



CivicLex Budget Workshop

LFUCG's Fiscal Year 2023 Budget



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What is CivicLex?

- We are a nonprofit civic education organization building civic health through education, media, and relationship building. We envision a Lexington in which all residents are able to meaningfully participate in the decisions that shape where they live.



Some Vocabulary!

Appropriations

An amount of money assigned to a specific item, program, or fund.

FY - Fiscal Year

A year as determined for taxing or accounting purposes. LFUCG's Fiscal Year runs from July 1 through June 30. FY23 is from July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023.

General Services District Fund

The General Services District Fund encompasses most of the basic services provided to residents.

LINK

A group of 3 council members that reviews and recommends adjustments to the proposed budget

Restricted Funds

All other funds in the LFUCG budget, aside from the General Services District Fund. These funds are restricted for specific uses as designated by their charter, and have specific revenue (income) streams.

Revenue

Revenue accounts for all of the income that the government generates, including from taxes, fees, licensing, and more.

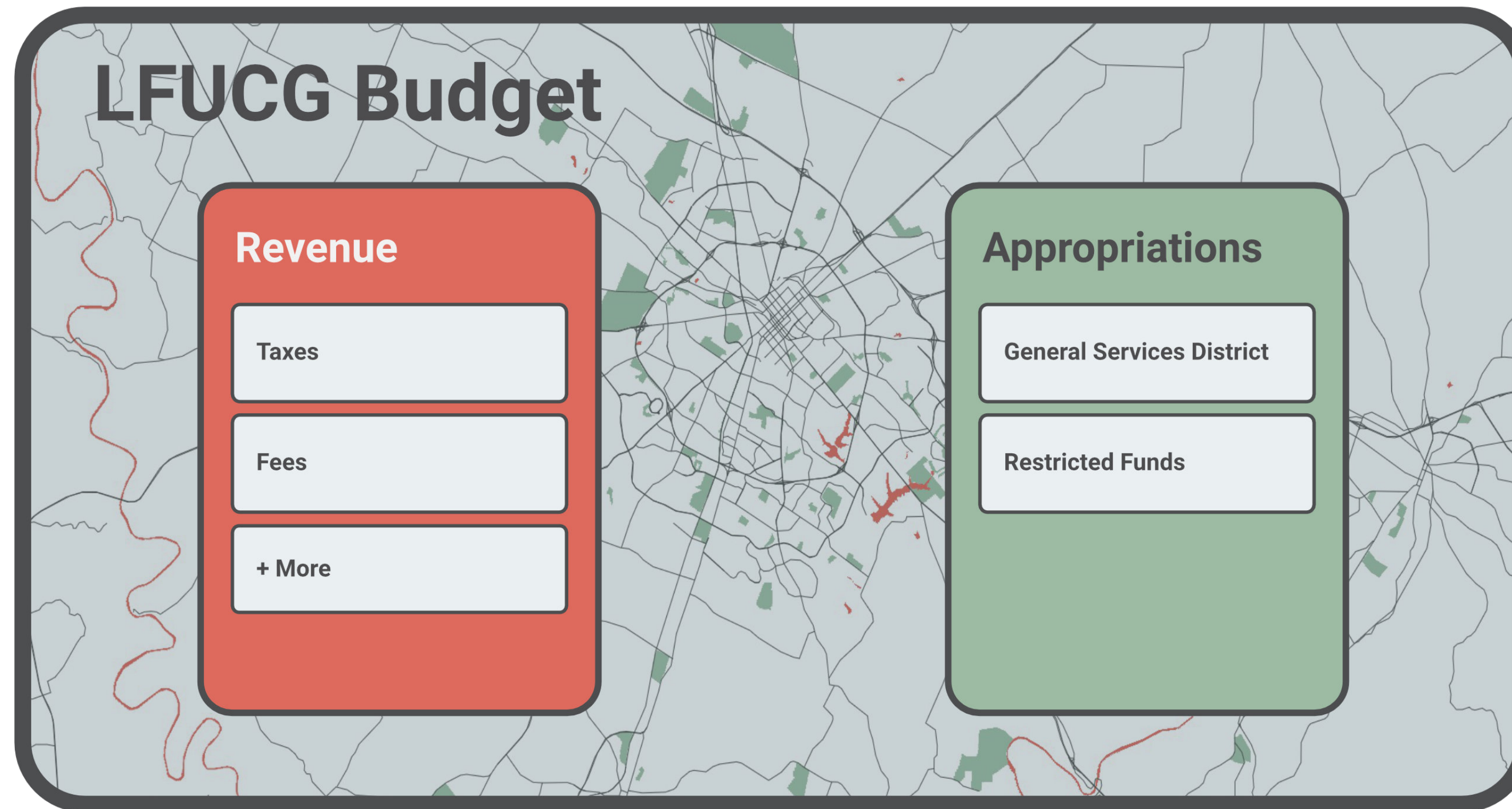


Disclaimers

- This is an educational document. It is not sanctioned by the City of Lexington or affiliated in any way.
- We have tried to simplify terminology, but in many places we use complicated and technical language out of necessity.
- The city organizes the budget document by fund and division. Since it is an internal financial document, that makes sense. We think of it differently. To produce this guide, we reorganize the budget by sector. These are easier-to-understand categories like Transportation, Public Health, and Agriculture and Food Systems.
- This process specifically focuses on appropriations, or how the city plans to spend its money.
- We read line items as they are in the budget document, which does not describe the intent or any overlapping impacts of funds. This can cause issues, potential examples of which are described below.
- Here's an example of an intent discrepancy: we would tag a park safety improvement project to Environment and Energy since it is in the Division of Parks and Recreation, even though it's likely thought of by the city as a Public Safety project.
- Here's an example of overlapping impacts: we would tag a project funded through the Affordable Housing Trust as Development & Housing, but it may also impact Economic Development or Public Safety.



What is the Budget?



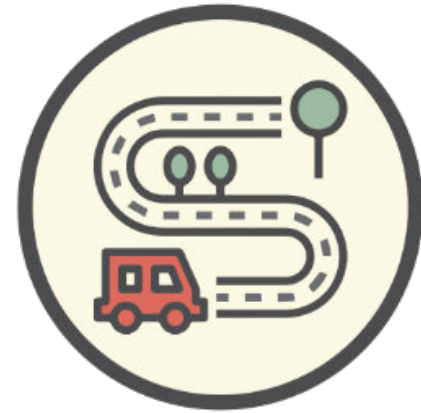
How does CivicLex think about the budget?



Agriculture & Food Systems



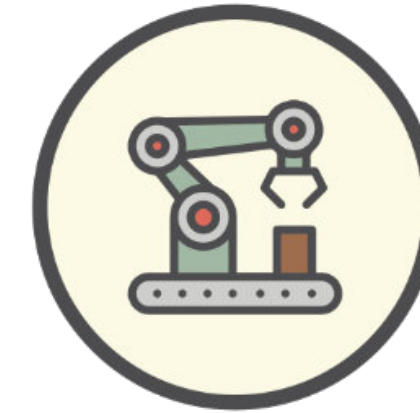
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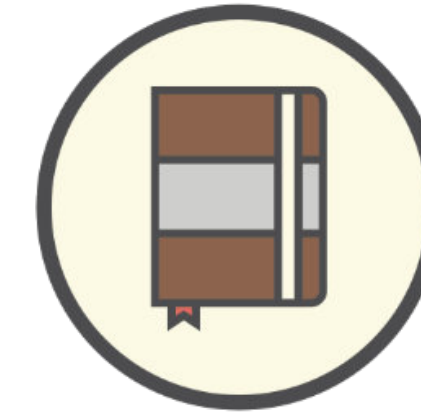
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Development & Housing



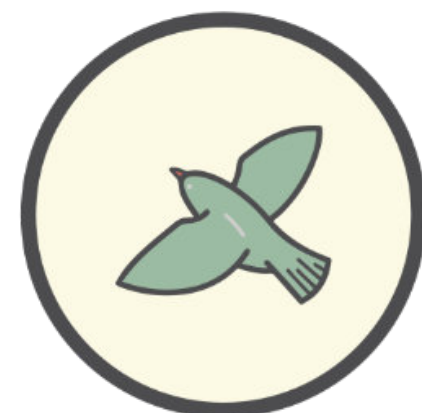
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Education



Environment & Energy



Immigration



General Government



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Public Safety



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What is different about this year's budget?

After several years of austerity, Lexington somehow came out of the pandemic better than it went in. Revenue and savings are up, unemployment is down – 3% vs 3.7% pre-pandemic – and a massive injection of aid – over \$120M – via the American Rescue Plan Act or ARPA, has left city leaders with almost more money than they can figure out how to spend.

Suddenly, the city has room to plan for large or innovative projects and community needs that had been previously too costly to consider. As a result, the FY23 budget expands allocations to public safety and violence prevention programs, affordable housing, quality of life amenities, economic development initiatives, infrastructure needs, and employee acquisition and retention efforts.

While the budget received support from the majority of Council, two representatives did vote against it at its first reading: CMs Moloney and Kloiber. They cited concerns about the city's ability to sustain funding for employees and programs once the ARPA money is gone. While many allocations went to one-time needs, items like employee wages and new or expanded programs have ongoing costs which some worry may outstrip future resources.

Nevertheless, the FY23 budget passed in its second reading. With a General Services Fund of over \$450M it's the largest city budget Lexington has produced and we will likely be seeing its effects for years to come.



What is different about this year's budget?

ARPA!

- LFUCG received \$60 million in ARPA funding, and expects to receive \$121 million in total
- This money can be spent on projects related to *public health, negative economic impacts of COVID, infrastructure, premium/hazard pay for city employees, and revenue replacement for the government*
- So far, the city has actually obligated \$25 million, and has budgeted to spend \$120 million
- Major ARPA projects include:
 - \$436,000 for the Office of Homelessness Intervention and Prevention
 - \$1 million for VISITLex
 - \$155,000 for NAMI mental health court
 - \$1.4 million for a COVID-19 alternate shelter for winter warming
 - Also: LexArts, Parks, Public Safety Fleets, and Employee Pay Supplements



How much is in the budget?

