

Area of Operations – Housing & Supportive Services



Welfare



Social Services



Affordable Housing



Community
Redevelopment

Includes: Affordable Housing, Social Services, Welfare Services, Community Redevelopment

Mission

To provide assistance and resources through state mandates, contracts, grants, direct services, collaborative efforts, and advocacy and coordination to help residents maintain or enhance their quality of life.

Metrics & Performance

Housing and Supportive Services is a multifaceted department that is responsible for unfunded mandates and contracts that serves as a safety net for access to necessary emergency physical and mental health services for uninsured or under insured residents, which include Medicaid Cost Sharing, activities of the Health Care Responsibility Act, Mental Health and Substance Abuse Crisis Stabilization, Initial costs of the physical examination of allegedly abused or neglected children and financial responsibility of arrested persons, and contracting with Florida Department of Health. Also as mandated we ensure a dignified disposition of human remains for those who are financially unable and provide financial support for secure juvenile detention.

The department also aids in the development of viable communities by creating and preserving decent attainable housing, a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons through various grants and settlements, like the Community Development Block Grant, Home Investment Partnership, State Housing Initiative Partnership Program, Opioid Settlement funding.

We coordinate and advocate for additional or more effective services through networking, community partnership, collaborations, and research.

2023-2024 Accomplishments

Health and Human Services

- Coordinated and enrolled over 4205 residents to county programs and assistance
- Conducted case management and assessments for 33 homeless families with children
- Provide aid, information, and resources to residents affected by Hurricane Helene, Milton and Deby
- Arrested Person Mandate – Processed 687 requests
- Health Care Responsibility Act mandate – Processed 22 application
- Child Protection Team Mandate – Processed 150 exams
- Juvenile Secure Detention Mandate - Processed days totaling 3,642
- Indigent/Unclaimed Disposition – processed 77 applications
- Homeless Initiatives
- Updated Local Resource Cards for Homeless
- Participated in Point in Time
- Collected donated supplies for homeless community
- Outreach activities

Housing and Community Redevelopment

- Created and preserved housing for 56 households
- Provided funding to nonprofit organization for construction cost for homeownership
- Disaster assistance for housing to residents affected by Hurricane Helene, Milton and Deby
- Partnered with county development for Sidewalks, lights, utilities upgrades in Kass Circle area (Continued Effort)
- Efforts to decrease homelessness and crime in Kass Circle Redevelopment Area
- Efforts to increase community engagement in Kass Circle Redevelopment Area
- Efforts to preserve housing in Kass Circle Redevelopment Area
- Partnered with the City of Brooksville for Finding Necessity for South Brooksville CRA

Mental Health Substance abuse

- Collaborated for the Mobile Medication Assisted Van
- Coordinated with community partners for Weekend Medication Assisted Treatment Services
- Collaborated for increased Medication Assistance Treatment through various providers
- Collaborated for the implementation of a Local Community Paramedicine Program
- Collaborated for Recovery Community Organization, Jail, and Hospital Bridge Program
- Expended Prevention Program Initiative to include Alternative to Opioids – Other Pain Management Options

Projects & Tasks Completed so far 24-25:

Health and Human Services

- Coordinated and enrolled over 4405 residents to county programs and assistance
- Conducted case management and assessments for 32 homeless families with children
- Processed
- Arrested Person Mandate – Processed 408 requests
- Health Care Responsibility Act mandate – Processed 28 application
- Child Protection Team Mandate – Processed 79 exams
- Juvenile Secure Detention Mandate – Processed days totaling 4152
- Indigent/Unclaimed Disposition – processed 65 applications
- Homeless Initiatives
- Updated Local Resource Cards for Homeless
- Participated in Point in Time
- Collected donated supplies for homeless community
- Increased Outreach activities
- Establish Tenant-Based Rental Program
- Established Landlord Program

Housing and Community Redevelopment

- Created and provided preserved housing for 69 households
- Partnered with Local Nonprofit for the development of 28 homeownership affordable/workforce housing
- Partnered with community organization in Outreach Activities and Events
- Ongoing Kass Circle Redevelopment Projects and Initiatives
- Workgroups for the Establishment of Brooksville CRA
- Development of Inclusionary Incentive Policy
- Providing funding for services to nonprofit organizations to stabilize low-income populations
- Working with Utilities to address water main replacement, fire hydrants and connections
- Working with Department of Public Works and Community Services for recreational and public facility improvements

