

2007 Final
Operating and Capital Budget



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Introduction

The Allegheny Regional Asset District is an area wide special purpose unit of local government that exists under authority of Pennsylvania Act 77 of 1993. The area of the District is the same as Allegheny County, Pa. The purpose of the District is to distribute half of the proceeds from a one percent county sales tax to projects and facilities designated as regional assets. The act specifically describes those assets as civic, recreational, sports and cultural facilities, libraries and other entities as determined by the Board of Directors.

Grants to regional assets are made through the budget process. Under the Act, the District is required to prepare a preliminary budget ninety days prior to the end of its fiscal year, which is the same as a calendar year. It then must adopt a final budget thirty days prior to the end of its fiscal year. Final allocations must be supported by six of the seven voting Board members who are required to hold a public hearing on the proposed budget.

Certain assets have been given status as "contractual assets", that is, they have contracts with the District guaranteeing funding for a period of five years (2005-2009). In addition, the District has entered into multi-year commitments with the Sports and Exhibition Authority related to facility debt. The District has also elected to fund other assets. The budget is organized to reflect these three categories of assets.

Questions or comments concerning the budget may be addressed to the District in writing, or via appearance during the public comment period held at each regularly scheduled Board meeting. A schedule of meetings as well as additional information may be obtained from the District office at:

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**ALLEGHENY REGIONAL ASSET DISTRICT
REPORT OF THE ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE
November 27, 2006**

Members of the Board and General Public:

We are presenting our final recommendations for the 2007 Operating and Capital Budget. The Committee has taken into account all of the comments, testimony and additional information received since the preliminary budget was released in October.

In summary, the recommended budget is \$78.2 million, some \$1.2 million higher than the preliminary budget released in October. Revenue growth through eleven months of this year allowed for additional operating support mostly for the nine for contractual assets that have multiyear funding guarantees from the District. Each of the nine contractual assets will now receive a 2% operating grant increase instead of the 1% to 1.5% increase previously announced.

The \$2.3 million in additional capital grants slated for contractual assets are unchanged. The projects include a number of improvements to the regional parks including winter recreation facility repairs, restroom and ball field construction, pathway repairs at the Zoo, electrical system repairs at Phipps, and glass and deck renovations at the National Aviary.

Additionally, some \$800,000 in discretionary capital grants for annual assets is proposed for projects ranging from accessibility enhancements, to vital facility repairs and equipment replacement. Several of these discretionary grants will help assets to match or complete challenge grants.

As a result of these changes, the category allocations are slightly altered since the preliminary budget: libraries continue to receive 32% of the funding; parks, trails and other green space projects remain at 28%; support for the stadiums and arena is 18%, down 1% from the preliminary budget; regional facilities including the Aviary, Zoo and Phipps and Convention Center receive the same 11% of the budget; arts and culture programs receive 10%, up 1% from the preliminary budget.

The proposed budget is \$3.6 million or 4.7% higher than the 2006 budget. We are pleased to be able to respond to the growth in revenue with increased investments. When this budget is fully implemented it will mean that the District has allocated over \$900 million to regional assets since the program began in 1995.

Every day our regional assets, with the support of their boards and talented staff, work to improve the quality of life in this area. In just the last several weeks, asset partners have opened a new regional skateboard park, a significantly improved walking/running track, dedicated a modern new neighborhood branch library, broken ground for a new multicultural arts facility and, of course, found a home for two polar bear brothers. We are also pleased to note that in the last year assets have taken steps to stabilize their finances including shared service arrangements and productivity improvements. These steps are vital to insure viability and continued improvement down the line.

We thank the assets, our advisory board and colleagues for their work on the budget and the public for its continued investment in the quality of life of our region.

Submitted by,
Allocations Committee
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***Allegheny Regional Asset District
Summary of Revenue and Allocations***

<u>Revenues</u>	<i>2006 Final Budget</i>	<i>2007 Preliminary Budget</i>	<i>2007 Final Budget</i>
Sales Tax	\$72,900,000	\$75,000,000	\$76,500,000
Interest Earnings	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$600,000
Reserve, refunds, lapses	\$1,234,750	\$1,483,000	\$1,077,000
<i>Total Revenues</i>	\$74,584,750	\$76,983,000	\$78,177,000

<u>Expenditures</u>	<i>2006 Final Budget</i>	<i>2007 Preliminary Budget</i>	<i>2007 Final Budget</i>
Operating Grants	\$72,557,850	\$74,079,700	\$74,432,700
Capital Grants	\$1,458,000	\$2,330,000	\$3,171,000
Administration	\$568,900	\$573,300	\$573,300
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	\$74,584,750	\$76,983,000	\$78,177,000

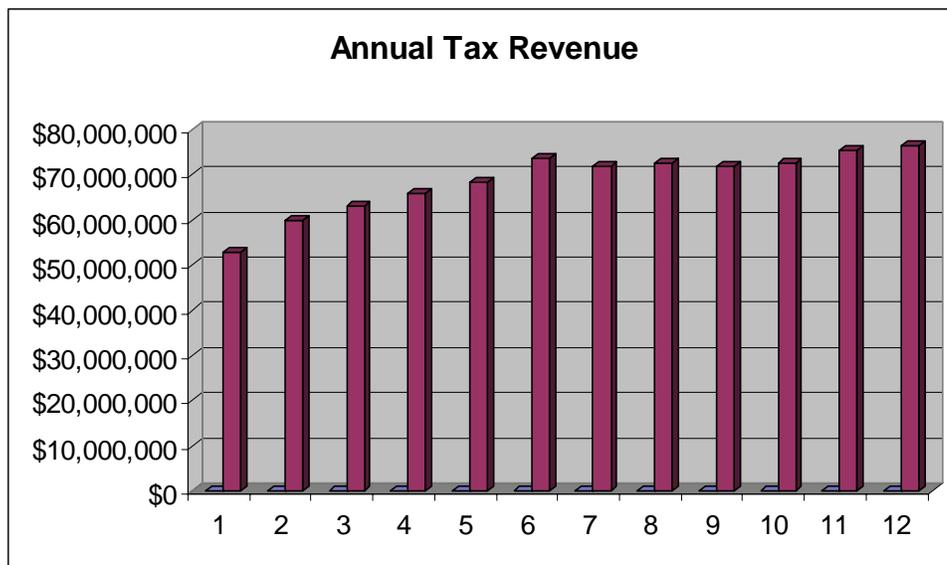
2007 Expenditures by Asset Category

Asset Category	Operating	Capital	Total	% of total
Contractual	\$53,107,000	\$2,360,000	\$55,467,000	71%
Annual	\$6,925,700	\$811,000	\$7,736,700	10%
Multi Year	\$14,400,000	0	\$14,400,000	18%
<i>Administration</i>	\$573,300	0	\$573,300	0.7%
Total	\$75,006,000	\$3,171,000	\$78,177,000	