\$ 881,292,874
Total City Appropriations

\$ 451,409,415
General Services District Fund

\$ 429,883,459
Restricted Funds



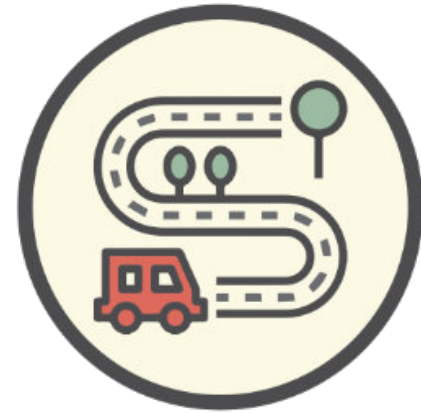
How much do you think is spent?



Agriculture & Food Systems



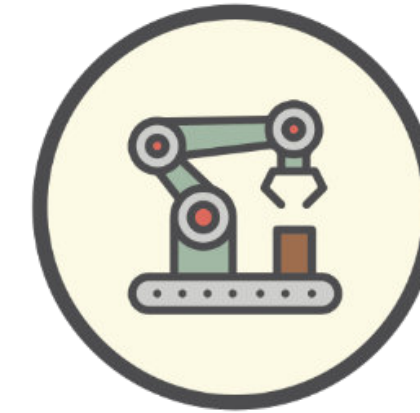
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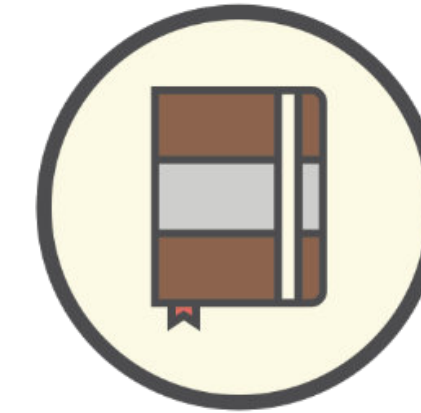
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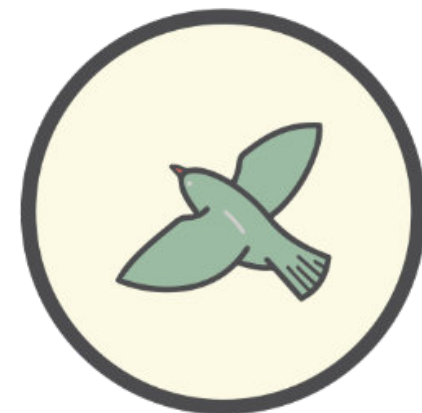
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General Government



