



DATE: August 29, 2025
TO: Mayor Carney, Commissioners, City Manager Moore
FROM: Laura Simon, Executive Director, Delray Beach DDA
CC: DDA Board of Directors

RE: FY25/26 BUDGET OF THE DELRAY BEACH DDA DISTRICT – UPDATED

Background:

As per the State Statute House Bill 299, the DDA board is required to set the millage rate for the DDA district annually. Section 8. LEVY OF AD VALOREM TAX.—For the fiscal year of the Authority an ad valorem tax is levied annually for the purpose of financing the operation of the Authority on all property in the Downtown area that is subject to ad valorem taxation. The rate shall be no more than one mill on each dollar of tax base by written notice to the County tax collector at such time as he or she shall specify, may set a rate of less than one mill for the ensuing fiscal year.

Total Taxable Value of the DDA District:
Estimate of Net New Construction:

FY2025/26
\$2,145,242,312
\$ 94,024,324

This equates to the following: **\$2,037,980** for the FY25/26 budget for the operating budget.

Overview:

On July 14, the Downtown Development Authority Board of Directors set the maximum millage rate at 1mil assessment to fulfill the TRIM notice based on the assessed value of 2,145,242,312 which equates to the following: \$2,037,980 for the FY25/26 budget amount.

Based on the outcomes and discussion at the Goal Setting Workshop, the August 13 Town Hall, and the Budget meeting, this memo outlines the DDA financials to support the operations and programs.

Below is the proposed budget for both the DDA operations along with the Old School Square Program and Activation based on the proposed plan submitted in August 2025.

DDA Revenues: PROPOSED DRAFT
FY2025/2026

Ad Valorem Tax Revenue	\$2,037,980
Proposed Sponsorship	\$44,000

Proposed Expenditures:

Marketing the District	\$ 254,000
Economic Vitality	\$ 262,500
Place Making	\$ 597,000
District Grants	\$ 20,000
Organizational	\$ 940,251
Total Expenses	\$2,081,980

As our Downtown continues to evolve and grow, we need to ensure our plan of action is socially responsible and that we have the commitment and buy-in of our stakeholders – businesses, residents, and visitors.