

Cook County, Illinois
Management's Discussion and Analysis
Year Ended November 30, 2018, continued

- The County's total net deficit at November 30, 2018 was \$16,559.7 million, a decrease of \$100.2 million from the prior year balance of \$16,659.9 million after restatement. The decrease is mainly attributable to a decrease in the net pension and OPEB liabilities and related deferred outflows and inflows after restatement. The decrease in the net pension and OPEB liabilities this year was mainly due to better investment performance.
- Total FY 2018 expenses for governmental activities were \$2,341.1 million, which represents a decrease of \$409.7 million (14.9%) over FY 2017 expenses for governmental activities of \$2,750.8 million.

At the end of the fiscal year, the County's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$606.5 million, an increase of \$137.8 million (29.4%) in comparison with the prior year of \$468.7 million, primarily due to decreases in General Fund expenditures.

Overview of the Basic Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The reporting model focuses attention on the County as a whole (government-wide) and on major individual funds. Both perspectives are presented to enable the reader to address relevant questions, broaden the basis of comparison and enhance the County's accountability.

Cook County's basic financial statements are comprised of three components:

1. Government-wide financial statements
2. Fund financial statements
3. Notes to the basic financial statements

This report also contains required supplementary information, other supplementary information and unaudited statistical data in addition to the basic financial statements.