

# Object Designations

## Line Item Title and Description

### Personnel

5001.001	<b>Regular Employees:</b> Provides compensation for full- or part-time, regular employees.
5001.002	<b>Design Salaries &amp; Wages:</b> Provides compensation for work performed on capital improvement projects in the design phase.
5001.003	<b>Construction Salaries &amp; Wages:</b> Provides compensation for work performed on capital improvement projects in the construction phase.
5001.005	<b>Stand-by Pay:</b> Provides compensation for regular employees on scheduled stand-by who may be called in to work in case of emergency.
5001.006	<b>Certificate Pay:</b> Provides compensation for designated certificates/licenses held by represented employees.
5002.001	<b>Part-Time Employees:</b> Provides compensation for employees classified as part-time, temporary, or seasonal (PTS) employees.
5003.001	<b>Overtime:</b> Provides compensation for non-exempt employees who work over 40 hours in a workweek at one and one-half times their regular rate of pay.
5004.002	<b>Vacation Payout:</b> Compensates regular employees for unused vacation hours in excess of the maximum accrual.
5006.001	<b>Sick Leave Payout:</b> Eligible employees who have used minimal sick leave or have large balances may convert a portion of their sick leave to vacation or be cashed out at the end of each year.
5011.001	<b>Health and Welfare:</b> Provides medical, dental, and vision benefits for regular employees.
5011.002	<b>Life Insurance:</b> Provides employees City-paid benefit of life insurance.
5011.003	<b>Long-Term Disability Insurance:</b> Provides City-paid long-term disability insurance benefit to regular employees.
5011.004	<b>Medicare Expense:</b> All employees must contribute 1.45% and City to match.
5011.005	<b>Workers Compensation:</b> Provides City-paid benefits for work-related injuries or illness.
5011.006	<b>PERS:</b> Provides pension benefits for employees in the California Public Employees Retirement System.
5011.007	<b>Deferred Compensation:</b> Provides employees a deferred compensation retirement plan which may be employee-paid or city-paid for certain positions.
5011.008	<b>Unemployment Taxes:</b> Provides City-paid benefits for unemployment insurance.
5011.009	<b>Retiree Medical:</b> Provides health insurance benefits to retirees.
5011.010	<b>Supplemental Health:</b> Provides supplemental benefit dollars for employees whose health, vision, and/or dental premiums exceed a standard set amount.
5011.011	<b>EAP:</b> Provides City-paid employee assistance program to regular employees.

### Operations and Maintenance

5101.001	<b>Publications and Subscriptions:</b> Provides for publications and subscriptions.
5101.002	<b>Membership and Dues:</b> Provides membership fees and dues to professional organizations.
5101.003	<b>Office Supplies:</b> Provides for the purchase of office supplies.

