

# Grants Overview

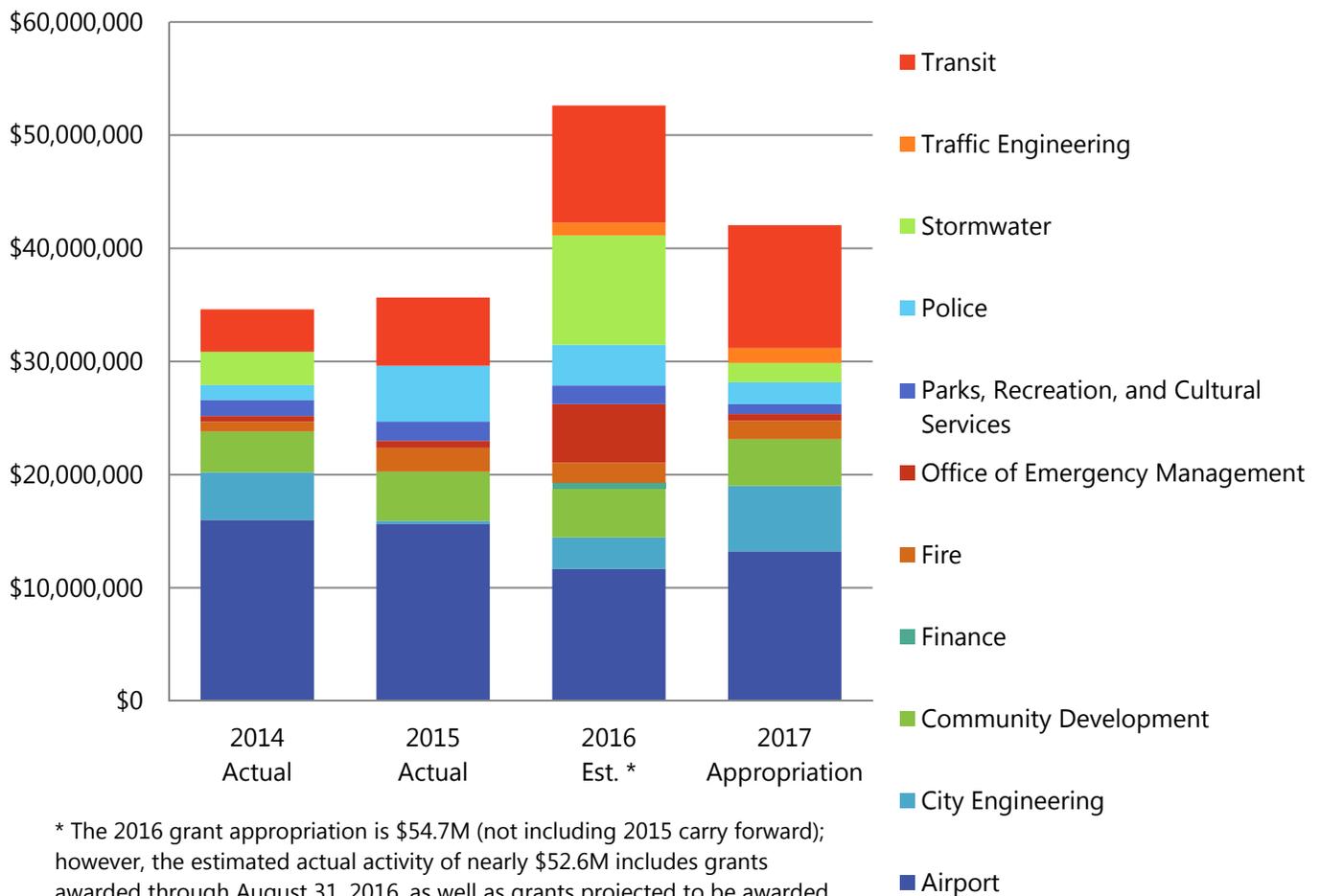
## Grants Appropriation

**\$42,039,733**

Each year, the City of Colorado Springs appropriates an amount in the Budget to streamline the grant acceptance process. Under this model, anticipated grants need only be accepted by City Council resolution, if required by the granting agency. Grants received outside the Grants Appropriation require supplemental appropriations throughout the year.

The City estimates a decrease of \$12.7 million in the amount of grants to be appropriated in 2017. The prior year amounts shown below include the total amount of the grants appropriation pool that was used during that respective year. The grants appropriation amount includes grant dollars as well as match dollars. Therefore, the grant appropriation amount each year is greater than the actual grant funds received by the City. The total for 2017 includes potential grants, both capital grants and operating grants, for which departments intend to apply, including highly competitive grants that are not guaranteed.

**Grant Funding and Appropriation, 2014-2017**



\* The 2016 grant appropriation is \$54.7M (not including 2015 carry forward); however, the estimated actual activity of nearly \$52.6M includes grants awarded through August 31, 2016, as well as grants projected to be awarded from September 1, 2016 through year end.

