

## **Spring 2017 budget supplemental highlights**

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The purpose of the spring 2017 supplemental is to make updates to the adopted 2017-2018 budget, recognize the budget impact of previously approved staff reports, add new budget-neutral items (mostly grants), and address critical items. A total of 84 budget requests (aka “decision packages”) were received. Requests were primarily related to infrastructure major maintenance, maintaining current service levels, recognizing grants, and new critical / time-sensitive items. These requests were presented to the Council together with county manager recommendations in a work session on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

Following Council feedback during the work session, 83 of the 84 requests were included in the published budget for the May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 hearing. The only request that was not included is the Sheriff’s request for two new positions in the records units, pending additional discussion and information regarding the staffing needs in the records unit.

One of the requests included in the 83 published recommended requests was changed in scope. Instead of the original request for \$200,000 for the Sheriff’s Office central precinct planning, the published recommended budget includes \$200,000 for a larger capital facilities planning scope. To reflect this change, the language in the request is being modified and the package will be shown in final form as a general services / facilities request, rather than a Sheriff’s Office request.

The net impact of the published budget requests is a countywide fund balance decrease of \$38.6 million. The largest request is the net change of \$23 million to the Roads fund balance to implement the Annual Construction Plan already approved by the Council.

Among General Fund recommended requests, major items include \$500,000 for major maintenance projects; \$200,000 for capital facilities planning; \$275,000 ongoing funding for the Sheriff’s Office protective ballistic equipment; and \$180,000 for a jail transport vehicle. If the recommended items are funded, the General Fund available fund balance would be projected at \$27 million – the minimum being \$23 million per fund balance policy.

Outside the General Fund, highlights of recommended funding with direct impact to services for citizens include the addition of new positions to the building fund and development engineering in order to increase the timeliness of permit processing; adding equipment to the Road Fund to support roads maintenance; one time mental health sales tax support to continue Family Nurse Partnership; developing the Otto Brown neighborhood park and the Curtin Springs wildlife habitat; and adding staffing for the parks volunteer program.

Another important highlight is a required adjustment to correct the distribution of school impact fee revenues. The building fund is impacted by an estimated \$3,000,000, which will be disbursed from building fund reserves to the school districts that should have received this revenue. In addition, the Victim’s Assistance Fund is impacted by \$150,000, requiring General Fund support in this amount.