- 5101.004**      **Printing:** Provides for outsource printing.
- 5101.005**      **Postage:** Provides for City mailing expenses.
- 5111.001**      **Special Supplies:** Provides special supplies specific to the department's need.
- 5111.002**      **Vehicle Fuel:** Provides for fuel for all City fleet vehicles.
- 5111.003**      **Uniforms-Non Employee:** Uniforms for recreation program activities.
- 5111.004**      **Janitorial Supplies:** Provides for building and structure service maintenance.
- 5111.005**      **Maintenance/Supplies:** Provides for the costs of maintenance and supplies for City's property and equipment.
- 5111.007**      **Small Tools:** Provides specialty tools and equipment under \$5,000.
- 5111.008**      **New Personnel Computers:** Provides for new employees' desktop.
- 5111.009**      **Computer Software Purchase:** Provides for the procurement of computer software.
- 5111.010**      **Striping Supplies:** Striping materials for streets use.
- 5111.011**      **Asphalt Supplies:** Asphalt materials for streets use.
- 5111.012**      **Concrete:** Concrete materials for streets use.
- 5111.020**      **Books and Materials:** Provides for library books and materials.
- 5121.001**      **Rents/Leases:** Provides for rental or leases of buildings and structures required for City use.
- 5121.002**      **Rental Office:** Provides for rental of office building for City program use.
- 5121.003**      **Equipment Rental:** Provides for rental of equipment not owned by the City.
- 5131.001**      **Electric Utility:** Provides for electric utilities.
- 5131.002**      **Gas Utility:** Provides for gas utilities.
- 5131.003**      **Telephone Utility:** Provides for telephone services.
- 5131.004**      **New Personnel VOIP Phone**
- 5131.005**      **Cellular Service:** Provides for cellular telephone services.
- 5131.006**      **Water Utility:** Provides for water service.
- 5141.001**      **Maintenance and Repairs:** Provides for maintenance and repairs.
- 5141.002**      **Street Maintenance Service:** Provides for maintenance services on streets.
- 5141.003**      **Street Sweeping Services:** Provides for City's street sweeping services.
- 5141.004**      **Bridge Maintenance:** Provides for bridge maintenance and repairs
- 5141.005**      **Curb & Sidewalk:** Provides for curb and sidewalk maintenance.
- 5141.006**      **Storm Drainage Repair:** Provides for storm drain repairs and maintenance.
- 5141.007**      **Traffic Signal Maintenance:** Provides for traffic signal maintenance and repairs.
- 5141.008**      **Traffic Signs & Markings:** Provides for traffic signs and marking supplies.
- 5151.001**      **Insurance Premium:** Provides for general and liability insurance payments.
- 5151.002**      **Claims Payment:** Provides for investigations, legal costs, and settlement of claims or liability.
- 5151.003**      **Employee Safety:** Provides for first aid supplies and urgent care services.
- 5161.002**      **Professional Services:** Provides for professional services/retainers.
- 5161.003**      **Annexation Services:** Provides expenditures relating to annexations to the City.
- 5161.004**      **Advertising:** Provides for advertising and legal notices of various City activities.
- 5161.005**      **Promotion and Publicity:** Provides for the expense of community events and the publicity of the City.

- 5161.007      **Hazardous Waste Collection:** Provides for household hazardous waste collection program.
- 5161.008      **Graphic Design Service:** Provides for outside graphic design services for programs and events.
- 5161.010      **Landscape Services:** Provides for landscape services and maintenance upkeep.
- 5161.011      **Weed & Pest Control:** Provides for weed and pest control.
- 5161.012      **Tree Trimming:** Provides for tree trimming related expenditures.
- 5161.013      **Reserve Projects Expenditures:** Provides for landscape maintenance projects.
- 5161.014      **Inspections:** Provides for landscape inspection services.
- 5161.016      **Local Bus:** Provides for local route bus services.
- 5161.017      **Dial-A-Ride:** Provides for bus services to elderly and disabled residents
- 5161.018      **Commuter Services:** Provides for bus services to and from downtown LA.
- 5161.019      **Contract Administration Fees:** Provides for services provided to Metrolink commuters.
- 5161.020      **Expedited Contract Services:** Provides for expedited permitting.
- 5161.023      **Landscape Maintenance/Supplies:** Provides for landscape maintenance and supplies.
- 5161.024      **Business Sponsorship:** Provides for expenditures related to business retention and sponsorship.
- 5161.025      **Property Damage:** Provides for reimbursable damages caused by a third party.
- 5161.027      **Ground Water Discharging:** Provides for services related to the drainage benefit areas.
- 5161.028      **Water Monitoring:** Provides for services related to wireless monitoring of weather-based irrigation controllers.
- 5161.050      **General Law:** Provides for law enforcement services.
- 5161.051      **Community SVC Officers:** Provides for Community Service Officers.
- 5161.053      **Crime Prevention:** Provides for crime prevention services, programs, and equipment for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
- 5161.100      **Legal Services:** Provides for legal and other related services.
- 5171.001      **Community Services Grants:** Provides for grants to eligible applicants.
- 5171.007      **Rewards Program:** Provides for monetary rewards for reporting graffiti incidents.
- 5171.008      **Special Events:** Provides for law enforcement on special events.
- 5171.009      **State of the City:** Provides for print materials and rentals related to this annual City event.
- 5171.010      **Film Incentives:** Provides incentives to production companies that film within the City.
- 5181.002      **Direct Cost Allocation:** Provides for allocation of administrative costs to all LMD zones.
- 5183.001      **Depreciation Expense:** Annual cost of use of capital assets allocated over the period of its useful life.
- 5185.003      **Taxes/Licenses/Fees:** Provides for taxes, licenses and fees paid to the County.
- 5185.005      **Open Space Exp.** Provides for expenditures relating to open space programs.
- 5191.001      **Travel and Training:** Provides for all travel, conference, meeting and training sessions generally requested by the City and taken on City time.
- 5191.002      **Relocation:** Provides for relocation expenses incurred in moving.
- 5191.003      **Education Reimbursement:** Provides for education reimbursement for employee development related to the improvement of the position. Generally requested by employee and taken on own time. Requires prior approval.
- 5191.004      **Automobile Allowance/Mileage:** Provides for monthly automobile allowance and mileage reimbursement incurred in use of personal vehicle on City business.
- 5191.005      **Reg 15 Incentives Program:** Rideshare incentive program.

