

Debt Service

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The agency accounts for citywide appropriations that support general obligation loan authorization principal and interest payments for the City other than TID or enterprise debt. All general obligation notes and bonds payable are backed by the full faith and credit of the City. Notes and bonds in the governmental funds will be retired by future property tax levies or tax increments accumulated by the debt service fund. General obligation long-term debt comprises the largest share of outstanding debt to the City.

The 2019 appropriation for all general obligation borrowing of \$185.8 million is \$27.7 million more than the 2018 appropriation. The General Fund general obligation debt service for 2019 is \$46,670,448 in principal and \$8,038,262 in interest for a total of \$54,708,710. The General Fund general obligation debt service for 2018 was \$39,773,506 in principal and \$7,465,604 in interest for a total of \$47,239,110.

As a result of the annual debt review by rating agencies, the City has a Aaa bond rating, the highest quality rating available with Moody's Investors Services.

The debt service fund has advanced amounts to various enterprise funds and component units to fund the repayment of long-term liabilities. Repayment schedules have been established and interest is being charged based on the repayment schedules.

The City of Madison has established a policy to remove from the Capital Budget those items with a useful life of less than the repayment term of General Obligation debt (usually ten years). Those items should be considered in the Operating Budget under MGO 4.02(6)(c)(3).

In December 2012, the Common Council created MGO 4.17 to prohibit the use of unused balances in the debt service fund for operating expenses. The Ordinance states: "In any year when general debt reserves are applied to reduce general fund debt service, an amount at least equal to the general debt reserves applied must be directly appropriated from the general fund for capital projects, unless the Common Council, by a separate vote of two-thirds (2/3) of all members during approval of the budget, votes to do otherwise."

Under Wisconsin State Statutes, the outstanding general obligation long-term debt of a municipality may not exceed 5% of the equalized property value of all taxable property within the city's jurisdiction. At the end of 2017, applicable debt of the City totaled \$447.7 million or 33.4% of the maximum legal limit of \$1.34 billion.

Revenue bonds are payable only from revenues derived from the operation of the responsible fund. This agency does not include revenue obligations for the enterprise operations of the Water Utility or the Sewer Utility. Revenue obligations of the City's enterprise operations are provided in the respective budgets for these funds.

2019 Budget Highlights

The 2019 Adopted Budget includes funding for:

- The General Fund general obligation debt service of \$46,670,448 in principal and \$8,038,262 in interest for a total of \$54,708,710. The General Obligation offering took place on October 2, 2018, after the publication of the Executive Budget. The Executive Budget included funding for General Fund general obligation debt service of \$46,462,422 in principal and \$8,705,634 in interest for a total of \$55,168,057.
- A \$3.6 million decrease from 2018 levels in Direct Appropriation to Capital Projects (see Direct Appropriations).

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Function: Debt Service

Line Item Detail

Agency Primary Fund: Debt Service

Intergovernmental Revenues

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
Federal Revenues Operating	(323,430)	(323,531)	(323,531)	(213,817)	(213,817)	(213,817)
TOTAL	\$ (323,430)	\$ (323,531)	\$ (323,531)	\$ (213,817)	\$ (213,817)	\$ (213,817)

Investments & Contributions

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
Interest	(635,934)	(350,000)	(350,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	(1,300,000)
TOTAL	\$ (635,934)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (350,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,000,000)	\$ (1,300,000)

Other Finance Sources

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
General Obligation Bond Alloc	(1,247,194)	-	-	-	-	-
Premium On Bonds Sold	(6,602,862)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ (7,850,055)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Transfer In

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
Transfer In From General	(44,321,038)	(47,239,110)	(47,239,110)	(55,168,057)	(55,168,057)	(54,708,710)
Transfer In From Library	(2,745,463)	(2,648,112)	(2,648,112)	(2,448,194)	(2,448,194)	(2,826,376)
Transfer In From CDBG	(10,520)	(11,041)	(11,041)	(11,601)	(11,601)	(11,601)
Transfer In From Loans	(100,000)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer In From Other Restrict	(133,413)	(23,053,763)	(23,053,763)	(23,107,670)	(23,107,670)	(21,277,779)
Transfer In From Impact Fees	(509,945)	(319,534)	(319,534)	(309,508)	(309,508)	(309,508)
Transfer In From Capital	(246,408)	-	-	-	-	-
Transfer In From Special Asses	(257,975)	(251,976)	(251,976)	(245,976)	(245,976)	(245,976)
Transfer In From Tax Increment	(9,235,950)	(10,741,264)	(10,741,264)	(9,642,243)	(9,642,243)	(10,629,560)
Transfer In From Public Health	-	(183,146)	(183,146)	(156,261)	(156,261)	(365,887)
TOTAL	\$ (57,560,711)	\$ (84,447,946)	\$ (84,447,946)	\$ (91,089,510)	\$ (91,089,510)	\$ (90,375,397)

Purchased Services

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
Financial Actuary Services	68,500	-	-	-	-	-
Audit Services	2,000	-	-	-	-	-
Legal Services	64,858	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 135,358	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Debt & Other Financing

	2017 Actual	2018 Adopted	2018 Projected	2019 Request	2019 Executive	2019 Adopted
Principal	53,804,739	70,985,000	70,985,000	75,910,500	75,910,500	75,895,000
Interest	10,445,359	14,126,477	14,126,477	16,382,827	16,382,827	15,984,214
Bond Notes Issuance Services	295,466	-	-	-	-	-
Paying Agent Services	12,200	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Fund Balance Generated	1,677,008	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	\$ 66,234,772	\$ 85,121,477	\$ 85,121,477	\$ 92,303,327	\$ 92,303,327	\$ 91,889,214