

Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Proposal

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CSWD Budget Managers



Chittenden Solid Waste District

Mission Statement

CSWD's mission is to reduce and manage the solid waste generated within Chittenden County in an environmentally sound, efficient, effective and economical manner.

Chittenden Solid Waste Financials

Budgets are presented through two primary statements:

- **Income Statement**
an account of revenue and expenses for the fiscal year
- **Balance Sheet**
a list of assets, liabilities and net position (reserve designations)

Overview

FY27 Proposed Budget

Account	Amount
Revenue	\$19,451,432
Cost of Sales	\$196,232
Gross Profit	\$19,255,200
Total Expense	\$16,090,984
Income before Transfers, after depreciation	\$2,209,436

Overview Comparison FY26 – FY27

FY26 Adopted Budget		FY27 Proposed Budget	
Account	Amount	Amount	\$ Change
Revenue	\$16,249,150	\$ 19,451,432	\$3,208,282
Cost of Goods Sold	\$213,947	\$196,232	\$17,715
Gross Profit	\$16,035,203	\$19,255,200	\$3,219,997
Expenses	\$15,964,814	\$16,090,984	\$126,170
Income before Transfers, after depreciation	\$70,389	\$2,209,436	\$2,139,047

Operations Administration

Support and oversight of operating departments

- Four FTEs (no change from FY26)
- Elimination of travel and training line

Material Recycling Facility

Inc: \$6.64M Exp: \$4.0M

Receives, sorts, and prepares single stream “blue bin” recycling for sale to market.

- Processing fee increase by 3%; Final year of current contract iteration
- Tip fee increase to \$100/ton
- Revenue from commodity sales is conservative, \$75/ton budgeted

Hazardous Waste

Inc: \$463k Exp: \$934k

Provides affordable disposal option of household hazardous waste for Chittenden County residents and small businesses. Produces Local Color paint through the EPR/Paintcare recycling program

- 5% Increase - business waste revenue
- Decrease in Wages/Benefits
- Operating subsidy \$480k

Organics Recycling Facility

Gross: \$1.2M Exp: \$1.37M

Manages organics streams diverted from landfill and produces high-quality compost and soil amendments.

- Tip Fee increase to \$77/ton
- COGS decrease slightly
- Operating subsidy \$165k

Drop off Centers

Inc: \$3.6M Exp: \$3.2M

Provide residents and small businesses with management of waste

- Implement “Facility Fee” of \$1/trip to generate income for capital reserve

- Net to Operating Reserve and Capital Reserve
- \$411k

Maintenance & Roll Off

Inc: \$34k Exp: \$709k

Supports operations through ongoing maintenance and material hauling

- Income is from organics hauling program
- Operating subsidy \$675k

Wages & Benefits - \$6,459,845

Total compensation package offered to employees

- 2.5% increase overall
- 56.87 FTE (vs 56.23 in FY25)
- 3.08% COLA (FY26 3.06%)

Biosolids

Inc: \$1.7M Exp: \$1.7M

Provides management of contract services for residual disposal of participating community members' biosolid waste

- CSWD functions as fiscal agent and receives a small, per ton management fee
- Four years remaining in current service agreement
- Increase to pricing as contracted

Closed Landfill

Inc: \$37k Exp: \$91k

Oversee the post-closure care of the landfill

- Income from Treasury Bond investments
- Assignment of monies to skilled trades and engineering
- Expenses paid out of the Closed Landfill Reserve; decreased by 50% from FY26

Administrative Departments

FY26 Approved Budget		FY27 Proposed Budget	
Account	Amount	Amount	\$ Change
Revenue	\$ 4,040,000	\$ 5,269,935	\$1,229,935
Cost of Goods Sold	0	0	0
Gross Profit	\$4,040,000	\$5,269,935	\$1,229,935
Expenses	\$3,464,002	\$3,369,847	(\$94,1550
Income before Transfers	\$575,998	\$1,942,499	\$1,366,501

Solid Waste Management Fee

Inc: \$5.27M

Fee charged to haulers for each ton of Chittenden County trash disposed.

- Primary funding for Administrative Departments
- Budget figure reflects \$41.92/ton; covers Admin program expenses

Administration

Provides administrative support services

- Six FTEs, down from eight
 - Exec Director, Dir of Admin, HR Coord, Admin Asst, IT Director, IT Coord
- Compliance moved to Outreach & Communication

Compliance

Ensures internal and external compliance

- Increase to legal services for potential additional enforcement actions
- Two FTEs comprise the department
- Merging with Outreach & Education

Finance

Management, oversight and control of financial assets

- Four FTEs
- Increase to Interest Revenue
 - \$200k
- Decrease to accounting software costs

Outreach & Communication

Public education and communication to fulfill statutory mandates and support CSWD Mission.

- Outreach & Education merged with Compliance & Safety
- Eight FTEs
 - Dir of Public Policy, Comms & Waste Reduction, 3 Outreach Coord, Comms Mgr, Marketing Coord Outreach/Compliance Mgr, Compliance Coord

Capital Projection

Capital projects list revised from the packet to reflect updates to Works in Progress and Deferral of Projects.

- FY27 Critical Projects:
 - New MRF
 - Moderate repairs at Maintenance facility

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