



City of Raleigh

Annual Report For Grants Received From External Sources



FY 2014



This annual report is intended to provide information on the benefit the citizens of Raleigh have received from grants awarded to the City. The grants listed have been fully expended and reimbursed as of June 30, 2014, and the results provided reflect the impact those funds made in the community. Funds listed as “from City of Raleigh” include cash match and in-kind contributions toward the grant or the overall project.

Overview of Grants Management Program

In July 2012, the City implemented a citywide grants management program. The objective of the program is to strengthen the coordination of all City grant activities from grant application through grant closing. Over the last decade, the City’s grants environment has changed from mostly large federal and state grants for traditional programs like housing, transit and other capital purposes to one which includes funding opportunities for new purposes like recreational facilities, sustainability and the downtown Union Station railway project among others. All require strong monitoring efforts and have important compliance features. The grants management program was designed to incorporate best practices in the three major functions of a grant program:

- governance and budget/administration issues;
- fiscal and program compliance; and
- departmental administration.

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Report Overview

The grants presented in this report are grouped into five thematic categories:

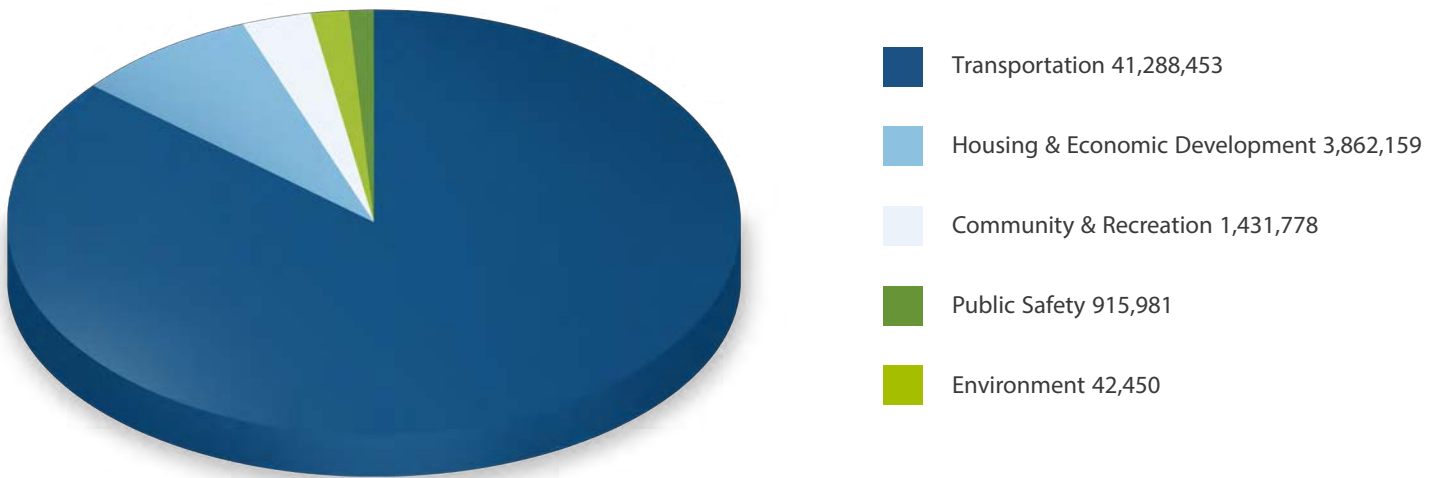
- Environment
- Community & Recreation
- Transportation
- Public Safety
- Housing & Economic Development

Grant Expenditures in FY14

In the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (available at www.raleighnc.gov), the City reports the amount of funds expended for grant projects in progress during the fiscal year. In FY14, the City expended \$28.4 million in federal funds, \$13.6 million in state funds and \$3.4 million in city and local funds. The combined federal and state support of \$45.4 million represents the equivalent of 9 cents on the property tax rate.

Grants Awarded in FY14

In FY14, the City received 32 grant awards totaling \$47.5 million. The pie chart below depicts the grant funding received per thematic category.



FY14 Grant Highlights

The FY14 Annual Grant Report highlights certain grants within each thematic category. The FY14 highlighted grants are outlined below.

Environment

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of City funds was leveraged with \$5 of grant funding.

