



# FY 2013-14 Budget in Brief



City of Alameda,  
California

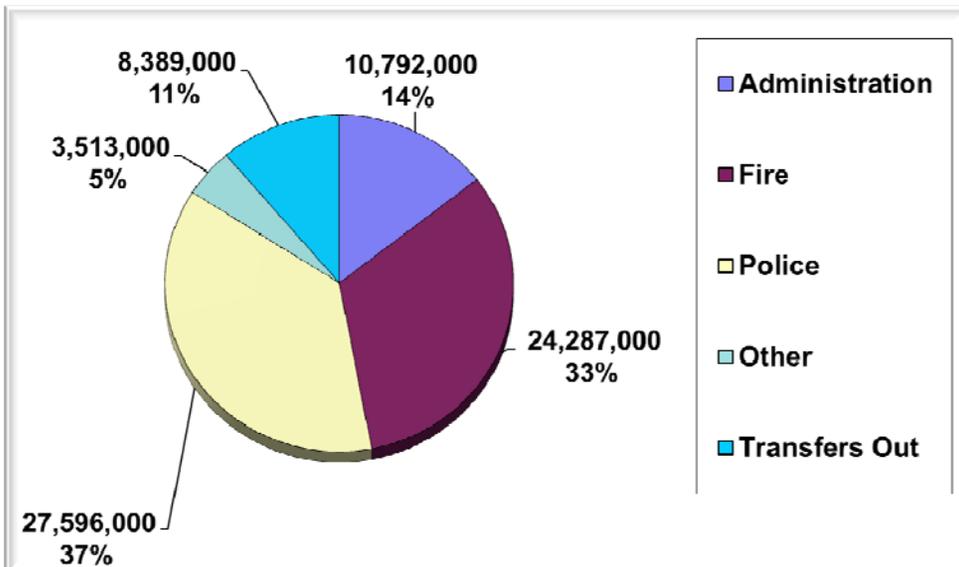
## Budget in Brief for Fiscal Years 2013-2014

The Budget in Brief provides an overview of the City's anticipated revenues and expenditures in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-2014 Adopted Budget. The budget serves as a guide for the City in allocating funding for programs and services, outlining future goals for the community and maintaining financial stability.

For this budget, the City used a combination of budget reductions, as well as the use of limited one-time funds and the carryover of budget savings from FY12-13 to address the City's long-term fiscal challenges. The City is projected to have available General Fund reserves (\$21 million) representing 29% of annual expenditures at the end of FY 2013-2014, abiding by fiscal policies established by the City Council to maintain reserves of at least 20% of annual expenditures.

## Budgeted Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The City's budget for FY 2013-2014 totals \$163 million, excluding Alameda Municipal Power (AMP), as shown below. Of this total budget the City's General Fund operating budget for FY 2013-2014 is \$75 million (46%), and is allocated to the following functions and described in more detail below:



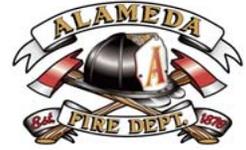
**Administration** - \$11 Million (14%) - This function includes the following departments:

- City Council / City Attorney
- City Manager / City Clerk
- Finance / Human Resources
- Central Services / Non Departmental



**Fire Department** - \$24 Million (33%) - This department provides the following services to residents and City businesses:

- Emergency Services
- Ambulance Transport
- Fire Prevention and Support Services
- Disaster Preparedness and Fire Training



Most of the department's activities are funded by the General Fund, with six firefighters paid with a limited-duration federal grant.

**Police Department** - \$28 Million (37%) - This department provides the following services to residents and City businesses:

- Patrol and Support Services
- Emergency Communications
- Investigations, Traffic and Logistics



Most of the department's activities are funded by the General Fund, with a small portion funded with outside grants.

**Public Works** - \$1.2 Million (2%) – This department oversees the City's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Budgets. Activities funded by the General Fund include graffiti abatement and a portion of street tree, median, street and sidewalk maintenance. Most of its other functions, including engineering, storm drain, sewer system, facility, and fleet maintenance, are funded outside of the General Fund.



