

Proposed Annual Operating Budget Fiscal Years 2015 & 2016

July 14, 2014



CONNECTFREE



Water & Wastewater FY15

ConnectFree Revenue and Expenditures to Date

Total revenue*	\$1,848,469
Total spent	\$ 551,000
<u>Total fund balance</u>	<u>\$1,297,469</u>

*Surcharge collection started in 2002. Allocation of 1/2 of surcharge revenue to ConnectFree started in 2004. Revenue shown here is from 2004 through 2014.

Water & Wastewater FY15 ConnectFree Current Status

- 64 Customers served to date
 - All 64 received water, 2 received WW service
- 10 additional customers being evaluated

2014 & Projected 2015 ConnectFree Balances

Total fund balance	\$1,297,469
Empowerment Homeless Center	(\$ 625,000)
Arbour Valley Affordable Housing Project	(\$ 46,000)
Reichert House	(\$ 10,000)
2014 Net available balance	\$ 616,469

Allocation of ½ of 2014 W/WW surcharge rev	\$ 125,000
<u>Other ConnectFree projects (approximate)</u>	<u>(\$ 100,000)</u>
Projected 2015 net available balance	\$ 641,469

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ConnectFree Alternatives Moving Forward

1. Continue program as-is
2. Expand program
 - County residents
 - Non-profits
 - Commercial customers

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ConnectFree Alternatives Moving Forward

3. Use existing available balance and/or future revenues to mitigate 2015 GRU W/WW rates
4. Use 2014 available balance to mitigate GRU W/WW rates, and use future revenues for General Government designated programs

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ConnectFree Alternatives Moving Forward

5. Sunset program, reduce or stop collecting surcharge, and cut GFT by \$250,000
6. Sunset program, reduce or stop collecting surcharge, and not cut GFT
 - \$250,000 revenue reduction to GRU

Recommendation

5. Sunset program, stop collecting surcharge, & cut GFT by \$250,000
 - Allocate \$125,000 of available fund balance to General Gov't
 - Use remaining available balance (approximately \$516,000) to reduce 2015 water & wastewater rate increases