Public Health



Public Safety

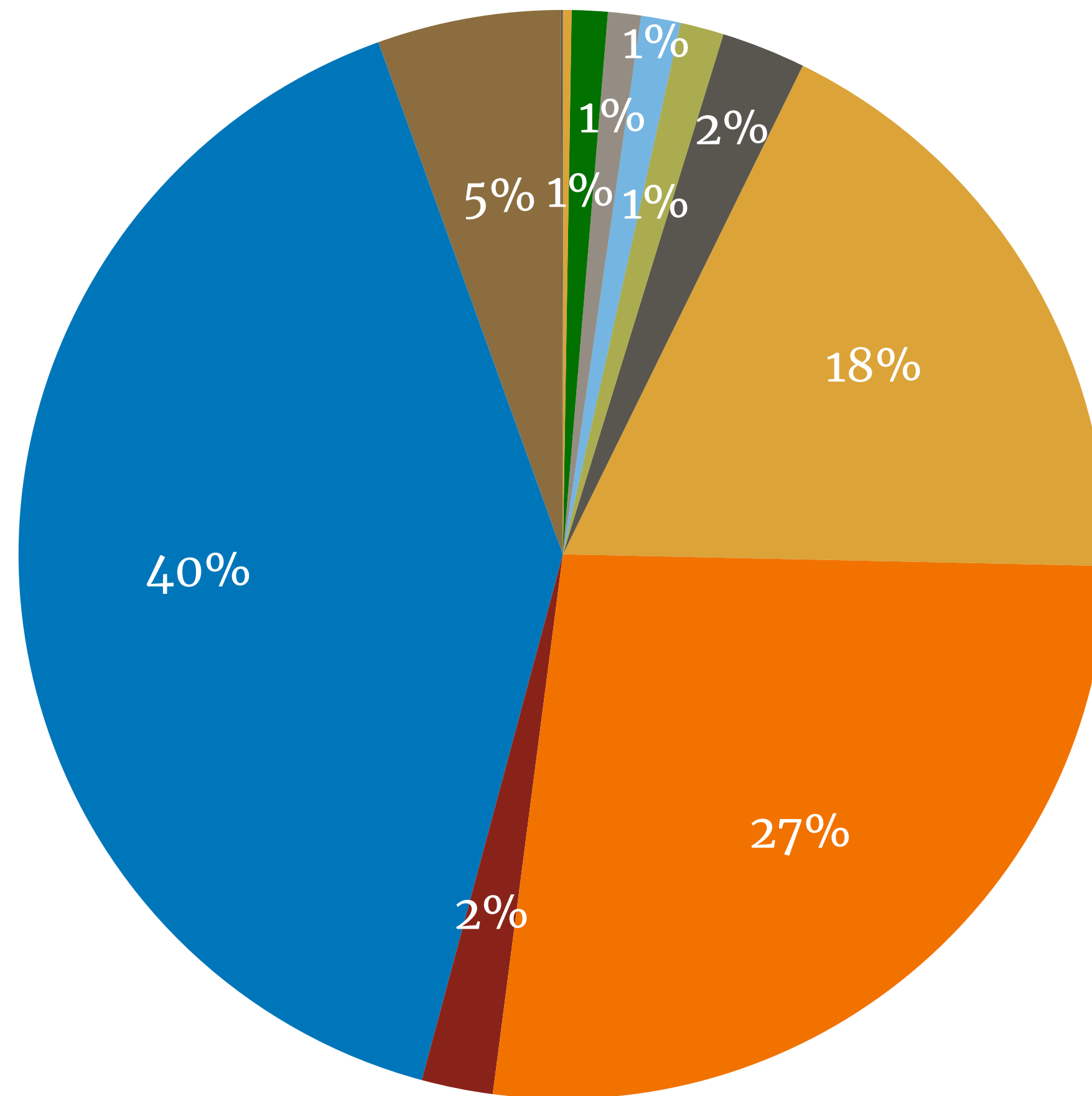


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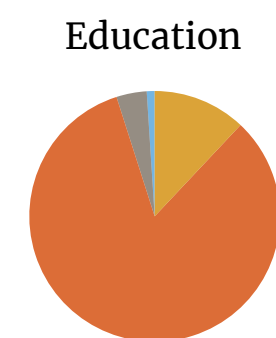
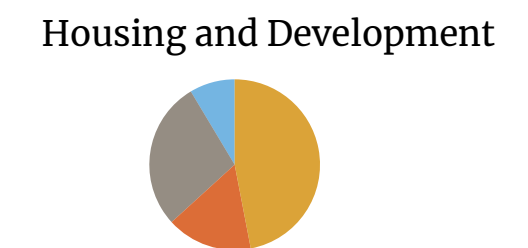
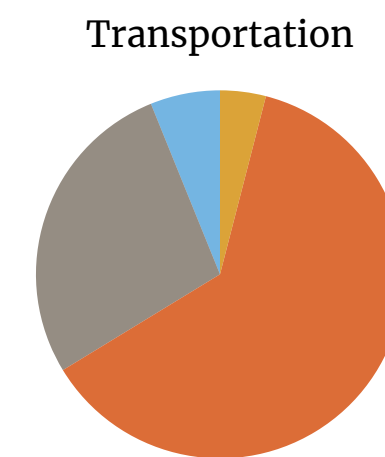
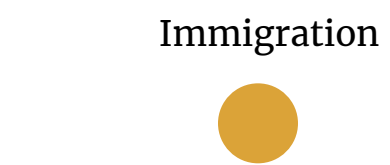
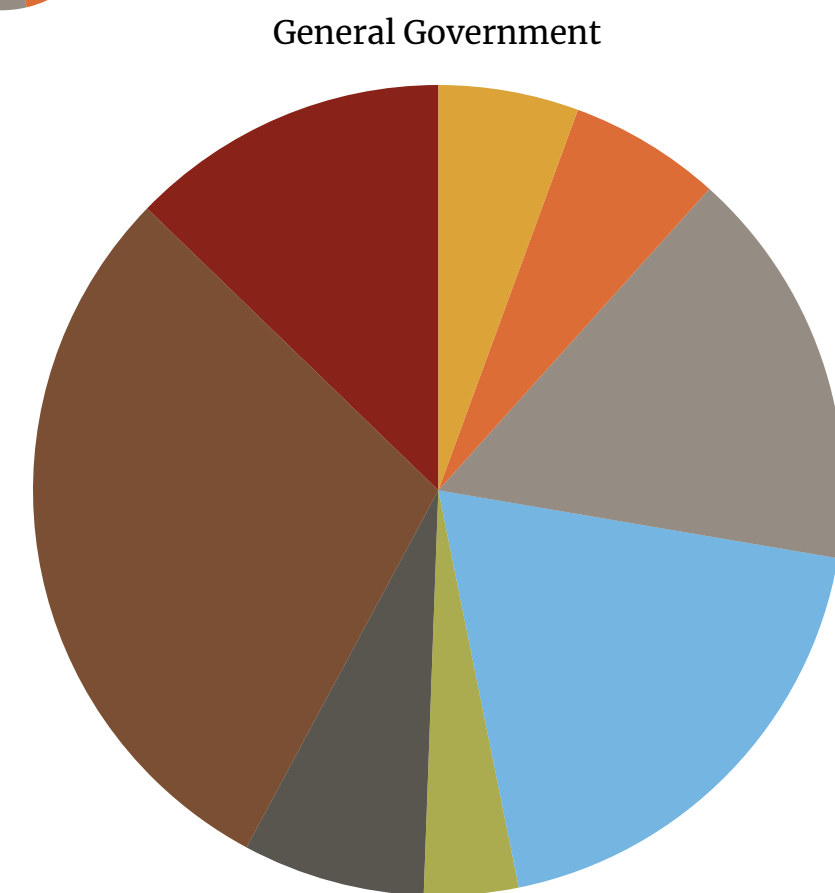
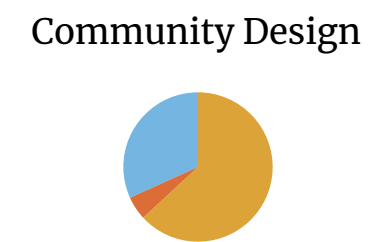
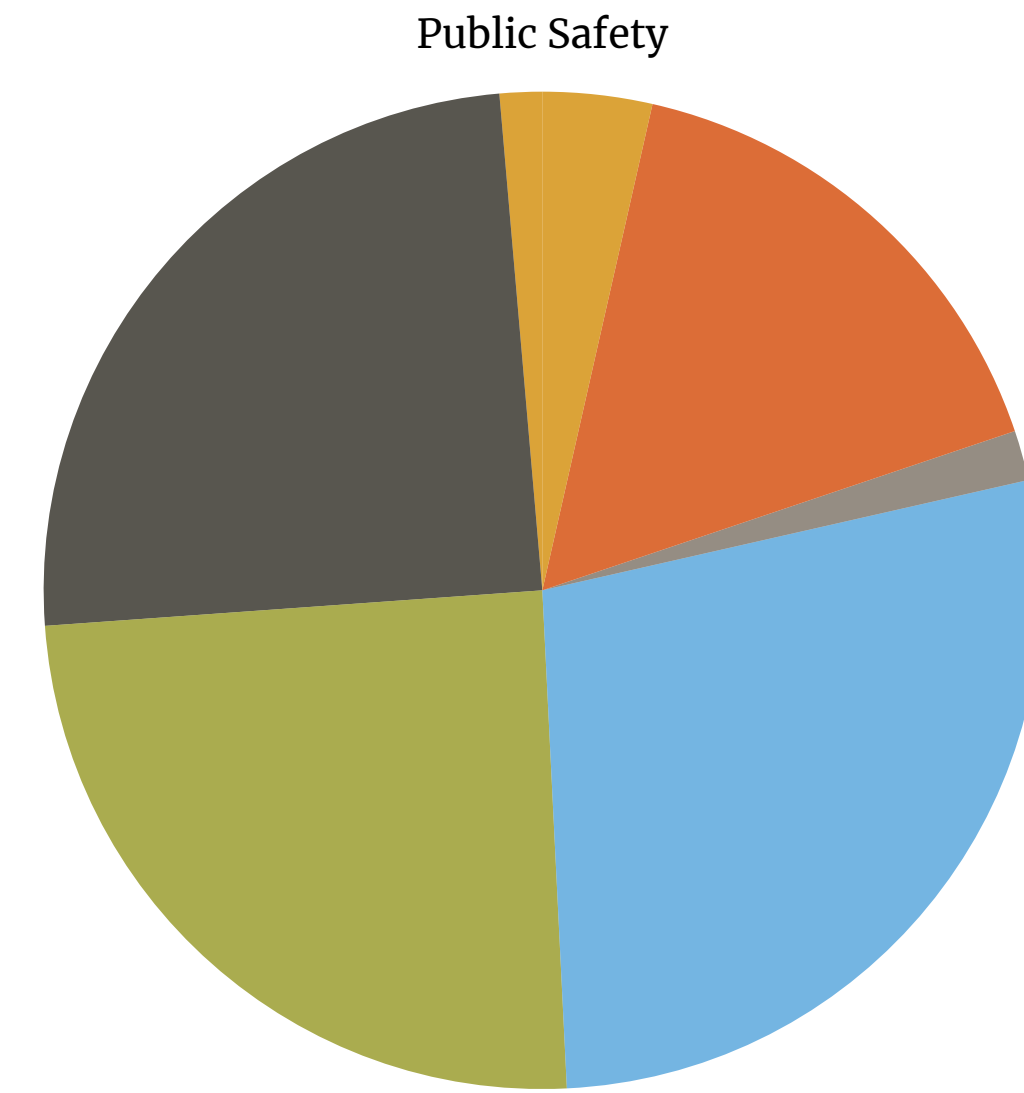
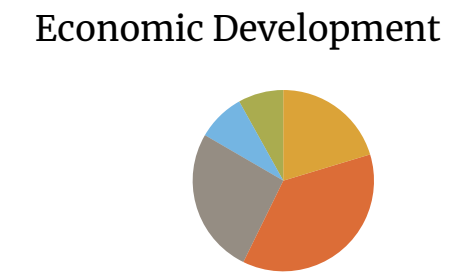
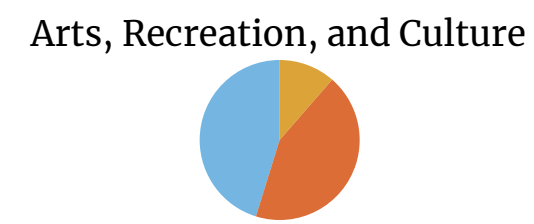
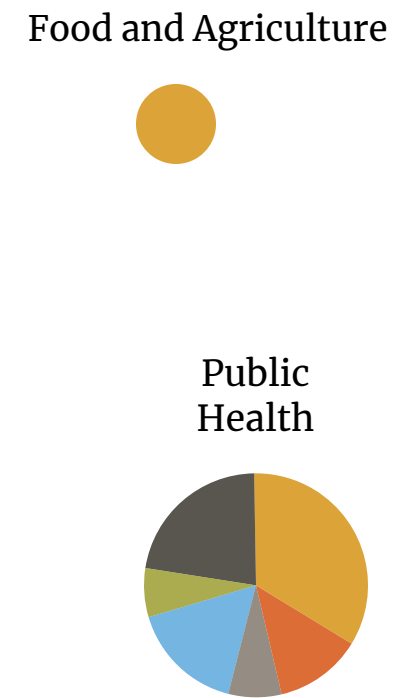
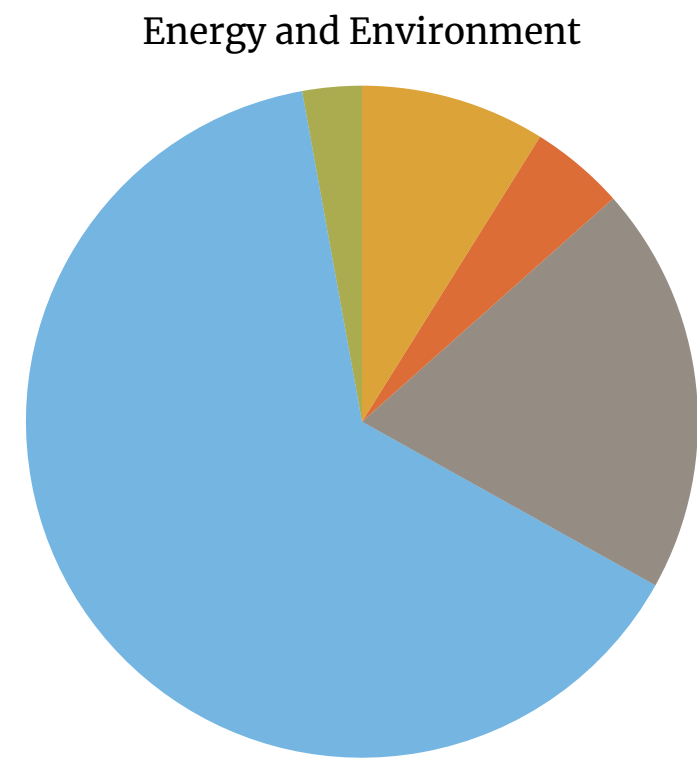
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Sorting Appropriations by Sector



- Agriculture & Food Systems (\$2.3 million)
- Arts, Culture, & Recreation (\$9 million)
- Community Design (\$9 million)
- Development & Housing (\$10 million)
- Economic Development (\$12 million)
- Education (\$22 million)
- Environment & Energy (\$160 million)
- General Government (\$237 million)
- Public Health (\$19 million)
- Public Safety (\$358 million)
- Transportation (\$48 million)
- Immigration (\$525,000)

