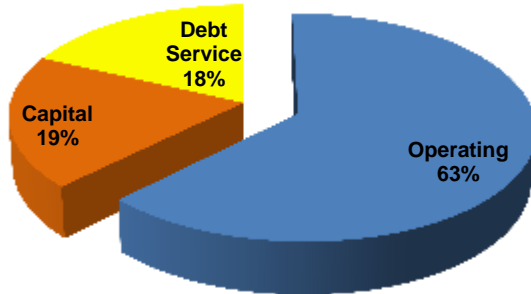


FY16 APPROPRIATIONS

The following sections will provide highlights on changes to budgeted appropriations from FY15 to FY16.



OPERATING BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The total Operating Budget for FY16 has increased \$82.1 million or three percent from the FY15 budget. Specific highlights for the General Fund, Special Purpose, Enterprise Funds and Broward Municipal Services District budgets are summarized below.

General Fund (FY16 Budget - \$1,130,697,500)

Appropriations increase approximately \$62.2 million or 6% percent primarily attributable to the increase in ad valorem taxes based on an increased tax roll. The general fund budget includes an increase of 5.7% to the Broward Sheriff's Office budget primarily to fund increases in the special risk Florida Retirement System rate, compensation, health insurance, and replacement vehicles. County Commission agencies, as a whole, are also increasing by 5.7% to fund compensation and health insurance increases and to address the County's most critical needs. Enhancement recommendations address key Board priorities such as improving transportation services (traffic synchronization, expanded and cleaner bus services); greater focus on small businesses; support for Human Services needs assessment action items (juvenile detention alternatives, expanded Family Success Center hours and centralized billing services); improved homeless services and support to address internal structural weaknesses emanating from the economic downturn.

Major Special Purpose Funds

The FY16 budget includes 43 special purpose and special revenue funds. The following major funds comprise approximately 85 percent of the total of all special purpose funds.

- Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting – Special Purpose Fund (FY16 Budget - \$9,305,360)

A major portion of the Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division budget is dedicated to building code services. It is primarily funded by permit fees, plan review fees, and payment for services provided to Cities and other government agencies under contract. All of the programs are mandated by law or are essential in ensuring the safety of the built environment. The Building Code Services budget increases by approximately \$0.63 million in

FY16 primarily due to increases in revenues and fund balance resulting from increased new construction activity and airport expansion projects.

- Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting - Licensing, Elevator and Regulatory Fund (FY16 Budget - \$7,337,900)

This portion of the Environmental Licensing and Building Permitting Division budget is dedicated to licensing and regulation of certain industries such as construction contractors, elevator inspections, auto repairs, motor carriers, taxi cabs, limousines, kosher food vendors, towing and movers. It is primarily funded by license fees. The FY16 budget increases by approximately \$.57 million primarily due to an increase in fund balance and reserves.

- Transit Operating Funds (FY16 Budget - \$149,766,850)

The overall FY16 Transit operating budget increases approximately \$13.8 million compared to the adopted FY15 budget primarily due to \$2.8 million in additional funding to support the internal infrastructural needs of the division, to expand the community bus program and to address overcrowding and improve on-time performance on Routes 28, 50, and 60. An additional \$4.8 million is reserved for future Enterprise Resource Planning software rollouts, and \$5.5 million is transferred to Transit Capital for expenses related to the WAVE Streetcar project.

- Federal and State Grants (FY16 Budget - \$54,102,920)

The federal and state grant fund is comprised of the County's most significant recurring grants. In FY16, these appropriations remained relatively constant in comparison to the FY15 revised budget.

- Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention & Visitor's Bureau (FY16 Budget - \$27,637,840)

The approximate \$1.15 million increase in the Bureau's budget is primarily attributable to an increase in the budgeted revenues enabling an increase in funding for marketing, advertising, and promotions. Reserves are increased to offset future revenue shortfalls based on approximately three months of budgeted expenditures and to budget for this fund's share of the Enterprise Resource Planning Project.

- Convention Center (FY16 Budget- \$13,940,770)

The Convention Center's operating budget decreases approximately \$2.7 million primarily due to a decrease in the fund balance transferred to the Convention Center capital fund for one-time capital projects in FY15.

- Homeless Services Fund (FY16 Budget - \$10,726,080)

The Homeless Services Fund is supported in whole by a transfer from the General Fund. The FY16 appropriation increased approximately \$.35 million from FY15 primarily as a result of expanding services by \$454,000 to fund targeted mobile outreach for an additional four hours a day, and to add 30 new emergency shelter beds.

