

Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled

DESCRIPTION

The tax relief program is authorized by the Board of Supervisors to provide a discount on tax bills to elderly or permanently disabled residents meeting certain income and net worth thresholds. The discount applies to the taxes on the value of the house and up to one

acre of land. The maximum income level is \$50,000 and the maximum amount of relief is \$1,150 for the year. An annual application is required to be submitted to the Commissioner of Revenue's Office.

BUDGET SUMMARY

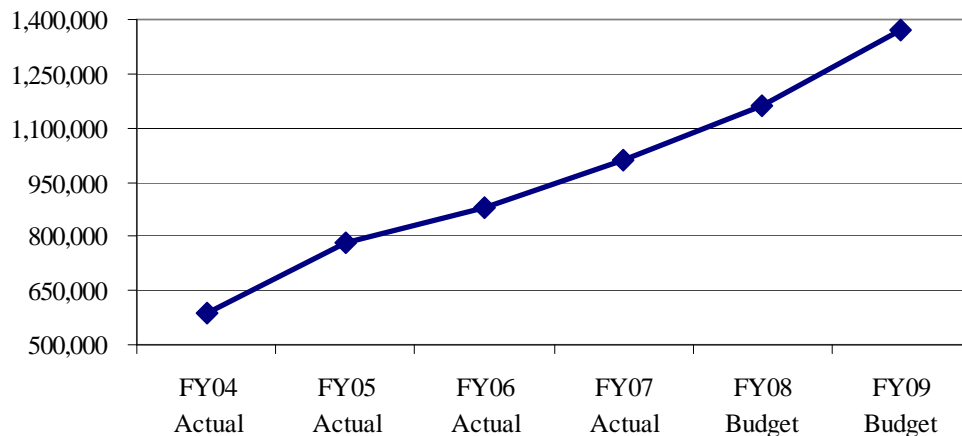
	FY07 Actual	FY08 Budget	FY09 Budget	FY08 to FY09	FY10 Plan
Expenditures					
Operating	\$ 1,011,821	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,370,000	17.7%	\$ 1,418,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,011,821	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,370,000	17.7%	\$ 1,418,000
Revenues					
General Fund Revenue	\$ 1,011,821	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,370,000	17.7%	\$ 1,418,000
Total Revenue	\$ 1,011,821	\$ 1,164,000	\$ 1,370,000	17.7%	\$ 1,418,000

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Enhancements to the relief program were adopted by the Board of Supervisors in October 2007 to increase the eligibility criteria to the State maximums, including the acreage exclusion to ten acres, maximum allowable

net worth to \$200,000, and removed the maximum discount that could be received by participants. This change has allowed for more households to access tax relief.

Growth in Tax Relief Program



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	State	Hanover
Gross Income limit	\$50,000*	\$50,000
% of exemption		100% for \$20,000 75% for \$30,000 50% for \$40,000 25% for \$50,000
Net worth limit	\$200,000	\$200,000
Acreage excluded	10	10
Maximum abatement	No limit	No limit

* Per Va. Code § 58.1-3211, \$50,000 or the income limits based upon family size for the respective MSA (Richmond-Petersburg 2005 MSA is \$69,654). As an alternative option, a locality may provide that the total combined income received from all sources shall not exceed the County median adjusted gross income for its married residents (Hanover County 2005 is \$78,554).