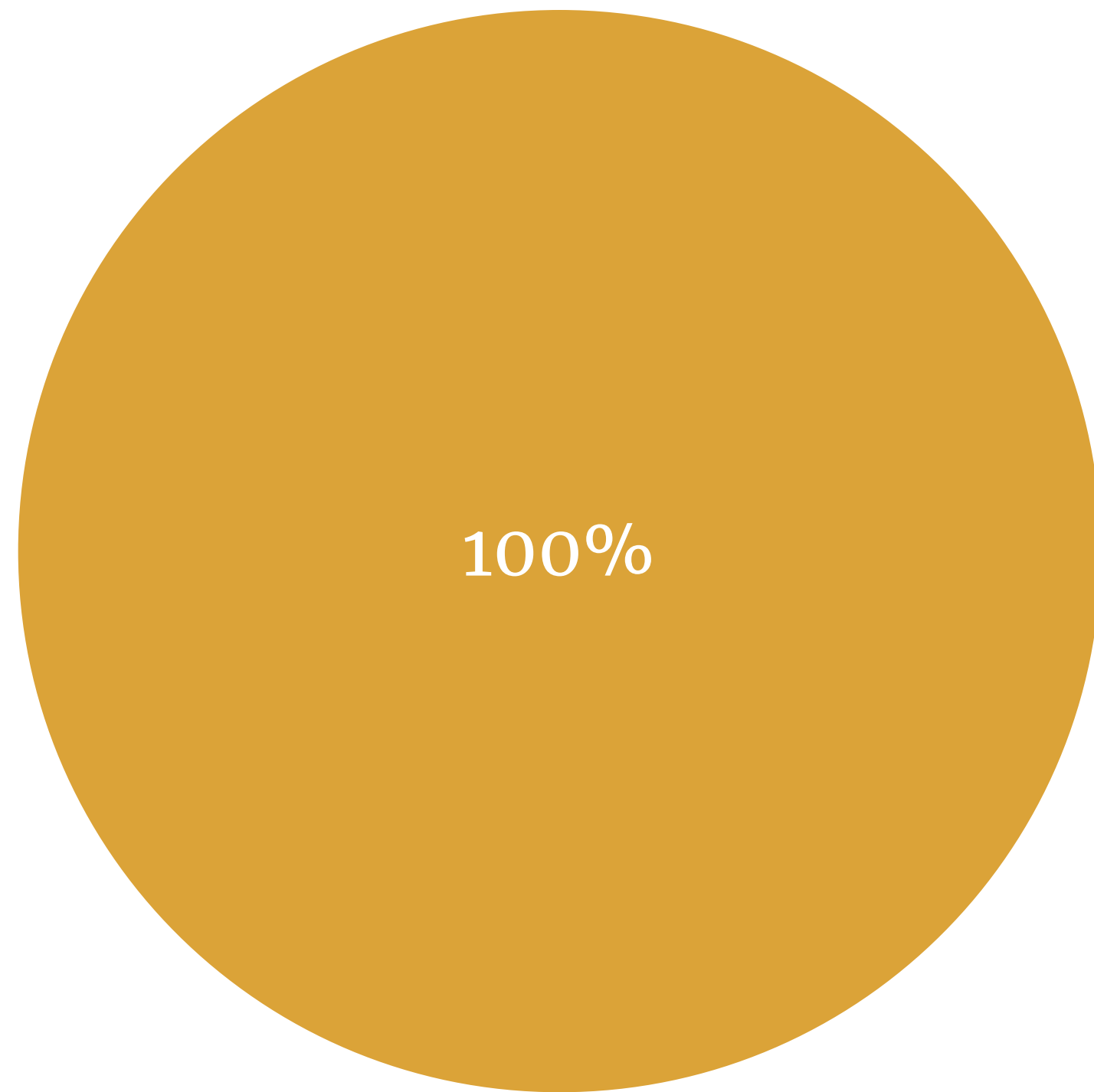
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Agriculture and Food Systems

\$2,270,726.00 | .26% of city appropriations | **up 2%** from last year



● Purchase of Development Rights (PDR)



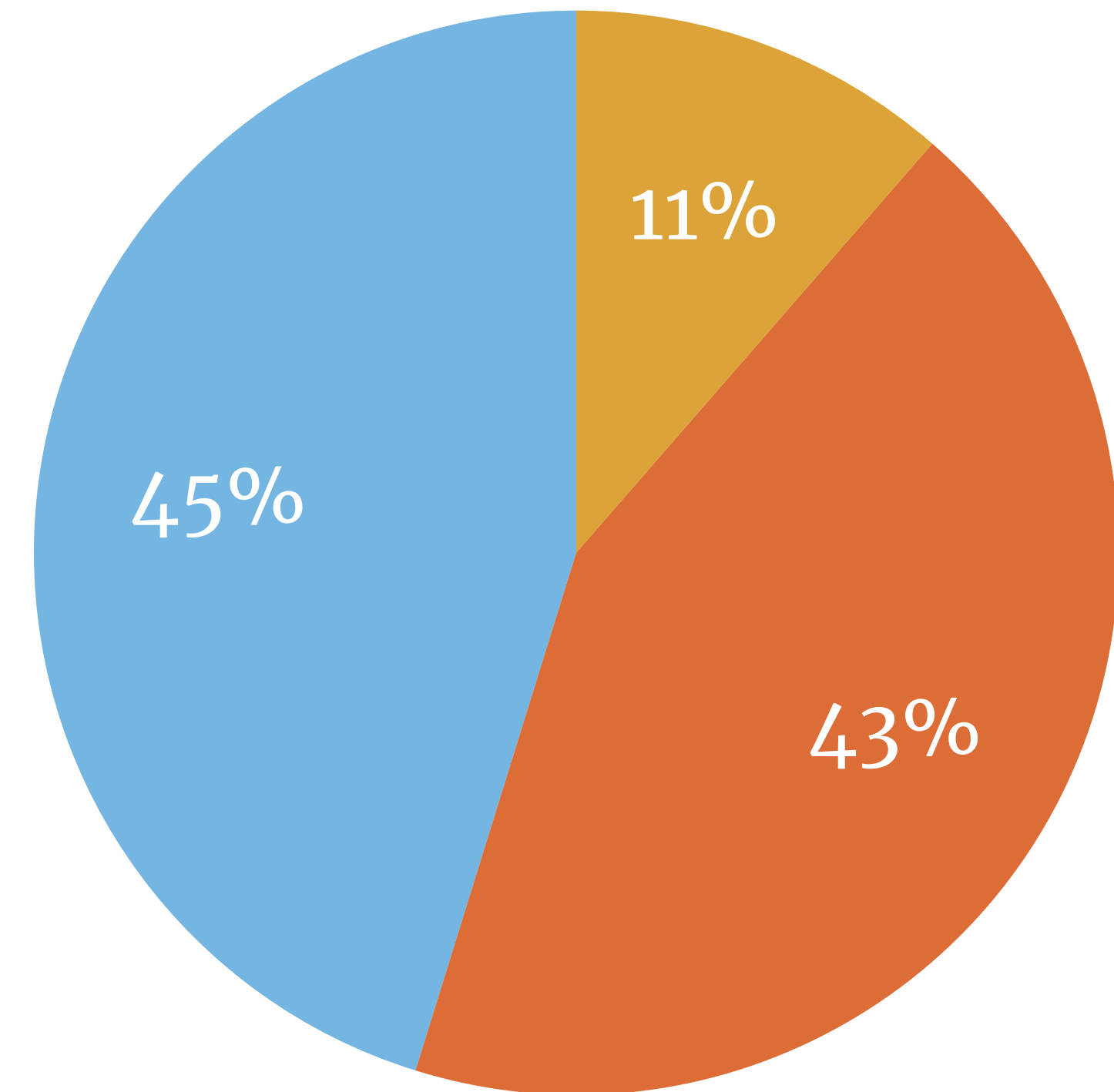
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Arts, Culture, & Recreation

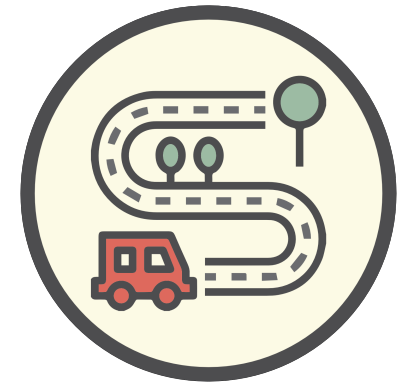
\$9,437,123 | 1% of city appropriations | up 674% from last year*

- **\$3.8 million** to ESR, or Extended Social Resources
 - LFUCG's program for grant money to local nonprofits
- **\$750,000** to replace golf carts at Kearney Hills, Lakeside, Picadome, and Tates Creek – arts and culture recreation



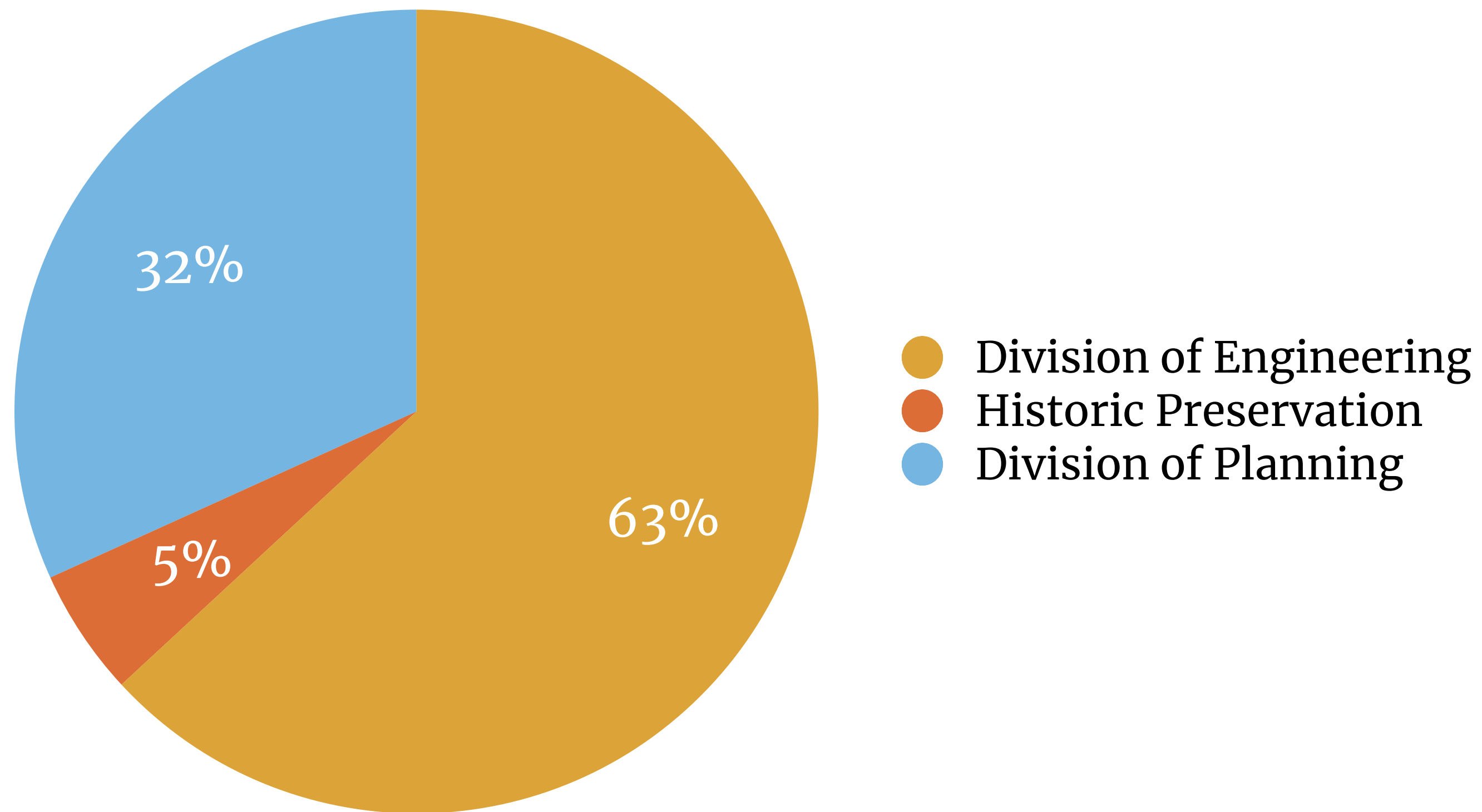
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- Arts Programs & Facilities
- Athletics Programs & Facilities
- Community Programs & Facilities