- 5191.006 **Employees' Uniforms:** Provides clothing and equipment required primarily by field personnel.
- 5211.001 **Computer Replacement:** Provides annual replacement of computer equipment.
- 5211.002 **Vehicle Replacement:** Provides annual vehicle replacements.
- 5211.003 **Equipment Replacement:** Provides for annual equipment replacements.
- 5211.004 **Insurance Allocation:** Provides for annual insurance allocation.
- 5401.001 **Contingency:** Provides operating contingency funds appropriated at budget time for the City Council to access for unanticipated items or events during the course of the fiscal year.
- 5401.008 **Other Financing Uses:** Provides contribution to support Santa Clarita Valley Television.

**Capital Outlay**

- 5201.001 **Furniture and Fixtures:** Provides for the purchase of office furniture and fixtures for City buildings and structures.
- 5201.002 **Equipment:** Provides for the purchase of equipment for use by City employees at City buildings, structures and locations.
- 5201.003 **Automotive Equipment:** Provides for the purchase of all types of automotive equipment operated for the transportation of people or things.
- 5201.004 **Land:** Provides for the acquisition of land for City use or for open space preservation.
- 5201.005 **Buildings and Structures:** Provides for the acquisition of buildings and structures and other improvements to the structures already erected or assembled in place.
- 5201.006 **Building Improvements:** Provides for repairs, improvements and alterations to the buildings and structures.
- 5201.008 **Improvements Other Than Building:** Provides for acquisitions of, or the construction, alterations or other improvements to other than buildings.
- 5201.009 **Right of Way:** For acquisition of right of ways.
- 5201.010 **Infrastructure:** For City infrastructure improvements.
- 5201.011 **Library Buildings:** For City library facilities.
- 5201.012 **Library Building Improvements:** For improvements and alterations to library buildings.
- 5201.013 **Library Furniture and Equipment:** Provides for the acquisition of library furniture, fixtures and equipments.

# Glossary of Terms

**Appropriation** – An authorization by the City Council to make expenditures and to incur obligations for a specific purpose within a specific time frame.

**Assessed Valuation** - A dollar value placed on real estate or other property by Los Angeles County as a basis for levying property taxes.

**Audit** - A view of the City's accounts by an independent auditing firm to substantiate fiscal year-end fund, salaries, reserves and cash on hand.

**Beginning/Ending (Unappropriated) Fund Balance** - Unencumbered resources available in a fund from the prior/current fiscal year after payment of the prior/current fiscal year's expenditures. This is not necessarily cash on hand.

**Bond** - A City may raise capital by issuing a written promise to pay a specific sum of money, called the face value or principal amount, at a specific date or dates in the future, together with periodic interest at a special rate.

**Budget** - A fiscal plan of financial operation listing an estimate of proposed appropriations or expenditures and the proposed means of financing them for a particular time period. The budget is proposed until it has been approved by the City Council. Santa Clarita's annual budget encompasses one fiscal year (July 1 through June 30.)

**Capital Improvement** - A permanent addition to the City's assets, including the design, construction, or purchase of land, buildings, or facilities, or major renovations of same.

**Capital Improvement Program (CIP)** - A financial plan of proposed capital improvement projects with single and multiple-year capital expenditures and/or expenses. The Capital Improvement Program plans for five years and is updated annually.

