



# CITY OF CENTENNIAL 2015 BUDGET IN BRIEF

## THE BUDGET PROCESS

The City's budget is the long-range plan by which financial policy is implemented and controlled. The City Charter, Colorado Constitution and the Colorado State Budget Law provide the basic legal requirements and timelines for the City's budget process. City Council's goals, City-wide objectives,

ordinances and resolutions provide policy direction that responds to the needs and desires of the community.

The City's budget is prepared on a calendar year basis as required by the City Charter. The budget must be balanced, which means that planned

expenditures cannot exceed the sum of anticipated revenues and beginning fund balance. The City's fiscal year is January 1 through December 31.

The City of Centennial 2015 Annual Budget can be found on the City's website at [www.CentennialCO.gov](http://www.CentennialCO.gov).

## HOW MUCH DO CITY SERVICES COST YOU?

The City's General Fund Budget for 2015 is \$52.7 million (excluding fund transfers). The General Fund pays for most City services including public safety, public works, community development, finance and administrative functions, among others. For these General Fund services, the cost to serve each resident is expected to be \$ 1.38 per day, which is slightly higher than last year.

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Public Safety                 | \$ 0.62        |
| Public Works                  | \$ 0.37        |
| Administrative                | \$ 0.06        |
| Financial                     | \$ 0.21        |
| Legislative                   | \$ 0.05        |
| City Management               | \$ 0.05        |
| Community Development         | \$ 0.02        |
| <b>Total Cost of Services</b> | <b>\$ 1.38</b> |



## WHO PAYS FOR THESE SERVICES?

The City is able to provide these services through the collection of various revenue sources, including:

- **Sales Tax** – paid by consumers shopping at local businesses
- **Property Tax & Use Tax** – paid by citizens and property owners within the City
- **Intergovernmental** – amounts collected are based on several factors dependent on the source of the funding
- **Fines & Fees** – paid by a variety of people doing business with the City



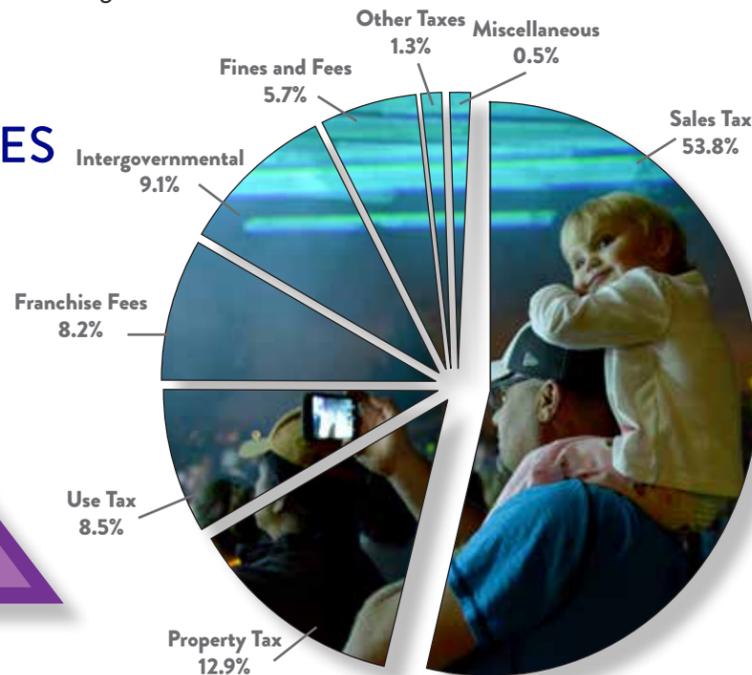
## GENERAL FUND REVENUES - \$62.7 MILLION

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

- Sales Tax accounts for more than half of all General Fund revenues.
- Property Tax is the General Fund's second largest revenue source. The voter approved mill levy is 4.982 mills.
- Automobile Use Tax and Building Materials Use Tax make up the City's Use Tax revenue.
- Franchise Fees include Cable Franchise Fees and Gas/Electric Franchise Fees. These fees are compensation for benefits and privileges granted under various agreements.
- Intergovernmental revenue includes monies collected by and received from the federal government, state, and county such as the Highway Users Tax Fund (HUTF), Road & Bridge Shareback funds and grants.
- Fines and Fees revenue includes court fines, permit fees and licensing fees among other various sources.
- Other Taxes includes Specific Ownership and Cigarette taxes.
- Miscellaneous revenue includes items such as Business/Sales Tax Licensing and investment income.

