542 operational needs and revenue shortfalls
 - Needed capital spending deferred
 - Future Funding for Demolition Program
- Augusta Fire Department - Capital Needs
 - \$3.5M ARP allocated in FY2023
 - \$2.6M Fire Protection Fund available in FY024
- Streetlight Deficit
 - \$6M ARP Planned Expansion
 - \$1.1M cover deficit
- Health Insurance

Streetlights

	Operational Deficit Reduction	Expansion	Total
2021 ARP	1,000,000		
2022 ARP	500,000		
Original ARP allocation	1,500,000	4,500,000	6,000,000
<u>Approved Redistribution</u>			
2023 Budget Deficit	1,132,000	(1,132,000)	
Allocation at 12.31.2023	2,632,000	3,368,000	6,000,000
<u>Current Project Obligations</u>			
Greene Street Lighting		(800,000)	
Windsor Spring Rd 9.5.2023		(600,000)	
Expansion Project Balance		1,968,000	
Projected Shortfall 2024 Budget	1,181,400	(1,181,400)	
<u>Adjusted Balance Available for Expansion</u>		786,600	

Budget Timeline

- October 17th Administrator's Proposed Budget Presentation
- October 26th Proposed Commission Work Session 2, if needed
- October 30th Publish Public Hearing Notice

- November 7th Public Town Meeting/Commission Meeting
- November 13th Publish Notice of Budget Adoption in Newspaper
- November 15th Proposed Commission Work Session 3, if needed
- November 21st Adoption of the FY24 budget

- January 1st FY24 Budget effective date