General Fund Summary

The general fund provides financial support for the city's basic services. Many divisions are funded solely by the general fund, others receive general fund subsidies, and others have multiple funding sources.

Revenues, excluding the unencumbered balance, encumbrance cancellations and transfers from other funds, are projected at \$723.5 million, an increase of 0.56 percent from 2012 revenue projections. A description of the major revenue sources of the general fund is provided below, followed by a revenue summary chart.

Income Tax

The primary source of revenue to the general fund is the income tax. Columbus' income tax was first instituted in 1947 at 0.5 percent. Subsequent increases occurred in 1956, to 1.0 percent; in 1971, to 1.5 percent; in 1982, to 2.0 percent, and in 2009 to its current 2.5 percent.

The city levies an income tax on all wages, salaries, commissions, and other compensation paid to employees and on the net proceeds of business operations in the city. Pursuant to Columbus City Codes, Section 361.37, 75 percent of all income tax collections are deposited in the general fund for general fund operations and 25 percent of collections are deposited in a separate fund to service debt on capital improvements.

Approximately 85 percent of income taxes are collected through employer withholdings. Payments are made to the city on a statutorily prescribed basis.

The income tax is the largest source of revenue for general fund operations. In 2013, income tax revenues to the general fund are estimated at \$548.5 million, which is 71.6 percent of total general fund revenue. This represents a 3.03 percent growth over 2012 projections.

Property Tax

The city annually receives property taxes equal to 3.14 mills of assessed tangible and real property and public utility, located in the city. Property taxes are collected by Franklin, Fairfield, and Delaware counties and are typically remitted to the city on a semi-annual basis. Collections are based on the prior year's assessed valuations, established by state law at 35 percent of appraised market value for real property and at 100 percent of true value for public utility property. Taxes are collected one year in arrears for real property.

Pursuant to Ohio statute and Columbus City Codes, property tax revenue is used for three purposes: certain debt service requirements, partial payment of police and fire pension costs, and general fund operations. State law requires that the first two obligations be met before property tax revenue can be deposited into the general fund for general operations. Because the city pays debt service on non-enterprise capital improvements from the special income tax (SIT) fund, property tax revenues are deposited directly in the general fund. The 2013 estimate for property tax collections is \$44.8 million, an increase of 2.32 percent from the 2012 projection.

Hotel/Motel Tax

Columbus City Code Section 371.02 authorizes the levying of a six percent excise tax on room rates at hotels and motels located in the city. In 1988, 15 percent of the hotel/motel tax was repealed to allow the Convention Facilities Authority to use 0.9 percent of the total tax to finance construction of a convention center. In 1989, the city levied the 5.1 percent tax balance. Beginning in 2013, pending a change to the city code, hotel/motel tax revenue will be distributed in the following manner: 31 percent for the advancement of cultural development in the community; 43 percent to promote the City of Columbus; 8.2 percent for emergency human service needs; 8.4 percent for deposit into the housing trust fund; and the balance deposited into the general fund without restriction. The 2013 projection for general fund hotel/motel tax receipts is \$1.3 million, a decrease of 68.35 percent from 2012 projections.

Kilowatt-Hour Tax

Beginning in 2001, a tax was levied on users of electricity provided by the Division of Electricity. Known as the kilowatt-hour (KWH) tax, state statutes provide for these monies collected from users located within the city to be deposited to the city's general fund. In 2013, fifty percent of KWH tax revenues will be deposited directly to the Electricity Enterprise Fund, leaving \$1.53 million for deposit to the general fund. This assumes a flat funding level from 2012.

Casino Tax

In 2009, a constitutional amendment was passed in Ohio, allowing for casinos in four Ohio cities (Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Toledo). In 2012, as casinos opened in the State of Ohio, the state began collecting taxes on casino revenues. The city will receive a portion of revenue from the gross casino revenue county fund and the gross casino revenue host city fund. After monies are set aside for Nationwide Arena, debt service and a Westside community fund, the balance of revenue received will be deposited into the general fund. The 2013 estimate for the general fund deposit for casino tax revenues is \$5.5 million.

Shared Revenues

Local government fund (LGF) revenues represent portions of various State of Ohio taxes which are shared with local governments within the state. The local community funds, formerly known as the local government fund, and the local government revenue assistance fund are now combined as the local community funds from the State of Ohio. This category also includes the city's share of estate taxes and other smaller taxes. Total revenues are projected at \$26.7 million in 2013, a 38.7 percent reduction from projected 2012 revenues.

