

127 - PROPERTY TAX ADMIN STATE GRANT

Operational Summary

Description:

The State-County Property Tax Administration State Grant Program (AB-589) was implemented by the legislature on January 1, 2002. The grant provides funding to help maintain efficient property tax administration, in accordance with legislated guidelines and restrictions. The County received its grant award of approximately \$6.8 million per year in FY 2003-04 and FY 2004-05. The Governor eliminated the funding for the AB-589 Grant in FY 2005-06 and FY 2006-07, and did not include the funding again in his proposed FY 2007-08 budget.

The grant is subject to the terms defined in the Revenue and Taxation Code Section 95.35 and the contract agreements executed between the County of Orange, Board of Supervisors and the State Department of Finance. The County must continue to fund the Assessor Department at a base Maintenance of Effort (MOE) level of 337 to be in compliance with the grant funds. All grant funds and interest earned thereupon must be deposited in the trust fund to be used in accordance with the grant. Carry-over funds from FY 2003-04 and FY 2004-05 including interest earned are expected to last through FY 2007-08, and into a portion of FY 2008-09, and are being used to finish the work approved in the contract with the State.

At a Glance:

Total FY 2006-2007 Projected Expend + Encumb:	3,887,585
Total Recommended FY 2007-2008	3,019,265
Percent of County General Fund:	N/A
Total Employees:	38.00

Strategic Goals:

- The Assessor will use State-County Property Tax Administration Grant (AB-589) to support the continuation of the Real Property Field Review and the Assessment Tax System (ATS) Re-Engineering (Assessor’s segment). In addition, the requested budget may support some business property mandatory and non-mandatory audit backlogs, increased roll production and/or appeal workload, and a small share of the statewide Standard Data Record (SDR and e-SDR) development work.
- The budget request also includes funds to cover two (2) senior clerks position for the Clerk of the Board in handling assessment appeals workload and various positions in the Tax Collector’s Office staff to support delinquent tax collection. In addition, the budget for Fund 127 includes funding for several in-house limited term and extra help positions to support the ATS Re-engineering project.

Key Outcome Indicators:

Performance Measure	2006 Business Plan	2007 Business Plan	How are we doing?
	Results	Target	
PERFORM REAL PROPERTY FIELD REVIEW. What: Physical review of properties to verify, update and correct property records. Why: Updated and corrected property records ensure accurate assessment as required by law.	Anticipated to complete over 100,000 property reviews.	Continue to perform Real Property Field Reviews. Expected number of property to be reviewed: 250,000.	The project is moving ahead on schedule and within the funding as available.



FY 2006-07 Key Project Accomplishments:

- Real Property Field Review: Since July 2005, the department has invested substantial time in training of the field review team, developed an implementation plan, completed pilot field reviews to refine the procedures and is expected to complete over 100,000 property field reviews in FY 2006-07. This project is moving along as scheduled and within funding as appropriate.

Ten Year Staffing Trend:



Ten Year Staffing Trend Highlights:

- All positions funded by the grant are limited-term positions.

Budget Summary

This budget is consistent with the priorities and operational plans contained in the Assessor Department Business Plan and Strategic Financial Plan. The Property Tax Administration State Grant will be administered in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

Proposed Budget History:

Sources and Uses	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007	FY 2006-2007	FY 2007-2008	Change from FY 2006-2007	
	Actual	Budget As of 3/31/07	Projected ⁽¹⁾ At 6/30/07	Recommended	Projected Amount	Projected Percent
Total Positions	38	38	38	38	0	0.00
Total Revenues	11,595,138	4,338,988	4,359,456	3,019,265	(1,340,191)	-30.74
Total Requirements	9,023,019	4,338,988	3,907,360	3,019,265	(888,095)	-22.73
Balance	2,572,120	0	452,096	0	(452,096)	-100.00

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Detailed budget by expense category and by activity is presented for agency: Property Tax Admin State Grant in the Appendix on page A607



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Summary of Proposed Budget by Revenue and Expense Category:

Revenues/Appropriations	FY 2005-2006	FY 2006-2007	FY 2006-2007	FY 2007-2008	Change from FY 2006-2007	
	Actual	Budget As of 3/31/07	Projected ⁽¹⁾ At 6/30/07	Recommended	Projected Amount	Percent
Revenue from Use of Money and Property	\$ 415,640	\$ 203,406	\$ 203,406	\$ 194,625	\$ (8,781)	-4.32%
Miscellaneous Revenues	506	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total FBA	11,179,454	2,572,120	2,572,120	452,096	(2,120,024)	-82.42
Reserves	0	1,563,462	1,563,462	2,372,544	809,082	51.75
Reserve For Encumbrances	(462)	0	20,469	0	(20,469)	-100.00
Total Revenues	11,595,138	4,338,988	4,359,456	3,019,265	(1,340,191)	-30.74
Salaries & Benefits	2,347,681	2,251,422	1,865,910	2,040,706	174,796	9.37
Services & Supplies	770,174	1,927,566	1,881,450	918,559	(962,891)	-51.18
Fixed Assets	17,375	160,000	160,000	60,000	(100,000)	-62.50
Reserves	5,887,789	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total Requirements	9,023,019	4,338,988	3,907,360	3,019,265	(888,095)	-22.73
Balance	\$ 2,572,120	\$ 0	\$ 452,096	\$ 0	\$ (452,096)	-100.00%

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