Revenue

The District's main source of revenue is one half of the proceeds from the Allegheny County 1% Sales and Use Tax. This tax is levied on the same basis as the Pennsylvania Sales and Use Tax. The other half of the tax goes to Allegheny County and the municipalities within the county for tax relief, general government purposes and aid to councils of government and/or regional programs. The District estimates it will receive \$76.5 million in tax revenue in 2007. This is net of collection costs retained by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue estimated to be \$1 million for the District alone. Another \$1 million is charged to the sales tax distributed to the county and municipalities.

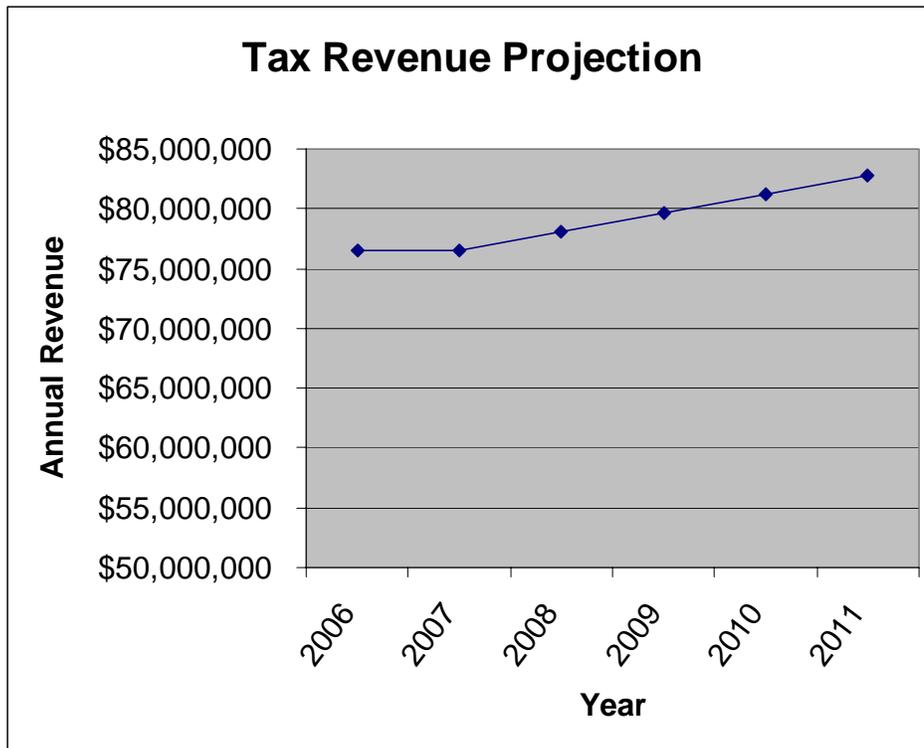
The following chart illustrates the actual receipts from 1995-2006. Although the District enjoyed growth in most years up through 2000, tax receipts began to level in 2001. The year 2005 and year to date 2006 indicate that they fund may have returned to a modest growth trend.



Interest earnings for 2007 are estimated to produce \$600,000. In order to balance the budget, \$1.1 million will be needed from the District's reserve fund.

Long Range Forecast

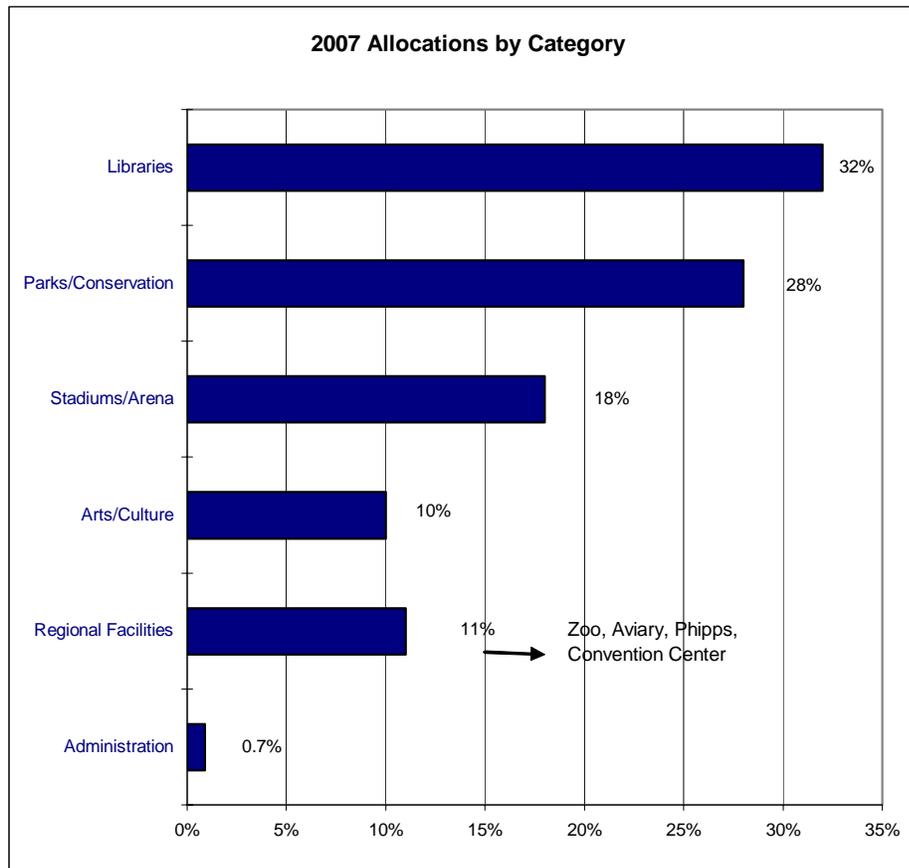
For long range planning purposes, the District is assuming that the level of revenue received in 2005 and 2006 will sustain but not increase in 2007. A 2% annual growth in tax is projected after that. This conservative growth plan accommodates the possibility of further economic downturns during the period. The following chart illustrates the tax projection.



