

Some Available Budget Solutions Revenue Side

Sales and Use Tax - \$48.8 million

- The County's permissive sales and use tax rate is 0.75%, and is expected to generate \$146.4 million in 2013.
- The maximum permissive sales and use tax rate authorized by statute is 1.50%. The County has available 0.25% in permissive sales and use tax authority under sections 5739.021 and 5741.021 of the Revised Code and 0.50% in permissive sales and use tax authority under sections 5739.026 and 5741.023 of the Revised Code
- The County's permissive sales and use tax rate was increased 0.50% to 1.00% effective October 1, 2005. The rate decreased from 1.00% to 0.75% effective January 1, 2008 with the expiration of the temporary sales and use tax rate increase on December 31, 2007.
- Each 0.25% increase in the permissive sales and use tax rate would generate an estimated \$48.8 million in revenue.

Inside Millage - \$23.1 million

- The inside millage is currently levied at 1.47 mills, and is expected to generate \$38.6 million in 2013.
- The total authorized millage is 2.35 mills, but the rate was rolled back to the current level in 1985.
- The 0.88 mills that is authorized but not collected would generate approximately \$23.1 million in revenue.

Conveyance Fee - \$7.4 million

- The conveyance fee is currently \$2 per every \$1,000 in value. This includes the mandated \$1 fee plus a \$1 permissive fee.
- The maximum conveyance fee authorized by statute is \$4 per every \$1,000 in value.
- Each \$1 increase in the permissive fee would generate an estimated \$3.7 million in revenue.

Some Available Budget Solutions Expenditure Side

General Fund Subsidies - \$10.4 million

- General Fund subsidies are provided to various non-general fund agencies in order to maintain their operations.
- The 2013 Approved Budget includes direct operating subsidies of approximately \$4.0 million, which are provided to the Department of Animal Care & Control (\$2.0 million), Child Support Enforcement Agency (\$1.7 Million), and the Office of Homeland Security & Justice Programs (\$0.3 million).
- The 2013 Approved Budget includes \$5.3 million in support for the Department of Job & Family Services for the County's mandated share that is required by statute.
- The 2013 Approved Budget includes indirect support of \$1.1 million to the Department of Animal Care and Control (\$853,505) and the Department of Sanitary Engineering (\$268,225) through the payment of debt service.
- The subsidies provided by the General Fund could be diminished through increased fees, allocation of support to other non-general funds, or a reduction in service levels.

Community Partnerships - \$7.4 million

- The General Fund provides various grants to non-profit organizations and other governmental entities.
- The 2013 Approved Budget includes \$7.4 million in discretionary grants to support economic development, health and human services, environmental sustainability, and community safety.
- The 2013 Approved Budget also includes \$1.8 million for the support of the County's TB Control Unit which is mandated by statute.

Economic Development Incentive Grants - \$2.3 million

- The General Fund provides various incentive grants to support economic development.
- The 2013 Approved Budget includes grants for Experience Columbus (\$1,250,000), Columbus 2020 (\$450,000), Tech Columbus (\$250,000), the Columbus-Franklin County Finance Authority (\$150,000), Workforce Training Grants (\$140,000) and Columbus Sister Cities (\$50,000).