Community Design

\$8,662,938.00 | 1% of city appropriations | **up 56%** from last year

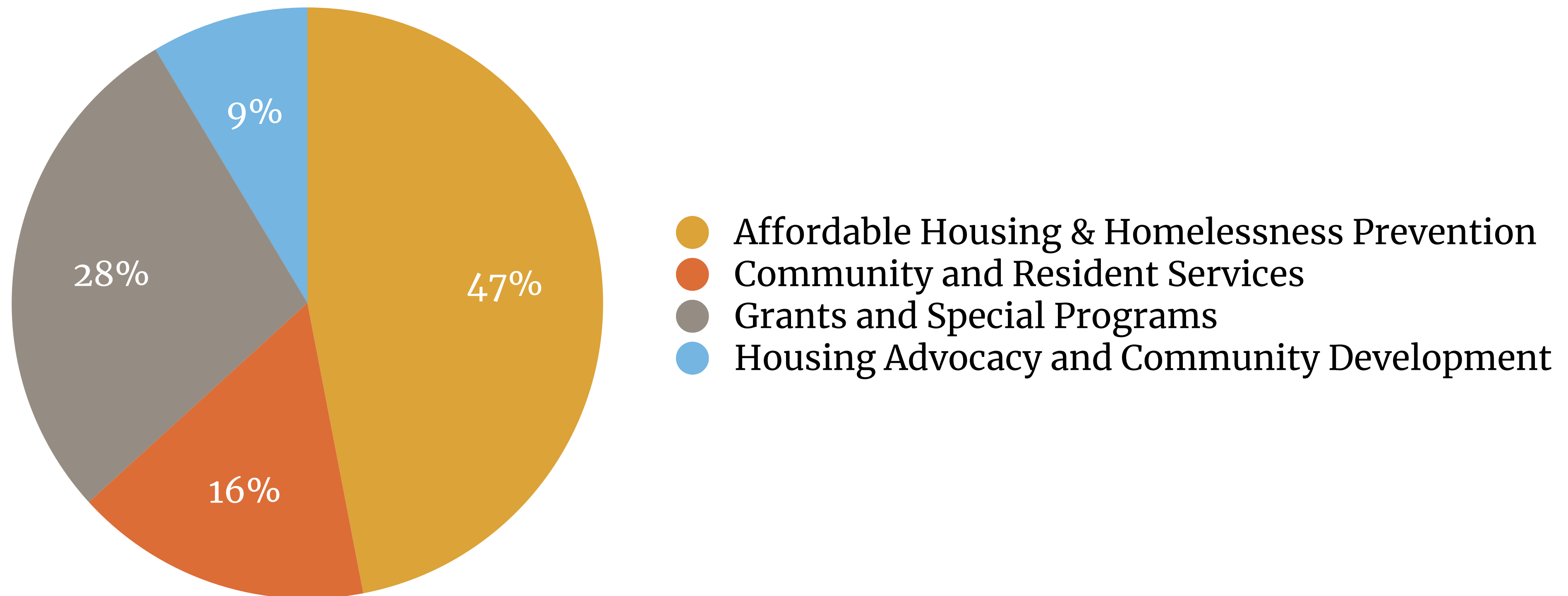


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Housing & Development

\$10,422,769.00 | 1.2% of city appropriations | **up 64%** from last year

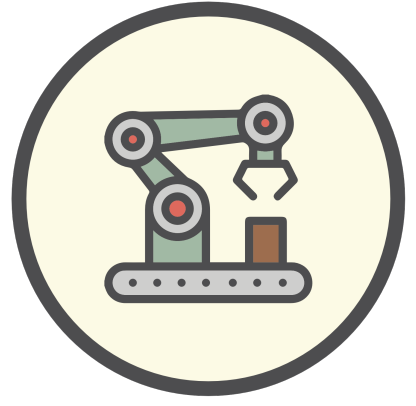




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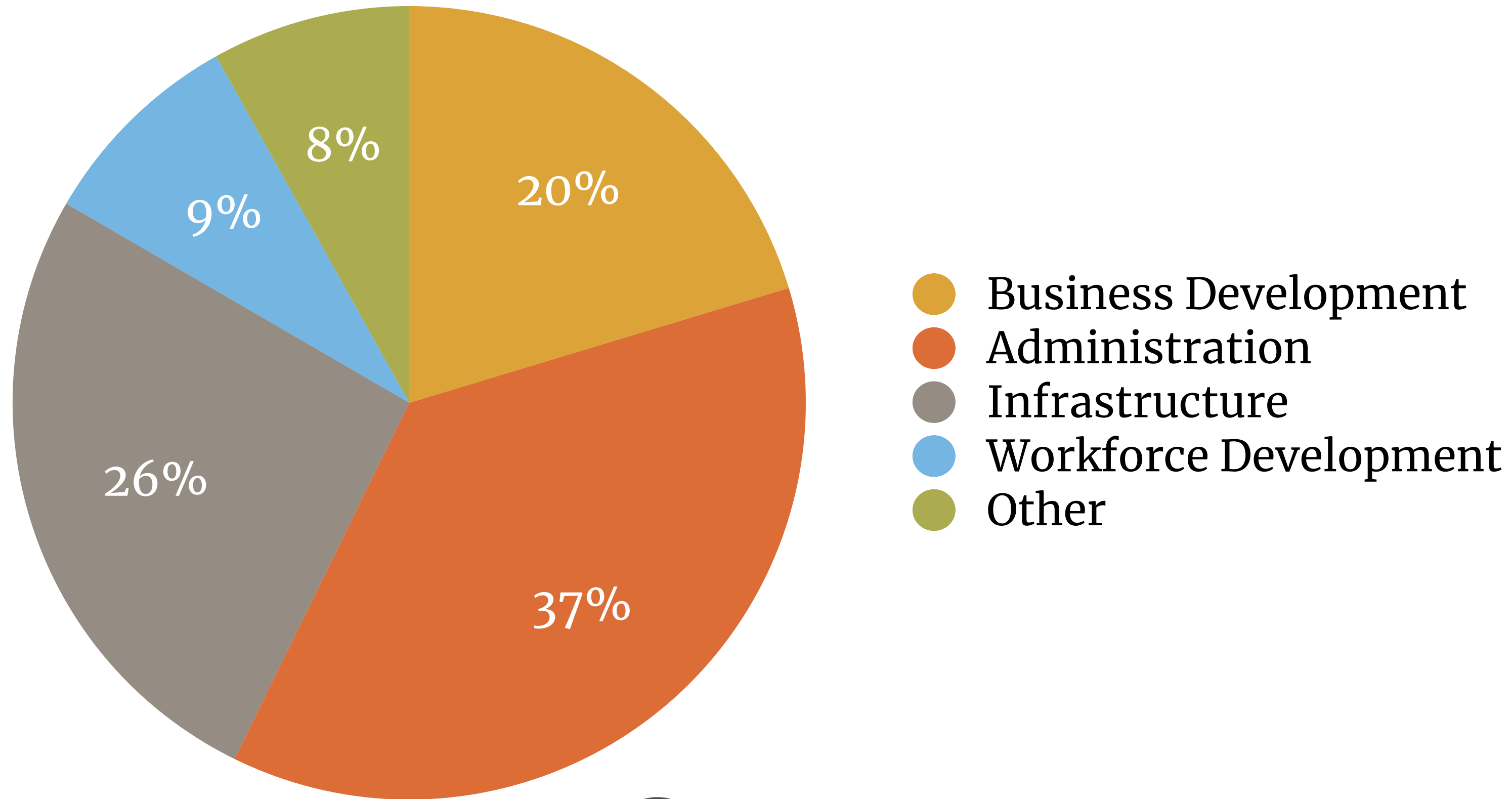
- First full budget year for the **Department of Housing Advocacy and Community Development** (Commissioner Charlie Lanter)
- **\$10 million** in ARPA funds to Affordable Housing Fund
- **\$1 million** to Lexington Neighborhood Investment Fund
 - Provides no-interest loans to organizations to rehab vacant properties
 - Designed to create affordable housing and combat gentrification
- **\$200,000** to Code Enforcement's Housing Assistance Program: provides home repair grants to low income homeowners
- **\$5.75 million** from ARPA to Homelessness Intervention and Prevention



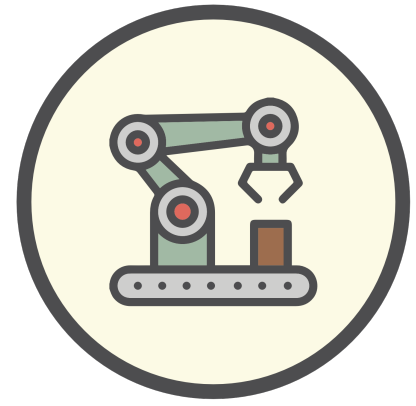


Economic Development

\$11,491,521.00 | 1.3% of city appropriations | **up 406%** from last year



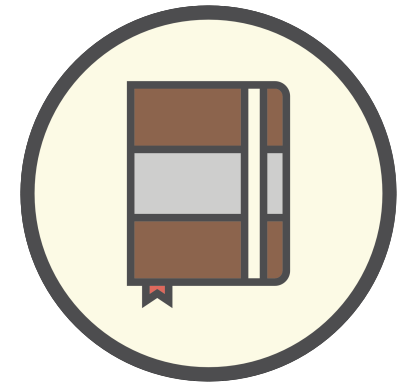
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Economic Development

