
2011 ALBANY COUNTY EXECUTIVE BUDGET

RESERVES

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BACKGROUND

Albany County has established a number of reserve funds, which are segregated from the operating budget and intended to provide resources to meet future needs, contingencies, and capital outlays. These reserves were created through both discretionary means and to satisfy certain legal obligations. Included in this section is a summary of Albany County's reserve accounts, along with the intended use of any reserve funds in 2011.

RESERVE ACCOUNTS AND RECOMMENDED USES

The following table provides a description of Albany County's reserve accounts and the proposed 2011 appropriation.

Reserve Title	Description	Category	Amount Available 6/30/2010	Cash in Separate Account 6/30/2010	Proposed 2011 Appropriation	Anticipated Cash Balance 12/31/2011
Capital Projects	The Executive Budget does not propose appropriating reserves from the Capital Projects or Capital Repairs reserves. We believe these reserves should be maintained in the event emergency capital repairs are needed.	Capital	\$ 2,335,350	\$ 1,000,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000,000
Capital Repairs		Capital	\$ 2,955,750	\$ 2,955,750	\$ -	\$ 2,955,750
Nursing Home Capital Projects		Capital	\$ 339,187	\$ 339,187	\$ -	\$ 339,187
Sewer Capital Repairs		Capital	\$ 351,287	\$ 351,287	\$ -	\$ 351,287
Civic Center Debt		Debt	\$ 780,152	\$ 780,152	\$ -	\$ 780,152
Debt	The Executive Budget proposes utilizing this reserve to offset 2011 debt service costs.	Debt	\$ 8,901,119	\$ 8,901,119	\$ 8,651,119	\$ 250,000
Nursing Home Debt	The Executive Budget proposes utilizing this reserve to offset 2011 debt service costs.	Debt	\$ 588,450	\$ 588,450	\$ 280,632	\$ 307,818
Sewer Debt		Debt	\$ 194,926	\$ 194,926	\$ -	\$ 194,926
Economic Development		Other	\$ 1,115,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	During 2008 the Comptroller commissioned a study to obtain an actuarial valuation of post-employment benefits for the County workforce related to health insurance costs. The findings indicated that Albany County should be contributing \$51.8 million annually to ensure a continuity of health insurance benefits for retirees. We propose appropriating this reserve in full due to the large increase in retiree health benefit costs and the severe economic crisis. However, we note that maintaining County services at current levels will be extremely challenging without addressing this long-term fiscal constraint. Ultimately, a mechanism will need to be created to appropriately fund this reserve.					
Employee Benefits Insurance		Other	\$ 503,056	\$ 503,056	\$ 502,056	\$ 1,000
Sewer Retirement		Other	\$ 398,873	\$ 398,873	\$ -	\$ 398,873
Workers Compensation		Other	\$ 251,561	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	The Executive Budget proposes utilizing \$5.6 million to offset workers compensation and retiree health insurance costs, as was done in 2010.	Other	\$ 7,302,708	\$ 7,302,708	\$ 5,639,345	\$ 1,663,363
		Totals: Unrestricted Reserves	\$ 26,017,419	\$ 23,315,508	\$ 15,073,152	\$ 8,242,356
DWI		Restricted	\$ 203,077	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
E 911		Restricted	\$ 209,143	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Hospital and Medical Insurance		Restricted	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000,000
Stormwater Coalition	This reserve is appropriated as the request of the Stormwater Coalition.	Restricted	\$ 20,385	\$ -	\$ 11,378	\$ (11,378)
		Totals: Restricted Reserves	\$ 5,432,605	\$ 5,000,000	\$ 11,378	\$ 4,988,622
		Totals: All Reserves	\$ 31,450,024	\$ 28,315,508	\$ 15,084,530	\$ 13,230,978