Grants Appropriation **	2016	2017	Variance
Capital Improvement Grants †	\$21,248,577	\$27,970,087	\$6,721,510
Disaster Grants (FEMA DR-4229)	14,879,848	0	(14,879,848)
Operating Grants	18,634,036	14,069,646	(4,564,390)
<b>Total Grants Appropriation</b>	<b>\$54,762,461</b>	<b>\$42,039,733</b>	<b>(\$12,722,728)</b>

\*\* The Grants Appropriation includes the anticipated federal/state/private grant funding, and local grant match.

† For 2016, federal disaster grant funds for the FEMA Public Assistance (PA) grant program was available for eligible projects related to the 2015 flooding. For 2017, these disaster grant programs are not available.

## Grant Administration

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Funds from federal, state and private sources are important resources that need to be included in the City's financial plan. The City is committed to a citywide coordination of grant activities among agencies and to determine the immediate and longer-term financial consequences of accepting funding. The City evaluates grant applications and awards to determine whether proposals are consistent with city priorities, ensures that proposals are coordinated with the City's existing programs, ensures that administrative, reporting and evaluation requirements are adequately addressed, assesses the need for a cash match, and evaluates the immediate and long-term financial consequences of the application. Agencies receiving the spending authority are responsible for complying with grant restrictions, applicability, and reporting. All grant funds will be expended for the purposes for which they were granted and in the time period for which they were granted.

## Types of Grants

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Grants facilitate capital investment and operational capacity that would otherwise be impossible for the City to accomplish due to financial constraints. Grant funding supports local capital improvement projects, local government operations, and disaster recovery efforts—these funds are designated specifically to projects and improvements in line with the intent of the grantor. Grant funding, therefore, is temporary assistance to accomplish policy or infrastructure goals on behalf of the grantor.

**Capital Improvement grants** fund projects involving infrastructure improvement projects, purchases of equipment or property, and renovation of City facilities creating a fixed asset and having a long life. Capital Improvement Grants are discussed in the Capital Improvement Section, starting on page 32-1.

**Operating grants** fund programs undertaken by the City to provide services such as transit services, DUI enforcement checkpoints, Office of Emergency Management efforts, and community development programs. Grant funding awarded for operations is listed in each relevant department narrative of the Budget document.

## Matching Funds

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Certain grants require matching funds as the recipient's demonstration of financial commitment to the grant-funded project. Matching funds can be contributed by the General Fund and other City funds through the Budget process, or by in-kind third party contributions.

Matching funds leverage City dollars to accomplish projects that otherwise could not be undertaken due to lack of financial resources. The return on the City's investment varies depending on the structure of the grant. Grantors may require differing levels of matching funds, some of which are required by federal, state, or other grantor statute. When possible, matching funds are sought from other entities.

## Formula vs. Discretionary Grants

Formula grants are awarded according to the grantor’s determination of equitable distribution of grant funds to the City of Colorado Springs. These include the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), and Transit Section 5307, among others.

Discretionary grants are generally competitive grants for which the City develops an application and the grantor determines the recipient. Discretionary grants award funds based on the viability of the proposed project, evidence of support from stakeholders, and quality of the application materials.

## Grant Appropriation Detail

Type of Funding/Recipient	Anticipated Grant Funding	Budgeted Grant Match	2017 Grants Appropriation
<b>Capital Improvement Grants</b>			
Airport	\$11,985,555	\$1,236,667	\$13,222,222
City Engineering	4,624,919	1,156,248	5,781,167
Community Development	933,673	0	933,673
Stormwater	1,700,000	0	1,700,000
Transit	4,078,310	921,000	4,999,310
<b>Total Capital Improvement Grants</b>	<b>\$24,416,440</b>	<b>\$3,553,647</b>	<b>\$27,970,087</b>
<b>Operating Grants</b>			
Airport	\$0	\$0	\$0
Community Development	3,193,440	0	3,193,440
Finance	0	0	0
Fire	1,625,000	0	1,625,000
Office of Emergency Management	610,450	0	610,450
Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services	625,000	240,000	865,000
Police	1,936,520	0	1,936,520
Transit	5,742,904	96,332	5,839,236
<b>Total Operating Grants</b>	<b>\$13,733,314</b>	<b>\$336,332</b>	<b>\$14,069,646</b>
<b>Total Grants Appropriation</b>	<b>\$38,149,754</b>	<b>\$3,889,979</b>	<b>\$42,039,733</b>

### Capital Improvement Grants:

Capital Improvement grant funding and contributed match is included within the Capital Improvement Program All Funds Detail, starting on page 32-1. Match identified above is a component of the non-grant CIP funding sources, but may not make up the non-grant funded sources in their entirety.

### Operating Grants:

Grant funding awarded for operations is listed in each Department’s budget narrative. The City’s match contribution related to operating grants comes from a variety of sources, most commonly in-kind or third party contributions. Because in-kind contributions relate to expenses the City incurs regardless of receiving grant funding, contributed match is contained within each section of the budget and not identified separately. These contributions are reviewed prior to the submission of a grant application.

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