Fines and Penalties

The City of Columbus receives 100 percent of all municipal court costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the city (other than those that have been earmarked for special purposes such as computerization of court functions), as well as fines assessed for traffic and parking violations. In addition, the city receives a percentage of court

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costs and fines assessed in cases initiated by the state, county or other municipalities and tried in the Franklin County Municipal Court. Revenues from fines and penalties are projected at \$21.4 million in 2013, a slight increase of 1.06 percent over projected 2012 collections.

Charges for Service

Sources of revenue in this category include pro rata charges, third party reimbursements for emergency medical services, parking meter revenues and other parking charges, and revenue from various divisions that charge for services. These include auto impounding fees, sales of impounded autos, certain fire protection and dispatching service charges, and revenue from the collection of income taxes and prosecution services for other municipalities and villages. Total revenues from charges for service are projected at \$58.1 million in 2013, a 1.49 percent increase over 2012 estimates.

Pursuant to Ordinance 2956-96, all independent funds are assessed an administrative service charge of 4.5 percent of revenues, the proceeds of which are deposited into the general fund. This charge, referred to as "pro rata", represents a fee for certain services performed by administrative divisions for enterprise, special revenue, grant and internal service divisions, and for which no specific service charge is assessed. Services include, but are not limited to, debt administration and budget preparation provided by the Finance and Management Department, legal services provided by the City Attorney, financial reporting and assistance provided by the City Auditor, and maintenance and cleaning services provided by the Division of Facilities Management.

Investment Earnings

Investment earnings are deposited into the fund in which they were earned. The Treasury Investment Board, consisting of the City Treasurer, City Auditor, and the Finance and Management Director, is responsible for investing the city's liquid assets. In order to ensure the credit-worthiness of the investment of public monies, federal statutes restrict municipal investment to U.S. government securities, bank certificates of deposit, and repurchase agreements. General fund investment earnings are projected to yield \$4 million in 2013.

License and Permit Fees

This category consists primarily of cable communications fees and fees charged by the Department of Public Safety for the issuance and enforcement of City of Columbus licenses and permits. The city charges cable companies a service permit fee for the ability to operate a cable system in the City of Columbus, equal to five percent of cable operator gross revenues. Fees in this category are estimated at \$10.3 million in 2013, of which Cable TV permits are expected to be approximately \$9 million.

Other Revenue

This category includes various unclaimed funds, refunds and miscellaneous revenue. The 2013 estimate is \$1.4 million.

Encumbrance Cancellations

These funds represent monies set aside in prior fiscal years for expenditures that subsequently were not made. Funds then can be made available for use through the cancellation of encumbrances. The estimate for 2013 is \$1.5 million.

Other Miscellaneous Transfers

In 2013, \$6 million is expected to be transferred from the basic city services fund into the general fund. This fund was established in 2012 to meet future budget needs due to reductions in the state local government fund and estate tax revenue. It is projected that the remaining balance of \$5 million will be kept in reserve until needed.