- E-911 Fund (FY16 - \$30,336,690)

The E-911 fund is supported with service fees charged on telephone and cellular bills to fund a portion of the costs of the E-911 system, including E-911 operations and call taker services for the County and two municipalities. These surcharges are expected to realize approximately \$8.77 million in revenue for FY16, which is an increase of \$0.47 million. The FY16 appropriations are increasing approximately \$4.88 million primarily due to an increase in projected fund balance and reserves.

- Sheriff - Fire Rescue Fund (FY16 Budget- \$107,180,590)

This fund reflects the resources associated with providing municipal level fire rescue services by BSO. The fund is primarily supported with contract revenues from the cities of Weston, Dania Beach, Cooper City, Pembroke Park, West Park, Deerfield Beach, the Aviation Department and Port Everglades Department. Broward Municipal Services District area taxes and assessments fund services in the remaining BMSD neighborhoods. The budget increases by approximately \$7.29 million in FY16 primarily due to the increase in special risk retirement rate, compensation, and health insurance rate increases.

- Sheriff – Law Enforcement Contract Services Fund (FY16 Budget- \$201,712,590)

This fund reflects the resources associated with providing contractual law enforcement services by the Broward Sheriff's Office to numerous municipalities and County agencies. The budgeted appropriations for the fund represent an increase of approximately \$8.6 million compared to FY15. The increase in FY16 is primarily due to the increase in the special risk retirement rate, compensation and health insurance increases and an increase in capital expenses.

Enterprise Operating Funds

The FY16 budget includes four major enterprise operations. All four of these operations are entirely self-supported through their business activities and are briefly summarized below:

- Aviation (FY16 Budget - \$214,088,580)

The Aviation Department's operating budget decreases by \$7.2 million in FY16. The primary changes in the Aviation budget include \$.3 million for six new positions to address the department's most critical needs; \$.8 million for the Aviation Department share of the Geographical Information System Enterprise-wide Licensing Agreement, the Automated Information Management System (AIMS) project, and the Automated Passport Control system; and \$.6 million increase in BSO fire and law enforcement expenses. These increases are offset by a \$13.3 million net decrease in operating reserves primarily due to decreased reserves in the Passenger Facility Charge Fund.

- Water and Wastewater (FY16 Budget - \$110,652,270)

The FY16 operating budget increases \$15.3 million primarily due to an increase in fund balance and reserves. Retail rates for water and sewer customers increase 3%, wholesale fees paid by other utilities increases 6.72%, and the rate paid by utilities receiving regional raw water services increases 18.1% based on the large user agreements with the participating utilities.

- Solid Waste Fund (FY16 Budget - \$53,183,180)

This fund includes costs for the bulk waste and yard waste program, disposal contracts, household hazardous waste and electronics recycling collection, landfill operations, recycling, and solid waste property management. The fund also includes reserves for the Davie Landfill closure, future demolition of the South Resource Recovery Plant, and reserves for county solid waste and recycling programs. The FY16 budget increases by approximately \$27.9 million primarily due to an increase in reserves remaining from the Resource Recovery Fund after the settlement obligations have been paid.

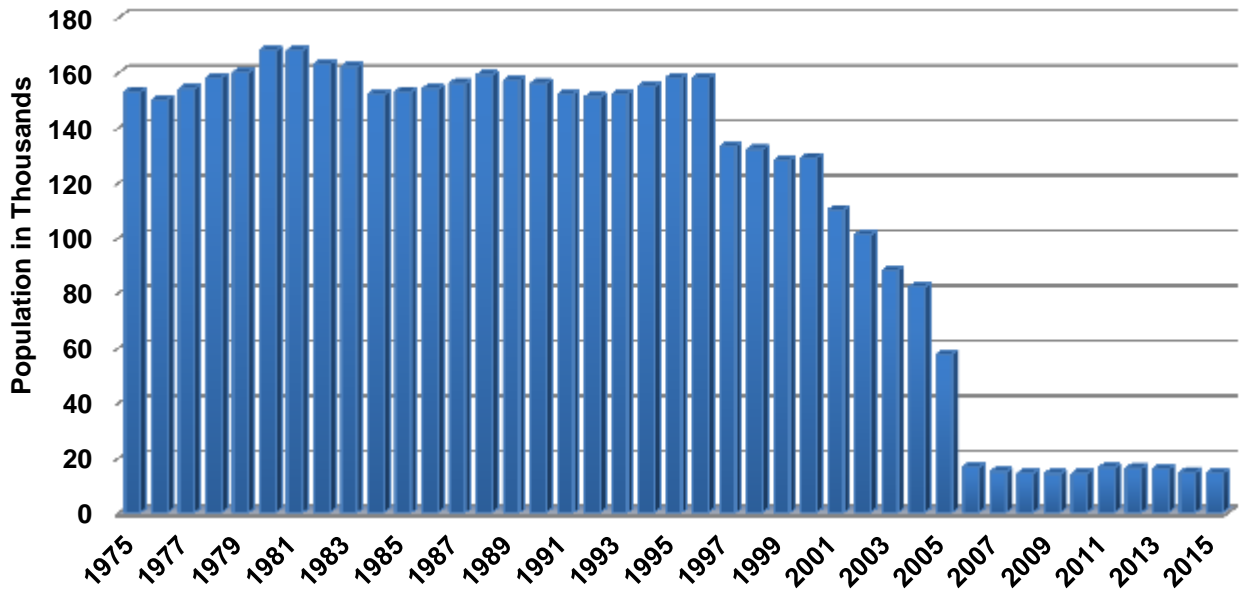
- Port Everglades (FY16 Budget - \$102,758,770)