**Recreation and Parks** - \$2.3 Million (3%) – This represents the portion of activities funded directly by the General Fund, which includes the Hardball Field, Park Maintenance and Swim Center Maintenance Programs.



## Budgeted Expenditures Fiscal Year 2013-2014 (Cont.)

An additional subsidy of \$1.4 million is provided to the Recreation Special Revenue Fund for programs for Seniors, Youth, Special Needs and the Parks and Playground drop-in program.

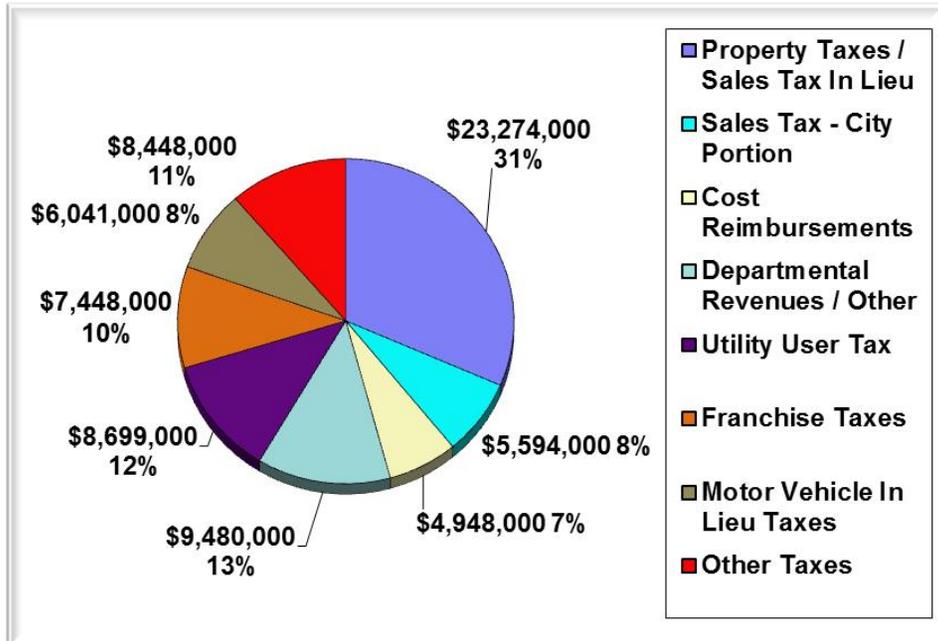


**Transfers Out** - \$8.4 Million (11%) The General Fund contributes to other City activities through transfers to other funds, including:

- Partial funding of library operations (\$2.0 million)
- Debt Service on City Hall Bonds (\$830,000)
- Closed Pension Plans for Police and Fire (\$1.9 million)
- Contributions for Capital and Other Projects (\$889,000)
- Recreation Special Revenue Fund (\$1,380,000)
- Vacation Leave Payout Internal Reserve Fund (\$941,000)

## Estimated Sources of Funds Fiscal Year 2013-2014

Approximately \$163 million of revenues and existing reserves are projected to be available to fund City operations and Capital Improvements for FY 2013-2014 (excluding AMP), of which \$74 million in revenues (45%) is projected to be collected by the General Fund, as shown below:

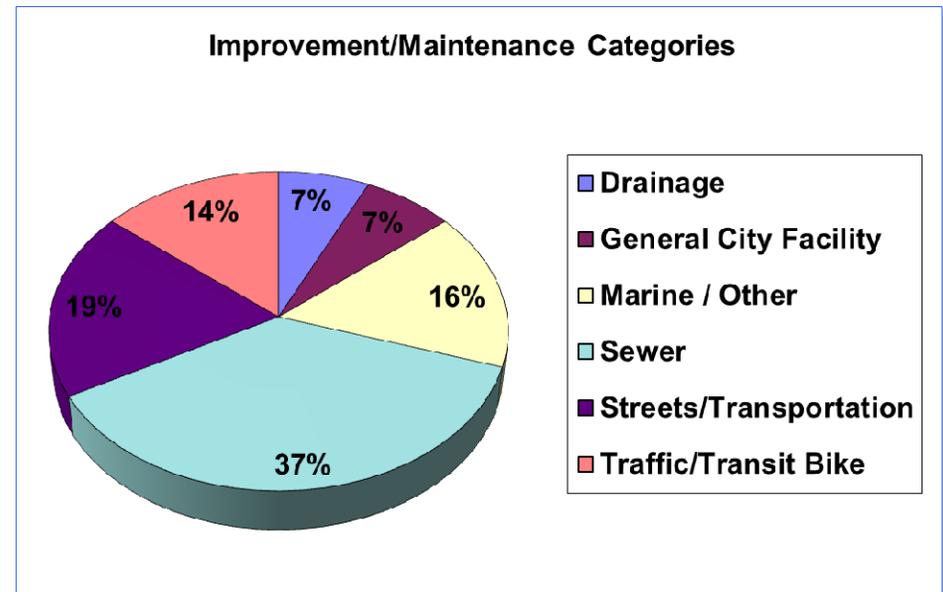


Property Taxes are the largest non-departmental source of General Fund revenues. The City receives approximately 25 cents for every dollar of the 1% base property tax assessed by Alameda County, shared between the City's General Fund and Redevelopment Successor Agency Trust Fund.

The City receives 1% of the 9% sales tax in Alameda County. The City's largest components of sales tax revenues are from its restaurants, manufacturing, retail and the County sales tax pool. Sales tax is projected to increase in FY 13-14 and FY14-15 partially due to the opening of a new retail center in the City. The City's other taxes include a 7.5% Utility User Tax, a voter approved Property Transfer Tax and a 10% Hotel Occupancy Tax.

## Capital Improvement Budget Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The City's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Budget totals \$23.8 million for FY 2013-2014 and is allocated to the following types of projects:



The largest portion of capital projects is for improvements to the City's sewer system, resulting from recent mandates from the Environment Protection Agency (EPA).

## Capital Improvement Budget FY 2013-14 (Continued)

Some of the specific projects funded for Fiscal Year 2013-14 and 2014-15 include the following (as amended during the fiscal year):

- Sewer System Improvements (\$6,975,000)
- Swimming Pool Renovation (\$750,000)
- Street Pavement Management Program (\$3,137,000)
- Sidewalk Repair Program (\$867,000)
- Shoreline / Westline Drive Bikeway Construction (\$972,000)
- Chuck Corica Golf Course Renovation (\$1,000,000)
- Emergency Operations/Fire Station 3 Design (\$600,000)
- Cross Alameda Bike and Pedestrian Trail (\$991,000)
- Estuary Park Renovation (\$1,300,000)



## Citywide Goals and Objectives Fiscal Year 2013-2014

The FY 2013-2014 Adopted Budget includes the following goals and objectives for the City:

- Enforce fiscal sustainability in all City programs and services
- Implement an enhanced electronic records management system
- Facilitate the transfer, reuse and redevelopment of former federal lands at Alameda Point
- Work with Alameda Unified School District to provide quality aquatic programs for the community and students
- Analyze and develop solutions to enhance emergency medical service delivery throughout the City



## Principal Employers

Alameda Hospital	Celera
Alameda Unified School District	VF Outdoor
Bay Ship and Yacht Club	College of Alameda

## Major Sales Generators

ABB Concise	Alameda Electrical
Bed Bath and Beyond	Kohls
Safeway	T J Maxx

## City Demographic Information

Population / State size ranking	75,126 / 110
Annual Population Growth Rate	0.8%
Area in Square Miles	22.7
Median Household Income	\$66,781
Unemployment Rate	4.8%
City Crime Index (US Average 307.5)	224.4
High School / College Graduates	92% / 47%
Alameda High School API	830
Median Home Sales Price	\$550,000
Average Summer High / Low	73 / 57 degrees
Average Winter High / Low	60 / 45 degrees

## City Staffing

Administration	43
Library	18
Parks and Recreation	22
Community Development/Housing	36
Police (92.5 sworn officers)	122
Fire (97.5 sworn officers)	105
Public Works	60



## Contact Information

To obtain additional information regarding the City's operating and capital budgets or other City services, call (510) 747-4881, visit the City's website at <http://www.cityofalamedaca.gov>, visit City Hall at 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, or watch local Comcast Channel 15.