

INTEGRITY CUSTOMER SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY TEAMWORK INNOVATION PASSION

## **Business SR 3100.01**

## **DEVELOPING BUDGETS**

**PURPOSE:** To create a County Office budget for submission to the County Board for approval.

**TIMELINE:** January – Annual budget process begins.

July 1 – Approved budget is submitted to the state.

December 15 – First Interim is submitted to the state.

March 15 – Second Interim is submitted to the state.

## PROCEDURE:

- Business Services develops and presents a budget development calendar to the County Board and department directors. The calendar outlines each stage of budget development and the timelines involved.
- 2. A budget review committee and department budget subcommittees will be established. These committees will meet to review budget proposals and communicate budget changes.
- 3. Business Services provides financial reports, worksheets and other documents needed to develop the annual budget to all department directors. Also included are salary and benefit projections and revenue projections.
- 4. Department directors develop detailed preliminary budget(s) by:
  - reviewing the current year's actual budget and current year-to-date
  - expenditures; projecting the subsequent year's budget;
  - reviewing program priorities and goals.
- 5. Department director completes worksheets with staffing changes and projected revenue and expenditures and forwards to Business Services.
- 6. Business Services consolidates all department input into individual program detail, followed by summary data.
- 7. Assistant Superintendent of Business Services reviews consolidated budget and, if further modifications are needed, consults with department directors and Cabinet.
- 8. County Superintendent reviews and may modify program budgets prior to publication for County Board review and approval.
- 9. Business Services presents preliminary budget for review at County Board meetings and public hearings and secures budget approval by June 30 of each fiscal year.
- 10. Two Interim reports are required for Board review:
  - First Interim as of October 31 for submission to the state
  - December 15. Second Interim as of January 31 for submission to the state March 15.

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