SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 3.20 (ID # 15502)

MEETING DATE: Tuesday, June 15, 2021

FROM:

HUMAN RESOURCES:

SUBJECT: HUMAN RESOURCES: Budget Adjustment for Workers Compensation and Short Term Disability Claims Costs, All Districts. [Total Cost \$4,000,000; Fund 46100 Workers Compensation (\$2,500,000), Fund 46060 Short Term Disability (\$1,500,000)] (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDED MOTION: That the Board of Supervisors:

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1. Approve and direct the Auditor-Controller to post the budget adjustment shown at Attachment A.

ACTION:4/5 Vote Required, Policy

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes:

Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez, and Hewitt

Nays:

None

Absent:

None

Date:

June 15, 2021

XC:

HR, Auditor

Kecia R. Harper

Clerk of the Board

Debuty

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FINANCIAL DATA	Current Fiscal Year:		Next Fiscal Year:		Total Cost:	Ongoing Cost	
COST	\$	4,000,000	\$	0	\$ 4,000,000		6 0
NET COUNTY COST	\$	4,000,000	\$	0	\$ 4,000,000	5	6 0
SOURCE OF FUNDS: Workers Compensation Fund 46100 (\$2,500,000) and Short Term Disability Fund 46060 (\$1,500,000)					Budget Adjustment: Yes		
					For Fiscal Yea	ar: 20/21	1614

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION: Approve

BACKGROUND:

Summary

The Human Resources Department administers the Workers Compensation and Short Term Disability programs for the County of Riverside. The Workers Compensation program is funded by an Internal Service Fund (ISF) rate that is developed annually based on actuarial analysis and collected from all Departments, and the Short Term Disability program is collected from Departments each pay period as a percentage of actual payroll expense. Each program maintains Fund Balance Reserves to cover projected current and future liabilities.

Workers Compensation claims costs in the current fiscal year 2020/21 had been trending lower than prior year through January 2021 and were expected to end the fiscal year within the initial budgeted total of \$25,000,000. Beginning in February 2021, monthly claims costs increased substantially compared to the same time last year due to increased claims volume, and actual expenditures are now projected to be \$2,500,000 higher than expected at \$27,500,000.

Short Term Disability claims costs have followed a similar pattern, initially expected to end the fiscal year within the original budget of \$5,000,000 but now projected to be \$1,000,000 higher than expected at \$6,000,000.

A budget adjustment is needed in each fund to ensure adequate appropriations exist to cover claims cost through fiscal yearend. Fund Balance reserves are available in both Funds to support the requested increase in budgeted appropriations.

Impact on Residents and Businesses

There will be no impact on residents or businesses.

Additional Fiscal Information

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This budget adjustment request will not affect current ISF rates or payroll costs for County Departments.

ATTACHMENTS:

SCHEDULE A.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT

HUMAN RESOURCES: Budget Adjustment for Workers Compensation and Short Term Disability Claims Costs [\$4,000,000; Fund 46100 Workers Compensation (\$2,500,000), Fund 46060 Short Term Disability (\$1,500,000)]

1,500,000

ATTACHMENT A

Increase Budgeted Appropriations:	
46100 1130800000 534220 Comp Claims	\$ 2,500,000
Use of Fund Balance:	
46100 1130800000 380100 Unrestricted Net Assets	\$ 2,500,000
Increase Budgeted Appropriations:	
46060 1131200000 534260 Disability Claims	\$ 1,500,000
Use of Fund Balance:	

46060 1131200000 380100 Unrestricted Net Assets