GENERAL FUND REVENUE BY SOURCE AND YEAR HISTORICAL AND PROJECTED 2009 - 2013

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SOURCE		2009 ACTUAL	PERCENT CHANGE		2010 ACTUAL		RCENT IANGE		2011 ACTUAL		RCENT IANGE		2012 PROJECTED		ERCENT HANGE		2013 PROJECTED		CENT NGE	OF TOTAL
Income Tax	\$	385,893,203	-0.83%	¢.		CF	23.87%	\$		Cr	6.32%	\$		<u></u>	4.75%	\$		CHA	3.03%	71.60%
Property Tax	Ф	51,354,472	-0.63%	Φ	51,222,426		-0.26%	Ф	47,567,650		-7.14%	Ф	43,754,000		-8.02%	Ф	44,768,000		2.32%	5.84%
Kilowatt Hour Tax		3,233,877	-3.91%		3,284,329		1.56%		1,582,944		-51.80%		1,530,000		-3.34%		1,530,000		0.00%	0.20%
Hotel/Motel Tax		3,233,677 3,119,446	-13.29%		3,377,838		8.28%		3,631,349		7.51%		3,950,000		-3.34% 8.78%		1,250,000		68.35%	0.20%
TOTAL TAXES		443,600,998	-0.87%	_	535,891,746		20.80%	_	561,015,491		4.69%	_	581,609,000		3.67%	_	596,048,000		2.48%	77.80%
TOTAL TAXES		443,600,998	-0.87%		535,891,746		20.80%		561,015,491		4.09%		581,609,000		3.67%		596,048,000		2.48%	77.80%
Local Government Fund		40,348,261	-14.05%		40,672,985		0.80%		40,400,233		-0.67%		28,291,000		-29.97%		21,477,000	-	24.09%	2.80%
Estate Tax		8,149,168	-21.21%		7,681,025		-5.74%		9,162,689		19.29%		14,000,000		52.79%		4,000,000	-2	71.43%	0.52%
Liquor Permit Fee, Other		1,131,775	-0.66%		1,194,582		5.55%		1,183,773		-0.90%		1,195,000		0.95%		1,180,000		-1.26%	0.15%
Casino Tax		-			-								-				5,545,513			0.72%
TOTAL SHARED REVENUE		49,629,204	-15.05%		49,548,592		-0.16%		50,746,695		2.42%		43,486,000		-14.31%		32,202,513		25.95%	4.20%
License and Permit Fees		9,654,066	4.57%		9,958,061		3.15%		10,496,787		5.41%		10,330,000		-1.59%		10,345,000		0.15%	1.35%
Fines and Penalties		22,095,545	3.23%		19,375,824		-12.31%		18,906,269		-2.42%		21,127,000		11.75%		21,350,000		1.06%	2.79%
Investment Earnings		6,408,932	-74.29%		3,595,212		-43.90%		2,959,964		-17.67%		4,000,000		35.14%		4,000,000		0.00%	0.52%
Charges for Service		54,694,107	1.99%		52,799,216		-3.46%		57,763,323		9.40%		57,258,000		-0.87%		58,113,000		1.49%	7.59%
All Other		1,918,325	-79.16%		1,630,772		-14.99%		1,767,310		8.37%		1,614,660		-8.64%		1,420,000	-	12.06%	0.19%
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES		94,770,975	-19.95%		87,359,085		-7.82%		91,893,653		5.19%		94,329,660		2.65%		95,228,000		0.95%	12.43%
TOTAL ALL REVENUES		588,001,177	-5.82%		672,799,423		14.42%		703,655,839		4.59%		719,424,660		2.24%		723,478,513		0.56%	94.44%
Encumbrance Cancellations		1,413,888	-47.50%		1,124,676		-20.46%		2,103,364		87.02%		3,550,030		68.78%		1,483,615		58.21%	0.19%
Unencumbered Balance		25,676	-99.85%		3,278,792	12	2669.87%		23,646,169		621.19%		33,792,340		42.91%		32,337,872		-4.30%	4.22%
Fund Transfers		30,866,168	300.02%		793,529		-97.43%		1,715,917		116.24%		2,068,000		20.52%		2,800,000		35.40%	0.37%
Other Misc. Transfers		-			-				-				-				6,000,000			0.78%
Total Annual Resources		620,306,909	-4.86%		677,996,420		9.30%		731,121,289		7.84%		758,835,030		3.79%		766,100,000		0.96%	100.00%
27th Pay Period Reserve Fund		2,976,074	142.93%		4,762,074		60.01%		6,813,986		43.09%		8,873,986		30.23%		10,995,786		23.91%	
Economic Stabilization Fund		15,000,000	-62.60%		22,723,884		51.49%		32,897,212		44.77%		39,951,212		21.44%		50,000,000		25.15%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND AVAILABLE RESOURCES	\$	638,282,983	-7.94%	\$			10.53%	\$	770,832,487		9.26%	\$	807,660,228		4.78%	\$	827,095,786		2.41%	

Expenditures and Personnel

The following tables provide summary detail on general fund expenditures and personnel levels.

