



Pinellas County

Staff Report

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Subject:

Fiscal Year 2019 Board Budget Amendment No. 4 to realign appropriation from the Fire Districts Fund Reserves Program to the Unincorporated Fire Districts Program within the Clearwater, Largo, and Tierra Verde Fire District budgets.

Recommended Action:

Approval of the Fiscal Year 2019 (FY19) Board Budget Amendment No. 4 realigning appropriation from the Fire Districts Fund Reserves Program to the Unincorporated Fire Districts Program within the Clearwater, Largo, and Tierra Verde Fire District budgets.

- This amendment realigns a total of \$220,560.00 from the Fire Districts Fund Reserves for Contingencies to the operating budgets in each district.
- Appropriation is needed for reimbursement of unanticipated capital expenses made in FY19 by the fire service providers for three districts: Clearwater (\$143,790.00), Largo (\$24,330.00), and Tierra Verde (\$52,440.00).

Strategic Plan:

Deliver First Class Services to the Public and Our Customers

5.2 Be responsible stewards of the public's resources

5.3 Ensure effective and efficient delivery of county services and support

Summary:

This amendment realigns appropriations from the Fire District Fund - Reserves for Contingencies to provide budget for unanticipated capital costs incurred by the fire service providers during FY19.

Background Information:

This amendment is necessary to provide budget for the County's share of costs for the unanticipated purchase of capital equipment and roof repair expense. Appropriation is available in the Fire Districts Fund Reserves for Contingencies.

The City of Clearwater has requested payment in the amount of \$143,781.32 for the County's unincorporated share (11.19%) of the cost of replacing a ladder truck at Fire Station 45. The total cost of Truck 45 was \$1,284,909.00. The expense was not included in the FY19 budget. This amendment is consistent with the revised FY19 Estimate and reduced reserves in the FY20 Tentative Budget.

The City of Largo has requested payment in the amount of \$24,327.59, which reflects the County's unincorporated share (14.62%) of the cost of replacing three (3) fire staff vehicles. The cost for these vehicle replacements totaled \$166,399.40. The expense was not included in the FY19 budget. This amendment is consistent with the revised FY19 Estimate and reduced reserves in the FY20 Tentative budget.

The Lealman Special Control Fire District, as the provider of service for the Tierra Verde Fire District, has requested reimbursement for replacement of self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) equipment. The total cost of the equipment was \$49,187.39, and the County's unincorporated share is 100%. The existing equipment was nearing the end of safe useful life, and the service provider made the purchase before FY20 in order to save approximately \$5,000.00 through a cooperative purchasing arrangement. An additional \$3,244.47 in expense was incurred for roof repairs that were needed at County-owned Fire Station 21 in the Tierra Verde Fire District. The Real Estate Management Division evaluated the repairs needed and provided project management for the repairs. The total expense for the equipment and roof repairs is \$52,431.86, which was not included in the FY19 budget. This amendment is consistent with the revised FY19 Estimate and reduced reserves in the FY20 Tentative budget.

Fiscal Impact:

This amendment realigns FY19 appropriation in the amount of \$220,560.00 from the Reserves for Contingencies in the Fire Districts Fund to increase the district budgets as outlined above. These expenses were not expected during the development of the FY19 Budget. This amendment is not consistent with the current year estimates provided during development of the FY20 Proposed Budget, but the FY19 Estimate has been updated and is reflected in the FY20 Tentative Budget.

Staff Member Responsible:

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Partners:

N/A

Attachments:

Board Budget Amendment No. 4