MAKING SENSE OF YOUR DOLLARS

Every dollar paid to GLWA for Water Services provides for...

FY 2025 Water System Budget Infographic

45.5% DEBT SERVICE
45.5¢ ON THE DOLLAR

Physical improvements to GLWA's regional water system and its assets are financed with debt. Debt service principal, interest, and other required deposits are funded monthly.

44.0% OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE
44.0¢ ON THE DOLLAR

The cost for people, utilities, chemicals, and services to deliver water of unquestionable quality around-the-clock, every day of the year.

5.8% REGIONAL SYSTEM LEASE
5.8¢ ON THE DOLLAR

This money goes to the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department (DWSD) to pay for GLWA's lease of the regional water system. DWSD uses those funds for improvements to the local system and to pay debt related to capital improvements.

1.9% REVENUE FINANCED CAPITAL
1.9¢ ON THE DOLLAR

To lower the debt burden, GLWA sets aside money each year from revenues to pay for capital improvements in future years. This pay-as-you-go approach eliminates the need to pay interest on debt in future years and improves financial resiliency.
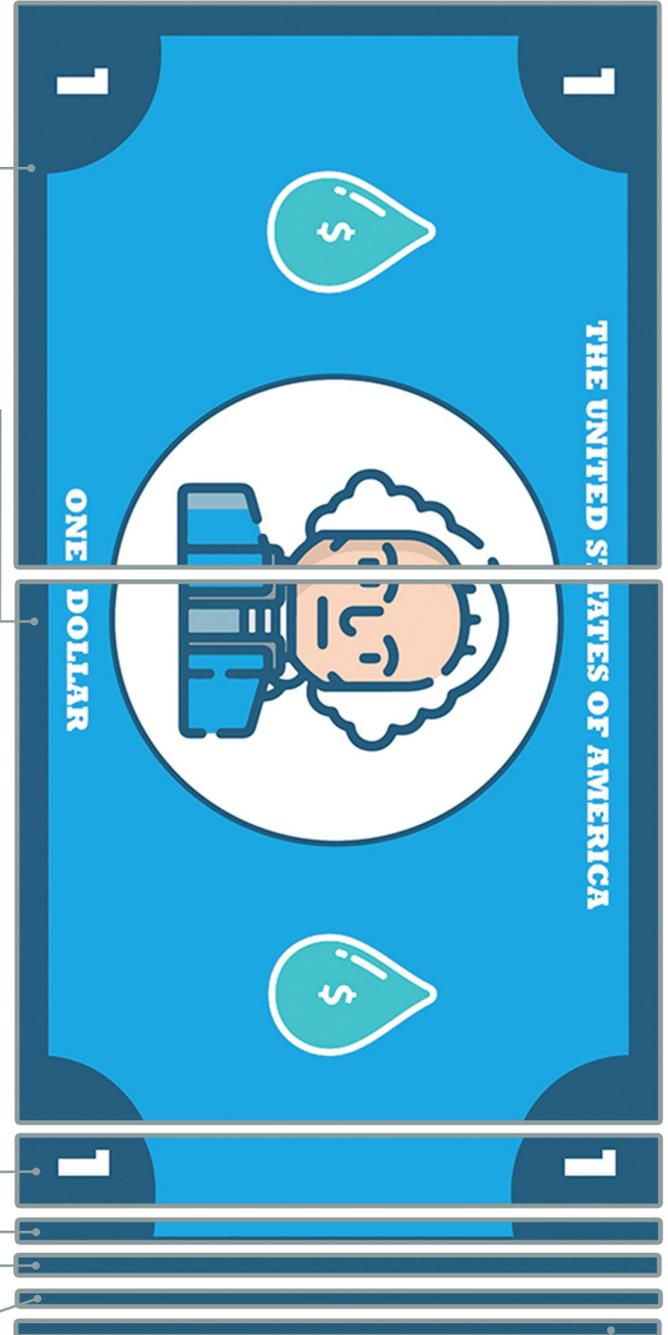
1.6% RECEIVING FUND WORKING CAPITAL
1.6¢ ON THE DOLLAR

The amount required to maintain sufficient liquidity in the Master Bond Ordinance Receiving Fund.

0.6% CLOSED PENSION
0.6¢ ON THE DOLLAR

GLWA inherited a portion of the city of Detroit's pension plan expense for employees and retirees that maintained the water system before GLWA was formed. Over time, the annual payment will decrease.

0.5% WRAP (WATER RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM)
0.5¢ ON THE DOLLAR

Half a percent of GLWA's revenue goes straight to funding WRAP, making it the only sustainably-funded assistance program in the country. WRAP provides not only financial assistance, but also conservation education and minor plumbing repairs and replacements.

Note: Percentages based on FY 2025 proposed budget.

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