

Program Description

The Harborview Center, managed by Global Spectrum, is an exhibition, conference and banquet facility owned by the City of Clearwater that opened on January 16, 1996.

The mission of the facility is two-fold: to attract conventions, meetings, trade-shows and other events to Clearwater in order to bring in visitor dollars for our local economy, and to provide a site for the local community to enjoy social, civic and special events.

The facility consists of three floors with over 65,000 square feet available for various functions. Groups ranging from 40 to 1,400 can be easily accommodated. There is a conference level which includes a 17,000 square foot ballroom. This highly flexible floor plan also includes breakout rooms for refreshment breaks or registration. In addition, the Clearwater Room offers an inviting view of the harbor and beachfront skyline. A sunlit, two-story atrium allows passage to the conference level and the exhibit hall. Also available are catering services, provided by a creative and professional team.

Located within the facility is Pickles Plus restaurant, which overlooks the water, and the retail-clothing chain store, Steinmart, which occupies the entire second floor of the facility, adding a unique twist to the usual convention center format.

PROGRAM SUMMARY					
	Actual 2004/05	Actual 2005/06	Budget 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	% Change
Operating	1,965,888	594,197	544,340	561,340	3%
Internal Services	41,878	32,138	21,700	24,110	11%
Capital	188	403	-	-	0%
Transfers	-	-	140,000	118,910	-15%
Total Harborview Center	2,007,954	626,738	706,040	704,360	0%

Program Highlights

- ❖ Operating costs include \$448,200 for the facility management agreement for the Harborview Center. This is basically the same level of funding as the 2006/07 budget. The \$17,000, or 3%, increase in operating costs is primarily for contractual services for the maintenance of the facility.
- ❖ Transfers of \$118,910 to the Capital Improvement Fund provide funding for infrastructure repairs and improvements to the facility. This is a 15% decrease from the 2006/07 budget.
- ❖ The General Fund subsidy for the support of the Harborview Center remains at \$342,240, the same level of funding as the 2006/07 budget.
- ❖ This is the third year of a four-year operational agreement with Global Spectrum, which ends in 2009.
- ❖ There have been no significant changes in the Harborview Center program in the proposed budget. The budget for this program is slightly less than the 2006/07 budget.