The Board adopted a target balance for its reserve fund of 15% of its annual tax revenue. It also decided to decrease the reserve to that level in steps over a series of years in order to accommodate serious shortfalls of revenue in any one year. Based on 2007 projections, the target level is \$11.5 million. The District long range projections indicate that, absent unexpected changes in revenue and expenditure trends, this level will be reached at the end of the forecast period.

Allocations

Out of a total allocation budget of \$78.2 million, the District is proposing to allocate \$55.5 million to contractual assets, \$7.7 million to civic and cultural facilities and programs through annual grants, \$14.4 million to multi-year assets and \$573,300 to administration. The operating grants amount to \$75 million or 96% of the budget while capital grants amount to \$3.2 million or 3% of the budget. Administrative costs, will use less than 1% of the allocations. The chart below illustrates the various functions supported by the allocations. In addition to the nine contractual assets and two multi-year grants to the Sport and Exhibition Authority, 76 other entities are proposed for funding.



Budget Process and Policy Objectives

The preparation of this preliminary budget follows an application process, which included public announcements and meetings, distribution of 150 application forms and evaluation of 103 eligible requests. Applicants were given the opportunity to make a presentation to the Board of Directors during fifteen hours of public review sessions.

The Board adopted a set of goals and priorities for evaluating the requests.

- To sustain and enhance the growth and quality of a diverse group of well managed and financially sound District based regional assets programming in areas funded by the District.
- To extend the benefits of asset programming to the widest possible audience.
- To encourage the involvement of young people as both audience and participants in asset activities.

Applicants were evaluated in four areas:

- o Management capacity including an active and involved board, realistic measurable goals and progress toward meeting the goals, efforts to diversify and maximize resources
- o Financial stewardship including accurate and timely financial reporting, operating within a balanced budget, diversification of revenue, utilization of cash flow monitoring and ability to deal with financial stress (e.g. available cash reserves, low debt.)
- o Programming including scheduled quality programming, outreach and audience development
- o Diversity including board, staff and programming

The proposed allocations follow the District's policy objectives:

1. Utilizing current revenues to fund "current costs." Stated another way, current year tax and interest income covers 99% of operating grants, mandatory capital grants and administration of the District. The recommendation is that the District utilize its reserve in order to maintain operating grants to key regional assets.
2. Emphasizing the original purpose of the District which was to take all or a portion of the support for major regional assets away from the real estate tax burden and, where possible, to enhance participation in public-private partnerships. Assets previously or currently funded by property taxes from county and/or municipal governments would receive 94% of the proposed allocations.
3. Presenting a balanced program of funding major regional facilities and programs as well as small and medium sized organizations including those which recognize the community's diverse makeup.

Following is a listing and then a description of each recommended grant:

	Operating	Capital	Notes
<i>Contractual Assets</i>			
Allegheny County Library Assoc.	\$7,817,000		
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh	\$16,764,000	\$150,000	Capital for repairs and renovation to main branch
Carnegie Museums	\$2,679,000	\$150,000	Capital for repairs to Science Center Roof
County Regional Parks	\$14,465,000		
County Regional Parks Capital		\$765,000	Capital for ice rink repair, ski slope repair, amphitheater equipment
McKeesport Regional Park	\$593,000	\$80,000	Restroom and ball field construction
National Aviary	\$1,027,000	\$150,000	Capital for bridge repair (\$10,000); glass and deck renovation (\$75,000); vent repair (\$20,000); floor replacement (\$7,500); pond filtration (\$37,500)
Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens	\$2,019,000	\$150,000	Capital for electrical, lighting and sound system upgrade
Pittsburgh Regional Parks	\$4,565,000		
Pittsburgh Regional Parks Capital		\$765,000	Capital for new maintenance facility (\$500,000); sidewalk repairs (\$75,000), wall, step fence reconstruction (\$75,000) and resurfacing (\$95,000).
Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium	\$3,178,000	\$150,000	Capital for pathway paving (\$70,000); HVAC upgrade (\$25,000); cooler for animal commissary (\$20,000); replacement of event tent (\$35,000)
TOTAL - Contractual	\$53,107,000	\$2,360,000	
<i>Multi Year</i>			
SEA-RDFP Stadium Debt Service	\$13,400,000		
SEA-Mellon Arena Debt Service	\$1,000,000		
TOTAL Multi Year	\$14,400,000		
<i>Annual Grants</i>			
Afro-American Music Institute	\$15,000	\$25,000	Capital for Roof and HVAC Repairs
Allegheny Land Trust	\$15,000	\$85,000	Capital includes funds for Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Rachel Carson Trail, Montour Trail and Yough River Trail, Panhandle Trail
Allegheny-Kiski Valley Hist. Society	\$5,000		
American Jewish Museum of the JCC	\$2,500		
Artists Image Resource	\$2,500		
Attack Theatre	\$2,500		
Audubon Society of Western PA	\$20,000		
August Wilson Center for African American Culture	\$275,000		
Avonworth Municipal Authority	\$30,000		
Bulgarian Nat. Educ.&Cultural Center	\$3,500		
Calliope	\$7,500	\$3,000	Capital for computer equipment
Chatham Baroque	\$10,000		
Children's Festival Chorus	\$9,000		
Children's Museum of Pittsburgh	\$175,000		
City Theatre Company	\$80,000		

