



Board of Supervisors Memorandum

February 16, 2016

Use of General Fund Repayment from the Development Services Enterprise Fund

Introduction

Due to the downturn in building activity during the Great Recession, the Development Services Department (DSD) shrank from approximately 183 fulltime employees to now 58 employees. However, this staffing level was necessary to implement a wide range of improved processes that today greatly assist the development community in receiving regulatory approvals from the County for their building and zoning activities. To retain this level of qualified workforce, the County General Fund, over a four-year period, lent the Development Services Enterprise Fund (DSEF) \$5.3 million. The table below shows these General Fund subsidies.

General Fund Loans to DSD 2009 through 2013.

Fiscal Year	Loan Amount (millions)
2009	\$2.0
2010	\$1.3
2011	\$1.0
2012	\$1.0
Total	\$5.3

It is likely the DSEF will be in a position to begin repaying this debt to the General Fund over the next few years. It is then at the Board of Supervisors discretion as to how to apply the DSEF repayments. Although there are any number of options the Board could select, one option may be to allocate these funds to the Road Repair and Pavement Preservation Program of our Transportation Department.

Recommendation

I recommend the Board of Supervisors provide direction with regard to the use of Development Services Enterprise Fund repayments to the County's General Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Huckelberry".

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