

Information Pages: Enterprise Fund Capital Financing Policy

The City of Ann Arbor believes that sound financial management principles require that enterprise funds be managed to adequately meet capital needs. This policy has been adopted by resolution of the City Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan and replaces all previous enterprise fund capital financing policies or resolutions.

Purpose To ensure that financial resources are properly managed to meet the present and future enterprise fund capital repair/replacement of existing assets in enterprise funds.

This policy is crucial to the financial health and sustainability of the City's current programs which are funded through enterprise fund revenue. The goals of this policy include:

1. Create an awareness of the cost of maintaining or replacing existing City assets;
2. Eliminating the deferral of capital and/or maintenance items due to rate based revenue challenges;
3. Establish capital financing plans that avoid rate spikes;
4. Saving for future regulatory costs for City assets;
5. Investing funding on a level basis annually to eliminate crisis replacements; and
6. Ensuring a systematic means of addressing enterprise fund capital reinvestment.

Scope The scope of this policy includes existing enterprise fund-owned buildings, equipment and infrastructure.

This policy is intended to govern the financing of the future needs of these existing assets and is intended to complement the outcome of the Capital Improvements Process (CIP) and the Enterprise Fund Asset Management Plans. The scope of the policy spans the entire life of the asset showing potential future funding needs as opposed to the CIP that prioritizes specific projects that may benefit from this funding policy. The policy also provides for funding for items that do not qualify for the CIP (projects valued under \$100,000).

Policy

1. Each service unit will be responsible for evaluating the condition of the Enterprise Fund assets under the purview of this policy and maintain the appropriate Asset Management Software and databases.
2. In connection with the City's Capital Improvements Plan, the Enterprise Fund Asset Management Plan data will be reviewed annually for each enterprise fund infrastructure component to determine that appropriate funding for planned maintenance and replacement is being planned for in connection with Enterprise Fund financial plans and rate development.
3. When it becomes time to replace or maintain the enterprise fund asset, the Capital Improvements team will rank and prioritize each component, as part of the budget process. At that time, the appropriate unit manager will evaluate the plan and develop their annual capital budget that is in accordance with financial planning and rate development.
4. The financial model will be evaluated on a year-to-year basis to determine the appropriate balance of cash and debt financing to distribute the cost of the system(s) among current and future customers.