### GENERAL FUND REVENUES

|                       |                   |               |
|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Sales Tax             | \$ 33,680,751     | 53.8%         |
| Property Tax          | 8,065,978         | 12.9%         |
| Use Tax               | 5,328,409         | 8.5%          |
| Franchise Fees        | 5,136,748         | 8.2%          |
| Intergovernmental     | 5,695,333         | 9.1%          |
| Fines and Fees        | 3,569,466         | 5.7%          |
| Other Taxes           | 830,854           | 1.3%          |
| Miscellaneous         | 345,099           | 0.5%          |
| <b>Total Revenues</b> | <b>62,652,638</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |



### 2015 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - REVENUE

Budgeted revenues for the General Fund are expected to increase from the 2014 Adopted Budget by \$1.6 million (2.6 percent). Sales Tax, Highway Users Tax Fund, and Building Rent Recovery revenues are the driving sources of this increase.

- Property Tax revenues have remained relatively consistent with last year.

- The City has experienced a large increase in Sales Tax revenue primarily due to the growing success of Centennial retail properties such as the Streets at SouthGlenn and the Centennial Promenade. An overall increase in consumer spending has also contributed to the increase in Sales Tax.

- Highway User Tax Fund revenues are projected to increase due to an increase in fuel purchases attributable to a strengthening economy and stable gas prices.
- Building Rent Recovery revenues are projected to increase due to a full-year of revenue for the City's Eagle Street facility.

## GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES - \$52.7 MILLION (excluding transfers)

### WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

- **Public Works and Public Safety** services make up approximately 72 percent of General Fund expenditures.
  - Public Works provides several services including: snow plowing, traffic signal maintenance, roadway repair and maintenance, and street light/traffic signal utilities.
  - Public Safety provides Law Enforcement, Municipal Court and Animal Services.
- **Administrative** services, such as Human Resources, Communications and Information Technology support functions within the City.
- The costs associated with **Financial** services include sales tax collection and administration, auditing, payments according to revenue sharing agreements, and Economic Development services.
- **Legislative** services include the City Attorney's Office, City Clerk's Office and Elected Officials.
- **City Management** includes the City Manager's Office and the Office of Innovation.
- **Community Development** includes Code Compliance services and Community Development Administration.

### GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES

|                           |                      |               |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Public Safety             | \$ 23,633,617        | 44.8%         |
| Public Works              | 14,091,196           | 26.8%         |
| Administrative            | 2,369,474            | 4.5%          |
| Financial                 | 8,151,270            | 15.4%         |
| Legislative               | 1,709,532            | 3.2%          |
| City Management           | 1,816,825            | 3.4%          |
| Community Dev.            | 927,767              | 1.9%          |
| <b>Total Expenditures</b> | <b>\$ 52,699,681</b> | <b>100.0%</b> |



### 2015 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS - EXPENDITURES

Budgeted expenditures for the General Fund are expected to increase from the 2014 Adopted Budget by \$3.4 million (7.0 percent), excluding fund transfers

to the Land Use Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. This increase is primarily due to compensation changes for contracted services pursuant

to contractual obligations, which represents 73 percent of General Fund expenditures.