**Capital Project Categories** - Each Capital Project included in the budget and CIP is placed in one of eight categories based on the nature of the improvement. The eight categories and their general definitions are:

1. Beautification & Landscaping - These projects involve some aspect of the aesthetics of the community. Many include landscaping.
2. Circulation - These projects improve the efficiency and safety of the roadway systems.
3. Emergency - These projects provide repair or restoration of infrastructure or structural damage caused by natural disasters.
4. Facilities & Buildings - These projects will provide new City facilities or significant improvements to existing facilities.
5. Maintenance - These projects are larger scale ongoing maintenance efforts that result in a lengthened service life of infrastructure and upgrades to more state-of-the-art equipment/facilities.
6. Parks - These projects involve acquisition and development of active and passive City park lands.
7. Resource Management & Conservation - These projects provide facilities to assist the citizens and businesses in the City to conserve natural resources and to enhance the sustainability of the community and region.
8. Streets & Bridges - These projects provide enhancements to the street and bridge infrastructure in the City. Projects include road widening, realignments, bridge barrier retrofits, etc.
9. Trails & Transit - The projects in this category provide “multi-modal” transportation opportunities within the community. Projects include trails, access ramps, sidewalks, bus facilities, etc.

**Capital Outlay** - A budget appropriation category which budgets all equipment having a unit cost of \$5,000 or more and an estimated useful life of two or more years.

**Capital Projects** - Physical structural improvements with a cost of \$25,000 or more and a useful life of one year or more. Examples include a new park, building modifications, or road construction.

**City Manager's Transmittal Letter** - A general discussion of the approved budget 5-Year CIP. The letter contains an explanation of principal budget and CIP items and summaries.

**Debt Service** - Payment of the principal and interest on an obligation resulting from the issuance of bonds, notes, or Certificates of Participation (COP's).

**Debt Service Requirements** - The amount of money required to pay interest on outstanding debt and required contributions to accumulate monies for future retirement of term bonds.

**Deficit** - An excess of expenditures or expenses over revenues (resources).

**Department** - It is the basic unit of service responsibility encompassing a broad array of related activities.

**Division** - A subsection (or activity) within a department which furthers the objectives of the City Council by providing specific services.

**Encumbrances** - A legal obligation to pay funds, the expenditure of which has not yet occurred. They cease to be encumbrances when the obligations are paid or otherwise terminated.

**Expenditure** - The actual spending of funds set aside by an appropriation.

**Expense** - The actual spending of funds set aside by an appropriation.

**Fiscal Year** - A twelve-month period of time to which a budget applies. In Santa Clarita, it is July 1 through June 30.

**Fund** - An independent fiscal and accounting entity used to record all financial transactions related to the specific purpose for which the fund was created.

**Fund Balance** - The amount of financial resources available for use. Generally, this represents the detail of all the annual operating surpluses and deficits since the fund's inception.

**General Fund** - The primary fund of the City used to account for all revenues and expenditures of the City not legally restricted as to use. This fund is used to offset the cost of the City's general operations. All revenues which do not have to be placed in a separate fund are deposited in the general fund. All expenditures must be made pursuant to appropriations which lapse annually and at the end of the fiscal year.

**General Obligation Bond** - Bonds used for various purposes and repaid by the regular (usually via the General Fund) revenue raising powers of the City.

**Grant** - Contributions, gifts of cash, or other assets from another governmental entity to be used or expended for a specific purpose, activity, or facility. An example is the Community Development Block Grant provided by the Federal Government.

**Interfund Transfers** - Monies transferred from one fund to another. Such money is transferred to finance the operations of another fund or to reimburse the fund for certain expenditures.

**Internal Service Fund** - An Internal Service Fund provides services to other City departments and bills the various other funds for services rendered, just as would private business.

**Materials, Supplies, and Services** - Expenditures for materials, supplies, and services which are ordinarily consumed within a fiscal year and which are not included in departmental inventories.

**Municipal Code** - A book that contains the City Council approved ordinances currently in effect. The Code defines City policy with respect to areas such as planning, etc.



**Objectives** - The expected results or achievements of a budget activity.

**Operating Budget** - Annual appropriation of funds for ongoing program costs, including salaries and benefits, services and supplies, debt service, capital outlay and capital improvements.

**Operations and Maintenance** - A section of the budget that addresses all the programs and day-to-day operating costs associated with the day-to-day operations of a division or a department.

