

Telephones/Cell Phones

4130 Utility Services Cost of water, trash, sewage and hazardous waste disposal, electricity, telephone services and non-heating fuels, Contracted services

Contracted Services (04)
Supplies and Materials (05)
Other Expenses (06)

The district provides cell phones for various employees for emergency contact in our buildings and shares a contract with the Town. The individuals being provided phones and the services are currently under review and will be modified in FY12. In addition, we also have contracts with a company to assist in the application for the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund. The fund makes discounts available to eligible schools and libraries for telecommunication services, Internet access, and internal connections. The program is intended to ensure that schools and libraries have access to affordable telecommunications and information services. The company files E-Rate reimbursement applications on the behalf of the schools and library landlines, school and library technology networks, cell phones, and pager for the School Department, Library, and Department of Public Facilities. The revenue from this collection effort provides approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000 to the general fund each year. Prior to FY10 this revenue source was used to offset the cost of the telephone lines and often created a surplus of funds. Beginning in FY10, the revenue has been moved to its appropriate location in the general fund revenue section and the telephone budget will reflect the actual cost of providing services.

State Func - Seg 7	FY11 Funct	ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION - new	Sum of FY09 YTD EXP/ENC	Sum of FY10 YTD EXPENDED	Sum of FY11 STM Budget	Sum of FY12 ATM Request	Sum of \$ Changed
4130	Utility Services	NETWORK & COMMUNICATIONS	\$11,779	\$ 9,825	\$ 9,548	\$ 9,548	-
		TELEPHONE	\$7,334	\$ 17,660	\$ 21,177	\$ 22,713	\$ 1,536
Grand Total			\$19,113	\$ 27,485	\$ 30,725	\$ 32,261	\$ 1,536

Special Town Meeting 2008 removed \$134,050 from the school department budget and transferred it to the Department of Public Facilities. The Town is working on consolidating all telephone services under single provider service agreements. The School Department supports this effort and believes that once the project is completed the Town will realize savings in the cost of providing internal and external telephone services.