

Charlotte Fire & Rescue Services

FY-18 Proposed Budget

CVFRS employed a zero-based budgeting process this year. There are several anticipated increases over the level-funded budget for the current year as outlined below some of which you have been made aware during our quarterly reviews. In the proposed FY-18 budget thirty-six line items are level funded, eight line items are decreasing and ten line items are increasing. The key areas are:

- Agency Assessment Fee was the result of legislative action in Montpelier resulting in a 3.3% Agency Assessment on Patient Revenue.
- Utilities are level funded with the exception of a decrease in fuel oil due to a change to diesel.
- Personnel Salary & Benefits are increased to reflect:
 - Full staffing of minimum required ambulance crew with paid staff,
 - Regional wage pressures resulting in higher per-diem rates,
 - Increases in health benefits costs,
 - CVFRS adopted a personnel policy outlining annual adjustments for permanent and per-diem staff during the Spring of 2016.
- Apparatus – costs to repair and maintain apparatus are expected to increase based on the retirement of personnel.

Included in your packet are the following documents related to the FY-18 Budget:

Management Financial Report – This is a functional summary aligned with the audited financials and includes the two most recent fiscal years and FY-18 Proposed Budget.

Operating Budget for FY-18 – This is the line item detail.

Operating Budget Comparative – line item detail that includes FY-15 and FY-16 Approved Budget and Actuals, FY-17 Approved Budget and FY-18 Proposed Budget.

Capital Reserve Fund Projection – The changes to the FY-18 proposed capital plan is an updated cost of the replacement apparatus based on actual current costs, the addition of an IV Pimp for A-2, and delaying the procurement of the Thermal Imaging Camera replacement until FY19. Future years have been modified based on anticipated costs and useful life estimates.

CVFRS Projects List – This report details capital items planned to be purchased from Special Funds as approved by CVFRS Membership. This list is reviewed bi-annually and re-prioritize as needed.