Community Theater Proj. Corporation	\$17,500	\$7,500	Capital for computer equipment
Dance Alloy	\$20,000		
Edgewood Symphony	\$3,200		
Frick Art & Historical Center	\$50,000		
Gateway to the Arts	\$30,000		
Gemini Theater Company	\$2,500		
Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council	\$60,000		
Historical Society of Western PA	\$350,000	\$150,000	Capital for HVAC \$61,675, Security System-\$48,417, Plumbing \$16,400, Lighting and Space repairs \$23,508
Jazz Workshop	\$5,000		
Kuntu Repertory Theatre	\$50,000	\$4,500	Capital for computers
LABCO Dance Company	\$2,500		
Manchester Craftsmen's Guild	\$150,000		
Mattress Factory	\$40,000	\$55,000	Challenge grant for parking lot construction; district will match up to \$55,000
McKeesport Symphony Society	\$8,500		
Mendelssohn Choir of Pittsburgh	\$10,000		
New Hazlett Theater	\$2,500		
New Horizon Theater	\$15,000		
North Hills Art Center	\$2,500		
North Pittsburgh Philharmonic	\$2,500		
Open Stage Theatre	\$3,000		
Opera Theater of Pittsburgh	\$8,000		
Pgh. Comm. Broadcasting - WYEP	\$25,000		Conditioned on continuing to promote other regional assets.
Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre	\$100,000		
Pittsburgh Camerata	\$2,500		
Pittsburgh Chamber Music Society	\$8,000		
Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera	\$100,000		
Pittsburgh Civic Orchestra	\$2,500		
Pittsburgh Concert Chorale	\$4,000		
Pittsburgh Cultural Trust	\$650,000	\$150,000	Capital for replacement of theater sidewalk and snow melting system
Pittsburgh Filmmakers	\$175,000	\$75,000	Challenge Grant for HVAC and roof repairs at Center for the Arts and projection and sound system at theaters.
Pittsburgh Glass Center	\$30,000		
Pittsburgh Int'l Children's Theater	\$20,000		
Pittsburgh Irish & Classical Theater	\$25,000	\$3,000	Capital for computers
Pittsburgh Musical Theater	\$40,000		
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble	\$5,000		
Pittsburgh Opera, Inc.	\$120,000	\$70,000	Capital for surtitle projection equipment
Pittsburgh Public Theatre	\$120,000	\$25,000	Capital for computers
Pittsburgh Symphony Society	\$1,000,000		
Pittsburgh Voyager	\$15,000	\$28,000	Capital for ADA Ramp at dock
Pittsburgh Youth Ballet	\$5,000		
Pittsburgh Youth Symphony	\$8,000		
Prime Stage	\$8,000		
Quantum Theatre	\$8,000		

Renaissance & Baroque Society	\$8,000		
Renaissance City Choirs	\$4,000		
Renaissance City Wind Society	\$3,500		
River City Brass Band	\$90,000		
Saltworks Theatre Company	\$20,000		
Silver Eye Center for Photography	\$10,000		
Society for Contemporary Craft	\$50,000		
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall	\$200,000		
South Hills Chorale	\$4,500		
South Park Theatre	\$7,500		
SEA-Convention Center	\$2,000,000		
Srishti Dances of India	\$3,000		
Sweetwater Center for the Arts	\$25,000		
Three Rivers Young Peoples Orch.	\$10,000		
Tides Center-Sprout Fund	\$2,500		
Tuesday Musical Club	\$4,000		
UMOJA	\$7,500		
Boyce-Mayview Regional Park (Upper St. Clair Township)	\$370,000	\$130,000	Condition that grant may not be used for recreation center; capital for equipment
Western PA. Conservancy	\$100,000		
WQED Multi-Media	\$50,000		
TOTAL Annual	\$6,925,700	\$811,000	
Program Administration	\$573,300		

Allocation Descriptions

Contractual Assets

ALLEGHENY COUNTY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

\$7,817,000 (Operating)

The Allegheny County Library Association (ACLA) is a consortium of 43 member libraries that have joined to promote sharing of library services and resources. The Association is proposing to distribute the funds based on a formula that takes into account local support, population and service levels. The formula and distribution is subject to District Board approval. Funds support bookmobile service and a countywide electronic information network that links catalogs of county libraries and provides access to the Internet.

CARNEGIE LIBRARY OF PITTSBURGH

\$16,764,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh serves not only as the principal library for the city and many non-city residents, but also as a district center and one of four resource libraries in the State of Pennsylvania. The Library is coordinating the electronic information network among libraries in the county. Carnegie Library's proposed 2007 operating budget is \$24 million. The District's funds would be used for general operating support. Capital funds would be used for repair and renovation at the Main Library.

THE CARNEGIE MUSEUMS

\$2,679,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

The Carnegie Institute includes the Museum of Art, the Museum of Natural History, the Carnegie Science Center, the Andy Warhol Museum and the Music Hall. The proposed 2007 operating budget of the Carnegie Museums is \$31.8 million.

District operating funds would be used for general operating purposes. Capital funds for roof replacement at the Science Center.

CITY OF MCKEESPORT - RENZIEHAUSEN PARK

\$593,000 (Operating) \$80,000 (Capital)

The City of McKeesport operates a 257-acre park, which is made up of various natural settings, recreational fields and facilities and a heritage center. The proposed 2007 operating budget for Renzie Park is \$794,000.

The District's operating funds are used to support the general operation of the park, including such items as salaries, materials and repairs. Capital funds would be used for rest room construction and ball field improvements.

CITY OF PITTSBURGH - REGIONAL PARKS

\$4,565,000 (Operating) \$765,000 (Capital)

Four of the City's parks qualify as regional parks under the District Act - Frick, Highland, Riverview and Schenley. These parks have a mixture of natural venues as well as recreational facilities. The proposed 2007 operating budget for the four regional parks is \$8.4 million.

The District's operating funds would be used to support the general operations of the parks, including such items as salaries, materials and repairs. Capital funds would be used for several projects including maintenance facility construction, pool repairs, wall, fence and step repair, and resurfacing in various regional parks.

COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY - REGIONAL PARKS

\$14,465,000 (Operating) \$765,000 (Capital)

Allegheny County operates nine regional parks, which comprise nearly 12,000 acres and include natural settings, picnic areas, recreational facilities and fields. The proposed 2007 budget for the parks is \$23 million.