Department/Division	Personnel	<u>Materials</u>	Services	Other	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Transfers</u>	<u>Totals</u>
	\$ 3,521,171	\$ 20,500	\$ 123,495	<u></u> \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,665,166
City Council	\$ 3,521,171	\$ 20,500	φ 123,495	a -	\$ -	5 -	\$ 3,005,100
City Auditor							
City Auditor	2,708,356	24,600	928,415	-	-	-	3,661,371
ncome Tax	7,386,336	79,000	1,157,278				8,622,614
Total	10,094,692	103,600	2,085,693	-	-	-	12,283,985
City Treasurer	894,828	2,850	165,306	-	-	-	1,062,984
City Attorney							
City Attorney	10,601,875	89,300	374,392	-	-	-	11,065,567
Real Estate	209,201	· -		-	-	-	209,201
Total	10,811,076	89,300	374,392	-	-	-	11,274,768
Municipal Court Judges	14,397,788	42,025	1,398,098	_	_	_	15,837,911
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Municipal Court Clerk	10,281,034	118,872	757,240	-	-	-	11,157,146
Civil Service	3,179,807	32,439	612,959	-	-	-	3,825,205
Public Safety							
Administration	1,465,247	10,367	6,354,152	-	-	463,000	8,292,766
Support Services	4,896,761	467,175	1,182,125	1,000	-		6,547,06
Police	258,741,752	5,001,683	16,418,418	225,000	-	6,525,160	286,912,013
Fire	200,041,063	5,140,166	11,764,081	200,000		1,545,988	218,691,298
Total	465,144,823	10,619,391	35,718,776	426,000	-	8,534,148	520,443,138
layor's Office							
Nayor	2,107,640	13,316	277,336	-	-	-	2,398,292
Community Relations	839,898	2,900	60,025	-	-	-	902,823
Equal Business Opportunity	802,536	5,000	85,064				892,600
Total	3,750,074	21,216	422,425	-	-	-	4,193,715
Development							
Administration	3,022,353	28,986	3,675,168	-	-	-	6,726,507
Econ. Development	441,439	5,423	2,436,093	-	-	-	2,882,955
Code Enforcement	5,647,544	51,407	1,085,667	10,000	-	-	6,794,618
Planning	1,521,024	13,742	437,130	-	-	-	1,971,896
Housing	351,445	2,500	3,895,077				4,249,022
Total	10,983,805	102,058	11,529,135	10,000	-	-	22,624,998
inance and Management							
Finance Administration	1,827,219	9,350	2,273,898	-	_	-	4,110,467
Financial Management	2,629,766	14,549	1,527,986	-	-	-	4,172,301
Facilities Management	6,060,853	415,723	10,485,365	5,750	-	-	16,967,691
Total	10,517,838	439,622	14,287,249	5,750	-	-	25,250,459
leet- General Fund Vehicles	-	_	_	_	_	_	
inance City-wide	-	-	-	-	-	29,031,999	29,031,999
Finance Technology (Pays gf agency bills)	-	-	15,667,706	-	-	-	15,667,706
Human Resources	1,238,937	46,497	114,481	-	-	-	1,399,915
Health	-	-	-	-	-	20,143,332	20,143,332
Recreation and Parks	-	-	-	-	-	33,884,074	33,884,074
Public Service							
Administration	3,084,370	5,906	23,394	_	-	-	3,113,67
Refuse Collection	14,307,449	134,690	13,591,901	101,500	10,000	_	28,145,540
Mobility Options	2,927,668	39,500	120,466	6,655	-	-	3,094,28
Total	20,319,487	180,096	13,735,761	108,155	10,000		34,353,49

