GLOSSARY OF TERMS

ADJUSTED BUDGET The annual operating budget with up-to-date modifications resulting from operations of County agencies since the budget adoption.

ANNUALIZE Taking changes that occurred during the year and calculating their cost or savings for a full year for comparison purposes in the preparation of the annual budget.

APPROPRIATION The County's legal authorization to spend a specific amount of money for a particular purpose during a fiscal period.

ASSESSABLE BASE The total valuation placed on real and personal property, minus certain exemptions, by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the purposes of levying property taxes. The Board of County Commissioners determines the tax rate to be applied against the tax base to generate tax revenues to support the annual budget. Tax-exempt property is excluded from the assessable base.

ASSESSED VALUATION The valuation established for individual real estate or other property by the State for purposes of taxation.

AUTHORIZED POSITION An employee position approved by the Board of County Commissioners.

BALANCED BUDGET A budget in which total expenditures equal total revenues. By State law, the County's budget must be balanced.

BOND An investment-grade interest-bearing certificate of indebtedness sold by the County or another governmental agency to generate funds. The bond guarantees payment of the original investment plus interest by a specified date or dates in the future. Bonds typically involve long-term indebtedness to pay for capital projects.

BOND RATING Evaluation of the credit quality of bonds usually made by independent rating services. Ratings generally measure the probability of the timely repayment of principal and interest on municipal bonds. Before a bond issuance, rating agencies may require information on demographics, debt burden, economic base, finances and management structure. The information is evaluated and the bond issue is assigned a letter rating which reflects the credit worthiness of the bonds. The higher the credit rating, the more favorable the effect on the marketability of the bond.

BONDED DEBT The total amount owed by the County as a result of the sale of general obligation or other bonds guaranteed by the County Government.

BUDGET A comprehensive financial plan describing proposed expenditures and the means for financing those expenditures.

BUREAU A sub-unit within a department with its own budget. An example is the Bureau of Accounting within the Department of the Comptroller.

CAPITAL FUND Financial resources related to the acquisition or construction of major assets of the County.

DEBT SERVICE The annual payment of principal and interest on the County's bonded debt.

DEPARTMENT A County agency consisting of one or more bureaus or offices. Examples are the Department of Public Works and the Department of Management and Budget.

EMPLOYEE TURNOVER A term that refers to workers leaving a position and being replaced by new employees.

ENTERPRISE FUND A fund established to account for the financing of self-supporting services provided by the County government. The services generate revenues from fees, charges, and other receipts. Carroll County presently has six enterprise funds: Airport, Fiber Network, Firearms, Septage, Solid Waste, and Utilities.

EXPENDITURE The cost of goods delivered or services rendered.

FISCAL YEAR A twelve-month period of time to which the annual Operating and Capital Budgets apply. Carroll County's fiscal year commences July 1 and ends the following June 30th.

FRINGE BENEFITS Contributions made by the County government to meet its commitments or obligations for Social Security, and the various retirement, medical and insurance plans for employees.

FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT POSITION (FTE) A position converted to the decimal equivalent based on 37.5 – 40 hours per week. For example, a part-time employee working 20 hours per week would be equivalent to 0.5 of a full-time position, and a person working 40 hours per week would be equivalent to 1.0 full-time position. Positions in the Circuit Court are considered full time at 35 hours per week.

FUND A separate budget/accounting grouping with its own revenues and appropriations. The general fund, for example, covers most of the daily operations of the County agencies and is funded by a variety of taxes and other revenues.

FUND BALANCES These accounts serve as the function of the owner's equity account in for-profit entities. Available balances in these accounts are the cumulative result of actual revenues exceeding expenditures over time. Bond rating agencies use fund balance levels as a means of evaluating a government's ability to cover unanticipated shortfalls in revenue projections or emergency expenditures that arise during the year.

GAAP Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. A common set of accounting conventions, standards, and procedures followed when preparing financial statements.

GASB 54 Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 54. Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions establishes five categories for governmental funds reporting: non-spendable fund balance, restricted fund balance, committed fund balance, assigned fund balance and unassigned fund balance.

GENERAL FUND The primary operating fund of the County, used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT The function of government comprised of the central administrative offices, such as: Comptroller, Economic Development, Human Resources, Management and Budget, and County Commissioners.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS Common type of municipal bond that is secured by a state or local government's pledge to use legally available resources, including tax revenues, to repay bond holders.

GOALS A broad statement of purpose that represents a framework of outcomes to be achieved on behalf of the customers and reflects realistic constraints upon the unit providing the service.

GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS Agencies, such as Sheriff's Office and State's Attorney's Office, that are funded by the County, but not under the direct control of the Board of County Commissioners.