The District's operating funds would be used to support the general operation of parks, including such items as salaries, materials and repairs. The capital funding is required by the Act to be at least 1% of tax revenue. Capital funds would be used for ice rink repair, ski slope improvements and amphitheater equipment.

THE NATIONAL AVIARY IN PITTSBURGH

\$1,027,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

Once part of the City's park system, the Aviary began operations as a private non-profit organization on July 1, 1992, under a 25-year lease agreement with the City of Pittsburgh. The Aviary has 500 birds representing various continents and houses them in a facility located in West Park. The Aviary's proposed 2007 operating budget is \$2.7 million.

The District's operating funds would be used to support the general operations of the facility including salaries, utilities and repairs. Capital funds would be used for several projects including bridge repair, glass and deck replacement, vent repair, floor replacement and pond filtration.

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY and BOTANICAL GARDENS

\$2,019,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

Phipps Conservatory consists of 13 interconnected exhibition buildings offering 43,000 square feet of under-glass exhibit space and another 44,000 square feet in greenhouses and growing areas. Once

operated by the City of Pittsburgh's Parks and Recreation Department, the facility has been leased to Phipps Conservatory Inc. which, took over operations in July 1993. Phipps Conservatory's proposed 2007 operating budget is \$7.7 million.

The District's operating funds would be used to support the general operations of the facility. Capital funds would be used for electrical upgrades, lighting and sound system.

THE PITTSBURGH ZOO & PPG AQUARIUM

\$3,178,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

The Pittsburgh Zoo is operated by the Pittsburgh Zoological Society, which took over operations and management at the beginning of 1994. The Zoo sits on 77 acres and is home to 2,400 animals and 346 species. The Zoo's 2007 operating budget is \$13.2 million.

The District's operating funds would be used to support the general operations of the facility including salary and non-salary expenses. Capital funds would be used for several projects including pathway paving, HVAC upgrades, special event tent replacement and cooler for animal commissary.

Annual Grants

AFRO-AMERICAN MUSIC INSTITUTE

\$15,000 (Operating) \$25,000 (Capital)

This organization trains children and adults in various styles of African-American music, conducts public performances and a summer music camp for youth. Funds would be used for scholarships for disadvantaged youth and program expenses. Capital for Roof and HVAC repairs.

ALLEGHENY LAND TRUST

\$15,000 (Operating) \$85,000 (Capital)

The Land Trust represents eight incorporated nonprofit organizations and several municipalities that sponsor individual trails. Funds would be used for general administrative support and specific trail improvements. Capital funds for Three Rivers Heritage Trail, Rachel Carson Trail, Montour Trail Yough River Trail and Panhandle Trail.

ALLE-KISKI VALLEY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

\$5,000 (Operating)

The Society operates a museum in Tarentum dedicated to preserving and promoting the industrial and cultural heritage of the Allegheny Valley region. Funds are for general operating support.

AMERICAN JEWISH MUSEUM OF THE JCC

\$2,500 (Operating)

Operating support for the museum located in the Jewish Community Center. The museum presents Jewish art and artifacts in a multi cultural context and provides educational opportunities based on traditional themes.

ARTISTS IMAGE RESOURCES

\$2,500 (Operating)

Funds for staff development and general operating costs for programming and production involving the art of printmaking at a studio located in Pittsburgh.

ATTACK THEATRE

\$2,500 (Operating)

Funds for general operations for a dance company that combines modern dance, original live music, multimedia and interdisciplinary art forms in performances and outreach programs.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA

\$20,000 (Operating)

Funds would support the Society's environmental education program, including outreach efforts. The organization offers programs and services at its Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve, a 143-acre area with five miles of trails, and through outreach to schools to increase the public's environmental literacy.

AUGUST WILSON CENTER FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURE

\$275,000 (Operating)

Operating support for staff that is preparing for the construction of a new cultural center to be located in downtown Pittsburgh and for programming in existing space.

AVONWORTH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY - ACORD PARK

(\$30,000)

The Avonworth Municipal Authority, consisting of Ben Avon, Ben Avon Heights, Emsworth Borough and Ohio and Kilbuck Townships, is the joint owner and operator of Acord Park. Operating funds would be used to support maintenance programs.

BULGARIAN NATIONAL EDUCATION & CULTURAL CENTER

\$3,500 (Operating)

Funds would be used to provide educational and cultural programs showcasing the heritage of this ethnic group at a center located in West Homestead.

CALLIOPE: THE PITTSBURGH FOLK MUSIC SOCIETY

\$7,500 (Operating) \$3,000 (Capital)

This organization preserves and promotes traditional folk music and related art forms in Western Pennsylvania. Funds would be used to support concerts, classes and

other programs. Capital is for computer equipment.

CHATHAM BAROQUE

\$10,000 (Operating)

Funds would be used to support performances, outreach programs and administrative expenses of this organization that performs concerts featuring music of the 17th and 18th centuries.

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL CHORUS

\$9,000 (Operating)

This organization provides professional choral music training and performance opportunities for musically gifted children. Operating funds would support its concerts and an outreach program with visiting artists.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH

\$175,000 (Operating)

The Museum uses interactive exhibits, artifacts, performances, activities and outreach programs to educate young children and their families. Operating funds would be used for general support.

CITY THEATRE

\$80,000 (Operating)

The organization owns and operates a two-theater complex that produces and stages contemporary plays each season. It sponsors ongoing community outreach projects and educational programs, and offers subsidized tickets to schoolchildren. Operating funds would support performances and outreach programs.

COMMUNITY THEATER PROJECT

\$17,500 (Operating) \$7,500 (Capital)

The organization operates the Kelly Strayhorn Theater. Funds would be used to subsidize rental fees for arts programming for small to medium sized arts organizations and for technical and children's outreach

programs. Capital is for computer equipment.

DANCE ALLOY

\$20,000 (Operating)

The Dance Alloy is a professional contemporary dance company. Operating funds would support the company's education and community outreach programs for children, including scholarships.

EDGEWOOD SYMPHONY

\$3,200 (Operating)

The Edgewood Symphony performs symphonic music in the eastern Allegheny County. Funds to support regular season of three subscription concerts and outreach concerts.