**Ordinance** - A formal legislative enactment by the City Council. It has the full force and effect of law within City boundaries unless pre-empted by a higher form of law. An Ordinance has a higher legal standing than a Resolution.

**Priority Unfunded** - This “funding source” is utilized in the CIP to identify key projects that are planned but for which specific funding allocations and sources have not been identified.

**Prior Year Actuals** - This column in the CIP is used to identify those monies expended during the course of the project prior to the current fiscal year. It becomes part of the “total” column for easy identification of total project costs.

**Reimbursement** - Payment of amount remitted on behalf of another party, department, or fund.

**Reserve** - An account used to record a portion of the fund balance as legally segregated for a specific use.

**Resolution** - A special order of the City Council which has a lower legal standing than an ordinance.

**Revenues** - Amount received for taxes, fees, permits, licenses, interest, intergovernmental sources, and other sources during the fiscal year.

**Revenue Bonds** - A type of bonds usually issued to construct facilities. The bonds are repaid from the revenue produced by the operation of these facilities.

**Salaries and Benefits** - A budget category which generally accounts for full-time and part-time employees, overtime expenses, and all employee benefits, such as medical, dental, and retirement.

**Special Revenue Funds** - This fund type collects revenues that are restricted by the City, State, or Federal Government as to how the City might spend them.

**Unfunded Projects** - This section of the CIP contains a listing of capital needs that have been identified but for which funding has not been identified.

# REVENUES

The City of Santa Clarita provides many services to its residents such as Police, Fire, Park and Recreation, Library Services, etc. These services are not without a cost to the taxpayer. It is the task of City officials to produce the necessary revenue to satisfy the ever-growing demand for local services.

The City of Santa Clarita receives revenue from many sources to offset the costs of its operations. Revenue is received from sales taxes, property taxes, and many other sources. For each fiscal year, the City's revenues are estimated. This section will describe the 47 major revenue sources available to the City. The budget summaries will provide a more detailed breakdown of all revenues. Major revenue sources are as follows:

1. Sales and Use Tax - Sales and use tax is imposed on retailers for the privilege of selling, at retail, within the City limits. This tax is based on the sales price of any taxable transaction of tangible personal property. The Bradley-Burns Uniform Local Sales and Use Tax Law, adopted in 1955, extend the authority to impose local sales tax to counties. One percentage point of the sales tax collected by the State Board of Equalization is allocated back to the City for general purposes.
2. Property Tax - Property tax is imposed on real property (land and permanently attached improvements, such as buildings) and tangible personal property located within the City. The tax comprises one percent of the assessed value of the property.
3. Highway Encroachment Permits - These fees are collected under the provisions of the City's Highways Permit Ordinance and defray the cost of services for processing, plan review, and inspection services of construction and/or encroachment within City streets. Types of projects would include new driveways, utility service cuts, bus benches, newspaper racks, movie company productions, parades, etc.
4. Interest - Interest income is earned as the City invests its idle funds in various investment media. The goal of the City's investment is to protect each investment while achieving the highest rate of return. The City Treasurer (Director of Administrative Services) handles the City's investment portfolio.
5. Motor Vehicle In-Lieu - Motor Vehicle In-Lieu is a state vehicle license fee imposed on motorists for the privilege of operating a motor vehicle on the public highways. This fee is two percent of the depreciated interest value of all motor vehicles and is imposed "in-lieu" of a local property tax.
6. Community Development Block Grant - The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program was designed by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to revitalize low and moderate income areas within a city. The CDBG monies are restricted by specific provisions.
7. Real Property Transfer Tax - One-half of the deed transfer tax collected by the County Recorder is remitted to the City. The tax is levied at the rate of \$.55 per \$500 of the face value of the deed.
8. Transient Occupancy Tax - The Transient Occupancy Tax is 10 percent of the cost of a hotel room tax imposed on "transients" who occupy a room or rooms in a hotel, inn, motel, tourist home, or other lodging facility within the City's limits.
9. State Gas Tax - The State Gas Tax is derived from State of California on gasoline purchases and is allocated, on a share basis, to cities. The Gas Tax revenues are restricted to the construction, improvements and maintenance of public streets.
10. Business License Tax - The Business License Tax is imposed for the privilege of conducting business within the City. This is presently collected by Los Angeles County and redistributed to Santa Clarita.
11. Building Permits - The City requires that building permits be obtained to ensure that structures meet specific standards. The City requires various construction permits for activities such as the installation of electric, plumbing and sewage facilities. The City charges a fee for issuing these permits in order to recover only the costs incurred.
12. Code Fines - Fines for traffic violations, both moving and parking, are remitted to the City in which the violations occurred. This revenue includes monies collected by the courts for tickets written by the California Highway Patrol. Actual allocation of revenue is distributed by the courts.



