

CITY OF PROVIDENCE

Expecting surplus for the fourth fiscal year in a row


SUMMARY


The City reported that they will close out the year with a combined operating surplus for Fiscal Year 2019 of **\$8.5 MILLION.**


General Fund Surplus: **\$4.9 MILLION**

Rainy Day Payment: **\$3.6 MILLION**

Total Operating Surplus: **\$8.5 MILLION** (UNAUDITED)

FY15 
DEFICIT: **-\$13.4 M**

FY16 
DEFICIT: **-\$3.2 M**

FY17 
SURPLUS: **+\$2.2M**

FY18 
SURPLUS: **+\$11.4 M**

FY19 POSITIVE FUND BALANCE OF **+\$20 MILLION** (UNAUDITED)

PROACTIVE EFFORTS TO ADDRESS DEFICIT:

- Realistic budgeting
- Continued strategic cash management
- More efficient & robust tax collections
- Reduced spending on operational expenses, where opportunities existed
- Better departmental revenues
- Savings due to early pension payments
- Better management of overtime and callbacks in the Fire Department

While this is a significant step in our long-term approach to stabilizing our finances, there is still more for us to do.

WE STILL HAVE TO:

- Address our structural deficit
- Maintain responsible budgeting practices
- Continue to eliminate redundancy and waste citywide
- Stabilize Providence's finances for future generations permanently

*Please note the FY19 surplus \$8.5 million is pending external audit.