- **\$3 million** to the Infrastructure Investment Fund:
 - Provides repayable, zero-interest loans to help lessen barrier for infill development projects
- **\$1 million** to Bluegrass Ag Tech Development Corporation:
 - Public-private partnership for staff, locations, incentives, and challenge grants
- **\$2 million** to PDR program
 - “Purchase of Development Rights”, a program where owners of rural land permanently sell the rights to develop their land to the city in exchange for a monthly stipend
- The Social Services department is also receiving **\$581,550** for an expanded Summer Youth Jobs Program

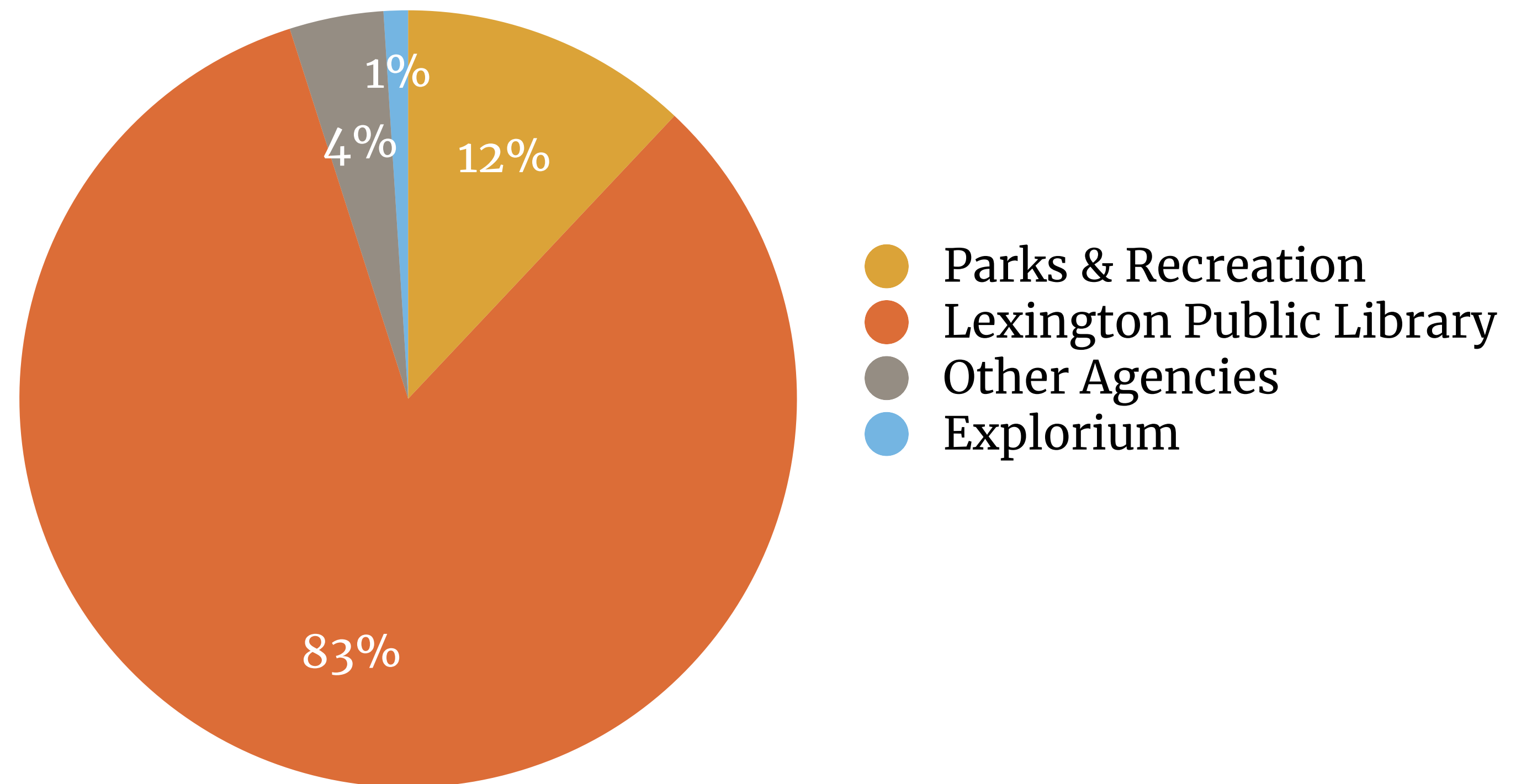




Education

\$22,157,155.00 | 2.5% of city appropriations | up 8% from last year

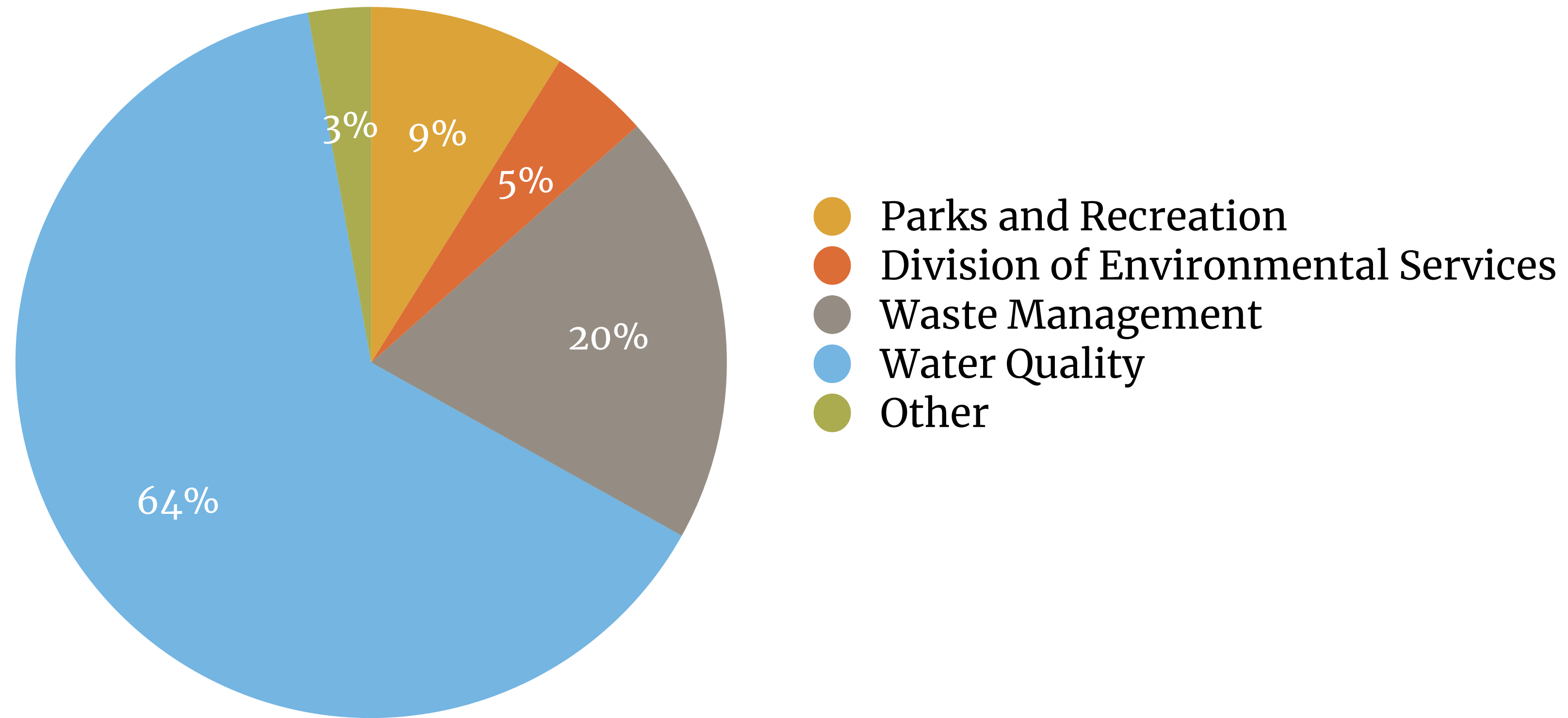
- ONE Lexington, an initiative to help prevent violent crime in youth and young adults
 - Receiving an addition \$365,000 for building partnerships across government and throughout the City
 - Also receiving \$128,354 for It Takes a Village, their summer program





