

The County of Rockwall, Texas adopts an annual budget for its General Fund, as required by the general statutes. The budget is a legally adopted document that incorporates input from the citizens of the County, the management of the County, and the decisions of the Commissioners' Court about which services to provide and how to pay for them. It also authorizes the County to obtain funds from identified sources to finance these current period activities. The budgetary statement provided for the General Fund demonstrates how well the County complied with the budget ordinance and whether or not the County succeeded in providing the services as planned when the budget was adopted. The budgetary comparison statement uses the budgetary basis of accounting and is presented using the same format, language, and classifications as the legal budget document. The statement shows three columns: (1) the final budget as amended by the Commissioners; 2) the actual resources, variance between the final budget and the actual resources and charges. To account for the difference between the budgetary basis of accounting and the modified accrual basis, a reconciliation showing the differences in the reported activities is shown at the end of the budgetary statement.

Proprietary Funds – Rockwall County, Texas maintain one type of proprietary fund. *Internal service funds* are an accounting device used to accumulate and allocate costs internally among Rockwall County's various functions. Rockwall County, Texas uses internal service funds to account for the management of its self-insured health insurance plan. Because this service predominantly benefits governmental rather than business-type functions, it has been included within *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds – Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Fiduciary funds are *not* reflected in the government-wide financial statement because the resources of those funds are *not* available to support Rockwall County's own programs. The accounting used for fiduciary funds is much like that used for proprietary funds.

Notes to the Financial Statements – The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information – In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report includes certain required supplementary information concerning the County's progress in funding its obligation to provide pension benefits to its employees, progress in funding its post-retirement health care benefit plan and budget to actual schedule for the General Fund.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplementary information.

GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The government-wide financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, continue the implementation of a new standard of financial reporting for Rockwall County, and many other units of government across the United States.