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DALLAS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Mission Statement

The mission of the Dallas County Hospital District through the Parkland Health & Hospital System is to provide medical and hospital care and other health-related services for the needy and indigent residents of Dallas County.

Description

The Dallas County Hospital District operates the 990-bed Parkland Memorial Hospital and nine community-based comprehensive health centers called Community Oriented Primary Care (COPC) Clinics. To qualify for tax supported health care as a Dallas County resident, a family must have an income at or below 250% of the federal poverty level. In addition to providing for the medical needs of indigent County residents, Parkland Hospital serves as the primary teaching and research hospital for the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSWMC). Although the Hospital District operates semi-autonomously, its board is appointed by Commissioners Court, and its tax rate and budget are subject to final approval by Commissioners Court.

The Dallas County Hospital District faced its most difficult financial situation in recent memory, due to shrinking revenues from federal programs coupled with volume pressure related to demographic shifts and reduced alternatives for the medically indigent. This created a financial challenge for Dallas County Commissioners and Parkland officials.

In response, Parkland officials implemented a variety of cost containment measures including the reduction of positions, greater prescription drug payments by non-indigent clients, and prepayment for some services by outpatient clients. Furthermore, billing and collection procedures were examined to locate opportunities to increase revenue. For these efforts, Parkland realized an approximate \$41 million in improved collections during FY2001, thus having a positive bottom line for the fiscal year.

The FY2003 Dallas County Hospital District Tax Rate is 25.4 cents. The 25.4 cents is a continuation of the FY2002 tax rate, but an increase in property values and new construction will generate approximately \$12 million in additional revenue during FY2003. Overall revenue is anticipated to increase 9% or \$77 million in FY03. The largest increase is projected to be patient revenue, \$245 million in FY02 to \$301 million in FY03.

Expenditures for the Parkland system are projected to rise from \$737 million in FY02 to \$810 million in FY03, an increase of 9%. The increase is mostly accounted for in increased salaries and supplies.

The mission of the Parkland system and its ability to continue to expand its services in the face of federal and state cutbacks will be discussed further in 2003. Dallas County will continue to examine the best long term plans and strategies for public health care, recognizing that the Parkland system has a national reputation for excellence and is an important partner with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School at Dallas.

Parkland Health & Hospital System
FY 2003 Operating Budget
(dollars in thousands)

	<u>Accrual Basis</u>
REVENUES	
Patient	\$301,757
Provision for Bad Debt	55,000
Taxes	322,969
Disproportionate Share	47,167
Tobacco Settlements	3,380
Upper Payment Limit	24,812
Other	<u>65,532</u>
Total Revenues	\$820,617
EXPENSES	
Salaries	356,938
Benefits	48,265
Supplies	151,655
Pharmaceuticals	66,142
Purchased Medical Services	96,413
Provision for Bad Debt	55,000
Interest	392
Depreciation	<u>36,000</u>
Total Expenses	810,805
Net Operating Excess/(Loss)	<u>\$9,812</u>

HISTORICAL COMMISSION FUND

Fund #00168

Mission Statement

The mission of the Dallas County Historical Commission is to register and preserve historically significant sites within the county.

Description

This fund accounts for receipts and disbursements of the Historical Commission, an advisory body to Commissioners Court in the area of renovation and preservation of historically significant sites and related activities. Most receipts of Fund 168 are entirely donated, however, the Commission does generate some revenue from the sale of commemorative items. Projects accomplished include the review of historical marker placements and the restoration of the Bryan Cabin and the Old Red Courthouse.

FY2003 Budget Highlights

! The FY2003 budget for the Historical Commission reflects a continuation of current service levels.

Historical Commission Fund

Financial Summary

	<u>FY02 Actual</u>	<u>FY2003 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Beginning Balance	\$21,319	\$20,915	(\$404)
Revenue	396	396	0
Total Sources	\$21,715	\$21,311	(\$404)
Expenditures	\$800	\$15,200	\$14,400
Ending Balance	\$20,915	\$6,111	(\$14,804)

HISTORICAL EXHIBIT FUND

Fund #169

Mission Statement

The mission of the Historical Exhibit is to preserve and protect the former Texas School Book Depository building and Dealey Plaza; to provide educational programs which interpret these sites, and to operate a historical museum related to the late President John F. Kennedy.

