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Imperial County Board of Supervisors Approves Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget

September 21, 2021 – The Imperial County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously today to adopt a \$655.8 million budget for fiscal year 2021-22. The adopted budget reflects the needs of the community and makes investments into critical areas such as public assistance, health and sanitation, public protection, and County departments to ensure the necessary resources are in place to serve the people of Imperial County.

The County's budget is primarily made up of state and federal funding and other revenues that are designated for specific programs that provide a range of services for residents through the County's 26 departments. In total, the approved budget sees a total of \$119.3 million in the General Fund, \$448.8 million in Special Revenue, and \$87.7 million in all other funds.

The 2021-22 spending plan approved by the Board after weeks of discussion includes:

- \$202.1 million to Public Assistance
- \$131.7 million to Health & Sanitation
- \$126.3 million to Public Protection
- \$31.2 million to General Government
- \$17.8 million to Public Ways & Facilities
- \$1.91 million to Education
- \$800,000 to Parks and Recreation

During the August budget hearings, augmentations were also made and included funding towards the District Attorney's Office, Fire Protection, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, the Public Administrator's Indigent Burial Program, and various employee reclassifications.

In addition, several measures were taken to ensure over \$10 million in General Fund savings, including:

- \$2.1 million saved in vacant positions
- \$1 million through the Early Retirement Incentive Program
- \$4 million by reclassifying the Department of Social Services from General Fund to Special Revenue Fund
- \$2 million by aligning overhead charges to current staffing and expense levels
- \$1 million by paying off the 1997 Pension Obligation Bond.

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“This budget is a testament to the hard work by our County Administration and every single one of our over 2,400 dedicated employees of the County of Imperial,” stated Chairman of the Imperial County Board of Supervisors, Michael W. Kelley. “This past year and a half has made the County more resilient to adversity and the manner in which we respond. This budget makes the necessary investments and allows the County of Imperial to be guided towards a brighter future for all those that live and work in our Imperial County.”

For more detailed information about the County of Imperial 2021-22 budget, go to <https://imperialcounty.org/#budget>

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