



Commissioner of Public Utilities

Analysis by Douglas Imaralu

	2020-21 Revised Budget	2020-21 Actuals	Remaining Budget	Percent Remaining
Expenses	\$1,301,962	\$780,138	\$521,824	40%
Operating Expenses	\$1,301,962	\$780,138	\$521,824	40%
Personnel	\$969,316	\$585,001	\$384,315	40%
External Materials and Services	\$50,662	\$16,677	\$33,985	67%
Internal Materials and Services	\$281,984	\$178,459	\$103,525	37%
Revenue	\$1,301,962	\$0	\$1,301,962	100%
General Fund Allocation	\$1,301,962	\$0	\$1,301,962	100%
General Fund Discretionary	\$597,217	\$0	\$597,217	100%
General Fund Overhead	\$704,745	\$0	\$704,745	100%

Figure 1. This table shows the Commissioner of Public Utilities General Fund budget.

INTRODUCTION

Two-thirds through the fiscal year, the Commissioner of Public Utilities has expended 60% of its budgeted expenses. Operating expenses are tracking behind pace as a result of underspending in external material and services (EMS) and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic which curtailed certain expenditures. **CBO anticipates that the office will end the year within budget, and may underspend its General Fund discretionary allocation by up to 9% or \$116,320.**

KEY DECISIONS FOR COUNCIL

There are no major decision points for City Council in the Commissioner of Public Utilities’s Spring BMP submission. The Commissioner’s office is requesting one adjustment that is technical in nature and is typical for the Spring BMP.

CURRENT YEAR BUDGET MONITORING

Summary of Current Year Trends and Year-end Projections

The Commissioner of Public Utilities is entirely funded by the General Fund and is expected to end the year within FY 2020–21 appropriations, with potential underspending of up to 9% of the office’s current year allocation. The Commissioner’s office’s underspending in its external materials and services (EMS) account can be attributed to curtailed expenditures prompted by COVID-19 limitations and the mid-year transition of a new Commissioner into the office. CBO estimates that the administrative hydraulics involved with adjusting into a new Commissioner into office mid-year may lead to some underspending.

SPRING SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET CHANGES

	2020-21 Spring Revised Base (A)	Spring Decision Package Total (B)	CBO Recommended Adjustments (C)	Total Recommended Budget (A+B+C)
Expense	\$1,301,962	\$0	\$0	\$1,301,962
Personnel	\$969,316	(\$10,000)	\$0	\$959,316
External Materials and Services	\$50,662	\$0	\$0	\$50,662
Internal Materials and Services	\$281,984	\$10,000	\$0	\$291,984
Revenue	\$1,301,962	\$0	\$0	\$1,301,962
General Fund Discretionary	\$597,217	\$0	\$0	\$597,217
General Fund Overhead	\$704,745	\$0	\$0	\$704,745