GRANT A contribution of assets (usually cash) from one governmental unit (typically the State or Federal government) or other organization to another. The contribution is usually provided in support of a particular public function, project, or program.

GRANT FUND Accounts for revenues that are formally restricted by law for a particular purpose or have specific requirements associated with the eligible program costs.

HOMESTEAD TAX CREDIT This credit, set by the Commissioners, caps the amount taxes can increase on a primary residence at five percent per year. The credit equals the County's tax rate multiplied by the amount by which the current year's assessment on residential property exceeds five percent of the previous year's taxable assessment.

IMPACT FEES One-time charges assessed against new development that attempt to recover from the developer the capital cost of the additional public facilities of parks and schools needed to serve that development.

INCOME TAX Counties in Maryland have the authority to levy a local income tax rate, which is expressed as a percentage of State taxable income.

INDEPENDENT BOARDS/AGENCIES Agencies of the County which are not subject to full County appropriation authority due to State Law (i.e., Carroll Community College, Carroll County Public Library, Health Departments, the Board of Education and the Carroll County Volunteer Emergency Services Association), or are State agencies or legally independent boards not directly responsible to the Board of County Commissioners.

INVESTMENT Securities purchased and held for the production of income in the form of interest and dividends. An investment instrument is the specific type of security that a government purchases and holds.

LEACHATE A liquid produced when rain water and other moisture travels through solid waste.

LICENSES/PERMITS Documents issued in order to regulate various kinds of businesses and other activity within the community. Inspection may accompany the issuance of a license or permit, as in the case of liquor licenses or building permits. In most instances, a fee is charged in conjunction with the issuance of a license or permit to cover all or part of the related cost.

MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT (MOE) Refers to the State law requiring County governments to demonstrate that local funding remains constant from year to year. Each time a County government funds more than MOE, a new higher MOE is created.

MUNICIPALITY City or town incorporated for local self-government.

OPERATING BUDGET The annual budget that supports the day-to-day operations of County agencies.

OPERATING IMPACTS The costs associated with implementation of projects in the Capital Budget. Examples include utility, maintenance, and personnel costs.

ORDINANCE A regulation enacted by the government.

OVERLAY (Roads) Consists of milling and patching of failed areas and the application of hot mix asphalt over the existing road.

PAYGO A fiscal policy by which capital projects are funded with current revenue rather than long-term or bonded debt. In Carroll County, in addition to transfer to capital, other sources of current revenue are appropriated directly to the Capital Budget: Property Tax devoted to capital, Local Income Tax devoted to capital, fund balance appropriations, bond interest and Impact Fees.

PEG ACCESS television production equipment, training and airtime on a local cable system so members of the public, educational system, and the government can produce their own shows and televise them to a mass audience.

PERSONNEL ALLOCATIONS Portion of a position allocated to a budget or fund.

PROJECT An identified cost center within the County's accounting system. Costs are summarized as follows:

PERSONNEL The costs associated with the payment of County personnel. Included are salaries and wages, hourly, part-time, overtime, night differential, and seasonal employee expenses.

BENEFITS The costs for payroll taxes, pension, 401K, and Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB).

OPERATING The non-labor, non-capital related costs associated with the day-to-day operations of County agencies. Included are expenses such as business conferences, contractual services, rents and utilities, and supplies and materials.

CAPITAL The expenses associated with the purchase of an asset. An asset is defined as any tangible material that is non-expendable.

PROPERTY TAX Tax on the value of real and personal property is levied almost exclusively by local governments. In Maryland, the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for the valuation and assessment of all property in the State. The local government is responsible for setting the tax rate applied to the property assessments to generate revenues in support of the local budget.

RECORDATION A fee calculated on the value of recorded mortgages, deeds, and other documents conveying title or creating liens on real and personal property.

RESERVE FOR CONTINGENCIES Funds budgeted to provide for unforeseen expenses or emergencies that arise during the fiscal year.

RESOLUTION Formal statement presented to Commissioners for decision.