Description

This fund relates to the operation of the Sixth Floor Museum, an historical exhibit covering the life, times, death and legacy of President John F. Kennedy. The Museum is in the Dallas County Administration Building, formally the Texas School Book Depository, overlooking the site of the Kennedy assassination. Admission fees to the exhibit are deposited in Fund 169, which pays certain direct expenses of the exhibit under terms of a contract with Dallas County. The fund also makes loan repayments to the Interest and Debt Fund.

FY2003 Budget Highlights

- ! In FY03, multiple capital projects will be undertaken by the Sixth Floor Museum. The projects include exhibits in the visitors center and the sixth and seventh floors, HVAC upgrade in the visitors center, exterior signage improvement, basement renovation and revisions to the ticket box office.

Historical Exhibit Fund

Financial Summary

	<u>FY2002Actual</u>	<u>FY2003 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Beginning Balance	\$372,279	\$362,200	(\$10,079)
Revenues:			
Admissions Fee	3,000,000	3,096,989	96,989
Miscellaneous	12,000	12,000	0
Total Revenue	<u>\$3,012,000</u>	<u>\$3,108,989</u>	<u>\$96,989</u>
Total Sources	\$3,384,279	\$3,471,189	\$86,910
Expenditures:			
Historical Foundation Contract	\$115,156	\$150,130	\$34,974
Operations	2,465,465	2,536,789	71,324
Capital Projects	261,470	275,000	13,530
Transfer for Debt Service	<u>179,988</u>	<u>175,043</u>	<u>(4,945)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$3,022,079</u>	<u>\$3,136,959</u>	<u>\$114,880</u>
Ending Balance	<u>\$362,200</u>	<u>\$334,230</u>	<u>(\$27,970)</u>

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FUND

Department #4054
Fund #162

Mission Statement

The mission of the Alternate Dispute Resolution Fund is to provide a convenient and cost-effective method of resolving various disputes before they become expensive and time-consuming issues for the court system.

Description

The County collects a \$10 fee for each civil court case (other than tax-related cases) that is filed in a District Court. The fee is deposited into Fund 162, and its use is restricted to programs using alternate dispute resolution techniques (e.g., dispute mediation, arbitration), which are generally designed to provide an alternative to formal litigation within the court system. The County uses these funds to reimburse the Child Support Fund (160) for mediation activities, to fund the ADR Coordinator, and to contract with Dispute Mediation Services, Inc. (DMS) to perform a number of alternate dispute resolution functions.

FY2003 Baseline Budget Highlights

- ! The FY2003 baseline budget for Alternate Dispute Resolution Fund represents a continuation of FY2002 service levels.

Alternate Dispute Resolution Fund

Financial Summary

	<u>FY2002 Actual</u>	<u>FY2003 Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Beginning Balance	\$312,306	\$315,780	\$3,474
Revenues:			
Mediation Fees	\$499,389	\$472,112	(\$27,277)
Interest Income	\$4,048	\$5,541	\$1,493
Total Revenue	\$503,436	\$477,653	(\$25,783)
Total Sources	\$815,742	\$793,433	(\$22,310)
Expenditures:			
Contract with DMS	\$320,000	\$320,000	\$0
County Mediation	\$29,963	\$50,205	\$20,242
Transfer to Fund 160	\$150,000	\$300,000	\$150,000
Total Expenditures	\$499,963	\$670,205	(\$170,242)
Ending Balance	\$315,780	\$123,228	(\$192,552)

COMMISSARY FUND

Sheriff

Description

The Sheriff is empowered by law to operate a commissary which provides certain amenities for sale to inmates (personal hygiene and food products) in the County Jail. The Sheriff is allowed to keep any net proceeds for certain jail related programs. In Fall of 2002, the Sheriff opened re-bidding for the contract, and awarded it to a new vendor.

Sources of Funds

The Dallas County Sheriff's Commissary is operated by a private vendor, who pays into the Commissary Fund a flat fee of \$50,000 per month. Should the average monthly population exceed 6,500 inmates, the contractor will also pay a fee of \$7.57 per inmate per month into the fund.