	2010	2011 Actual	2012	2013	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Projected	Budget	Change
City Council	\$ 3,288,362	4,177,412	\$ 5,340,093	\$ 3,665,166	-31.37%
City Auditor					
City Auditor	3,197,632	3,294,955	3,424,789	3,661,371	6.91%
Income Tax	7,091,543	7,382,516	7,769,797	8,622,614	10.98%
Total	10,289,175	10,677,471	11,194,586	12,283,985	9.73%
City Treasurer	919,120	972,120	999,669	1,062,984	6.33%
City Attorney					
City Attorney	10,035,091	10,337,807	10,696,635	11,065,567	3.45%
Real Estate Total	255,619 10,290,710	207,084 10,544,891	209,401 10,906,036	209,201 11,274,768	-0.10% 3.38%
Municipal Court Judges	14,011,105	14,400,317	15,070,253	15,837,911	5.09%
Municipal Court Clerk	10,115,154	10,523,195	10,567,946	11,157,146	5.58%
Civil Service	3,097,227	3,420,020	3,297,083	3,825,205	16.02%
Public Safety					
Administration	5,547,893	6,794,917	7,256,618	8,292,766	14.28%
Support Services	5,441,117	5,306,651	5,844,825	6,547,061	12.01%
Police	251,661,554	264,599,175	273,616,817	286,912,013	4.86%
Fire	204,385,274	212,878,593	214,133,081	218,691,298	2.13%
Total	467,035,838	489,579,336	500,851,341	520,443,138	3.91%
Mayor's Office					
Mayor	1,699,145	1,740,051	2,046,530	2,398,292	17.19%
Community Relations	655,227	688,201	804,275	902,823	12.25%
Equal Business Opportunity	667,611	627,397	785,334	892,600	13.66%
Total	3,021,983	3,055,649	3,636,139	4,193,715	15.33%
Development					
Administration	5,613,733	5,568,422	6,458,220	6,726,507	4.15%
Economic Development	6,090,983	9,447,210	8,987,071	2,882,955	-67.92%
Code Enforcement	5,056,634	5,523,110	6,360,262	6,794,618	6.83%
Planning	1,351,407	1,733,063	1,628,884	1,971,896	21.06%
Housing Total	3,694,880 21,807,637	3,517,942 25,789,747	4,087,066 27,521,503	4,249,022 22,624,998	3.96% -17.79%
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Finance and Management Finance Administration	1 745 100	1 567 010	2.054.402	4 440 467	100.079/
Financial Management	1,745,199	1,567,019	2,054,492	4,110,467	100.07%
Financial Management Facilities Management	3,583,199	3,507,876	3,571,378	4,172,301	16.83% 22.99%
Total	13,387,881 18,716,279	14,962,174 20,037,069	13,795,444 19,421,314	16,967,691 25,250,459	30.01%
Citywide Technology	12,810,959	13,675,960	13,267,467	15,667,706	18.09%
Finance City-wide					
,	9,286,000	12,000,000	23,260,523	29,031,999	24.81%
Fleet- General Fund Vehicles (Non Safety)	1,000,000	1,579,741	-	-	0.00%
Human Resources	1,537,765	1,675,856	1,100,426	1,399,915	27.22%
Citywide Severance Plan	512,501	-	-	-	
Health	15,824,118	18,250,827	18,880,809	20,143,332	6.69%
Recreation and Parks	23,382,410	26,435,884	28,028,912	33,884,074	20.89%
Public Service					
Administration	1,995,849	2,505,316	2,599,258	3,113,670	19.79%
Refuse Collection	22,463,477	24,664,346	26,574,991	28,145,540	5.91%
Mobility Options Total	2,944,585 27,403,911	3,363,796 30,533,458	3,978,808 33,153,058	3,094,289 34,353,499	-22.23% 3.62%
			30,130,030		
Total General Operating Fund	\$ 654,350,254	\$ 697,328,950	\$ 726,497,158	\$ 766,100,000	5.45%

	2010 Actual	2011 Actual	2012 Budgeted	2013 Budgeted
City Council	33	36	38	38
City Auditor				
City Auditor	24	25	34	34
Income Tax	74_	73	82_	82
Total	98	98	116	116
City Treasurer	10	9	12	12
City Attorney				
City Attorney	104	99	135	135
Real Estate	2	2	6	6
Total	106	101	141	141
Municipal Court Judges	174	173	184	188
Municipal Court Clerk	149	153	172	172
Civil Service	28	32	34	34
Public Safety				
Administration	10	8	11	11
Support Services	47	47	50	52
Police- Non Uniformed	296	309	325	329
Police- Uniformed ⁽¹⁾	1,909	1,893	1,929	1,903
Fire- Non Uniformed	36	36	36	37
Fire- Uniformed ⁽²⁾	1,557	1,562	1,563	1,552
Total	3,855	3,855	3,914	3,884
Mayor's Office				
Mayor	14 6	13 7	18 8	18
Community Relations Equal Business Opportunity	7	7	10	ç
Total	27	27	36	35
Development				
Administration	23	24	25	28
Code Enforcment	55	58	63	64
Economic Development	3	3	3	4.5
Planning Housing	14 2	15 1	15 3	15 5
Total	97	101	109	116
Finance and Management				
Administration	19	21	23	25
Financial Management	25	25	27	27
Facilities Management	69	68	73_	75
Total	113	114	123	127
Human Resources	9	9	10	10
Public Service				
Administration	29	32	34	35
Refuse Collection	167	173	187	187
Mobility Options	35	34	39	39
Total	231	239	260	261

2010 and 2011 are year-end actuals, while 2012 and 2013 are budgeted.

⁽¹⁾ Actual and Budgeted numbers in 2010-2013 include the use of a COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) Grant for 48 personnel.

⁽²⁾ 2010 Uniformed Actual includes a recruit class of 51 who entered the Academy on 12/27/10 and are included on the payroll ending 01/1/11.

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