Energy and Environment

\$160,328,565.00 | 18% of city appropriations | **up 12%** from last year

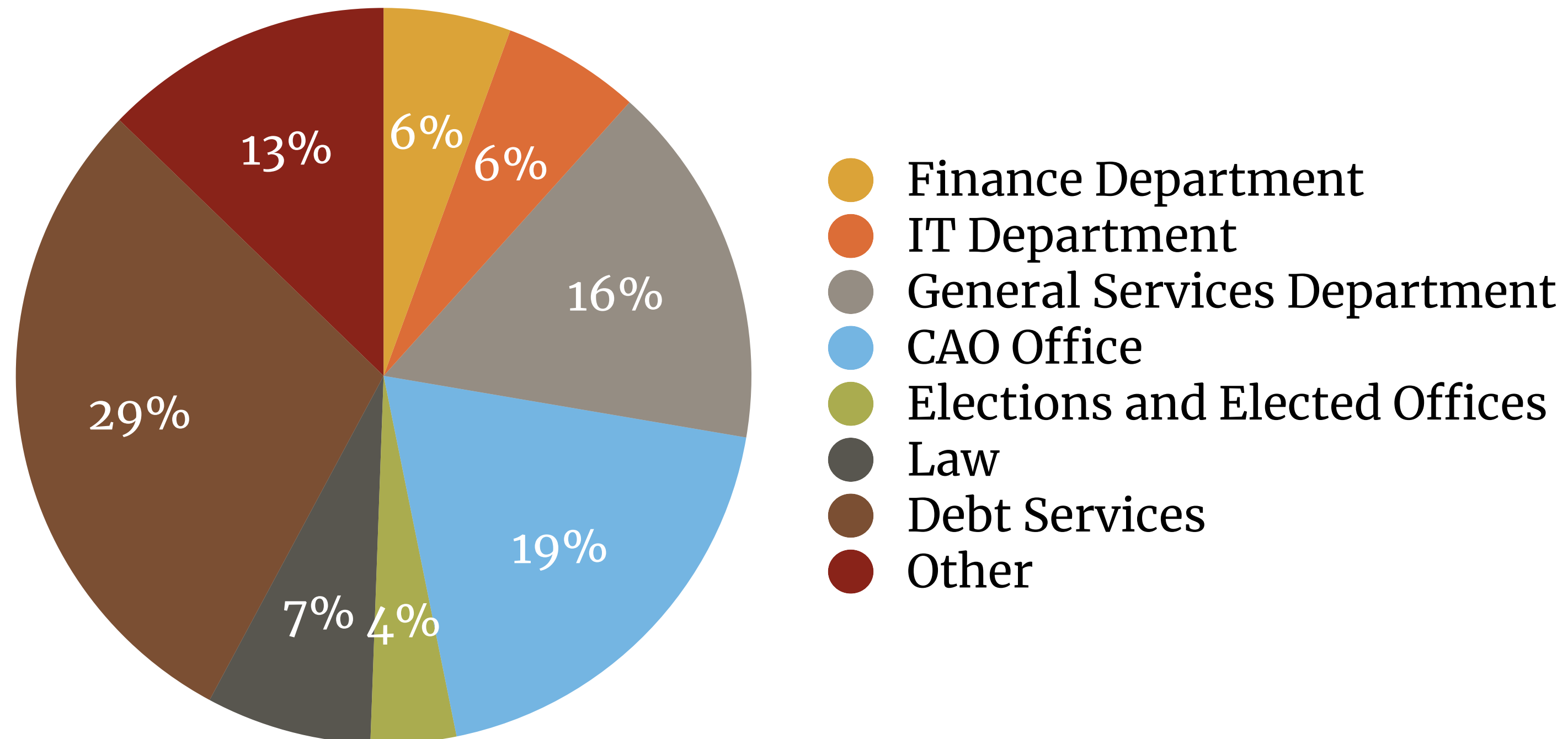


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General Government

\$237,019,796.00 | 27% of city appropriations | **up 22%** from last year



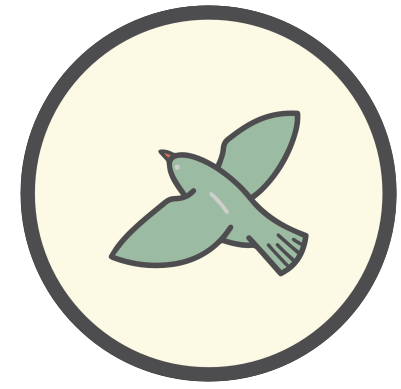
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General Government

- **5% raise** for all non-sworn city employees
- **\$5 million** to implement findings of compensation study
- Replacing aging mainframe and securing 30 years of data the city is required to maintain
- **\$ 1 million** for new elevators in the Government Center!

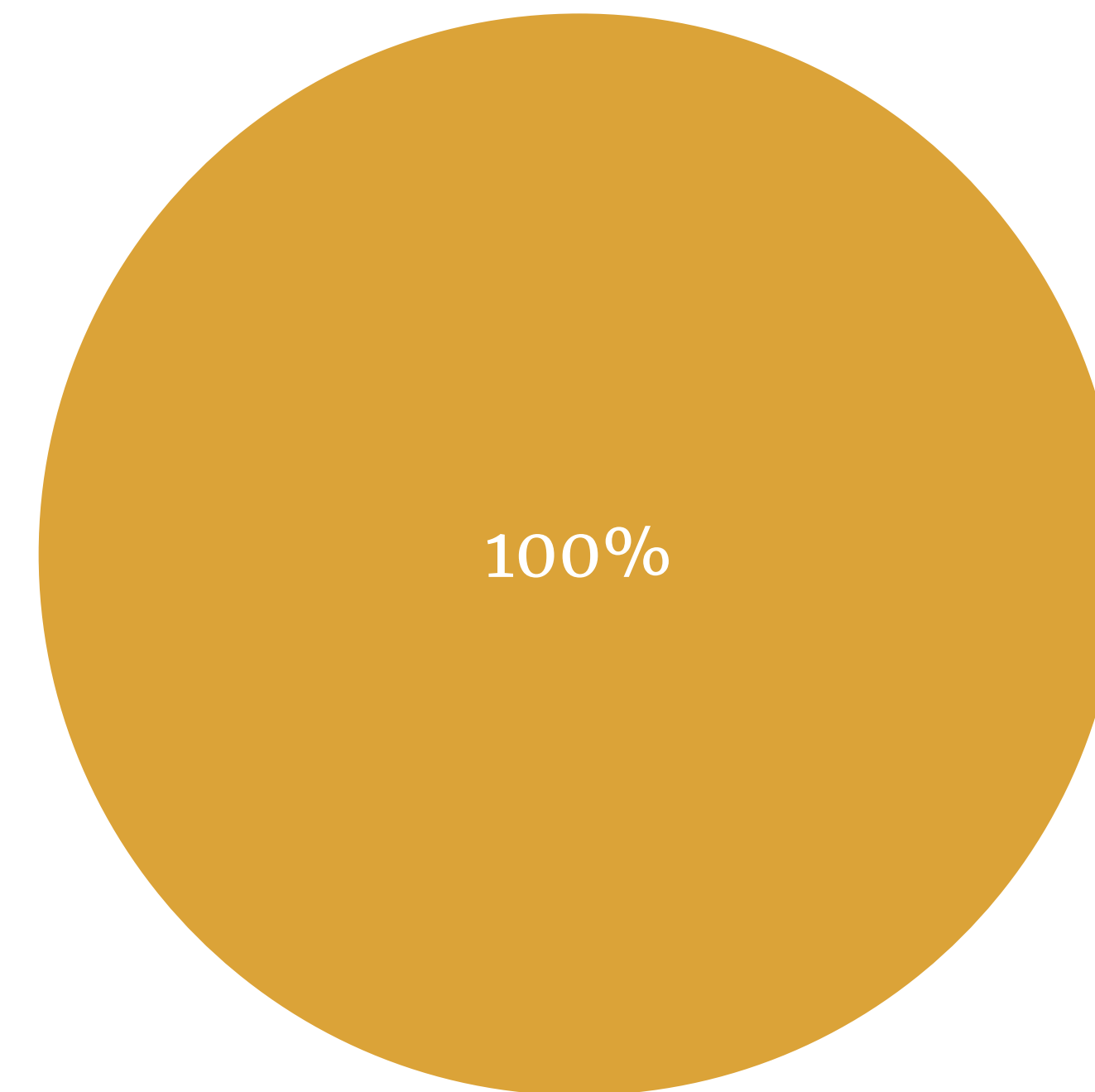




Immigration

\$525,000 | .1% of city appropriations | up 51% from last year

- \$200,000 for two new full-time staff at GlobalLex
- Adding translation software to city web pages that will make information available in 94 languages



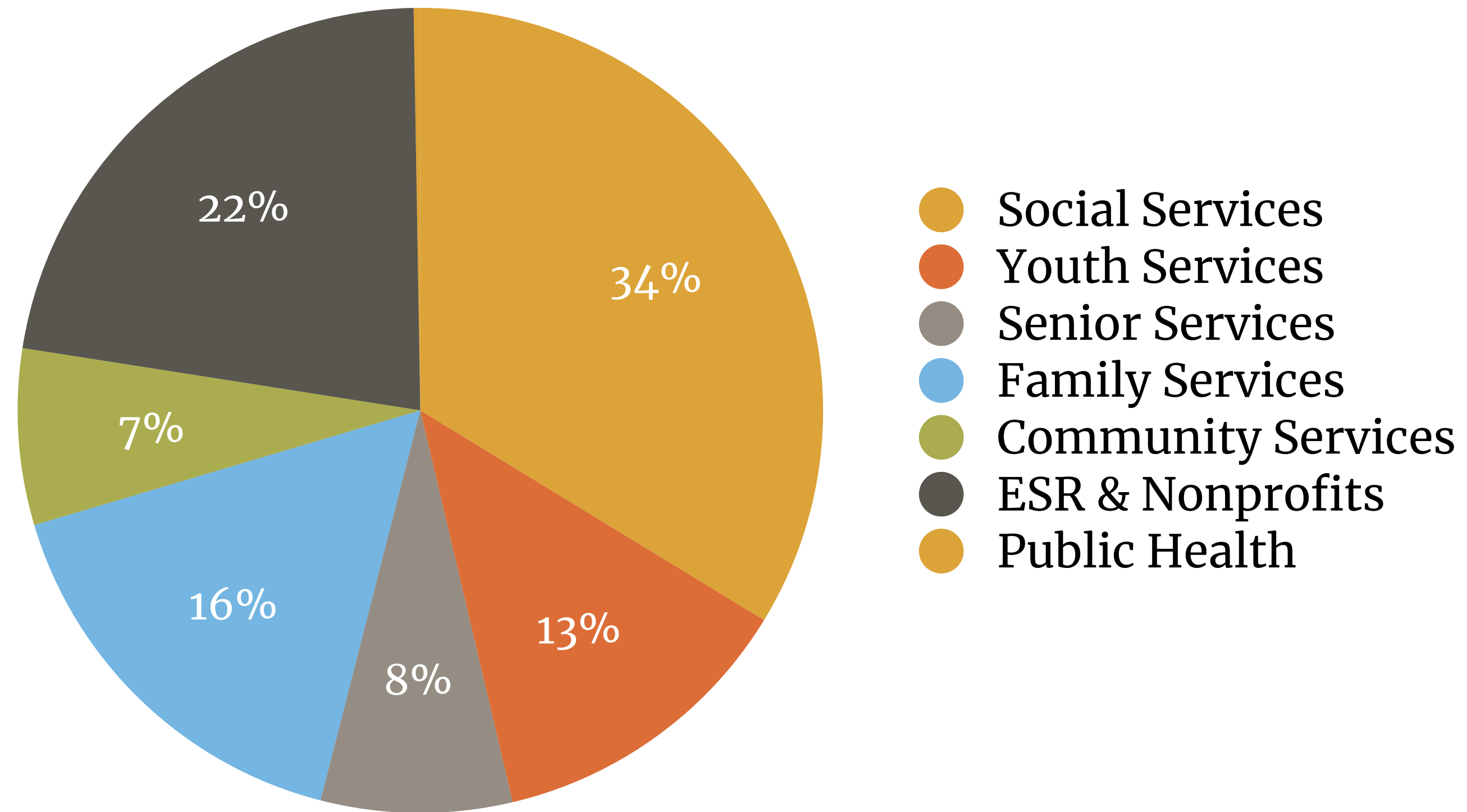
● Multicultural Services





Public Health

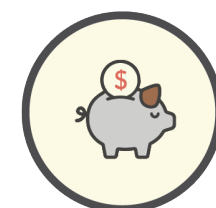
\$18,779,042.00 | 2% of city appropriations | **up 42%** from last year