Multi-Family Recycling Program Improvement and Expansion (Solid Waste Services Department)

\$34,876 Total: \$28,876 from N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NC DENR), \$6,000 from City of Raleigh



Grant funding from the NCDENR was utilized to purchase rigid six-gallon totes and six-gallon tote bags to encourage recycling among apartment complex residents and educational materials to inform and educate them about the City of Raleigh’s multi-family recycling program. The rigid totes, made from a minimum of 35 percent recycled content and hot stamped with the Raleigh Recycling Program specifics, have a small footprint that makes them useful in two-bedroom or larger apartments. The six-gallon tote bags, made of heavy-duty, coated polyethylene and imprinted with the same design and information as the rigid totes, were selected to appeal to residents living in one-bedroom, efficiency, or studio apartments and dorm rooms. Before the grant, approximately 156 complexes comprising 9,035 units were not participating in the multi-family recycling program, and the program averaged 145 tons per month. After the grant’s implementation, 45 complexes containing a total of 5,934 units have either joined the program or added additional recycling containers to increase participation, and recycling tonnage has increased to an average of 152 tons per month.

This additional grant, which was awarded in FY14, has helped support the City’s focus on the environment:

\$12,154 from NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to install 10 solar trash compactors in City of Raleigh parks. (Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department)

Community & Recreation

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of City funds was leveraged with \$4 of grant funding.



Juvenile Crime Prevention (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)

\$125,852 Total: \$95,987 from Wake County, \$29,865 from City of Raleigh

This program served 841 youth in FY14. Funds from this grant are used to operate the Teen Outreach Program (TOP), which is a free drop-in after-school program for youth aged 12-18 that is conducted by the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department at several local community centers. The program offers teens a positive and safe environment with a focus on athletics, team-building, arts, and skill-building opportunities. Although the basis for the program is recreational in nature, it also addresses with understanding and compassion many issues affecting teens, their community, and their environment. This program is designed to give teens a structured environment where positive role models can encourage their good decisions and behaviors through an emphasis on education and recreation.

Raleigh Youth Council Teen Safe Driving Initiative (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)

\$7,500 from Allstate Foundation

DRIFT (Drive Responsible Initiative for Teens), an initiative led by the Raleigh Youth Council, is designed to promote behaviors and attitudes in teen drivers that result in reduced risk while operating motor vehicles. Through this effort over the past 3 years, over 20,000 teens have heard the initiative’s safe driving message. Additionally, 150 teens participated in safe-driving classes led by the Raleigh Police Department that focused on the dangers of driving while impaired, distracted driving, and speeding. More than 3,000 signed safe driving pledges were collected from over 40 high schools; 600 surveys were conducted to find out teens’ driving habits and views; and four mock crashes organized through the program reached 2,500 teenagers. Participants also attended two weekend driving schools to strengthen their safe driving habits. Other collaborators on this grant include the City’s Information Technology and Housing and Neighborhoods departments, local schools, and outside organizations.



Neuse River and Walnut Creek Greenway Trails (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)

\$699,750 Total: \$349,875 from North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, \$349,875 from City of Raleigh

Funds were used for land acquisition for the construction of the Neuse River Trail and the Walnut Creek Trail. The Neuse River Trail extends over 27 miles and offers scenic views of the Neuse River, with winding boardwalks through wetlands, historic sites, and agricultural fields. In addition to being part of the City’s Capital Area Greenway System, it is a segment of the Mountains-to-Sea Trail, a long-distance trail that extends across North Carolina from the Great Smoky Mountains to the Outer Banks, and it is also a segment of the East Coast Greenway, a long-distance trail that extends from Maine to Florida. The Neuse River Trail also provides connections to Johnston County, Wake Forest, and Knightdale.



The Walnut Creek Trail begins at the Neuse River Trail and extends over 14 miles along Walnut Creek through the southern portion of Raleigh. The trail provides connections to many Raleigh destinations, including the Walnut Creek Amphitheater, Walnut Creek Softball Complex, Walnut Creek Wetland Center, Pullen Park, Lake Johnson Park, N.C. State Centennial Campus, and the State Farmers Market. The Walnut

Tree Inventory (Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources Department)

\$14,202 Total: \$7,101 from North Carolina Forest Service, \$7,101 from City of Raleigh

This grant, awarded by the North Carolina Forest Service as part of the Urban and Community Forestry Grant Program, was used to collect data regarding the trees growing near Raleigh streets. As a result of the project, 4,849 new tree sites were identified; 22,269 tree sites were updated with current size and species information; and 76 trees were identified as requiring removal. The information collected during the tree inventory project has helped strengthen the City of Raleigh’s Urban Forestry (UF) program by helping to monitor the City’s urban forest; by analyzing species data, the UF program is able to react to a disease or pest by identifying areas that will be adversely affected; and by monitoring areas with a declining canopy to reduce hazards and promote replanting of the next generation.





