The City of Riverside’s annual budget is a key communication tool, which illustrates to the public the City’s strategic direction, sources of funding, and types of expenditures. This document seeks to distill the budget document into a useful set of tables, charts, and diagrams for the use of the general public. The City’s total combined annual budget for fiscal year 2011/12 is $992,994,072.

**INTRODUCTION TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET**

**CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC GOALS**

The Budget is linked to the City Council’s Strategic Goals, developed in 2004 and amended in 2008 and 2009. These goals are at the heart of what our community expects from its local government. In turn, these goals are woven throughout the fiscal year 2011/12 Annual Budget, which allocates the resources necessary to achieve our shared vision. The City Council’s Strategic Goals are:

- Economic Development
- Environmental Leadership
- Transportation
- Livable Communities and Neighborhoods
- Arts and Innovation

**HOW IS THE BUDGET FUNDED?**

**HOW IS THAT MONEY SPENT?**

It may be helpful to think of the different City funds as multiple “business enterprises”. Just as businesses vary by size and revenue, so too do the various City funds. There is a tendency to equate the City’s General Fund with the City’s financial status as a whole, but it is important to remember that the General Fund is just one of many funds, or places of City business.
General Fund in Brief

WHAT IS THE GENERAL FUND?

The General Fund provides core City services including police, fire, parks, recreation, libraries, and street maintenance. Riverside Public Utilities, the Riverside Airport, and other “business enterprises” of the City with their own distinct revenue sources are accounted for in other Funds. The General Fund is primarily supported by tax revenues, fees, and charges that are collected within the City of Riverside. Therefore, most core City services are budgeted in the General Fund; and it is here that you can see the greatest impact that your tax dollars and fees paid to the City have on providing services to the citizens of the City of Riverside.

The fiscal year 2011/12 General Fund budget totals $211.2 million. This amount also takes into account something called “Managed Savings”, which is the estimated portion of the budget that will not be realized as actual expenditures. It is projected that revenues will equal expenditures for fiscal year 2011/12, enabling the City to leave the approximately $40 million General Fund balance untouched. These funds include the City’s economic contingency reserve of $32 million as well as an unappropriated fund balance of approximately $8 million.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

For every $1.00 candy bar sold within the City of Riverside a penny of the sales tax flows to the City of Riverside.

If 32 million candy bars are sold this year within the City of Riverside the City could purchase a $320,000 fire truck with the resulting sales tax revenue.

GENERAL FUND REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES

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Taxes 61%
- Property Tax 35%
- Sales & Use Tax 36%
- Transient Occupancy Tax 2%
- Public Safety 12% Sales Tax 1%
- Franchises 4%
- Revenue from Other Governments 1%
- Charges for Services 5%
- Interfund Transfers In 19%
- Other 4%
- Special Assessments 2%
- Fines and Forfeits 4%
- Fire 22%
- Development 4%
- Public Works 10%
- Parks, Rec, & Comm. Svcs. 7%
- Community Development 5%
- General Government 4%
- Museum 1%
- Library 3%
The City’s Capital Improvement Program (CIP) is a plan for the renovation, expansion, and repair of existing City facilities such as roads, bridges, government buildings, and parks and proposes new projects that will improve the quality of life for the citizens of the City. The CIP projects available funding over a five-year period. The highest priority projects are constructed first. Lower priority projects that have been identified but for which no current funding exists are categorized as unfunded.

The fiscal year 2011/12 funded CIP totals $832.2 million, with an additional $539.9 million remaining unfunded. The unfunded CIP is primarily used to catalog longer-term projects for which funding will be identified in the future. At the end of the five-year period outlined in the CIP, the City will see new or remodeled police and fire facilities, several new parks, an expanded Convention Center, additional railroad grade separations, and numerous other improvements. This is all in addition to the routine rehabilitation of streets, sewers, and other facilities that are always part of the CIP.

The Riverside Renaissance Initiative presents a historic opportunity to elevate the quality of life for the residents of the City of Riverside in an unprecedented fashion. Using innovative funding strategies and forward-thinking planning, the City will see many years of projects completed in a relatively short period of time.

This plan, approved by the City Council in October of 2006, included funding for projects totaling $800 million. With the final projects nearing completion, the Renaissance Initiative totals nearly $1.6 billion. The growth since approval is primarily attributable to projects added after initial approval of the plan, including new power generation units, the expansion of the Water Quality Control Plant, and several grade separations.
CITY PROFILE

Population: 306,779
Area in Square Miles: 81.51
Number of Fire Stations: 14
Number of Police Stations & Storefronts: 7
Number of Sworn Police Officers: 419
Number of Libraries: 8
Number of Parks: 59
Number of Electric Meters: 106,335
Number of Water Meters: 64,231

CITY COUNCIL WARDS

Citizens of Riverside
Ronald O. Loveridge
Mayor
Mike Gardner
Ward 1
Andy Melendrez
Ward 2
Rusty Bailey
Ward 3
Paul Davis
Ward 4
Chris Mac Arthur
Ward 5
Nancy Hart
Ward 6
Steve Adams
Ward 7

Mayor & City Council

City Manager
Assistant City Manager
Human Resources Department
General Services Department
Information Technology Department
Parks, Rec., and Community Svcs.
Riverside Public Utilities
Fire Department
Police Department

Assistant City Manager
Public Works Department
Development Department
Riverside Airport
Community Development Department
Riverside Metropolitan Museum
Riverside Public Library

Assistant City Manager
Assistant City Manager/CFO/Treasurer
Investment Management
Accounting / Revenue
Budget / Debt Administration
Purchasing / Risk Management
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