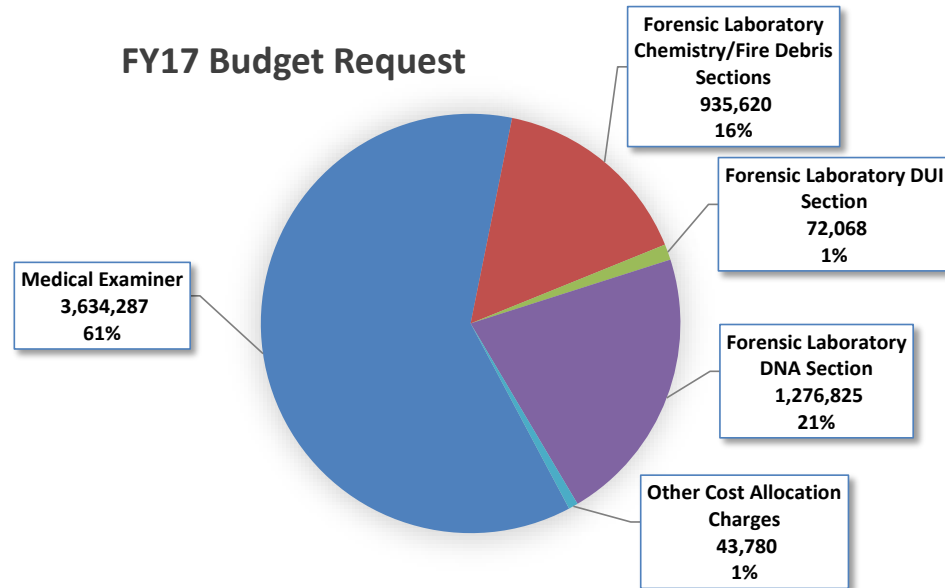


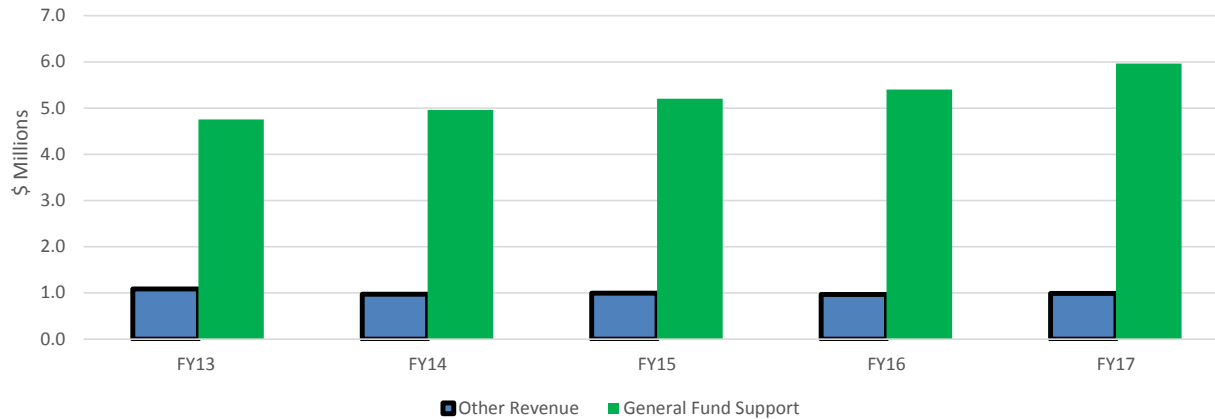
MEDICAL EXAMINER

MEDICAL EXAMINER District Six Pasco & Pinellas Counties

FY17 Budget Request



Budget History



The Medical Examiner Budget is supported by multiple funding sources, including charges for services to Pasco County and grants. The portion of the FY17 budget request related to General Fund support reflects a \$560,770 (10.4%) increase over FY16. A significant portion of this increase, \$226,000, is related to the passage of Senate Bill 636 involving the treatment of evidence collected in connection with sexual assault investigations. The Medical Examiner has requested two FTE and associated operating costs to manage anticipated workload increases resulting from the implementation of the legislation. An additional \$84,000 has been requested for FY16 to hire and train the new staff and remodel laboratory workspace to accommodate the new staff.

The remainder of the increase in General Fund support falls within the budget target provided to the Medical Examiner.

MEDICAL EXAMINER

The Medical Examiner (ME) safeguards the rights of each citizen who dies in Pinellas County by determining the cause and manner of death according to the responsibilities and obligations in Chapter 406, Florida Statutes. The Medical Examiner Department provides both forensic medicine service (investigation of sudden, unexpected or suspicious death) and forensic laboratory service (chemical and drug analyses) to Pinellas County on a contractual basis.

Program Descriptions		FY17	
		Budget Request	FTEs
MEDICAL EXAMINER	Medical Examiner determines the cause and manner of death according to the responsibilities and obligations in F.S. 406.	3,634,287	27.5
Forensic Laboratory Chemistry/Fire Debris Sections Pursuant to F.S. 943	Forensic Laboratory determines chemical composition of items submitted by law enforcement agencies. (a)	935,620	27.5
Forensic Laboratory DUI Section Pursuant to F.S. 943	Forensic Laboratory determines the concentration of alcohol and controlled substances in DUI cases submitted by law enforcement and overlaps with Medical Examiner toxicology.	72,068	
Forensic Laboratory DNA Section Pursuant to F.S. 943	Forensic Laboratory determines the DNA profile of samples submitted by law enforcement agencies.	1,276,825	-
FY17 Risk Allocation	Cost allocation charges associated with the Risk Financing Fund that accounts for the costs of liability and workers' compensation self-insured claims, as well as property and other insurance premiums for the County.	43,780	
TOTAL		5,962,580	55.0

(a) Forensic Laboratory is composed of 25.5 FTE under the ME and 2 County FTE for CODIS ("Combined DNA Index System" - term used to describe the FBI's program of support for criminal justice DNA databases as well as the software used to run these databases.)

District Six Medical Examiner Office Organizational Chart

