



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

FY19 Board Budget Amendment No.1 to realign appropriation from Reserves within the General Fund and Health Department Fund to various departments and agencies.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the FY19 Board Budget Amendment No.1 realigning appropriation from Reserves to various departments and agencies within the General Fund and Health Department Fund as outlined in the staff report.

- The Board's adopted budget included funding for eight (8) programs contingent upon failure of Amendment 1 in the November 6, 2018 election.
- This amendment realigns \$519,350.00 from General Fund reserves for contingencies and \$315,000.00 from Health Department Fund reserves for fund balance and increases department and agency budgets.
- The programs are:
 1. Small Business Navigation Assistance
 2. American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AmSkills)
 3. Home Delivered Meals Program for Seniors
 4. Success Training and Retention Services (STARS)
 5. Truancy Teen Court
 6. Public Defender Jail Diversion related to opioid epidemic
 7. Ready for Life
 8. Additional funding for Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.2 Be a facilitator, convener, and purchaser of services for those in need

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.1 Proactively attract and retain businesses with targeted jobs to the county and the region

4.2 Invest in communities that need the most

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.1 Maximize partner relationships and public outreach

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

Summary:

This amendment enables eight (8) programs that were approved for funding in the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Adopted Budget contingent on the results of Florida Amendments 1 and 2 in the November 6 election. Florida Amendment 1 (additional/third homestead exemption) failed as it did not reach the

60% statewide voter approval threshold (58% approval). Amendment 2 (retaining caps on assessed value growth for non-homestead properties) passed with 66% approval statewide. These results yield no change to our forecasts for property tax revenue as they preserve the status quo with respect to property tax revenue.

Background Information:

The programs enabled with this amendment are:

1. \$100,940.00 for Small Business Navigation Assistance via one additional position within Economic Development Department
2. \$150,000.00 for apprenticeship program via American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AmSkills)
3. \$100,000.00 additional funding for Home Delivered Meals Program for Seniors, increasing total funding to \$396,000.00
4. \$215,000.00 to relaunch Success Training and Retention Services (STARS) program in north Pinellas County
5. \$58,410.00 to expand Truancy Teen Court program via one additional position within Judiciary
6. \$35,000.00 additional funding for Public Defender Jail Diversion program to address increased workloads related to Opioid epidemic, increasing total funding to \$662,000.00
7. \$75,000.00 for a therapist to expand Ready for Life program that assists youth aging out of the foster care system
8. \$100,000.00 additional funding for Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller in support of staffing requests presented during FY19 budget development

See attached excerpt from the FY19 Adopted Budget document for additional detail regarding each of these programs.

Fiscal Impact:

This amendment realigns \$519,350.00 from General Fund reserves for contingencies and \$315,000.00 from Health Department Fund reserves for fund balance and increases department and agency budgets as outlined above. The General Fund total reserve level decreases to \$95,013,750.00 or 15.2%. This is consistent with the policy target of 15%. The realignment from the Health Department Fund is derived from non-recurring lapse in appropriation for school nurses during FY18 and maintains a total reserve level of \$569,420.00 or 9.0%, thereby exceeding the 5% policy target for this fund. This amendment is consistent with the direction provided by the Board during the development of the FY19 Adopted Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

Bill Berger, Director, Office of Management & Budget

Partners:

Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
Judiciary
Public Defender
American Manufacturing Skills Initiative (AmSkills)
Area Agency on Aging
Success Training and Retention Services (STARS)

Attachments:

Board Budget Amendment No. 1

Excerpt from FY19 Adopted Budget Document (pages A-31-32)