The Port Everglades operating budget increases by \$5.1 million in FY16. Significant changes in the Port's operating budget includes a \$1.7 million increase in contractual services primarily due to a new janitorial contract and increases in the security contract, a \$1.5 million increase in BSO fire, law enforcement, and EMS service contracts, \$441,720 in additional funding for a comprehensive study of the Port's current maintenance program and the creation of five full time positions in the Operations Division to address the Port's most critical needs.

Broward Municipal Service District Operating Funds

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners provides municipal services to the residents of the Broward Municipal Service District (BMSD), formerly known as the unincorporated area. The BMSD population fluctuated until the late 1990s when annexations resulted in a significant decrease in population as many neighborhoods joined surrounding Cities:

**Broward Municipal Service District
Population**



Providing services to the Broward Municipal Service District is challenging due to the fact that the service area is primarily three small “pockets” as shown on the following map:

Broward Municipal Services District Neighborhoods



The following **municipal level services** are provided to BMSD residents:

- **Law Enforcement** – The Broward County Sheriff Law Enforcement Department provides police protection to BMSD residents. Per a court ruling (Minnet decision) in 1977, road patrol and related services are funded by countywide general revenues.
- **Fire Rescue** – Broward Sheriff’s Office Fire Rescue Department provides service to the BMSD either directly or through contracts with cities. Fire Rescue services in the BMSD areas are primarily funded with a property tax and special assessment levied by the Fire Rescue Municipal Services Taxing Unit (MSTU). The special assessment for residential properties remains at \$190 for FY16 and the property tax rate of \$2.6191 per thousand dollars of taxable value is the same as FY15.

- Garbage Collection – Services include private garbage haulers who provide garbage, trash and recycling collection and disposal. The proposed special assessment fee of \$270 per housing unit is the same as the FY15 rate. The special assessment is paid by all single family homes and multi-family complexes with nine units or less.
- Water/Wastewater – Potable water and wastewater treatment is provided to both BMSD and incorporated areas within the County’s utility service area. Residents are charged based on their consumption. The retail water and sewer service rates for residential customers increases 3% in FY16.
- Other Municipal Level Services – Services such as neighborhood parks, school guards, and code and zoning enforcement are also funded by the Municipal Service District fund. This fund is supported by fees, utility taxes, and a property tax that is levied only in the BMSD area. The recommended property tax rate for FY16 remains at 2.3353. This rate will provide \$32,340 more in property taxes than in FY15 based on an increase in the tax roll.

The following charts depict the changes in BMSD property tax and special assessment rates in FY16 based on the change in the average taxable value for a single-family home. Properties with a “Save Our Homes” differential can experience up to an 8/10th of one percent increase in their assessed value for FY16.

Homestead Property with “Save Our Homes” Differential

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Fire Rescue Assessment	\$190	\$190	--
Fire Rescue Tax*	\$139	\$141	\$2
Garbage Assessment	\$270	\$270	--
BMSD Property Tax*	\$124	\$126	\$2
Street Lighting Property Tax*	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$20</u>	=
Total	\$743	\$747	\$4

* Based on an average taxable value for a BMSD residential home of \$53,200 for FY15 and \$53,800 for FY16.

Single-family properties without a homestead exemption may experience an increase or decrease in taxable value. The next example is a single-family property that increases the same percent increase as the average single family property:

Single-Family Properties Without a Homestead Exemption

	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Fire Rescue Assessment	\$190	\$190	--
Fire Rescue Tax*	\$139	\$153	\$14
Garbage Assessment	\$270	\$270	--
BMSD Property Tax*	\$124	\$136	\$12
Street Lighting Property Tax*	<u>\$20</u>	<u>\$22</u>	<u>\$2</u>
Total	\$743	\$771	\$28

* Based on an average taxable value for a BMSD residential home of \$53,200 for FY15 and \$58,300 for FY16.