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Parks & Recreation Department Recycling Program

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Agenda

- Applicability of Universal Recycling Ordinance
- Parks and Recreation Department (PARD) Overview
 - Organizational Structure
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 - ARR/PARD Partnership
 - Site Visits and Observations
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- Progress Update and Next Steps

Universal Recycling Ordinance

- Chapter 15-6, Article 5.
 - Requires convenient access to recycling capacity for tenants and employees
 - By Oct 1, 2017, all commercial properties in Austin will be required to have recycling
- City facilities are expected to meet the requirements
- Open space, including public parks, are **not** included in the current ordinance

PARD: Organization

13 DIVISIONS	
Aquatics	Grounds Maintenance
Capital Improvement Projects	Management Services
Centralized Programs	Marketing & Communications
Community Programs	Museums & Cultural Centers
Facility Services	Nature Based Programs
Financial Services	Planning & Development
Golf Services	

- **STAFFING:**
 - 703 FTEs
 - 1,222 Seasonal/Part-Time

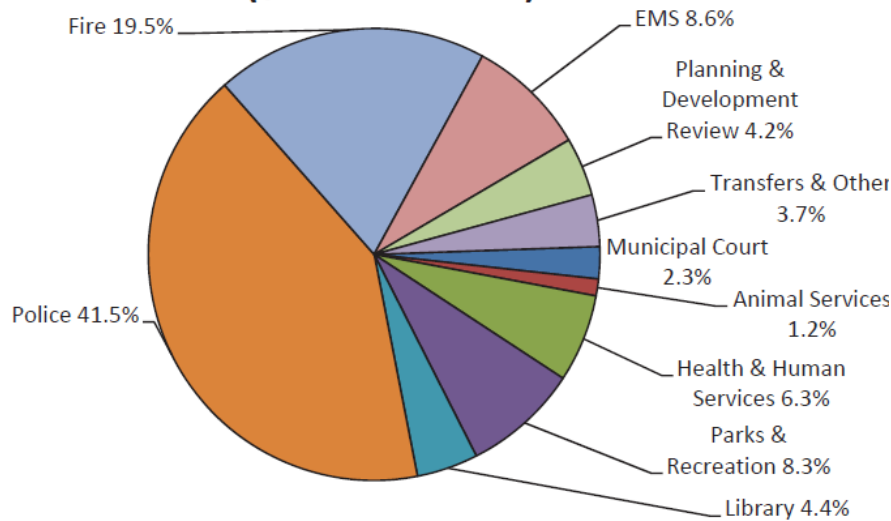
PARD: Responsibilities

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- 300 parks
 - 20,000+ acres of greenspace
 - 212 miles of trails
 - 51 swimming pools
 - 12 dog parks
 - 36 sports complexes
 - 124 tennis courts
 - 78 mixed-use fields
 - 26 recreation & senior activity centers
 - 11 museums, arts & cultural centers
 - 6 golf courses
 - 5 cemeteries
 - 10 stages & amphitheaters
 - 23 historic building

The mission of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide, protect and preserve a park system that promotes quality recreational, cultural and outdoor experiences for the Austin community.

