



# CALENDAR YEAR 2023 CITYWIDE GRANT ACTIVITIES REPORT

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## BACKGROUND

- Envision Riverside 2025 Strategic Plan - High Performing Government strategic priority Goal 5.4 mandates to, *"Achieve and maintain financial health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures and aligning resources with strategic priorities to yield the greatest impact."*
- In 2023, the City Manager's Office took steps to strengthen grant operations by making more efficient use of City resources and exploring new management tools:
  - Exploring new grants management software;
  - Overhead/indirect set-aside; and
  - New Administrative Analyst.



## Anatomy of a Grant Application Process: 2024 “Connecting Neighbors to Neighbors” Grant

- 3 City Departments and 5 Outside Community Partners
- Grant Request: \$1,000,000
- Application Time in Production: 3 Months
- Planning Team Meetings: Approximately 10
- Coordinated Letters of Support: 10
- Application Review Drafts: 2
- Required GIS Maps: 3 (multiple formats)
- Application Length at Submission: 55 Pages.



**Large grant application processes are often very complex and involve multiple partners and activities needed to submit funding applications.**



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## THE BIG PICTURE

In CY 2023, the City received approximately \$212,116,067 in new grant funds from various funding types including competitive, entitlements, appropriations, and earmarks. Competitive awards alone (grants and earmarks) account for \$200 million in funding activity.

	Prior Year (2022) Grant Activity	Current Year (2023) Grant Activity	Year-Over-Year Difference
Competitive Funded Applications	\$115,019,122	\$172,353,014	+ \$57,333,892
Competitive Earmarks	\$25,000,000*	\$29,500,000	\$4,500,000
COVID/ARPA	\$76,344,699	N/A	- \$76,344,699
Entitlements	11,047,769	\$10,263,053	- \$784,716
<b>TOTALS:</b>	<b>\$227,411,590</b>	<b>\$212,116,067</b>	<b>- \$15,295,523</b>



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## THE BIG PICTURE

***In terms of competitive grants (competitive applications and competitive earmarks), the City has a very strong year, with 51 awarded grant applications. This activity is over \$57 million more awarded than in the last calendar year and a 60% increase in awarded funding activity.***



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## NOTABLE GRANT AWARDS 2023 (Partial)

### • **Projects:**

- Affordable Housing/Sustainable Communities (Mulberry) - \$27 Million
- New Eastside Library (Grant and Earmark) - \$14.5 Million
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Grande Separation (4) - \$52 Million
- Tree Inventory and Plan - \$1 Million
- HCD "Pro Housing" Designation - \$2.4 Million
- "Boy Scout Camp" Cleanup - \$1.2 Million

### • **Programs:**

- Cal Fellows Program - \$1.7 Million
- River Bottom Response - \$600,000
- Urban Search and Rescue - \$1.4 Million
- Officer Wellness and Mental Health - \$245,000
- Safe Routes to School Planning - \$700,000



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## GRANT COMPARISONS

### Comparisons:

- General Fund budget(FY 23/24)is ~\$327 million
  - Competitive grants awarded to City is equivalent to 62% of General Fund budget
  - All grants (competitive, earmark, & entitlement) is equivalent to 65% of the General Fund budget.
  - Competitive Grants equal \$637 per resident (201M Grants / 317K Pop).

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



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## GRANT IMPACTS

### 2023 Grants that Impacted the Lives of Riverside Residents (a selection):

- Housed 27 formally homeless individuals
- Engaged 6,000 homeless persons with Street Outreach
- Provided community resilience CERT equipment for 300 residents (backpacks)
- Provided aquatics programs for over 15,000 residents
- Funded Arts, sports, and senior programs served for over 1,000 local residents
- Produced "Safe Routes to School" Plans for 50 schools Citywide.



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# LOOKING AHEAD

- **Headwinds in 2024:**
- State Budget
  - Possible Rescissions and holds
- Possible Federal Shutdowns



*Downtime is not “stop” time...*



# STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

## Strategic Priority 5 – High Performing Government

- Goal 1.1 – “Fund development” benefitting arts, culture, and recreation
- Goal 5.4 – Maintain fiscal health by addressing gaps between revenues and expenditures
- Goal 6.3 – Identify and pursue new and unique funding opportunities for infrastructure programs that meet community needs

### Cross-Cutting Threads

 Community Trust	 Fiscal Responsibility	 Sustainability & Resiliency
 Equity	 Innovation	



# RECOMMENDATION

- That the City Council receive and file the Annual Report for Calendar Year 2023 Citywide Grant Activities.