Mental Health Substance abuse

- Increased Community Outreach
- Collaborated for increased Medication Assistance Treatment through various providers
- Collaboration for the implementation of Mobile Opioid/Mental Health Resource Vehicle
- Increased NARCAN distribution
- Collaborated for increased access to care and follow-up services

Standard Hours:

Normal business hours are 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. However, office employees participate in community engagement and outreach activities which are typical after hours and on weekends weekly.

Area of Operations Housing & Supportive Services

	PRIOR YEAR BUDGET		RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$727,925	\$972,282	\$848,899	(\$123,383)	(13%)
Operating Expense	\$3,383,187	\$3,440,152	\$3,463,055	\$22,903	1%
Capital Outlay	\$105,000	\$225,000	\$357,511	\$132,511	59%
Grants & Aid	\$4,317,498	\$5,593,600	\$4,951,867	(\$641,733)	(11%)
Transfers	\$20,006	\$16,000	\$23,200	\$7,200	45%
Budget Reserves	\$1,576,099	\$3,183,610	\$3,476,858	\$293,248	9%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$10,129,715	\$13,430,644	\$13,121,390	(\$309,254)	(2%)
Revenues					
Taxes	\$1,555,289	\$1,719,053	\$1,913,513	\$194,460	11%
Intergovernmental	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0	0%
Charges for Services	\$56,844	\$205,242	\$192,576	(\$12,666)	(6%)
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$837,715	\$93,459	(\$744,256)	(89%)
Transfers	\$50,440	\$168,940	\$323,220	\$154,280	91%
Other Sources	\$1,918,620	\$4,961,689	\$2,741,074	(\$2,220,615)	(45%)
REVENUES TOTAL	\$4,334,193	\$8,642,639	\$6,013,842	(\$2,628,797)	(30%)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$5,795,522)	(\$4,788,005)	(\$7,107,548)	–	–

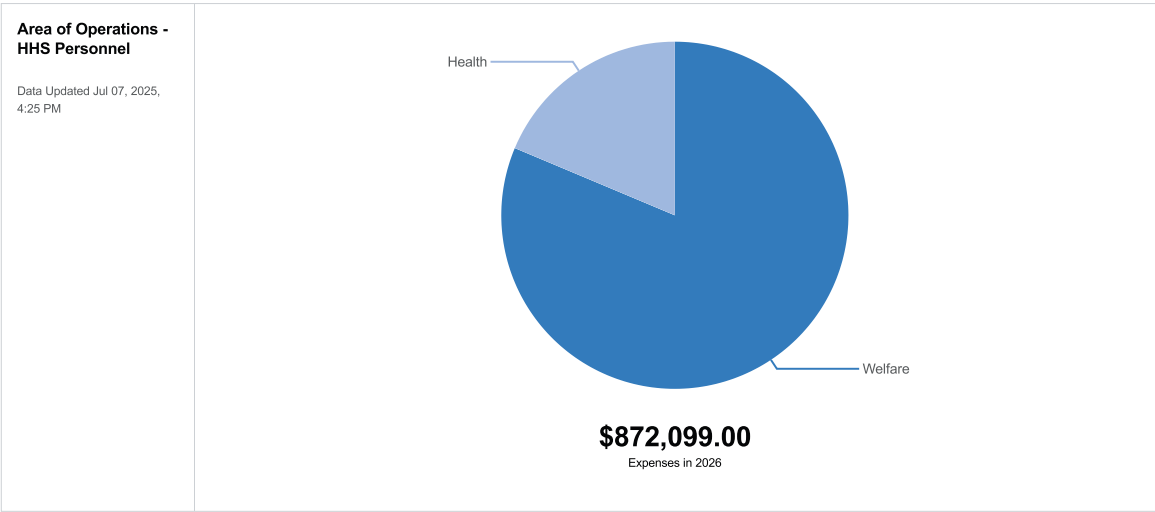
Other Sources Revenue is Balance Forward Cash reserved for specific departments within Housing & Supportive Services.

