

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND

Department Purpose:

The Health Department Fund accounts for the collection of local ad valorem taxes and the subsequent distribution to the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas) to fund health-related services to County residents. The majority of the Health Department's budget comes from the State, local grants, and contracts. The DOH-Pinellas promotes and protects the health of citizens and visitors to Pinellas County through programs of disease prevention, diagnosis and treatment of disease, and environmental monitoring. Clinical services of the DOH-Pinellas include child health, maternity, family planning, refugee screening, and communicable disease services. Services are available in St. Petersburg, Clearwater, Pinellas Park, Largo, and Tarpon Springs. The current tax rate approved by the Board of County Commissioners is 0.0835 mills. The maximum millage cap is 0.5 mills.

Budget Summary:

The FY21 Budget request does not include any COVID-19 impacts.

| | FY17 Actual | FY18 Actual | FY19 Actual | FY20 Budget | FY21 Request | Budget to Budget Change | Budget to Budget % Change |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|
| Beginning Fund Balance | 340,629 | 306,192 | 1,596,604 | 1,065,890 | 1,649,580 | 583,690 | 54.8% |
| Taxes | 4,106,892 | 5,929,148 | 6,399,272 | 6,768,440 | 7,260,020 | 491,580 | 7.3% |
| Excess Fees - Constitutional Officers | 27,564 | 39,233 | 44,630 | 29,890 | 42,710 | 12,820 | 42.9% |
| Interest Earnings | 14,039 | 38,748 | 122,033 | 27,340 | 70,990 | 43,650 | 159.7% |
| Total | 4,489,124 | 6,313,321 | 8,162,539 | 7,891,560 | 9,023,300 | 1,131,740 | 14.3% |

The revenue for this fund is provided through the collection of a countywide ad valorem tax dedicated to support the Florida Department of Health operations in Pinellas County (DOH-Pinellas). In FY18, the Board of County Commissioners approved an increase of 0.0213 mills, raising the tax rate from 0.0622 to 0.0835 mills. The rate was increased to add County support for collaborative funding of the School Nurse program. For FY21, tax revenue is estimated at \$7.3M, an increase of \$491,566, or 7.3% over the FY20 Budget.

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| Operating Expenses | 0 | 0 | 67,000 | 105,130 | 93,100 | -12,030 | -11.4% |
| Grants and Aids | 4,064,110 | 4,558,913 | 6,630,956 | 6,268,830 | 7,098,850 | 830,020 | 13.2% |
| Constitutional Officers Transfers | 118,822 | 157,803 | 182,947 | 215,550 | 226,890 | 11,340 | 5.3% |
| Reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,302,050 | 1,604,460 | 302,410 | 23.2% |
| Total | 4,182,932 | 4,716,716 | 6,880,903 | 7,891,560 | 9,023,300 | 1,131,740 | 14.3% |

Budget Highlights:

- The Health Department Fund resources and requirements for the FY21 Budget total \$9.0M, a \$1.1M or 14.3% increase over the FY20 Budget.
- Operating expenditures reflect a decrease of \$12,030 or 11.4% for FY21.
 - The decrease is due to a reduction in the County's annual risk allocation plan charges.
- Grants and Aids, the expenditure category for payment to the Health Department, reflects a net increase of \$830,020 or 13.2%.
 - Core Services, totaling \$5,531,000, reflects an increase of \$750,020 or 15.7% over FY20. The increase includes:
 - Roof replacement of \$400,000 at the Pinellas Park location.
 - Generator replacement of \$110,000 at the Pinellas Park location.
 - Expenditures for the roof and generator replacements were anticipated last year, hence the increase in reserves for FY20.
 - Salary and benefit increase of \$240,020. This year's legislative budget includes a 3% increase for all staff.
 - School Nurses, totaling \$1,567,850, reflects an increase of \$80,000 or 5.4% over FY20.
 - The increase is to match the COLA for Pinellas County School Board (PCSB) employees. This amount will be revised as actual figures are provided by PCSB.

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- Funding for these activities are for the primary care services as defined by F.S. 154. It does not include contract funding with Human Services for the healthcare programs.
- Constitutional officer transfers for Property Appraiser and Tax Collector services are expected to increase \$11,340 or 5.3%.
- Reserves are anticipated to increase \$302,410 or 23.2% with revenues, resulting in total reserves of \$1.6M in FY21.
- The estimated total expenditure budget for DOH-Pinellas is approximately \$57.8M for the State fiscal year. The \$7.1 M from Grant and Aids is 12.2% of the total.
- The FY21 fund balance increase of \$583,690 is due to higher than anticipated earnings and per state statute, 95% of revenues are budgeted, the remaining receipts goes to fund balance. The fund balance increase of \$1.1M in FY18 is due to school nurses being budgeted at \$1.48M, actual expenditures were \$388,094, adding \$1.1M to fund balance.