Walnut Creek Wetland Center Cistern (Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Resources Department)

\$33,500 Total: \$8,375 from N.C. Department of Environment and Natural Resources; \$25,125 from City of Raleigh Stormwater Quality Cost Share and Office of Sustainability

The primary purpose of the cistern is to irrigate the highly visible and educational land scape adjacent to the street, building entrance, and parking areas of the Wetland Center, and it is also equipped to provide supplemental water to the City of Raleigh’s Urban Forestry Division and Parks maintenance crews. Another important function of the cistern is to educate the public about green building and sustainability. The presence of a cistern will allow visitors to learn how rainwater captured from a roof can be used for irrigation and how they might apply this stormwater control method to their own homes. Use of the cistern for education takes place year-round as visitors tour the center, and an explanation of the cistern’s structure and function are included in the center’s workshops on water and wetland conservation.



Foster Grandparent Program (Housing & Neighborhoods Department)

\$392,923 Total: \$250,538 from Corporation for National & Community Service, \$142,385 from City of Raleigh

During the program year, 88 volunteers served 64,299 hours. Foster Grandparents serving in the afterschool program assisted two students in meeting their academic goals; students demonstrated gains in reading and writing skills. Foster Grandparents in the elementary education program provided individual mentoring/tutoring support to 59 students at academic risk, of which 80 percent showed improvements in two or more identified areas. Foster Grandparents in the pre-elementary program assisted 14 children. Grandparents worked with students in school readiness areas, such as phonological and print awareness, alphabet knowledge, and social relationships; 93 percent of the students met or exceeded their goals. In an additional program focused on providing support to children with developmental disabilities, Foster Grandparents supported seven students, of which 57 percent showed growth in their willingness to join peers in groups, improved their self-calming skills, began consistently meeting classroom expectations, and increased their sharing behavior with peers.



Retired Senior Volunteer Program (Housing & Neighborhoods Department)

\$103,253 Total: \$49,253 from Corporation for National & Community Service, \$54,000 from City of Raleigh

In the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), 281 volunteers served 51,078 hours during FY14. In the Healthy Futures & Food Security sector, 119 volunteers performed 12,386 hours of service preparing and delivering nutritionally balanced meals to homebound seniors and providing preventative care for at-risk populations. In the Senior Assistance sector, 127 volunteers contributed 13,228 volunteer hours at senior centers and other community-based organizations. In the Computer Literacy Training sector, RSVP volunteers gave computer classes for seniors on a variety of topics such as internet surfing, photo editing, working with Microsoft Excel, and using Microsoft Office products. Eight volunteers provided 722 hours of computer literacy training. In the Community Policing sector, 26 volunteers provided 5,539 hours of service working with the Raleigh Police Department and the Cary Police Department. They also volunteered on the Raleigh greenways and at the Raleigh-Durham International Airport. In the Thrift Store & Reuse Retail sector, a total of 10 volunteers provided 2,527 hours of service cleaning, sorting, repairing and presenting donated items for sale, allowing for reasonable priced goods to low- and middle-income communities. In the Education and Tutoring sector, two volunteers performed a total of 460 hours by reading aloud to children and tutoring in areas of literacy education.

Transportation

For the grants shown in this category, every \$1 of City funds was leveraged with \$3 of grant funding.

Transportation Demand Management Program (Transit Division)

\$103,013 Total: \$50,444 from NC Department of Transportation (TJCOG), \$52,569 from City of Raleigh.

This grant, awarded by Triangle J Council of Governments and funded by the NC Department of Transportation, supported one full-time position to operate the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Program in FY14. This position conducted outreach to both commuters and employers to encourage sustainable travel options through a variety of programs, including GoPass, Share the Ride NC, and Zipcar.

Under the GoPass program, which provided transit passes to employees, a total of 364,245 trips were taken on Capital Area Transit in 2014 by the employees of the five participating employers: City of Raleigh, Meredith College, NC State University, Wake County and, new to the program in 2014, Red Hat. These GoPass ridership numbers do not include trips on DATA, TTA, or Cary Transit. Share the Ride NC, a statewide rideshare matching service, added 63 new registrants to the Emergency Ride Home database for downtown Raleigh. Zipcar, a car-sharing program, was launched with two vehicles in February 2013. As of December 2014, there were a total of 253 members. In Zipcar's Raleigh Executive Summary for 2014, Zipcar predicts that Raleigh will exceed 300 members by the end of 2015. Also in the summary, Zipcar members reported a 46% increase in transit trips, a 10% increase in bicycling trips and a 26% increase in walking.