Intergovernmental Revenue consists of State Grants and Revenue Sharing

Housing Support Services by Department

	2022 - 23 Adopted Budget	2023 - 24 Adopted Budget	2024 - 25 Adopted Budget	2025 - 26 Budget
Welfare	\$3,994,809	\$5,184,656	\$5,497,712	\$5,739,981
Health	\$2,784,718	\$3,436,698	\$6,106,219	\$7,016,145
Housing	\$91,055	\$106,459	\$263,332	\$365,264
TOTAL	\$6,870,582	\$8,727,813	\$11,867,263	\$13,121,390

Personnel Expense by Area of Operations



Area of Operations - HHS Personnel

	2021 - 22 Adopted Budget	2022 - 23 Adopted Budget	2023 - 24 Adopted Budget	2024 - 25 Adopted Budget	2025 - 26 Budget
Welfare	\$252,827	\$331,034	\$747,235	\$805,566	\$709,276
Health	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$187,195	\$162,823
TOTAL	\$252,827	\$331,034	\$747,235	\$992,761	\$872,099

HHS

Job Title	Housing & Support Services
Allocated FTE Count	
ADMINISTRATIVE FINANCE COORDINATOR	1
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST	1
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SPECIALIST	3
HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIRECTOR	1
HOUSING COORDINATOR	1
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	7

Welfare Services

Social Services

Affordable Housing

Community Redevelopment (Kass CRA)

St. Housing Initiative Partnership

Health Unit Trust Fund

Grants Health & Human Services

Other Human Services

Mental Health

Cont. Health

Indigent Care

Opioid Settlement

Opioid Abatement

Medical Examiner

Welfare Services

What we do

Counties are responsible for the final disposition of unclaimed or indigent bodies not accepted by the anatomical Board. By BOCC resolution or ordinance in accordance with applicable laws and rules, prescribe policies and procedures for the burial or cremation of the uncliams remain of an indigent person whose death occurred or who remains were found in the county. In addition, we determine identity, locate and contact any relatives or next of kin, determine whether the deceased person is eligible for burial in a national cemetery as a veteran of the armed forces and if eligible cause remains to be delivered to a national cemetery.

Goal

Provide for burial or cremation services in a safe and dignified manner. For cost effectiveness, Hernando provides Cremation services unless court ordered. We also provide information about alternative resources to reduce and recoup costs.

State Mandate

Disposition of Bodies: Unclaimed/Indigent Burial/Cremation

Welfare Services

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Grants & Aid	\$44,700	\$44,700	\$44,700	\$0	0%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$44,700	\$44,700	\$44,700	\$0	0%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$44,700)	(\$44,700)	(\$44,700)	—	—

Expenses are based on the number of unclaimed/indigent applications received. Additional cost savings are received if staff are effective in having the next of kin choose alternative resources or recoup expenses.

Social Services

What We Do

Our services are multifaceted and include Affordable Housing, Health and Human Services, and Community Redevelopment. We also serve and the county's liaison with Florida Department of Health and The Federally Qualified HealthCare Center, Premier Community Health Group.

Goals

To assist residents, resolve their interim health and social service needs, promote self-sufficiency, and enhance or maintain their quality of life through, state mandates, contacted services, direct services, advocacy, community partnerships and grants.

Social Services

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$684,842	\$792,766	\$689,276	(\$103,490)	(13%)
Operating Expense	\$59,301	\$149,082	\$53,689	(\$95,393)	(64%)
Transfers	\$20,006	\$12,800	\$20,000	\$7,200	56%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$764,149	\$954,648	\$762,965	(\$191,683)	(20%)
Revenues					
Miscellaneous	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$8,000	\$3,500	78%
REVENUES TOTAL	\$3,000	\$4,500	\$8,000	\$3,500	78%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$761,149)	(\$950,148)	(\$754,965)	—	—

Social Services operating expenses increased primarily due to funds being set aside for the South Brooksville CRA Plan, if grant funding isn't secured.

