

CALENDAR YEAR 2024 CITYWIDE GRANT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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City Council
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BACKGROUND

The City Council has mandated that the City achieve and maintain financial health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures to yield the greatest impact.

The City Manager's Office provides an annual update to City Council regarding the status of the City's external funding operations.



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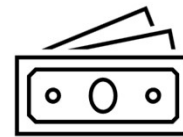
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DISCUSSION

In CY 2024 the City received approximately \$54,980,752 in new grant funds from various funding types including competitive, entitlements, appropriations, and earmarks. This breaks down to:

- \$42,686,353 Competitive Awards;
- \$3,664,250 Earmarks/Appropriations; and
- \$8,630,149 Entitlements.



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DISCUSSION

Riverside submitted 65 competitive grant applications with a combined value of \$70,203,978.

- The City received 50 competitive grant awards with a combined value of \$42,686,353.
- The City's grant completion rate (applications versus awards) was very high at 77%.



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DISCUSSION

Comparisons to the municipal General Fund:

- Estimated General fund (FY 2023/24) approximately \$367 million
- Competitive grant work alone would be 12% of the General fund.
- All grant work (competitive, earmark, & entitlement) would be 14% of the estimated General Fund total.

Grant writing makes a substantial additional impact to the funded operations of municipal programs and projects.



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DISCUSSION

Grants impacted the lives of Riverside residents:

- Provided 59 formally homeless individuals with prevention svc.;
- Offered swim lessons or passes to 12,445 residents;
- Assisted 195 low-income renters with emergency assistance;
- Added 16.2 miles of bike lanes to improve community health;
- Developed 182 affordable housing units.



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The 2025 Grants Path Ahead



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STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan Priorities



5.4 High Performing Government

Maintain fiscal health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures.

Cross-Cutting Threads



Community Trust - Building grant capacity will serve the public interest by potentially expanding programs and completing projects with external funding



Fiscal Responsibility - Maximizes outcomes in usage of grant funds as a way to lessen pressure on the General fund



Equity - Allows City departments to be creative and competitive for grants, resulting in a more equitable distribution of funding opportunity that can reach populations citywide.



Innovation - Funding provides the City with the ability to create an innovative program for building capacity



Sustainability and Resiliency - Builds capacity to allow more departments to apply for grants, and compete for funding that allows the City to adaptively address resident needs.

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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council:

1. Receive and file the Annual Report for Calendar Year 2024 Citywide Grant Activities.

