

Tentative budget general fund talking points

4/24/25 informational meeting

(Burtschy out at KASBO conference on 5/8/25 for board meeting)

- We have been meeting as a budget committee since February 2025 discussing the FY26 budget.
- General fund budget for FY26 is 64.4 million with 14 million in on-behalf payments
- Annette creates the tentative budget doing the following:
 1. Annette reviews revenue from the current year and changes budget amounts based on trends if applicable.
 - Included 4% tax increase of \$700,000 initially
 2. Annette rolls over salaries currently and adds step increases and/or raises if applicable (FY26 is \$1,800 per cell on the salary schedule).
 - Salary and fringes make up approximately 81.66% of the general fund budget.
 - Summer program for summer 2026 has 500K budgeted so far in general funds with an additional 200K title 1 funding.
 3. All other personnel budget lines are reviewed and adjusted based on trends if applicable.
 4. Adjust non-personnel budgets:
 - Adjust SBDM allocation
 - Review budget and adjust/take out any one-time costs
 - Add any new items to be paid out of general fund to the budget

- Adjust bond payments and lease payments to the budget if applicable
- Adjust contingency
- Adjust retirement rate if applicable – CERS going from 19.71 % FY25 to 18.62% FY26.
- Adjust department budgets each year - they are reviewed in detail with the budget committee.
- Adjust other miscellaneous budget lines

Annette reviews/determines estimate ending balance on current year as this will be beginning balance of new FY26 year. The budget committee comes up with plan on how to balance the budget on “paper”. **FY26 is 12.3 million in cuts.** This is based on a worse-case scenario.

Remind them about beginning balance gets all allocated out except contingency and emergency/timing money. Over the last several years, we have had salary/fringes money left over, non-personnel money left over and more revenue than what was budgeted.

How we balanced the 12.3 million (MAJOR HIGHLIGHTS):

- Added 687K (5%) SEEK revenue left over from FY25
- Added 400K estimated revenue from FY25 over what was projected in FY25
- Added 1.8 million for projected salary/fringes left over from FY25
- Adjusted salary & fringes for FY26 by 1.8 million based on left over salary & fringes in FY25
- Decreased contingency to roughly 4.27% and not 10% - 3.5 million

- Added 475K of big-ticket non-personnel budget items not spent in FY25 (strategic plan, 4th SRO)
- Capital Funds Request (CFR) for FY25 being processed at 359K – will increase general fund beginning balance for FY26
- Capital Funds Request (CFR) for FY26 will be processed at 359K during the year – will decrease general fund expenses for FY26
- Added 750K from money left over from FY25 emergency timing budget not used (org 0011071-0291)
- Added 248K from money left over from FY25 on construction waiver contingency not covered by ESSER funds after grant ending date. (Will be adding this back into FY26 as expense just in case project runs into needing that contingency money.)
- Take out 1.2 million raises for FY27
- Include 4% tax increase – roughly 700K in revenue

General fund budget is coming in at 64.43 million with on-behalf payments included!

THIS IS ONLY ON PAPER THE CUTS, WILL MONITOR OVER THE SUMMER WHEN ALL EXPENSES AND REVENUE ARE IN FOR THE FY25 BUDGET.