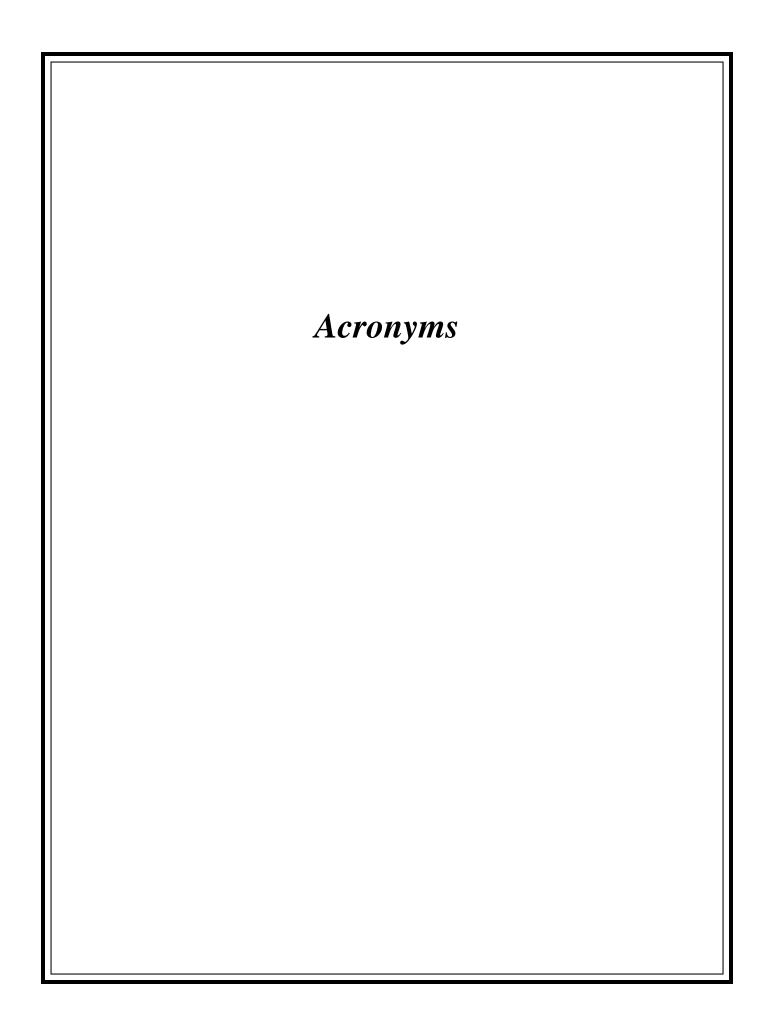
REVENUE IN EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES Net earnings retained by an enterprise fund to be reinvested in its core business or to pay debt.

REVENUE Monies received by the County to provide services needed by the public. Property Taxes, building permits, and receipts from State and Federal sources are examples. By law, revenues must meet or exceed appropriations.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND Captures dedicated revenues until they are appropriated for use in other funds in a given year. An example is the Hotel Rental Tax.

TRUST FUND A special fund, administered by the County as trustee, consisting of resources to be expended or invested under the terms and conditions of the trust.

UNAPPROPRIATED RESERVE Revenue in excess of budget and unspent appropriated dollars.



ACRONYMS

AARP American Association of Retired Persons

ADA Americans with Disabilities Act

ADR Alternative Dispute Resolution

ATR Advanced Tactical Rescue

BERC Business Employment Resource Center

BGE Baltimore Gas and Electric

BMC Baltimore Metropolitan Council

BOE Board of Education

BOU Bureau of Utilities

BRCPC Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee

BSR Bridge Sufficiency Rating

BWI Baltimore Washington International Airport

CAA Community Action Agency

CAD Computer Aided Design

CAFR Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

CALEA Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc.

CC Carroll County

CCAC Carroll County Arts Council

CCAIC Carroll County Advocacy and Investigation Center

CCFN Carroll County Fiber Network

CCPL Carroll County Public Library

CCPS Carroll County Public Schools

CCSCD Carroll County Soil Conservation District

CCYSB Carroll County Youth Services Bureau

CDBG Community Development Block Grant

CELT Corrections Entrance Level Training

CIP Community Investment Plan

CISM Critical Incident Stress Management

CMC Community Media Center

COA Council on Accreditation

CRC Cable Regulatory Commission

CY Calendar Year

DHMH Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

DHR Department of Human ResourcesDJS Department of Juvenile Services

DMB Department of Management and Budget

DSS Department of Social ServicesDVP Domestic Violence Program

DVUP Domestic Violence Unit Program

ED Economic Development

EMS Emergency Medical Services

ENR Enhanced Nutrient Removal

EOC Emergency Operations Center

EPA Environmental Protection Agency

EVOD Emergency Vehicle Operator Driver

FBO Fixed Base Operator (Airport)

FCS Family and Children's Services

FCS, Inc. Flying Colors of Success, Inc.

