

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 2005/06	Actual 2006/07	Budget 2007/08	Budget 2008/09	% Change
Operating	594,197	629,851	561,340	605,340	8%
Internal Services	32,138	20,863	24,110	19,830	-18%
Capital	403	70	-	-	n/a
Transfers	-	-	118,910	100,000	-16%
Total Harborview Center	626,738	650,784	704,360	725,170	3%

Program Highlights

- ❖ Operating costs include \$460,000 for the facility management agreement for the Harborview Center. This is a 3% increase over the 2007/08 budget. The \$44,000, or 8%, increase in operating costs is primarily for the payment of taxes.
- ❖ Internal Services decreases 18% due to a reduction in telephone services costs.
- ❖ Transfers of \$100,000 to the Capital Improvement Fund provide funding for infrastructure repairs and improvements to the facility. This is a 16% decrease from the 2007/08 budget.
- ❖ The General Fund subsidy for the support of the Harborview Center remains at \$340,170, a decrease of \$2,070 from the 2007/08 budget.
- ❖ This is the fourth 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 this budget. The budget for this program increases 3% over the 2007/08 budget.