Our People – FTE Count

Social Services

Area of Operations	0011
Allocated FTE Count	
Housing & Support Services	7
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	7

Affordable Housing

What we do

Administers state and federally funded housing programs, which consist of home repairs and improvements, provide subsidies through local non-profit developers to first time home buyers for down payments assistance, construction costs, coordinated grant awards to affordable housing developers for rehabilitation and/or new construction of homes for very low and special needs families as well as for affordable rental developments. We also provide assistance to households following a disaster as declared by Executive of the President of the United States or the Governor of Florida.

Goal: Dedicated to increasing and preserving the quantity and quality of housing for all Hernando County residents. It is our goal to provide citizens, particularly those with very low to moderate incomes, with strong, diverse, and viable housing options.

Accomplishments

- 28 Unit Homeownership Development (Habitat for Humanity Tampa Bay Gulfside)
- 69 individual households served with State Housing Initiative Partnership as January 2025
- Through Down payment Assistance, Emergency Repairs, and Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation.
- Provided funds to aid to leverage additional funding for the development of Summit Villas which will provide up to 76 rental units for Seniors
- 3 Homeownership Development Opportunities (U Thrive Florida)

Affordable Housing

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Capital Outlay	\$30,000	–	–	\$0	–
Budget Reserves	\$5,304	\$7,063	\$7,063	\$0	0%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$35,304	\$7,063	\$7,063	\$0	0%
Revenues					
Other Sources	\$35,304	\$7,063	\$7,063	\$0	0%
REVENUES TOTAL	\$35,304	\$7,063	\$7,063	\$0	0%

Affordable housing has reserves maintained to allow for the construction and rehabilitation of projects. Some funders allow the County up to three (3) years to spend funds.

Key programs: State Housing Assistance Partnership Program, whose strategies include Down Payment Assistance, Owner Occupied, Rehabilitation, Special Needs Housing, Emergency Repairs, Multifamily Affordable Housing, Non-Profit Construction, and Disasters.

State Housing In Partnership

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	—	\$69,850	\$174,307	\$104,457	150%
Operating Expense	\$3,288,946	\$4,645,475	\$2,826,913	(\$1,818,562)	(39%)
Transfers	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$53,200	\$3,200	6%
Budget Reserves	\$4,343,383	\$4,526,716	\$6,637,621	\$2,110,905	47%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$7,682,329	\$9,292,041	\$9,692,041	\$400,000	4%
Revenues					
Intergovernmental	\$1,896,694	\$1,603,083	\$1,803,083	\$200,000	12%
Miscellaneous	\$408,000	\$208,000	\$408,000	\$200,000	96%
Other Sources	\$5,377,635	\$7,480,958	\$7,480,958	\$0	0%
REVENUES TOTAL	\$7,682,329	\$9,292,041	\$9,692,041	\$400,000	4%

Key Projects:

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) for Down Payment Assistance and Homeowner Rehabilitation.

Line items will adjust based on grant funding levels.

Kass Circle Neighborhood CRA

What We Do

The Kass Circle Revitalization program was established to implement the Kass Circle Redevelopment Plan as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in 2019. The plan allows the Kass Circle community to regain a sense of identity and restore community culture, while addressing critical community concerns such as economic development, housing and homelessness, community identity and community-oriented policing and completing key capital improvement projects to enhance the community.

Goals

The Kass Circle Redevelopment Area is to revitalize existing neighborhoods by redeveloping existing key capital improvement projects, existing buildings and properties that are blighted and/or under-utilized. Redevelopment activities create jobs and expand business opportunities, provide housing for families, help reduce crime, improve infrastructure and public works, and conduct clean-up on environmentally threatened and rundown areas.

