

FP 9: Delivery of Services

The County will identify priority services, establish appropriate service levels, and administer the expenditure of available resources to assure fiscal stability and the effective and efficient delivery of services.

The County will operate on a current funding basis. Expenditures shall be budgeted and controlled so as not to exceed current revenues plus the planned use of fund balance accumulated through prior years.

The County shall take immediate corrective actions if, at any time during the fiscal year, expenditure and revenue re-estimates are such that an operating deficit is projected at year-end. Corrective actions are outlined separately within these policies. Expenditure deferrals into following fiscal year, short-term loans, or use of one-time revenue sources to balance the budget will be avoided.

The Finance Director is charged with performing periodic staff and third-party reviews of County programs for both efficiency and effectiveness. Privatization and contracting with other governmental agencies will be evaluated as alternatives to service delivery. Programs that are determined to be inefficient and/or ineffective are to be reduced in scope or eliminated.

The County makes every effort to maximize any discounts offered by creditors and vendors. Staff shall also use competitive bidding to attain the best possible price on goods and services.