Veterans Transportation Community Living Initiative (Transit Division)

\$752,075 Total: \$601,661 from Federal Transit Administration (FTA), \$150,414 from Wake County Human Services

This grant, awarded by the FTA funded the implementation of a Veterans Transportation and Community Living Initiative (VTCLI) "One Call - One Click" upgrade to Wake County's existing call center operation and associated software and hardware. This initiative also included implementation of add-on modules to Wake County's existing RouteMatch software application, including web design and online reservations, service requests, online contact with call center staff, and a one-location information distribution center. This project was completed in March 2014.

The following grants were awarded in FY14 to continue to support the City's focus on transportation:

- \$168,000 from the NC Department of Transportation to provide pedestrian improvements in the downtown area. (Public Works Department)
- \$535,050 from the Federal Transit Administration and the NC Department of Transportation for transit planning activities. (Transit Division)
- \$3,680,000 from the Federal Transit Administration for the replacement of 11 clean-diesel transit buses. (Transit Division)
- \$7,085,980 from the Federal Transit Administration for preventative maintenance of the City's bus fleet, contractual services for the Accessible Raleigh Transit program, and the replacement of eight 40-foot transit buses. (Transit Division)
- \$180,730 from the Federal Transit Administration to help support the Knightdale to Raleigh regional express bus service and the Zebulon/Wendell to Raleigh regional bus service. (Transit Division)
- \$142,802 from the Federal Transit Administration to use towards fixed-route travel training and escorted door-to-door transportation services provided by the Accessible Raleigh Transit program. (Transit Division)
- \$824,407 from the Federal Transit Administration for the replacement of three 40-foot transit buses. (Transit Division)
- \$26,500,000 from the US Department of Transportation for Union Station. (Planning Department)
- \$25,000 from the Triangle J Council of Governments for BikeRaleigh and WalkRaleigh Program to hire a part-time outreach coordinator to expand and enhance the programs. (Planning Department)

Public Safety

For the grants shown in this category, no city funding was necessary to leverage grant funding.

Fire Equipment & Training Grant (Fire Department)

\$23,555 from US Department of Homeland Security

These funds were utilized to provide training and equipment for fire personnel responding to incidents involving hazardous materials. The Raleigh Fire Department used \$10,000 in grant funding to provide additional technical training opportunities to its Hazmat Tech team members, including a radiological/nuclear hazardous material technician course and bombing response training. The remaining \$15,000 was used to upgrade and replace air monitoring instruments that are vital in detecting the presence of hazardous toxic chemicals and flammable gases.



Justice Assistance Grant (Police Department)

\$164,442 from US Department of Justice

This grant from the U.S. Department of Justice provided funds that allowed the police department to conduct a number of problem-oriented policing (POP) projects throughout the City to identify crime problems and implement strategies to alleviate these concerns. The grant also provided funding to pay two of the Raleigh Police Department's (RPD) part-time mentors at Green Road Community Center and Chavis Community Center. The mentors, who are retired RPD personnel, spend weekday afternoons at the community center to assist with the after-school programs and work with the community center staff to plan and carry out special events and activities for the children. In addition to the POP projects and the mentor program, the grant funding was also used to send the RPD's forensic computer analyst to a specialized training course, and it paid the equipment and installation costs for a camera project.



The following grants were awarded in FY14 to continue to support the City's focus on public safety:

- \$289,661 from the US Department of Justice for overtime for officers to identify solutions to crime problems in the city. (Police Department)
- \$40,000 from the Office of National Drug Control and Policy to assist the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and the North Carolina Triangle High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force to investigate violations of federal and state drug laws in conjunction with money laundering. (Police Department)
- \$57,000 from the NC Department of Public Safety for training and equipment for hazardous material response services. (Fire Department)
- \$525,720 from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to create a Driving While Impaired (DWI) enforcement squad consisting of four officers and one sergeant to detect and arrest impaired drivers. The grant covers salaries, fringe benefits, vehicles, uniforms, handheld radios, mobile data terminals, and vehicle upfit costs.





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