Key Projects

Spring Hill Drive Safety Improvements – Signage and Wayfinding – Landscape Enhancement – Residential Road Paving – Utilities Improvements – Community Park initiatives – Sidewalk improvements

Kass Cir Neighborhood CRA

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$31,940	\$28,790	\$690	(\$28,100)	(98%)
Capital Outlay	\$75,000	\$225,000	\$357,511	\$132,511	59%
Budget Reserves	\$2,588	(\$21,519)	\$0	\$21,519	(100%)
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$109,528	\$232,271	\$358,201	\$125,930	54%
Revenues					
Transfers	\$440	\$118,940	\$273,220	\$154,280	130%
Other Sources	\$109,088	\$113,331	\$84,981	(\$28,350)	(25%)
REVENUES TOTAL	\$109,528	\$232,271	\$358,201	\$125,930	54%

Kass Cir Neighborhood CRA tracks activity associated with the CRA. Notable projects, associated with Capital Outlay are:

CIP 111823: Spring Hill Drive Safety Improvements

CIP 111845: Kass Circle Sidewalk Improvements – This project will be supplemented with grant funding.

State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP)

Goals

To provide Affordable Housing Assistance and Solutions to our community.

What We Do

The Hernando County Housing Authority is committed to advocating and ensuring the provision of adequate affordable housing for Hernando County citizens, especially those with very-low, low and moderate incomes, so that Hernando County will have strong, diverse and viable communities.

Accomplishments

We assist approximately 400 families through our Section 8 rental assistance program, assisted Hernando County residents with CARES funds for past due rent, utilities and mortgage payments in the amount of \$362,411.97.

Key Projects

Section 8 Rental Assistance Program, State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) for Down Payment Assistance and Homeowner Rehabilitation.

St Housing Init Ptnrshp

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	–	\$69,850	\$174,307	\$104,457	150%
Operating Expense	\$3,288,946	\$4,645,475	\$2,826,913	(\$1,818,562)	(39%)
Transfers	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$53,200	\$3,200	6%
Budget Reserves	\$4,343,383	\$4,526,716	\$6,637,621	\$2,110,905	47%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$7,682,329	\$9,292,041	\$9,692,041	\$400,000	4%
Revenues					
Intergovernmental	\$1,896,694	\$1,603,083	\$1,803,083	\$200,000	12%
Miscellaneous	\$408,000	\$208,000	\$408,000	\$200,000	96%
Other Sources	\$5,377,635	\$7,480,958	\$7,480,958	\$0	0%
REVENUES TOTAL	\$7,682,329	\$9,292,041	\$9,692,041	\$400,000	4%

St Housing Init Ptnrshp expenses reduced associated with a reduction in contracted services; hence, reserves increased accordingly.

Health Unit Trust Fund

County health departments are a state-local partnership. Florida Health General Provisions are covered by Chapter 381.F.S. The Role is to be the state's leading advocate for wellness and disease prevention. To enable Counties to provide public health services and maintain public health equipment and facilities, each county in the state with a population exceeding 100,000 may levy an annual tax not exceeding 0.5 mill.

Core Services include Infectious Disease Prevention and Control, Basic Family Health Care Services, Environmental Health Services. The County Health Departments are supported by a variety of revenues including state funds, county funds (through Health Unit Trust Funds), federal funds, fees, Medicaid, grants and contracts.

Goals

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated, state, county, and community efforts.

Health Unit Trust Fund

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$845,421	\$845,421	\$845,421	\$0	0%
Grants & Aid	\$199,756	\$249,756	\$249,756	\$0	0%
Budget Reserves	\$1,535,677	\$2,346,442	\$2,540,902	\$194,460	8%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$2,580,854	\$3,441,619	\$3,636,079	\$194,460	6%
Revenues					
Taxes	\$1,555,289	\$1,719,053	\$1,913,513	\$194,460	11%
Other Sources	\$1,025,565	\$1,722,566	\$1,722,566	\$0	0%
REVENUES TOTAL	\$2,580,854	\$3,441,619	\$3,636,079	\$194,460	6%

Revenues increased due to valuation increase for the applicable rate.

