

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS



This is a rendering of the Plethora statue by Jorge Rodriguez-Gerada that will be located by San Pedro Creek. Mr. Rodriguez-Gerada stated that “Plethora’ is not a portrait of a specific person or icon, but rather represents the confluence of heritages that make up the City and County. The lines on the face, suggest water, but are open ended enough so that people can be inspired to see their own ethnic background, and self, within that face no matter where they come from.”

Bexar County, Texas
Debt Service Fund (400)
Fiscal Year Ending September 30, 2018

FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
Actual	Estimate	Budget

AVAILABLE FUNDS

Beginning Balance

Undesignated Funds	\$ 31,967,770	\$ 39,900,878	\$ 58,173,394
Total Beginning Balance	\$ 31,967,770	\$ 39,900,878	\$ 58,173,394

Revenue

Property Taxes	\$ 92,947,784	\$ 99,630,440	\$ 97,010,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Proceeds from Sales of Assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Proceeds from Debt	\$ 396,065,769	\$ 972,400	\$ -
Other Revenue	\$ 5,981,122	\$ 8,114,831	\$ 6,255,189
Subtotal	\$ 494,994,675	\$ 108,717,671	\$ 103,265,189

Interfund Transfers	\$ 15,304,335	\$ 17,315,685	\$ 17,863,656
Total Revenues	\$ 510,299,010	\$ 126,033,356	\$ 121,128,845

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$ 542,266,780	\$ 165,934,234	\$ 179,302,239
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APPROPRIATIONS

Debt Service	\$ 502,365,902	\$ 107,760,840	\$ 114,973,594
Subtotal	\$ 502,365,902	\$ 107,760,840	\$ 114,973,594

TOTAL OPERATING APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 502,365,902	\$ 107,760,840	\$ 114,973,594
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Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 39,900,878	\$ 58,173,394	\$ 64,328,645
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DEBT SERVICE FUND

Program Description: The Debt Service Fund accounts for the accumulation of ad valorem taxes collected for the purpose of paying principal and interest on long-term and short-term debt. The County issues General Obligation Bonds, Certificates of Obligation, Flood Control Certificates of Obligation, Pass-Through Revenue Bonds, Refunding Bonds, and Limited Tax Road Bonds. The proceeds from the issuance of these instruments fund capital improvement projects such as road construction, flood control projects, county buildings, improvements to county facilities, and countywide technology. The County sells bonds once Commissioners Court approves the issuance of bonds or after the successful completion of a General Obligation Bond Election. The bonds are purchased by investors and the funds generated from the sale are allocated to support specific projects or to pay debt service on existing bonds at lower interest rates.

It should be noted that this fund does not include revenue bonds issued by the County to fund the design and construction of the Visitor Tax Projects (described later in this document). The bonds issued for those projects are Venue Project Revenue Bonds and are supported solely by Hotel/Motel Occupancy Tax and Motor Vehicle Rental Tax revenues. No other County revenues are pledged to support those revenue bonds.

The budgeted appropriation amounts reflect the actual principal and interest payments on all outstanding debt. Other funding sources, such as parking revenue and fire code fees, support the Debt Service Fund.

Appropriations:

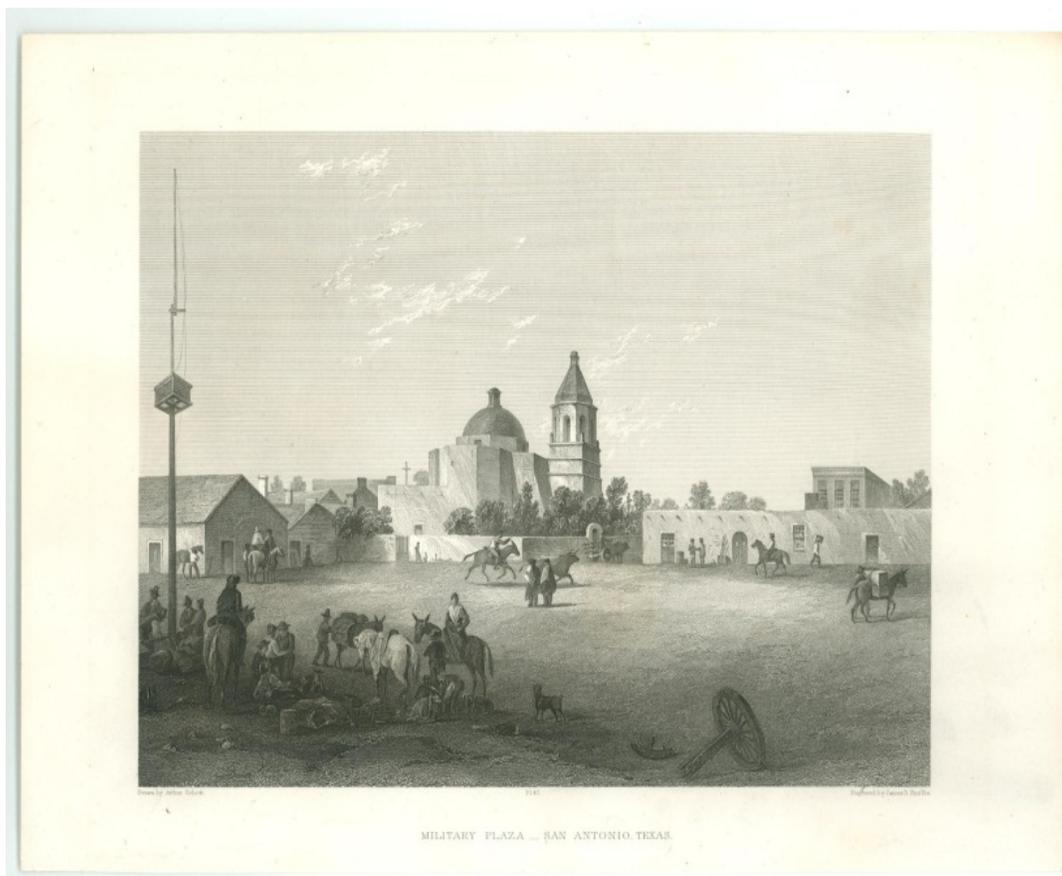
	FY 2015-16 Actual	FY 2016-17 Estimate	FY 2017-18 Budget
Debt Service	\$103,302,125	\$103,610,086	\$110,110,304
Bond Issuance Costs	3,456,398	1,050,508	1,870,000
Refunding Payment	392,499,089	0	0
Banking – Administrative Fees	21,500	19,126	20,884
SARA Requirements	3,086,790	3,081,120	2,972,406
Total	\$502,365,902	\$107,760,840	\$114,973,594

Program Justification and Analysis:

- The FY 2017-18 Adopted Budget for all debt service payments totals \$113,082,710 (banking fees not included). These payments include the debt service for bonds issued by the San Antonio River Authority (SARA), which is a contractual requirement between Bexar County and SARA. Prior to FY 2004-05, funding for these debt service payments was forwarded to SARA and the debt service payments were made directly by SARA. Because these payments reflect actual debt service paid by

Bexar County, they are more accurately reflected in the Debt Service Fund as payments required by Bexar County. The FY 2017-18 SARA debt service requirement is \$2,972,406.

- The County's credit ratings of AAA by Fitch, Aaa by Moody's, and AAA by Standard and Poors have all been reaffirmed. During FY 2014-15, the County was upgraded to AAA by Standard and Poors, which was the last agency to upgrade the County. Maintaining these ratings will continue to allow the County to borrow at favorable interest rates based on its credit rating level. The County has a true AAA credit rating from all three major credit rating agencies.
- Debt service payments scheduled in FY 2017-18 include:
 - A payment of \$2,972,406 for the FY 2017-18 SARA debt service requirements.
 - Payments totaling \$25,206,437 to pay for General Obligation Bonds and Limited Tax Bonds.
 - Payments totaling \$3,202,638 for Unlimited Taxable Road Bonds.
 - Payments totaling \$48,034,910 for Certificates of Obligation.
 - A total of \$5,100,298 is included for payments to Build America Bonds. The federal government subsidizes approximately 33 percent, or \$1.7 million, towards repayment of these bonds.
 - Payments totaling \$17,809,094 for Flood Control Certificates of Obligation.
 - A total of \$3,355,094 is included for payments to Build America Bonds. The federal government subsidizes approximately 33 percent, or \$1.1 million, to the County towards repayment of these bonds.
 - Payments totaling \$15,857,225 for Pass-Through Revenue Bonds.



This is an engraving of Military Plaza by Arthur Scott. The scene depicts people and animals going about their day with several large buildings in the background. Date unknown.

Schott, Arthur. Military Plaza: San Antonio, artwork, Date Unknown; (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph31151/m1/1/?q=san%20antonio%20; accessed October 13, 2017), University of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Star of the Republic Museum.