

Fund 10010: Revenue Stabilization

Focus

The Board of Supervisors, during deliberations on the *FY 1999 Carryover Review*, approved the establishment of Fund 10010, Revenue Stabilization. The purpose of this fund is to provide a mechanism for maintaining a balanced budget without resorting to tax increases and expenditure reductions that aggravate the stresses imposed by the cyclical nature of the economy.

The Board of Supervisors established the reserve under the directive that the Revenue Stabilization Fund will not be used as a method of addressing the demand for new or expanded services; it is solely to be used as a financial tool in the event of a significant economic downturn. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors established a policy for utilizing the Revenue Stabilization Fund that identified three specific criteria that must be met in order to make a withdrawal from the fund:

- Projected revenues reflect a decrease greater than 1.5 percent from the current year estimate;
- Withdrawals from the fund shall not exceed one-half of the fund balance in any fiscal year; and
- Withdrawals from the reserve shall be used in combination with spending cuts or other measures.

The fund was established with a target level of 3.0 percent of General Fund disbursements, and fully funded status was achieved in FY 2006. As part of the adoption of the FY 2016 Adopted Budget Plan, the Board of Supervisors updated the County's *Ten Principles of Sound Financial Management* to increase the County's reserve targets for both the Revenue Stabilization Reserve and the Managed Reserve. The target level of the Revenue Stabilization Reserve was increased to 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. The target level of the Managed Reserve – a separate reserve established in FY 1983 and held in the General Fund – was increased from 2.0 percent to 4.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. In addition, the Board established a new Economic Opportunity Reserve with a target of 1.0 percent of General Fund disbursements, for a total County reserve target of 10.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. More information on the *Ten Principles of Sound Financial Management* can be found in the *Long-Term Financial Policies and Tools* section in the Overview Volume of the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan.

The fund achieved fully-funded status in FY 2018 by reaching its new target level of 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. In FY 2021, the reserve will be maintained at its target level through General Fund contributions and retained interest earnings.

FY 2021 Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2020 Adopted Budget Plan are necessary to support the FY 2021 program:

General Fund Transfer

A General Fund Transfer of \$1,392,102 is included in FY 2021 due to the increase in General Fund disbursements included in the FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan. This contribution, combined with retained interest earnings, should allow the fund to remain at its target level of 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements.

**Changes to
FY 2020
Adopted
Budget Plan**

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2020 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2019 Carryover Review, and all other approved changes through December 31, 2019.

Carryover Adjustments

As part of the *FY 2019 Carryover Review*, the Board of Supervisors approved an increase of \$3,369,035 in the General Fund transfer to this fund due to a net increase in General Fund disbursements.

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FUND STATEMENT

Category	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2020 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2021 Advertised Budget Plan
Beginning Balance	\$206,722,399	\$220,603,704	\$220,603,704	\$227,372,739
Revenue:				
Interest Earnings ¹	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$2,500,000
Total Revenue	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$3,400,000	\$2,500,000
Transfers In:				
General Fund (10001)	\$10,481,305	\$0	\$3,369,035	\$1,392,102
Total Transfers In	\$10,481,305	\$0	\$3,369,035	\$1,392,102
Total Available	\$220,603,704	\$224,003,704	\$227,372,739	\$231,264,841
Transfers Out:				
General Fund (10001)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Transfers Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Disbursements	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ending Balance²	\$220,603,704	\$224,003,704	\$227,372,739	\$231,264,841

¹ It is anticipated that this fund will retain interest earnings in FY 2020 and FY 2021 to maintain the reserve at its new target level of 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements.

² Fluctuations in the Ending Balance are due to the accumulation of balances in this fund to increase the reserve to its new target level of 5.0 percent of General Fund disbursements. The FY 2021 projected balance of \$231,264,841 is 5.00 percent of the FY 2021 Advertised General Fund Disbursement level.