Grants –Health & Human Services

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PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	–	\$178,738	\$635,571	\$456,833	256%
Operating Expense	\$1,171,724	\$2,116,601	\$1,455,934	(\$660,667)	(31%)
Transfers	–	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0	0%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$1,171,724	\$2,298,539	\$2,094,705	(\$203,834)	(9%)
Revenues					
Taxes	\$67,500	\$1,334,726	\$1,078,075	(\$256,651)	(19%)
Intergovernmental	\$458,719	\$506,314	\$502,552	(\$3,762)	(1%)
Miscellaneous	\$597,911	\$457,499	\$514,078	\$56,579	12%
Other Sources	\$47,593	–	\$0	\$0	–
REVENUES TOTAL	\$1,171,723	\$2,298,539	\$2,094,705	(\$203,834)	(9%)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$1)	\$0	\$0	–	–

Grants –Health & Human Services

Our People – FTE Count

Allocated FTE - Fund 0011-01051 BOCC

Area of Operations	0011
Allocated FTE Count	
Board of County Commissioners	5
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	5

Contrib – Other Human Svc

What We Do:

State Mandate – Children’s Medical Exam F.S. – 39.304

Goals

Accomplishments:

Requires the county in which the child is a resident to to bear the initial costs of the physical examination of of the allegedly abuse of neglected child.

Contrib - Other Human Svc

	PRIOR YEAR BUDGET		RECOMMENDED BUDGET		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$45,000	\$43,500	\$48,000	\$4,500	10%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$45,000	\$43,500	\$48,000	\$4,500	10%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$45,000)	(\$43,500)	(\$48,000)	–	–

Contrib – Other Human Svc expenses remained the same.

Contrib – Mental Health

What We Do

In an effort to ensure a continuum of integrated and comprehensive services will be available within the district local match is required 3:1 state to local ratio.

Goals

Increase mental health and substance abuse services while decreasing crisis stabilization and substance use

Key Projects

Collaborative efforts Bay Care Behavioral Health; Premier Community Health Care (Behavioral Health Services); C.O.R.E (Community paramedicine Program (2025)

Contrib - Mental Health

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Grants & Aid	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$0	0%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$525,000	\$0	0%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$525,000)	(\$525,000)	(\$525,000)	–	–

Contrib – Mental Health expenses remained the same.

Contrib – Health

Contrib – Health tracks a small amount of operating supplies.

Contrib - Health

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$200	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	(100%)
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$200	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	(100%)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$200)	(\$200)	\$0	–	–

Contrib – Health is \$200 for operating supplies. There was no actual activity in FY 24 or FY23.

Indigent Care

What We Do

State Mandate – Medicaid Reimbursement F.S. 409.915

State Mandate – Health Care Responsibility Act F.S. 154–.301–.316

Accomplishments

Medicaid – Although the State is responsible for the full portion of the state share of matching funds required by Medicaid programs, the state charge the counties an annual contribution. The total annual contribution shall be the total contribution for prior FY adjusted by the percentage change in the State Medicaid expenditures determine by the Social services Estimating Conference.

HCRA – Counties are required to subsidize the cost of their indigent residents treated in participating out of county hospitals. Any hospital admitting or treating any out of county patient who may qualify as indigent shall within 30 days notify the county known or though to be the county of residency of such admission or forfeit their reimbursement.

Indigent Care

	PRIOR YEAR BUDGET		RECOMMENDED BUDGET	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026		
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$51,000	\$56,000	\$53,000	(\$3,000)	(5%)
Grants & Aid	\$3,297,981	\$3,807,889	\$4,049,381	\$241,492	6%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$3,348,981	\$3,863,889	\$4,102,381	\$238,492	6%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$3,348,981)	(\$3,863,889)	(\$4,102,381)	–	–

Indigent Care increased due to medicaid cost increases and transportation services.

Opioid Settlement

The Opioid Settlement department tracks available funds associated with targeted dollars to address the Opioid problem.

Goals

Hernando County, being a “non-qualified county” per the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement Between the State of Florida Department of Legal Affairs, Office of the Attorney General, and Certain Local Governments in the State of Florida (the “Opioid Agreement”), Regional Opioid Settlement Funds (the “Interlocal”), have been allocated funded through the Managing Entity and counties will work with managing entities to expend funds on Approved Purposes and Core Strategies as directed by the Opioid Abatement Task Force or Council.