Uses of Funds

The Sheriff may use Commissary Funds to:

- a) Fund staff and equipment for a program addressing the social needs of County prisoners including an educational or recreational program and religious or rehabilitative counseling;
- b) Supply County prisoners with clothing, writing materials, and basic hygiene supplies;
- c) Establish, staff and equip the commissary operation;
- d) Fund staff and equip a library for educational use of County prisoners;

Financial Summary

FY2002 uses include three positions (Director of Inmate Programs, Assistant Director of Inmate Programs and Audio Visual Manager) and the purchase of books and materials for educational programs.

FY2002 ending balance \$1,610,680

PROBATE COURT EDUCATION FUND

Probate Courts

Description

A \$3.00 fee is collected on each original action filed in the Probate Court. These fees are earmarked for continuing judicial education of the probate judges and their staff.

Sources of Funds

These funds are collected in \$3.00 fees (as stated in 118.052) from each original action filed in a Probate Court. Each of the County's three Probate Judges maintains separate control over the fees collected from his/her court.

Uses of Funds

118.064(b)(1) authorizes these funds to be utilized to continue the education of the probate judge and staff - including payments for travel and related expenses for a continuing judicial education activity of an organization accredited by the Supreme Court.

Or to fund the County's contribution to the compensation of the presiding judge of the statutory probate courts.

Financial Summary

FY2002 Sources:	\$26,613.13
FY2002 Uses:	\$26,605.13
FY2002 Ending Balance:	\$8.00

HOT CHECK FUND

District Attorney

Description

The “Hot Check” fees are collected at the District Attorney’s Office from individuals who have “bounced” a check and had the merchant file the check with the District Attorney’s Office. The amount of the fee varies depending on the amount of the check, between \$5 and \$75 per check. The amounts collected are used by the District Attorney’s Office as they see fit.

Sources of Funds

All funds come from individuals who pay restitution to the merchant and “hot check” fees on theft by check cases filed with the District Attorney’s Office. Currently, the District Attorney’s Office collects the restitution and “hot check” fee (amount depends on the amount of the check). Then withdraws the pending theft by check case without entering a judgement or collection of fine.

Uses of Funds

In FY2000 the District Attorney’s Office ceased using “hot check” funds to pay salary supplements to attorneys and investigators. In FY2002, the District Attorney’s office used the revenue to fund the purchase of equipment for new technology required by the Hot Check process.

Financial Summary

FY2001 Ending Balance:	\$1,057,424
FY2002 Sources:	\$491,758
FY2001 Uses:	\$270,534
FY2001 Ending Balance	\$1,106,004

JURY DONATION FUND

Juvenile Department

Description

The Juror Donation Fund was established in November 1989 to allow Dallas County jurors to donate their jury payment to support youth programs. Originally, the donations were only used to fund special programs for juveniles. In 1991, the program was amended to include holiday gifts for children in foster care. Jurors may indicate on their Jury Services notification form their intent to donate.

Sources of Funds

The only source of funds for this account is the \$6.00 daily payment that jurors donate. Interest from this account remains with the General Fund.

Uses of Funds

The donated funds are available for two uses. Ten percent (10%) of the donated funds are to be used to purchase holiday gifts for children in foster care. The County contracts with the Dallas County Foster Parent Association to provide this service. The remaining 90% is used to fund programs through the Youth Services Advisory Board (YSAB) and the Juvenile Department. Each year, YSAB receives proposals from community programs to address specific concerns related to juvenile crime prevention. YSAB reviews these proposals and recommends a program to the Juvenile Board and Commissioners Court for funding.

Financial Summary

FY2002 Sources:	\$322,122	
FY2002 Uses:	\$32,212	Gifts for children in foster care
	\$289,910	Youth programs

RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND

County Clerk

Description

The County Clerk collects a special fee that is dedicated to records preservation projects. The Commissioners Court must approve expenditures from the fund established to account for these fees.

Sources of Funds

A fee of up to \$5.00 is collected from any person filing documents in the County Clerk's Office. The fee is paid at the time of the filing of the document.

Uses of Funds

Per Local Government Code 118.0216, the records management and preservation fees are to be spent on "specific records preservation and automation projects." In practice, the County Clerk has recommended such projects as optical storage of documents, new microfilm equipment and enhancement to the civil court docketing system being installed.

Financial Summary

FY2002 Sources:	\$4,258,609
FY2002 Uses:	\$2,208,174
FY2002 Ending Balance:	\$2,050,435