



FY 2014-15 Budget in Brief



**City of Alameda,
California**

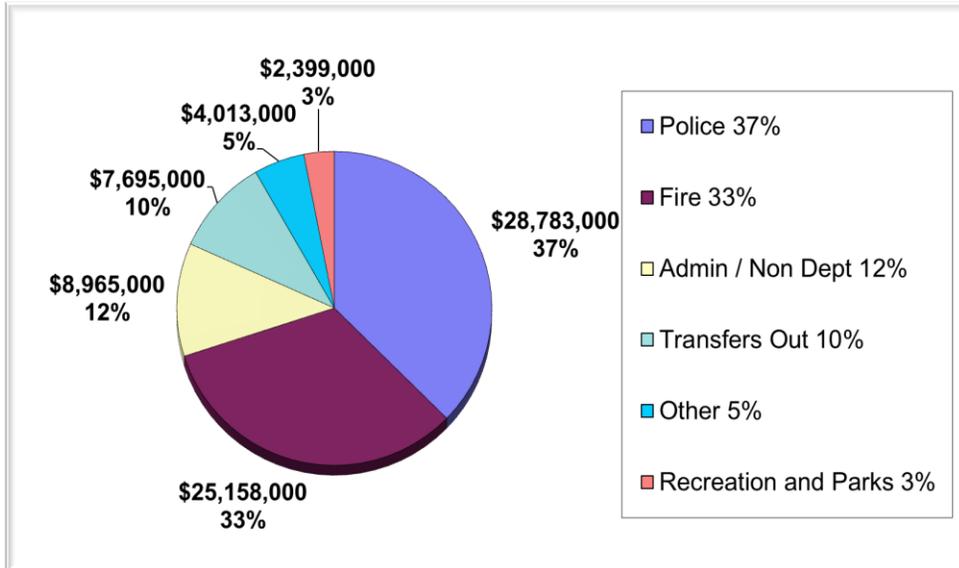
Budget in Brief for Fiscal Years 2014-2015

The Budget in Brief provides an overview of the City's anticipated revenues and expenditures in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 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 limited one-time funds and the carryover of budget savings from FY13-14 to address the City's long-term fiscal challenges. The City is projected to have available General Fund reserves (\$21 million) representing 27% of annual expenditures at the end of FY 2014-2015, abiding by fiscal policies established by the City Council to maintain reserves of at least 20% of annual expenditures.

Budgeted Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The City's budget for FY 2014-2015 totals \$176 million, excluding Alameda Municipal Power (AMP), as shown below. Of this total budget the City's General Fund operating budget for FY 2014-2015 is \$78 million (44%), and is allocated to the following functions and described in more detail below:



Administration - \$9 Million (12%) - This function includes the following departments:

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



Police Department - \$29 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 by outside grants.

Fire Department - \$26 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.

Public Works / Central Services - \$3.7 Million (5%) – This department oversees the City's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Budgets. Activities funded by the General Fund include graffiti abatement, vehicle and facility maintenance and a portion of street tree, median, street and sidewalk maintenance. Other items, including engineering, storm drain, and sewers, are funded outside of the General Fund.



Recreation and Parks - \$2.4 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 2014-2015 (Cont.)

Recreation and Parks (continued)

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

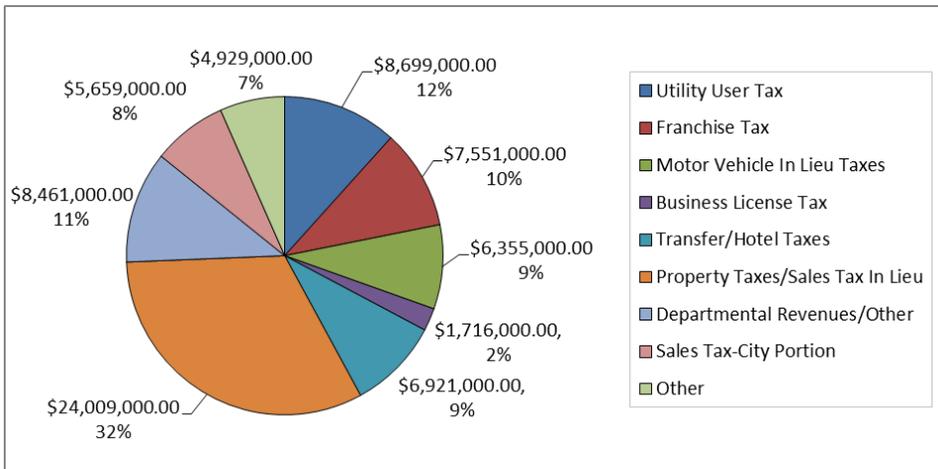


Transfers Out - \$8.4 Million (10%) - The General Fund contributes to other City activities through transfers to other funds, including:

- Partial funding of Library operations (\$2.0 million)
- Debt Service on City Hall Bonds (\$830,000)
- Closed Pension Plans for Police and Fire (\$2.0 million)
- Contributions for Capital and Other Projects (\$889,000)
- Recreation Special Revenue Fund (\$1.4 million)
- Vacation Leave Payout Internal Reserve Fund (\$565,000)

Estimated Sources of Funds Fiscal Year 2014-2015

Approximately \$176 million of revenues and existing reserves are projected to be available to fund City operations and Capital Improvements for FY 2014-2015 (excluding AMP), of which \$75 million in revenues (43%) is projected to be collected by the General Fund, as shown below:

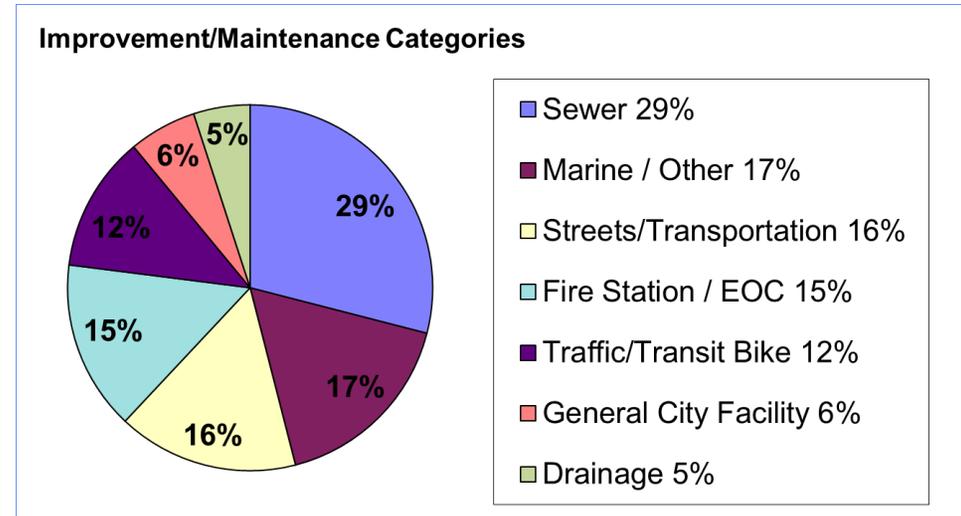


Property Taxes are the largest non-departmental source of General Fund revenues. The City receives approximately 25 cents for every dollar of the 1% base property tax assessed by Alameda County, shared between the City's General Fund and the Redevelopment Successor Agency Trust Fund.

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 14-15 partially due to the full year revenue recognition of 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 2014-2015

The City's Capital Improvement and Maintenance Budget totals \$30.9 million for FY 2014-2015 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). Funding sources for capital projects include the City's sewer, streets, assessment district, internal service and urban runoff funds, as well as grants.

Capital Improvement Budget FY 2014-15 (Continued)

Some of the specific projects funded for Fiscal Year 2014-15 include the following:

- Sewer System Improvements (\$7.6 million)
- Public Safety Vehicles and Mapping Systems (\$2.0 million)
- Street Pavement Management Program (\$2.5 million)
- Sidewalk Repair Program (\$667,000)
- Fire Station 3 (\$5.0 million)
- Storm Drain Improvements (\$1.4 million)
- Emergency Operations Center (\$3.0 million)
- Cross Alameda Bike and Pedestrian Trail (\$1.0 million)
- Estuary Park Renovation (\$1.3 million)



Citywide Goals and Objectives Fiscal Year 2014-2015

The FY 2014-2015 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	College of Alameda

Major Sales Generators

ABB Concise	Chevron
Kohls	Nob Hill
Safeway	Target

City Demographic Information

Population / State size ranking	75,988 / 110
Annual Population Growth Rate	1.1%
Area in Square Miles	22.7
Median Household Income	\$56,285
Unemployment Rate	3.9%
City Crime Index (US Average 301.1)	202.5
High School / College Graduates	93% / 50%
Median Home Sales Price	\$649,000

City Staffing (Full Time Staff)

Administration	37
Library	18
Parks and Recreation	23
Community Development/Housing	36
Police (92.5 sworn officers)	122
Fire (97.5 sworn officers)	105
Public Works / Central Services	68
Alameda Municipal Power	95



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.alamedaca.gov>, visit City Hall at 2263 Santa Clara Avenue, or watch local Comcast Channel 15.