Opioid Settlement

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	
Expenses					
Operating Expense	–	\$26,500	\$0	(\$26,500)	(100%)
Grants & Aid	\$250,061	\$966,255	\$83,030	(\$883,225)	(91%)
Budget Reserves	\$32,530	\$851,624	\$928,893	\$77,269	9%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$282,591	\$1,844,379	\$1,011,923	(\$832,456)	(45%)
Revenues					
Miscellaneous	–	\$833,215	\$85,459	(\$747,756)	(90%)
Other Sources	\$282,591	\$1,011,164	\$926,464	(\$84,700)	(8%)
REVENUES TOTAL	\$282,591	\$1,844,379	\$1,011,923	(\$832,456)	(45%)

Grants & aid increased due to available funds to meet the goals required of the funding.

DCF Opioid Abatement

Hernando County in Florida is actively responding to the opioid crisis utilizing abatement funds.

Goals

Hernando County is actively responding to the opioid crisis by use of abatement funds to remediate and abate the impacts of the opioid crisis. The goal of the county is address the crisis through programs, strategies, and initiatives for opioid and substance abuse education, treatment, prevention, recovery, and other related program and services identified as Core Strategies and Approved Uses of the Florida Opioid Allocation and Statewide Response Agreement.

DCF Opioid Abatement

	PRIOR YEAR BUDGET		RECOMMENDED BUDGET		
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	Percentage Increase (Decrease)
Expenses					
Personnel Services	\$43,083	\$179,516	\$159,623	(\$19,893)	(11%)
Operating Expense	\$21,923	\$26,768	\$0	(\$26,768)	(100%)
Transfers	—	\$3,200	\$3,200	\$0	0%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$65,006	\$209,484	\$162,823	(\$46,661)	(22%)
Revenues					
Charges for Services	\$56,844	\$205,242	\$192,576	(\$12,666)	(6%)
Other Sources	—	\$4,242	—	(\$4,242)	(100%)
REVENUES TOTAL	\$56,844	\$209,484	\$192,576	(\$16,908)	(8%)
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$8,162)	\$0	\$29,753	—	—

DCF Opioid Abatement is a new department.

Our People – FTE Count

DCF Opioid Abatement

Job Title	0011
Allocated FTE Count	
OPIOID/SUBSTANCE ABUSE ANALYST	1
OPIOID/SUBSTANCE ABUSE RESOURCE COORDINATOR	1
ALLOCATED FTE COUNT	2

Medical Examiner

What We Do

The Medical Examiners Act, [Chapter 406, Florida Statutes](#), was enacted by the 1970 Legislature in order to establish minimum and uniform standards of excellence in statewide medical examiner services.

The Districts 5 & 24 Medical Examiner's Office serves the people of six counties in Central Florida. District 5, which mirrors the Fifth Judicial Circuit, includes Citrus, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Seminole, and Sumter Counties. The District covers approximately 4,700 sq. miles in Central Florida and has a population of approximately 1,090,000 people. District 24 encompasses Seminole County, part of the 18th Judicial Circuit, has an additional population of approximately 460,000.

The Office is comprised of a staff of board-certified forensic pathologists, medicolegal death investigators, forensic autopsy technicians, an experienced forensic records coordinator and an in-house transport staff, as well as administrative and other support staff.

Florida's District Medical Examiners are appointed by the Governor based upon recommendations of the Florida Medical Examiner Commission. District Medical Examiners serve at the pleasure of the Governor and are appointed for three year terms. District Medical Examiners may be appointed to additional, consecutive terms.

A medical examiner is a physician trained in the specialty of forensic pathology. It is the Medical Examiner's duty to determine the cause and manner of death in those cases in which the Medical Examiner's Office accepts jurisdiction.

Key Projects

Construct a new facility that will be able to be utilized to serve the District's growing populations. Current Facility is located in Leesburg and was built in 1999.

Medical Examiner

PRIOR YEAR BUDGET			RECOMMENDED BUDGET		Percentage Increase (Decrease)
	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	Increase (Decrease)	
Expenses					
Operating Expense	\$917,102	\$730,491	\$781,935	\$51,444	7%
EXPENSES TOTAL	\$917,102	\$730,491	\$781,935	\$51,444	7%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$917,102)	(\$730,491)	(\$781,935)	—	—

Medical Examiner costs decreased due to the timing of the proposed facility construction. This budget will increase when the share of that project is confirmed and quantified.