FY19 Decision Packages Contingent on Voter Referenda

AmSkills (American Manufacturing Skills Initiative) (\$150K)	Funding for an apprenticeship training program targeting youth and young adults to provide hands-on foundational skills needed for the manufacturing industry. AmSkills is adjusting its marketing efforts to generate additional revenue, and they anticipate being self-sustaining by the end of 2020. As such, the funding request is \$150K for FY19 and \$50K for FY20. County support since FY15 is \$575K, including \$175K in FY18.
Clerk of the Circuit Court Staffing (\$100K)	Additional funding of staffing requests within Finance, Technology, and Office of the Inspector General. \$230K supporting these requests is included in the FY19 budget.
Expand Truancy Teen Court Program (\$58K, 1.0 FTE)	Continue program serving frequently truant juveniles to divert them from involvement in Pinellas County Truancy Court. This program is currently funded with a grant that ended May 18, 2018 and utilizes a magistrate to handle these cases. The position is expected to serve 80 - 100 students per year, while the current program serves about 40 students per year.
Home Delivered Meals Program for Seniors (\$100K)	Incremental funding beyond \$296K included in FY19 Budget to provide meals to seniors through Neighborly Care Network.
Public Defender Jail Diversion Increase (\$35K)	Increase of \$35K to current funding for Jail Diversion of \$627K due to additional caseload. The Opioid epidemic is impacting the number of Public Defender clients being referred to the Jail Diversion Program. Clients are needing longer treatment programs (six months). Courts are requesting longer participation in Jail Diversion Program. Public Defender has had 6,634 clients in the Jail Diversion program and has added 320 clients from October 2017 - April 2018.
Public Defender Ready for Life (\$75K, 1.0 FTE)	Full-time state therapist to assist youth who are aging out of the foster care system. The therapist will work with the youth to find housing, employment, and other vital skills to successfully achieve independence. Approximately 300 youth are eligible for this program and the new therapist would see 15 youth per week. Currently, one therapist has been temporarily realigned from the Jail Diversion program.
Small Business Navigation Assist (\$101K, 1.0 FTE)	New Small Business Development Manager for Economic Development to provide assistance for small businesses to navigate the regulatory process as they plan startups, growth, and mergers. With current staffing of two (2) Small Business Development Managers, there is a 4-6 week backlog in small businesses waiting to receive one-on-one counseling. With the additional position, Economic Development plans to assign each of three Small Business Development Managers to specific geographic locations to ensure coverage in all unincorporated areas and eliminate the backlog for one-on-one counseling.
STARS Program North County (\$215K)	Relaunch the STARS (Success Training and Retention Services) program in north Pinellas County. The program will provide job training, support, and placement for individuals who are hard to place in employment. The program experienced successful results prior to its transition to a 501(c)3, which subsequently ended due to lack of grant funding.