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Board Summary Report

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To: Board of County Commissioners

Through: Todd Weaver, Director, Finance Department

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Subject:
Submission of 2026 Recommended Budget

Purpose and Request:

The purpose of this public hearing is to submit to the Board of County Commissioners the 2026 Recommended Budget for Arapahoe County, the Arapahoe County Recreation District, the Arapahoe County Law Enforcement Authority, the Arapahoe County Building Finance Corporation, and the Arapahoe County Water and Wastewater Public Improvement District in accordance with Colorado Revised Statute 29-1-105. The study session to discuss the content of the 2026 Recommended Budget is scheduled for the morning of October 20, 2025, with a public hearing also scheduled for October 28, 2025.

Alignment with Strategic Plan: Economic Resilience and Stability - Support long-term economic resilience through responsible fiscal and investment strategies.

Background and Discussion: The recommended budget contains projected revenues and expenditures for fiscal year 2026 and is in conformance with Colorado law including the Taxpayer's Bill of Rights (TABOR) and other legal revenue and spending restrictions. The 2026 Recommended Budget was prepared by the Executive Budget Committee and their key recommendations and proposals are to be presented in a Board Study Session on October 20, 2025. It is important to note that this is a recommended budget and is subject to further review and revision by the Board of County Commissioners as additional information is obtained or other decisions are made regarding its content.

The purpose of this public hearing is to submit the 2026 Recommended Budget to the Board of County Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners will have time to review in preparation for a study session to discuss the content of the 2026 Recommended Budget scheduled on Monday, October 20, 2025.

Alternatives: Colorado Revised Statute 29-1-105 required the submission of proposed budget estimates no later than October 15th of each year and October 14th is the last public meeting before the statutory deadline.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact at this time. The fiscal impact to the county will be equivalent

to this recommended budget plus any changes the Board of County Commissioners choose to make before adoption of the budget at a public hearing on December 9, 2025.

Alignment with Strategic Implementation Strategies: The attached framework helps Arapahoe County institutionalize values-based, transparent decision-making, documenting how we make decisions and carry out actions to achieve the county's strategic plan.

Staff Recommendation: N/A

Concurrence: The Executive Budget Committee held various meetings to determine the recommendations for the 2026 budget.