FPM Forest Pest Management

FTE Full-Time Equivalent

FY Fiscal Year

GAAP General Accepted Accounting Principles

GASB Governmental Accounting Standards Board

GED General Educational Development

GFOA Government Finance Officers Association

Geographic Information Systems

GO General Obligation

HAZ-MAT Hazardous Materials

HMO Health Maintenance Organization

HPC Historic Preservation Commission

HPP Homeless Prevention Program

HSCC Historical Society of Carroll County

HSP Human Services Programs

HUD U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

HVAC Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning

IPA Installment Purchase Agreements

IRS Internal Revenue Service

ISF Internal Service Fund

IT Information Technology

LAP Lethality Assessment Program

LEED Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design

LMB Local Management Board

LOSAP Length of Service Award Program

M Million

MACS Maryland Agricultural Cost Share Program

MALPF Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation

MAP Maryland Access Point

MASCD Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts

MCIN Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network

MD Maryland

MDA Maryland Department of Agriculture

MDT Mobile Data Terminals

MES Maryland Environmental Services

MOE Maintenance of Effort

MOU Memorandum of Understanding

MPPA Maryland Public Purchasing Association

MRIS Metropolitan Regional Information Systems

MSA Metropolitan Statistical Area

MVOC Maryland Victims of Crime

NIGP National Institute of Governmental Purchasing

NPDES National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

OPEB Other Post Employment Benefits

PAP Patient Assistance Programs

PCI Patient Condition Index

PCI Pavement Condition Index

PDS Production and Distribution Services

PEG Public, Education, and Government

PELTP Police Entrance Level Training Program

PILOT Payment in Lieu of Taxes

POS Program Open Space

RAP Rental Allowance Program

RCIS Rape Crisis Intervention Services of Carroll County

SAO State's Attorney's Office

SDAT State Department of Assessments and Taxation

SRO School Resource Officer

SSA Social Services Administration

SSTAP Statewide Special Transportation Assistance Program

TDP Transportation Development Plan

TFCBT Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavior Therapy

TFMC Training Facility Management Committee

UME University of Maryland Extension

UPWP Unified Planning Work Program

VAWA Violence Against Women Act

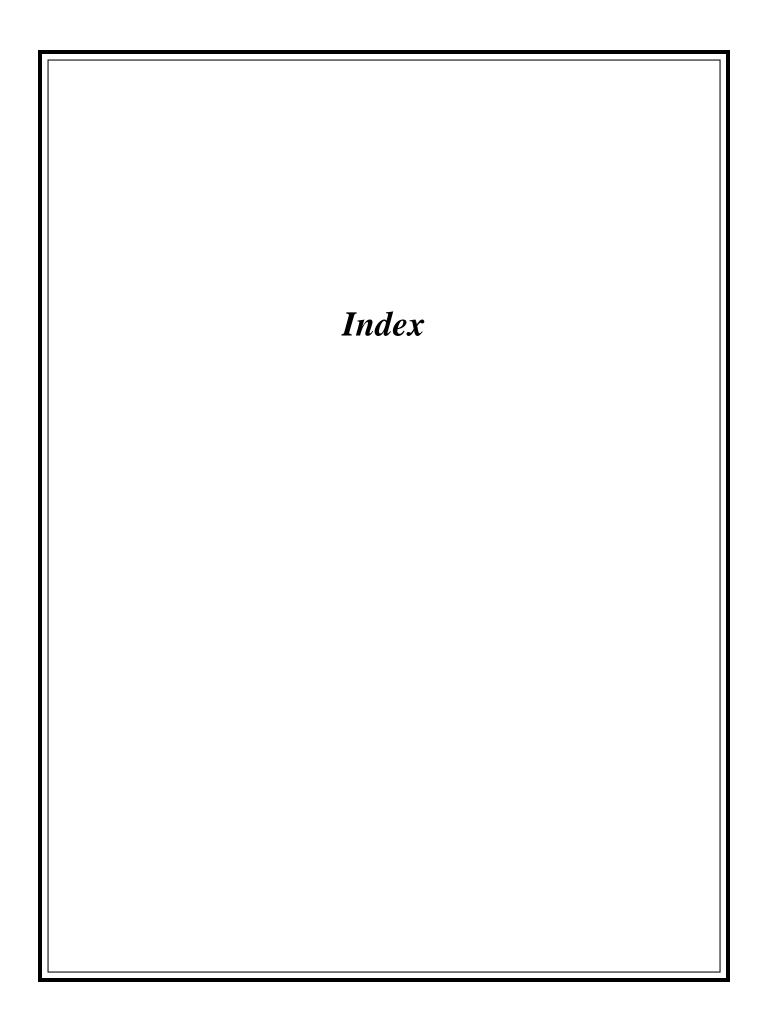
VCSP Volunteer Community Service Program

VESA Volunteer Emergency Services Association

WIOA Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act

WTP Water Treatment Plant

WWTP Wastewater Treatment Plant



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