FRICK ART AND HISTORICAL CENTER

\$50,000 (Operating)

The Center features Clayton, the restored home of Henry Frick, a free art museum, carriage house, greenhouse and education center. Lectures, concerts and other programs are held in the museum auditorium. Funds would support the organization's community day camp and after-school program, which serves youth in the Frick's neighboring communities and other disadvantaged areas.

GATEWAY TO THE ARTS

\$30,000 (Operating)

The organization presents and tours professional music, dance, mime, opera and theater programs in schools and provides a directory of arts resources for teachers. Funds would be used for administrative and program expenses.

GEMINI THEATER COMPANY

\$2,500 (Operating)

Funds would support six interactive, children’s musicals and educational workshops where the children are encouraged to participate in the plays.

GREATER PITTSBURGH ARTS COUNCIL

\$60,000 (Operating)

This organization is the merger of Pro Arts and the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Alliance. Funds would be used to support ongoing programs that provide technical assistance to small and mid-sized arts organizations.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PA

\$350,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

This organization operates the Senator John Heinz Regional History Center in Pittsburgh’s Strip District. The Center includes exhibit galleries, a library and archives, classroom space, children’s discovery place, and a public resource room. Operating funds would support operating expenses and the development of marketing strategies. Capital is for HVAC, security system, plumbing, lighting and space repairs.

JAZZ WORKSHOP, INC.

\$5,000 (Operating)

The Jazz Workshop provides free public concerts and jazz instrumental lessons for children in urban areas. Funds would be used to support its music education and community outreach programs.

KUNTU REPERTORY THEATRE

\$50,000 (Operating) \$4,500 (Capital)

Kuntu’s mission is to promote cultural and community understanding by providing a venue for African American artists to create and perform theatrical works. Productions are based on the African-American

experience. Operating funds would be used for general administrative support. Capital is for computer equipment.

LABCO DANCE COMPANY

\$2,500 (Operating)

Operating support for contemporary dance company for artistic programming, education, community outreach, marketing and administrative support.

MANCHESTER CRAFTSMEN’S GUILD

\$150,000 (Operating)

This organization provides visual art exhibitions, lectures, workshops and concerts, including a jazz series. Its arts education programs serve disadvantaged youth. Funds would support the Guild’s art education programs.

MATTRESS FACTORY

\$40,000 (Operating) \$55,000 (Capital)

This museum commissions, presents and collects site-specific installation art. The pieces are developed by the artist while in residency at the organization. Operating funds would support the organization’s education programs. Capital is challenge grant for parking lot construction.

MCKEESPORT SYMPHONY SOCIETY

\$8,500 (Operating)

The Orchestra performs at various locations in and outside of the Mon Valley. Funds would support concerts, recitals, school performances and outreach programs.

MENDELSON CHOIR

\$10,000 (Operating)

The Choir offers choral training, education programs and performance opportunities with the Pittsburgh Symphony. The touring company also presents independent performances. Funds would be used to support its performance season.

NEW HAZLETT THEATER

\$2,500 (Operating)

Operating support for the management and operation of the renovated 450-seat community theater facility, which opened in September 2006 in the former Public Theater space on the North Side.

NEW HORIZON THEATER

\$15,000 (Operating)

The Theater Company presents plays about the African-American experience to celebrate and preserve that experience. Funds would support the organization's 2006-2007 performance season.

NORTH HILLS ART CENTER

\$2,500 (Operating)

Operating support for art center that provides classes in visual arts for amateur and professional artists and mounts exhibits of local artists.

NORTH PITTSBURGH PHILHARMONIC

\$2,500 (Operating)

The Symphony, which has brass and string ensembles as well as a flute trio, plays classical and contemporary music. Funds would support its annual and outreach concerts as well as related programs.

OPEN STAGE THEATRE

\$3,000 (Operating)

Funds would support the 2006-07 season of four classical and contemporary plays

performed in their theater in the Strip District and for general administrative expenses.

OPERA THEATER OF PITTSBURGH

\$8,000 (Operating)

Funds would support this opera company's educational programs, mainstage productions and outreach concerts. The organization provides an opportunity for emerging opera and vocal talents to engage in mainstage and other performances.

PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE

\$100,000 (Operating)

The Ballet's season consists of five productions at the Benedum Center and Byham Theater and free performances in county parks. Requested funds would support the arts education and outreach programs of this ballet company.

PITTSBURGH CAMERATA

\$2,500 (Operating)

Funds would be used for operating support for this a cappella choral group. The 06-07 season includes ten performances in Oakmont and Highland Park.

PITTSBURGH CHAMBER MUSIC SOCIETY

\$8,000 (Operating)

Besides its concert series, the Society brings ensembles to schools, universities and community venues. Funds would be used for audience development, community outreach and its annual concert series.

PITTSBURGH CIVIC LIGHT OPERA (CLO)

\$100,000 (Operating)

In addition to conducting more than 100 performances at the Benedum Center and Byham Theater, the CLO tours and

operates an Academy of Musical Theater. It provides musical theater training, and education and outreach programs. Funds would support the organization's 2007 season and related education and outreach programs

PITTSBURGH CIVIC ORCHESTRA

\$2,500 (Operating)

Funds would support outreach program of orchestra including school visits, side by side performances with young musicians and general expenses.

PITTSBURGH COMMUNITY BROADCASTING – WYEP

\$25,000 (Operating)

General support for programming and operating expenses of this public broadcasting station that plays a multi cultural mix and sponsors events/activities in conjunction with other regional assets.

PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHORALE

\$4,000 (Operating)

Funds would support the pop concerts of this 80-person chorus that sings traditional and contemporary works at various community locations.

PITTSBURGH CULTURAL TRUST

\$650,000 (Operating) \$150,000 (Capital)

The Trust manages several theaters and a gallery in Pittsburgh's Cultural District, and sponsors cultural programs. It is actively involved in the creation and development of an arts and entertainment district. Operating funds would be used to support the Trust's programming, the Dance Council and facilities management efforts. Capital is for theater sidewalk replacement and snow melting system.