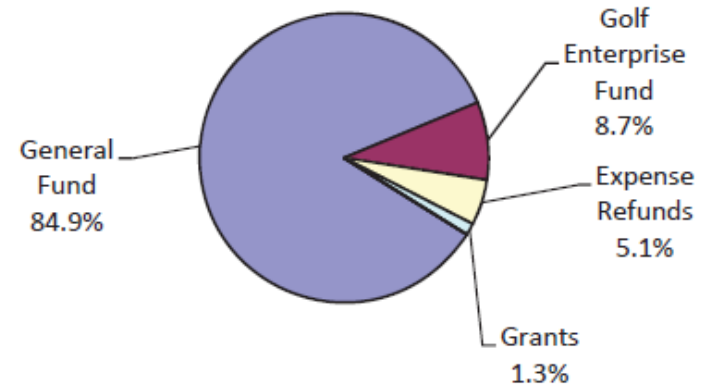
PARD: Funding FY15

**Uses of Funds - General Fund
(\$854.0 million)**

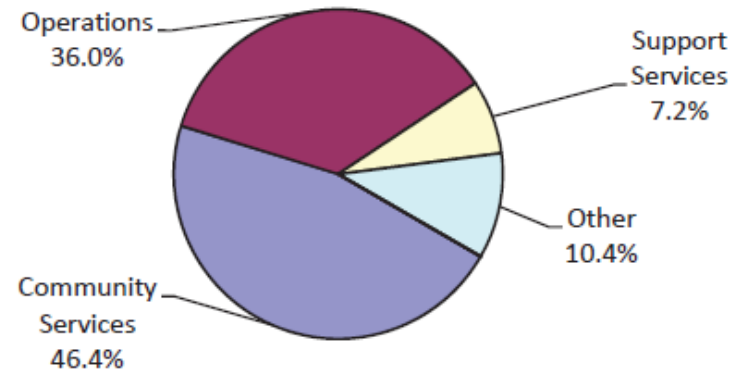


8.3 % of General Budget

Sources of Funds



Uses of Funds



\$83,462,865

PARD: Current Recycling Efforts

- All PARD Administrative Offices have recycling available for employees and visitors
- Recycling available at the following public facilities:
 - All recreation centers
 - All museums and cultural centers. Additionally, all special events are required to provide recycling during the event
 - 2 of 51 pools, specifically Barton Springs and Bartholomew
 - 1 of 300 parks, specifically Zilker Park (limited)
 - 3 of 6 golf courses, specifically Hancock, Clay, and Kizer
 - 1 of 36 sports complexes have limited recycling services

Department Partnership

- ARR/PARD Partnership
 - Evaluate current status of recycling in Park facilities
 - Prioritize facilities with greatest demand for recycling
 - ARR provides options and recommendations for PARD consideration and implementation
- ARR staff performed site visits and evaluation of several pools, sports complexes, open area parks, and golf centers

ARR Site Assessments

- ARR Staff Observations:
 - PARD staff support adding recycling services for patrons
 - Challenges with implementation due to:
 - Severely limited funding
 - Limited staff
 - Limited space for support equipment
 - Limited space for dumpsters at some locations
 - Container requirements due to wind/rain/vermin, etc.
 - Overlap in data collection

Cost Assessments

- ARR is working directly with PARD at high demand facilities to provide collection options and budgetary impact for each facility, such as:
 - One-time costs:
 - Exterior Containers
 - Installation Costs
 - Patron support signage
 - Custodial Equipment
 - On-going costs:
 - Recycling Bags
 - Collection Service

Patron Support Kiosk



Progress Update

- In FY'15, the Grounds Maintenance Division purchased 50 recycling receptacles at a cost of \$21,875 (not including installation costs)
These receptacles were installed at Zilker Metro Park, as well as NW Pool and NW Pony Fields.
- In FY'16, the Grounds Maintenance Division purchased an additional 50 recycling receptacles at a cost of approximately \$20,000 (not including installation costs)
These receptacles will be placed at Krieg and Havins ballfields, and metro parks.



Progress Update

- Proposed FY'17 Budget additions (Unmet Service Demands)

Item #18: Grounds Maintenance - Recycling in the Parks (Priority Need #26) Requesting 6 FTEs (FTE Budget Request \$340,462), plus a one-time capital cost of \$150,000 for a total of \$490,462

- Remaining parks to be transitioned in as funding allows (containers, signage, custodial equipment)
- Athletic complexes, aquatic facilities, and golf courses to be added as funding allows

Next Steps

- Continue identifying grant funding and partnership opportunities with local organizations to purchase appropriate containers
- Continue partnering with ARR to develop and implement recycling plans for high use facilities
- Adopt consistent branding for public space recycling: “Recycle On the Go” currently used downtown



Questions & Answers

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