Public Health

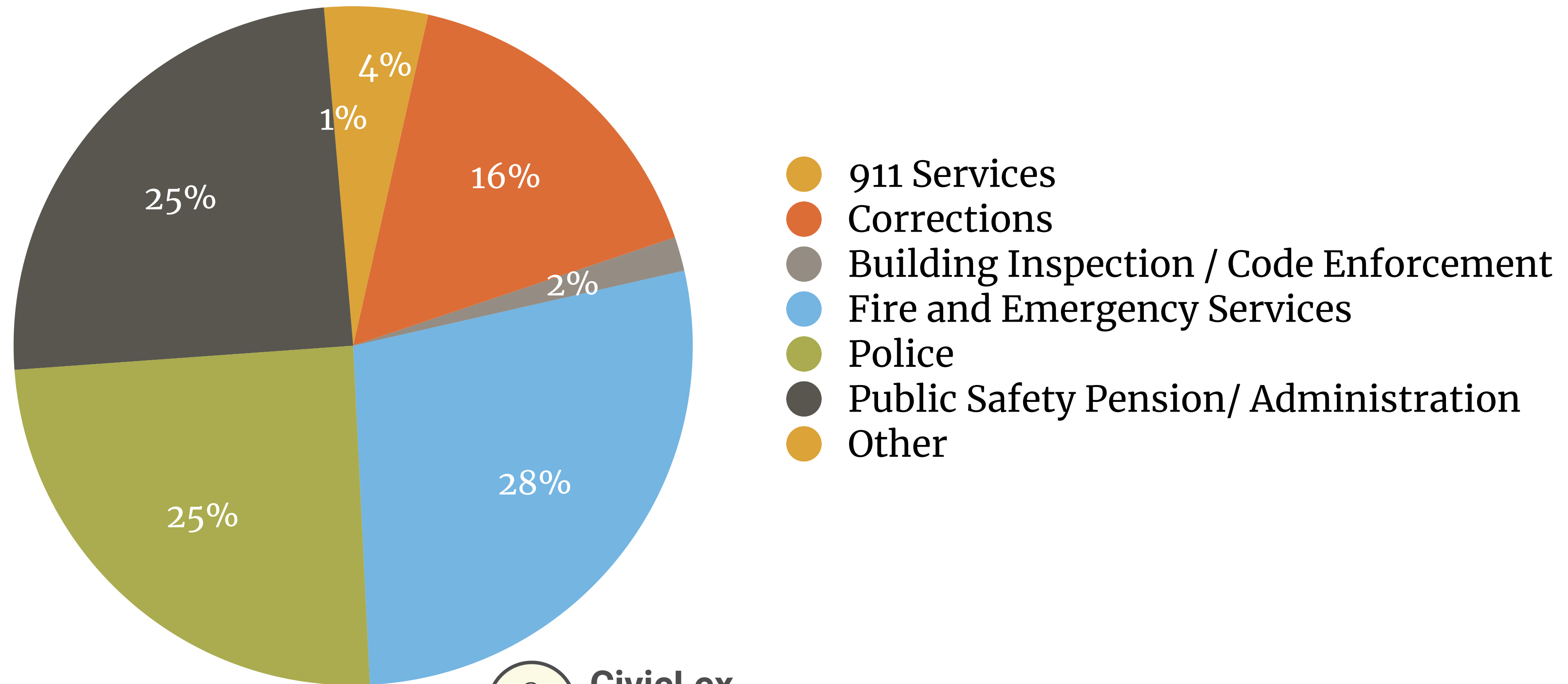
- **\$260,000** to buy a mobile food truck and refrigerated trailer to serve as a mobile grocery store, as recommended by the Commission for Racial Justice and Equality





Public Safety

\$357,654,313.00 | 41% of city appropriations | **up 15%** from last year





Public Safety

Fire Resources

- **\$1.2 million** for a new fire station alerting system
- **\$6.1 million** for:
 - Three new fire engines
 - Two emergency medical units
 - One new ladder truck

Police Resources

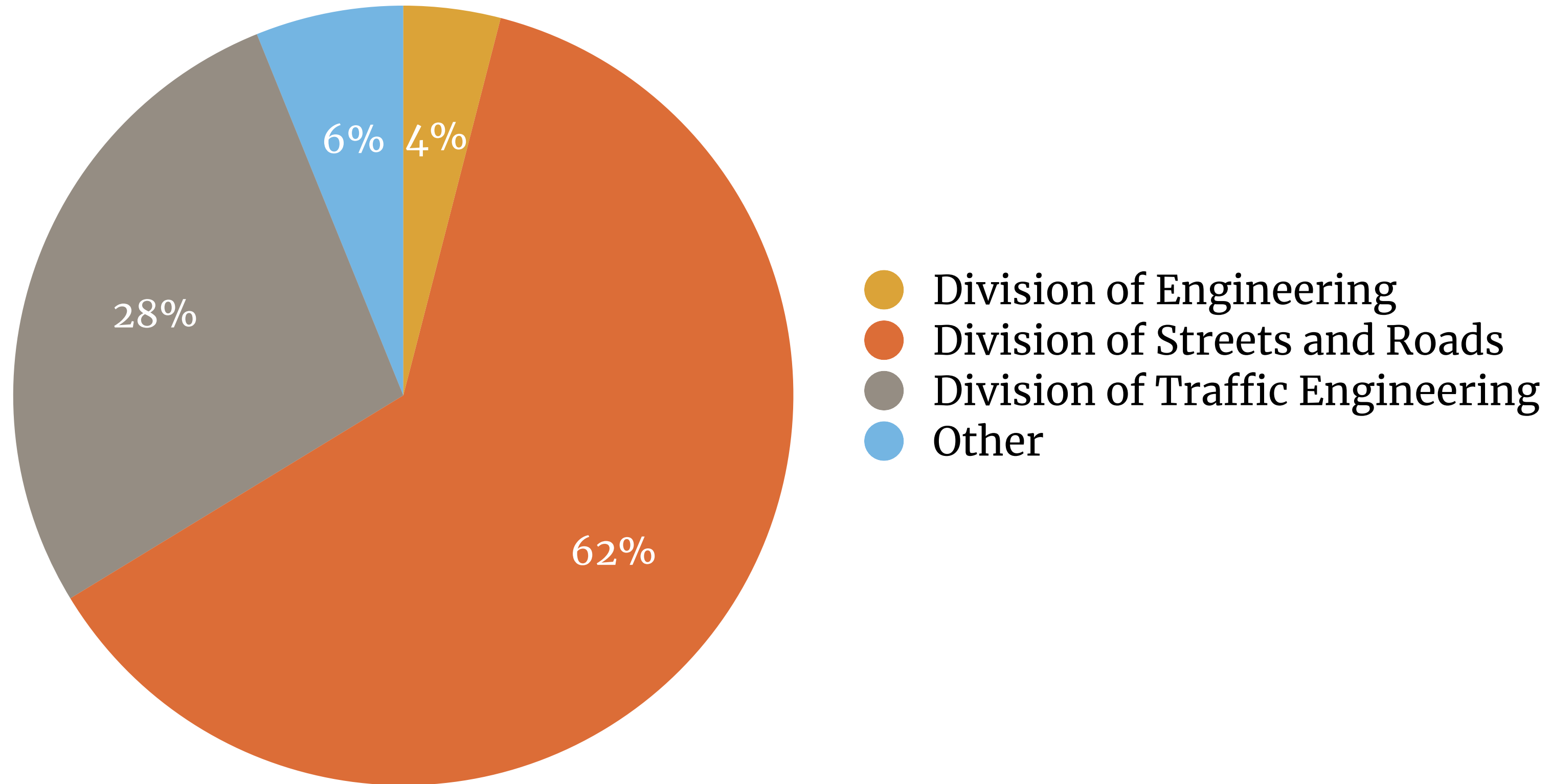
- **\$275,000** for 75 additional FLOCK cameras
- **\$3 million** next year to replace Police vehicles
- **\$1.2 million** for dash cameras for police vehicles
- **\$1.2 million** for a new training facility design





Transportation

\$48,323,382.00 | 5.5% of city appropriations | **up 16%** from last year





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- **\$1 million** for a replacement salt barn
- **\$120,000** for a study on optimizing snow plow routes
- **\$13 million** for paving
- **\$3.6 million** for widening the intersection at Mason–Headley and Versailles Rd for new FCPS school
- **\$5 million** set aside for safety improvements on High and Manchester St near Central Bank Center (hoping for a state match)
- **\$100,000** to continue Neighborhood Traffic Management Program: allows traffic engineers to work with CMs and neighborhood representatives to address neighborhood traffic concerns