PITTSBURGH FILMMAKERS

\$175,000 (Operating) \$75,000 (Capital)

Operating funds to support newly merged organization that includes the Filmmakers and the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. This nonprofit media arts center supports photography, video and film art with exhibits, film presentations, low cost equipment rentals, studios, visual art classes and exhibitions. Operating funds would support the organization's ongoing programs. Capital funds are challenge grant for HVAC and roof repairs at Center for the Arts and projection and sound system at theaters.

PITTSBURGH GLASS CENTER

\$30,000 (Operating)

Operating funds for administrative and marketing costs for glass making studio and exhibit facility located in the Penn Avenue arts district.

PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S THEATER

\$20,000 (Operating)

This organization presents children's dance, music, theater, opera, puppetry, mime and special events throughout Allegheny County. Funds would support its family theater series, outreach programs and workshops, including free tickets to underserved residents.

PITTSBURGH IRISH AND CLASSICAL THEATRE

\$25,000 (Operating) \$3,000 (Capital)

Operating support for theater organization which concentrates on works by Irish and classical English playwrights. A 6-play season is planned for 2007 season. Capital is for computers.

PITTSBURGH MUSICAL THEATER

\$40,000 (Operating)

Operating support for theater company's 2006-2007 performances, educational programs and marketing.

PITTSBURGH NEW MUSIC ENSEMBLE

\$5,000 (Operating)

Operating funds for 2007 season. Ensemble has transformed into a summer only season with a smaller core of ensemble musicians and guests performing contemporary music.

PITTSBURGH OPERA

\$120,000 (Operating) \$70,000 (Capital)

Operating funds would support the Opera's 2006-2007 season of four operas with 16 performances and opera-related programs. Capital is for surtitle projection equipment.

PITTSBURGH PUBLIC THEATER

\$120,000 (Operating) \$25,000 (Capital)

Theater stages seven productions annually and provides education and outreach programs. Funds would support general operating expenses, including community outreach efforts. Capital is for computers.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY SOCIETY

\$1,000,000 (Operating)

Known internationally, the Symphony performs concerts and conducts a major outreach program for young people and underserved audiences. Operating funds would support its performance season and outreach programs.

PITTSBURGH VOYAGER

\$15,000 (Operating) \$28,000 (Capital)

Operating funds for scholarships for youths and senior citizens. Pittsburgh Voyager is a traveling navy vessel used for environmental education programs. Capital for ADA ramp at dock.

PITTSBURGH YOUTH BALLET

\$5,000 (Operating)

Operating support for 2007-2008 season for South Hills ballet company.

PITTSBURGH YOUTH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

\$8,000 (Operating)

The Orchestra provides classical music education opportunities for young people. Funds would support the organization's 2006-2007 season, including four free concerts.

PRIME STAGE

\$8,000 (Operating)

Funds would support this performing arts organization that produces theater specifically for adolescents, provides a mentoring program and commissions new plays for and by teenagers.

QUANTUM THEATRE

\$8,000 (Operating)

Operating support for 2007 season for theater company that combines local and national talent to produce challenging works.

RENAISSANCE & BAROQUE SOCIETY

\$8,000 (Operating)

The Society's focus is the presentation of "early" music including medieval, renaissance, baroque and early classical music. Funds would support ongoing outreach and education programs.

RENAISSANCE CITY CHOIRS

\$4,000 (Operating)

Founded in 1984, its men's and women's choirs perform a three concert series. Funds would be used for general operating expenses.

RENAISSANCE CITY WIND MUSIC SOCIETY

\$3,500 (Operating)

Funds would support this chamber music group’s concerts, outreach programs, educational programs, radio broadcasts and new works. The Society performs in architectural landmarks, has a concert series and tours outside the region.

RIVER CITY BRASS BAND

\$90,000 (Operating)

The Band performs 56 concerts in eight community locations in Allegheny County as well as Westmoreland and Cambria counties. It also conducts school performances. Operating funds would support the regional concert series of the Band.

SALTWORKS THEATRE COMPANY

\$20,000 (Operating)

The Company presents theatrical performances and educational programs that address social issues affecting young people. Funds would be used for general operating support.

SILVER EYE CENTER FOR PHOTOGRAPHY

\$10,000 (Operating)

The Center presents photography exhibitions, including commercial, digital and landscape works, and offers educational programs related to the field. Funds would support general operating expenses and audience development efforts.

SOCIETY FOR CONTEMPORARY CRAFT

\$50,000 (Operating)

The Society’s art form is craft materials: ceramic, glass, wood, metal and fiber. Its exhibits are free to the public. Funds would support ongoing programs, including

exhibitions, educational programs, and community outreach.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MEMORIAL HALL

\$200,000 (Operating)

Over 100 years old, the complex consists of a museum and library about men and women of the armed forces as well as a performance hall and meeting facilities. The museum also collects important manuscripts and records about local military service. The District’s operating funds would be used to support the operations of the museum.

SOUTH HILLS CHORALE

\$4,500 (Operating)

Funds would support 2006-2007 season and general administrative expenses for volunteer singers that perform in concert and at numerous charitable facilities throughout the area.

SOUTH PARK THEATRE

\$7,500 (Operating)

Funds will be used in the production and promotion of stage performances and educational programs for children.

SPORTS AND EXHIBITION AUTHORITY

\$2,000,000 (Operating)

Funding for the operation of the David Lawrence Convention Center, a facility that hosts national meetings as well as major regional events. Support is needed in anticipation of permanent funding stream through gaming revenue.

SRISHTI DANCES OF INDIA

\$3,000 (Operating)

Founded in 1995 to disseminate India’s cultural heritage through the general public through performances of Indian dance, music, theater, workshops and

exhibits. Funds would support general operating expenses.

SWEETWATER CENTER FOR THE ARTS

\$25,000 (Operating)

Sweetwater provides educational programs in visual, design, performing, decorative and production art in Pittsburgh's western, northern and southern suburbs. In addition, it offers classes in cuisine, poetry, language, horticulture and general interest subjects. The operating grant would support administrative expenses.

THREE RIVERS YOUNG PEOPLES ORCHESTRAS

\$10,000 (Operating)

The orchestras provide musical training and performance opportunities for young people, ages 8 to 18. Funds would be used for general operating support.

