

**Program Summary**

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for the City represents the spending plan for infrastructure improvements and other specific large-scale capital purchases, such as major street or park improvements, building construction, and significant facility maintenance or upgrades.

The City's ability to fund capital projects is limited by available resources. In past years, the City allocated significant General Fund revenue toward capital projects. Budget reductions these past four years have nearly resulted in the elimination of General Fund allocations to the capital improvement program. The City is currently relying on funding from a number of special revenue funds and grants to provide the needed program funding.

For 2012-13, the CIP budget totals \$5,300,000 in new project funding, and does not include General Fund allocations. However, projects approved in prior years that are not yet completed total \$86,500,000, and includes \$6,700,000 in General Fund allocations.

**CIP Review Process**

Early in the budget development process, staff assembled a CIP Committee comprised of department directors and City Manager staff to assist in the review of CIP projects. The Engineering & Transportation Department provided direction and support to the process. The goal of this group was to review the City's overall CIP program and available funding sources – ultimately recommending projects that reflect City Council priorities.

As part of the process, each City department was instructed to submit requests for new CIP projects – as relevant to their program area. These project requests were then assembled and provided to the CIP Committee for review, along with the on-going list of unfunded projects. The Committee ranked projects based on need.

Following the CIP Committee project ranking, the Engineering and Transportation Department provided City Council with the list of projects and asked Council Members to rank projects based on need.

The CIP is a reflection of these priority rankings – based on available funding. Some projects that received a high ranking may not be included in the current year program if funding is not available.