# Do You KNOW?

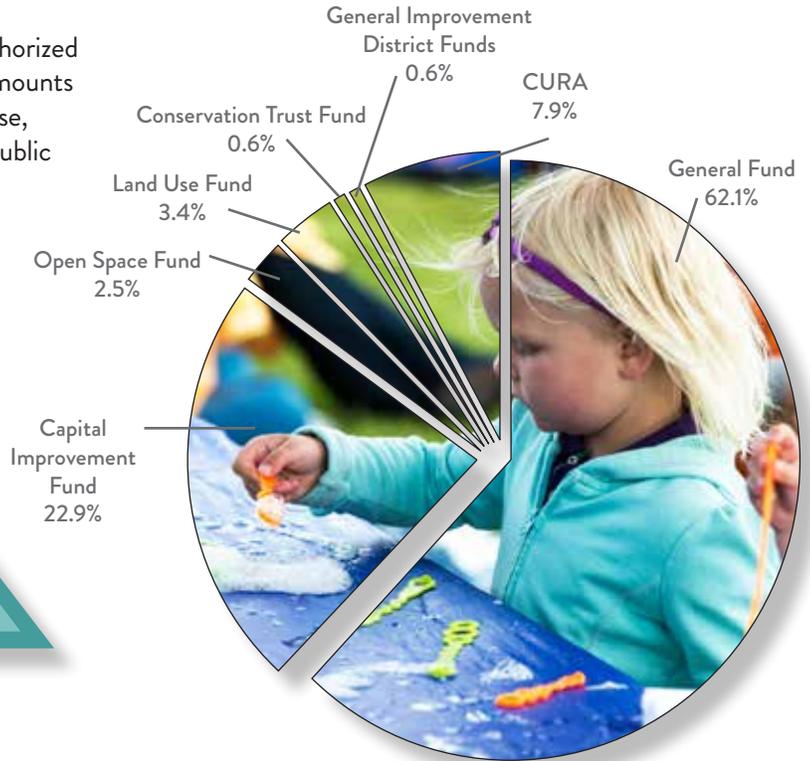
The City of Centennial has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association for six consecutive years. This award is the highest form of recognition in governmental budgeting.



# 2015 BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS BY FUND – \$84.8 MILLION

Budget appropriations are specific amounts of money authorized by the City Council for approved expenditures. Annual amounts are appropriated by fund. Each fund has a different purpose, as described below. The majority of expenditures are for public works, public safety and capital project costs.

|   |              |       |
|---|--------------|-------|
| General Fund                                    | \$52,699,681 | 62.1% |
| Capital Impvt Fund                              | 19,415,800   | 22.9% |
| Open Space Fund                                 | 2,067,000    | 2.5%  |
| Land Use Fund                                   | 2,879,061    | 3.4%  |
| Cons Trust Fund                                 | 552,500      | 0.6%  |
| Gen Impvt Dist Funds                            | 522,682      | 0.6%  |
| CURA  | 6,664,914    | 7.9%  |
| <b>Total Expenditures \$84,801,638 _ 100.0%</b> |              |       |



## FUND DESCRIPTIONS

- The **General Fund** makes up approximately 62 percent of the total City budget. This is the City’s main operating fund.
- The **Capital Improvement Fund**, which makes up approximately 23 percent of the total City budget, is used for capital projects and programs such as the Street Rehabilitation Program and various street/intersection improvements.
- The **Open Space Fund** and **Conservation Trust Fund** are both primarily used for park and trail acquisition, improvements, and maintenance. These funds are restricted and must be used for specific purposes.
- The **Land Use Fund** is the City’s only enterprise fund. The Land Use Fund provides building services and contractor licensing among other services. The services are supported primarily by user fees.
- The **General Improvement District (GID) Funds** and the **Centennial Urban Redevelopment Authority Fund (CURA)** are special revenue funds. Each of the funds brings in revenue that must be used for a specific purpose.

## Do You KNOW?

In 2014, Centennial was named as one of the “Best Place to Live in America” by Money Magazine (#13) and USA Today (#26). Centennial Center Park was recognized in 5280 Magazine’s “Top of the Town” issue for its “behemoth of a play center”, which is part of an 11-acre regional park.