TIDES CENTER – SPROUT FUND

\$2,500 (Operating)

The Sprout Fund, a unit of the Tides Center will use the operating funds to support its 2007 public art program involving the installation of murals at various locations.

TUESDAY MUSICAL CLUB

\$4,000 (Operating)

The organization, founded as an outlet for women musicians, is 116 years old. Its classical music recitals, operas and programs are presented throughout Allegheny County and are free to the public. The group also provides scholarships for high school music students. Funds would support administrative and program expenses.

UMOJA

\$7,500 (Operating)

UMOJA's programs include African drumming, dance, gospel, storytelling, drama, contemporary music and ballet. Its mission is to use the arts to teach others about Africa's history, culture and traditions. Funds would be used for operating support.

BOYCE-MAYVIEW (UPPER ST. CLAIR TWP). REGIONAL PARK

\$370,000 (Operating) \$130,000 (Capital)

Funds would be used to support this 470 acre Boyce/Mayview park area located in Upper St. Clair. A master plan for the park was completed in 1999. The park will be a combination of active and passive recreation facilities including trails and a nature center. Capital is for equipment.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA CONSERVANCY

\$100,000 (Operating)

The organization plants, and with volunteer support, maintains flowerbeds throughout the region. District operating funds would be used to maintain 117 existing community floral beds in Pittsburgh and Allegheny County.

WQED MULTI-MEDIA

\$50,000 (Operating)

Operating funds to upgrade the capabilities of WQED FM downtown studio that provides programming information and broadcasts of Cultural District events. Station is the oldest public broadcasting station in the country.

Multi Year Assets

SPORTS AND EXHIBITION AUTHORITY – Mellon (Civic) Arena

\$1,000,000 (Operating)

The grant would be used to defray the debt service on bonds issued for renovations to the Mellon Arena, a

publicly owned sports and exhibition center. These costs would otherwise be the responsibility of Allegheny County and the City of Pittsburgh.

**SPORTS AND EXHIBITION AUTHORITY -
Regional Destination Financing Plan
\$13,400,000 (Operating)**

The grant supports the debt service on bonds issued for the construction of two new professional sports stadiums. The grant pays debt service on the new bond issue as well as debt outstanding on the former stadium.

**2007 Preliminary
Administrative Budget**

Salaries	\$306,000
Social Security Tax (FICA)	\$23,000
State Unemployment Tax (SUTA)	\$1,100
Life/disability Insurance	\$7,000
Health Benefits	\$47,700
Retirement (Money Purchase Plan)	\$23,100
Mileage/Travel/Expenses	\$5,000
Advertising (Legal Notices)	\$2,000
Office Supplies	\$7,000
Printing	\$25,000
Legal Services	\$30,000
Postage/Mailing Charges	\$5,000
Equipment	\$5,000
Rent	\$28,500
Payroll and Bank Charges	\$1,400
Audit Services	\$12,800
Telecommunications	\$3,200
Insurance	\$11,200
Contracted Services	\$24,000
Memberships	\$500

Access and Opportunity Program	\$12,000
Total Administrative Operating Budget	\$580,500
Special Project -Improvement Program Projects	\$30,000
Total Estimated Expenses	\$600,500
<i>Funding</i>	
Tax Revenue	\$573,300
Interest Income	\$7,200
Surplus	\$30,000
Total	\$600,500

**2007 Preliminary
Administrative Budget Detail**

Salaries **\$306,000**

Provides for 2% salary increases based on continued satisfactory evaluation.

Fringe Benefits

Social Security (FICA)	\$ 23,000
Unemployment Compensation (SUTA)	\$ 1,100
Life and Disability	\$ 7,000
Health/Dental/Vision	\$ 47,700

Health plan costs decreased in 2006 due to change in group census. The budget anticipates that this is a one time adjustment and that rates will grow by 12% in 2007. Employee contributions are set at 15% of premium.

Retirement (Money Purchase Plan)	\$ 23,100
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District has a contract with PRINCIPAL Group and deposits 7% of gross salary each year. Also includes administrative fee for filing government reports.

Mileage/Travel/Expenses **\$ 5,000**

For payment of staff mileage, travel expenses and expenses associated with conducting site visits.

Advertising (Legal Notices) **\$ 2,000**

For required meeting notices for Board and Advisory Board as well as notices on budget process, help wanted ads if required, access and opportunity policy ads.

Office Supplies **\$ 7,000**

Printing **\$ 25,000**

Production of annual report, updated informational brochures, RADical Days schedules and other material. Also includes funds to make film print of public service announcement video. This is a one time cost of \$4,000.

Legal Services **\$ 30,000**

For payment of services of Chief Counsel.

Postage/Mailing Charges **\$ 5,000**

Assume another rate increase in 2007. Also includes delivery and messenger service.

Equipment **\$ 5,000**

Includes copier rental/maintenance fees, postage meter rental and replacement of equipment as needed.

Rent **\$ 28,500**

Base office rent plus annual adjustment for cleaning, utilities, meeting room rental. Assumes renewal of current lease.

Payroll and Bank Charges

Fees for contracted payroll service and bank service charges \$
1,400

Audit Services

Annual audit and agreed upon procedure audits ordered by Board. **\$ 12,800**

Telecommunications

Includes phone charges and DSL line. **\$ 3,200**

Insurance

Assumes renewal of comprehensive package on liability, theft, dishonesty, fire etc. **\$ 11,200**

Contracted Services

		\$ 24,000
Graphics/Web	\$8,000	
Computer Programming	\$5,000	
Record Storage	\$1,000	
Board Development Consultant	\$10,000	

Memberships

Professional associations such as the American Library Association, Government Finance Officers etc. **\$ 500**

Access and Opportunity Program

This program carries out the Board's Access and Opportunity Policy. It provides funds to support organization that enhance the development of minority and women owned businesses, provides small grants for seminars and for the annual trade fair expenses. **\$ 12,000**

Special Project

The District is exploring several projects to improve its operation. One is an overhaul to its data base for grant making evaluation. This special project, funded out of surplus funds, is a one time investment in the consulting, technical work and equipment that will be needed if this or other board approved projects move forward. **\$30,000**