

City Budget Office

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Department Overview

The City Budget Office (CBO) is responsible for developing and monitoring the City's annual budget, carrying out budget-related functions, and overseeing fiscal policy and financial planning activities. CBO provides strategic analysis relating to the use of revenues, debt, long-term issues, and special events. The department also provides technical assistance, training, and support to City departments in performing financial functions.

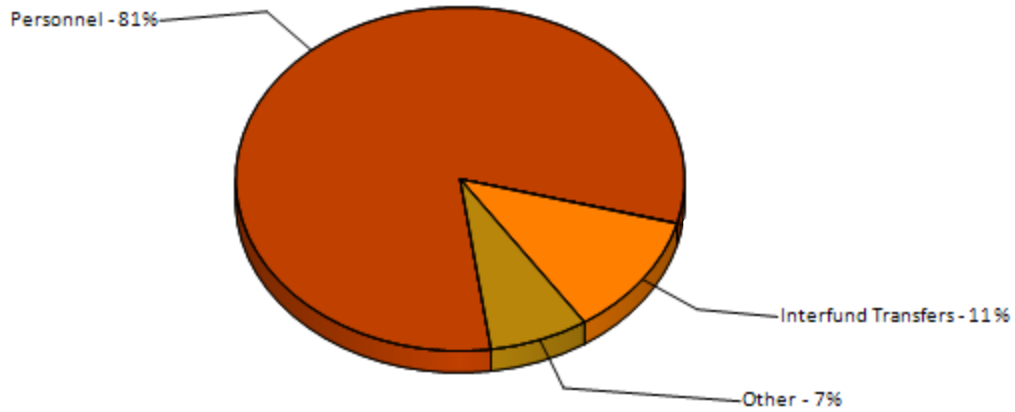
Budget Snapshot

Department Support	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
General Fund Support	\$4,038,530	\$4,614,910	\$5,576,325	\$5,620,211
Total Operations	\$4,038,530	\$4,614,910	\$5,576,325	\$5,620,211
Total Appropriations	\$4,038,530	\$4,614,910	\$5,576,325	\$5,620,211
Full-time Equivalent Total*	28.50	29.50	33.00	33.00

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2015 Proposed Budget - Expenditure by Category



Budget Overview

The 2015-2016 Proposed Budget has few changes for CBO. The primary one is a transfer of three revenue and forecasting staff from the Finance and Administrative Services (FAS) Department to CBO, which is intended to more closely align the ongoing forecasting work of these staff with the budgeting work in CBO. In addition, this team will help develop, implement and manage a new Economic and Revenue Forecast Advisory Council (ERFAC), which will have a joint Executive and Legislative branch membership of staff that will advise the City on revenue policies. Other changes in this budget include the reclassification and increment of a halftime administrative position to a fulltime analyst position, an increase to CBO's budget to address some salary equity considerations, and technical changes to reflect internal service cost and citywide inflationary increases.

Incremental Budget Changes

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	2015		2016	
	Budget	FTE	Budget	FTE
Total 2014 Adopted Budget	\$ 4,614,910	29.50	\$ 4,614,910	29.50
Baseline Changes				
Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	\$ 282,618	0.00	\$ 292,136	0.00

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Proposed Changes

Transfer of Forecasting Staff to CBO	\$ 430,293	3.00	\$ 430,293	3.00
Reclassify and increase existing position	\$ 60,000	0.50	\$ 60,000	0.50
Salary Adjustments	\$ 150,000	0.00	\$ 150,000	0.00

Proposed Technical Changes

Citywide Training and Travel Reallocation	-\$ 527	0.00	-\$ 527	0.00
Final Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes	\$ 39,031	0.00	\$ 73,399	0.00

Total Incremental Changes **\$ 961,415** **3.50** **\$ 1,005,301** **3.50**

2015 - 2016 Proposed Budget **\$ 5,576,325** **33.00** **\$ 5,620,211** **33.00**

Descriptions of Incremental Budget Changes

Baseline Changes

Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes - \$282,618

Citywide technical adjustments made in the "Baseline Phase" reflect changes due to inflation, central cost allocations, retirement, healthcare, workers' compensation, and unemployment costs. These adjustments reflect initial assumptions about these costs and inflators early in the budget process.

Proposed Changes

Transfer of Forecasting Staff to CBO - \$430,293/3.00 FTE

This item transfers 3.0 FTE from the Finance and Administrative Services Department's (FAS) Finance Division to the City Budget Office. The staff in this group produce the City's revenue forecasts and related economic work, which will now be more closely aligned with the budget office functions. In addition, this group will staff a new Economic and Revenue Forecast Advisory Council (ERFAC), which will be a joint Executive and Legislative body reviewing and advising the City on economic policies and actions.

Reclassify and increase existing position - \$60,000/.50 FTE

This item turns an existing 0.5 FTE administrative specialist III position into a full time strategic advisor II position, allowing CBO to better staff the City on policy and budget issues.

Salary Adjustments - \$150,000

This item increases CBO's budget authority to address some pay equity considerations.

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Proposed Technical Changes

Citywide Training and Travel Reallocation - (\$527)

This adjustment makes small reductions to training and travel budget appropriations Citywide. The Budget reallocates these funds to a new Centralized Management and Leadership Development program in the Department of Human Resources. More information on the new training program can be found in the Department of Human Resources budget section.

Final Citywide Adjustments for Standard Cost Changes - \$39,031

Citywide technical adjustments made in the "Proposed Phase" reflect changes due to inflation, central cost allocation, retirement, healthcare, workers' compensation, and unemployment costs. These adjustments reflect updates to preliminary cost assumptions established in the "Baseline Phase."

Expenditure Overview

Appropriations	Summit Code	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
City Budget Office Budget Control Level	CZ000	4,038,530	4,614,910	5,576,325	5,620,211
Department Total		4,038,530	4,614,910	5,576,325	5,620,211

Department Full-time Equivalents Total*	28.50	29.50	33.00	33.00
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Appropriations By Budget Control Level (BCL) and Program

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The purpose of the City Budget Office Budget Control Level is to develop and monitor the budget, carrying out budget-related functions, oversee financial policies and plans, and provide financial and other strategic analysis.

	2013 Actual	2014 Adopted	2015 Proposed	2016 Proposed
Program Expenditures				
City Budget Office	4,038,530	4,614,910	5,576,325	5,620,211
Total	4,038,530	4,614,910	5,576,325	5,620,211
Full-time Equivalents Total*	28.50	29.50	33.00	33.00

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