



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Resolution to reallocate Reserve for Future Years in the FY15 Fire Districts Fund for the Clearwater Fire District Budget and the Safety Harbor Fire District Budget.

Recommended Action:

Adoption of a resolution to reallocate Reserve for Future Years in the FY15 Fire Districts Fund for the Clearwater Fire District Budget and the Safety Harbor Fire District Budget.

Strategic Plan:

Ensure Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

2.1 Provide planning, coordination, prevention, and protective services to ensure a safe and secure community

Foster Continual Economic Growth and Vitality

4.4 Invest in infrastructure to meet current and future needs

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:

The City of Clearwater has requested funding from the Clearwater Fire District - Reserve for Future Years for construction of a new Main Fire Station (Station 45). The cumulative cost totaled \$10,453,313.50 through September 30, 2015, and \$1,168,680.45 is requested from the County's accumulated Reserve for Future Years retained within the Clearwater Fire District budget to fund this capital project. The amount of this request represents the County's share of the expense paid by the City of Clearwater and subject to the 11.18% unincorporated percentage split for FY15.

The City of Safety Harbor has requested funding from the Safety Harbor Fire District - Reserve for Future Years for replacement of Fire Truck 53, renovations and concrete pad replacement at Station 53, and Fire Station 52 improvements. The cost totaled \$725,329.22 for these four capital items, and \$41,126.17 is requested from the County's accumulated Reserve for Future Years retained within the Safety Harbor Fire District budget. The amount of this request represents the County's share of the expense paid by the City of Safety Harbor and subject to the 5.67% unincorporated percentage split for FY15.

Background Information:

In order to avoid large fluctuations in millage rates, fire suppression districts have an option of accumulating funds for anticipated capital outlay and improvement expenditures over multiple fiscal years. As a result of this funding option, the County maintains its required proportional amount within the fire districts' budgeted reserves until reimbursement is requested for actual costs incurred. Fire trucks, fire stations and equipment are typical items budgeted in this manner.

Fiscal Impact:

The attached resolution reallocates \$1,168,690.00 from the Clearwater Fire District's Reserve for Future Years, and \$41,130.00 from the Safety Harbor Fire District's Reserve for Future Years, to increase the FY15 budget for Aids to Government Agencies-Capital.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

City of Clearwater
City of Safety Harbor

Attachment:

Attachment 1 - Resolution