13. Franchise Tax - The Franchise Fee is imposed on various utilities and organizations which permit them to use and operate those facilities within the City.
14. Subdivision Maps/Improvements - These fees are collected under the provisions of the City's Subdivision Ordinance tentative map approval from the Planning Commission. The fees cover processing plan review and inspection services for tract and parcel maps and street, sewer and storm drain improvements plans.
15. Certificate of Compliance Fees - These are fees collected to defray the cost of processing and recording a certificate or conditional certificate of compliance. The certificate affirms the City's approval that lots which were not shown on an approved tract, parcel map or record of survey are legal lots and may be sold, leased or financed provided certain development standards are followed.
16. Building and Safety Fees - These are fees collected under the provisions of the City's Building, Plumbing and Mechanical and Electrical Codes. These fees are paid by builders, developers and homeowners and defray the cost of services for processing, plan review and inspection of buildings, grading, swimming pools, patios, etc.
17. Animal Licenses - Provides for the fees paid to the City generated from the sale of animal licenses and violations from the Los Angeles County Department of Animal Care and Control.
18. Court Fines, Forfeitures and Penalties - Represents amounts received for fines in violation of City ordinances or penal code violations. Remittances are collected by the County and forwarded to the City.
19. Rental of City Hall Space - This account provides for amounts received from the rental of City Hall office space.
20. Library Property Tax - property tax revenues allocated to the City to maintain library services within the City. Library property tax revenues do not go into the General Fund and are restricted per California State Law to strictly be used for library services.

### Revenue from Other Agencies

21. State Trailer Coach In-Lieu Tax - Provides for amounts received from the State-collected In-Lieu taxes on trailer coaches.

22. Off-Highway License Tax - Provides for amounts received from the State-collected In-Lieu taxes on off-highway vehicles.

### Charges for Current Services

23. Variance Application Fees - A fee is paid for an application to vary from the standards of the Zoning Ordinance requirements.
24. Sales of Maps and Publications - Provides for the receipt of fees for the sale of various maps, publications and photocopies.
25. Industrial Waste Inspection Fees - Provides for the receipt of funds for industrial waste inspections by the County.
26. Parks and Recreation Use Fees - Fees collected from use of parks and participation in recreation activities.

### Other Revenues

27. Risk Management Claims Reimbursement - Monies received by City for reimbursement on insurance claims, accidents, recovery and other settlements.
28. Miscellaneous Revenues - This account provides for the fees collected for miscellaneous services, i.e., photocopying documents.
29. Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) - These federal funds are derived from the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTEA) of 1991. The funds are placed on reserve with the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA). The funds are allocated to the City for a variety of infrastructure improvement projects. The expenditure of these funds must be approved in advance by Caltrans and must be included in the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP). Note: This funding program replaced the Federal Aid Urban (FAU) program.
30. MTA Grants - The Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has been assigned the task of managing and allocating several state and federal funding programs. Cities and counties submit grant applications and compete for the allocation of the funds administered by the MTA. Use of these funds is restricted to the projects for which grants were awarded.
31. State Transportation Development Act (TDA) - The State of California's Transportation Development Act provides state funding to

eligible transit system operators for operating and capital purposes. These revenues are derived from 3 cent of the six-cent retail sales tax collected state-wide. The 3 cent is returned by the State Board of Equalization to each county according to the amount of tax collected in that county. Funds received by the MTA include: TDA Article 3 which dedicates two percent of the funds for bicycle and pedestrian facilities; and TDA Article 8 which provides funding for transit and para-transit programs to fulfill unmet transit needs in areas outside the service area of MTA operations.

32. Proposition C - Los Angeles County voters approved an additional ½ cent sales tax for transportation related to Security, Commuter Rail & Transit Centers, Local Return, Transit on Highway, and Discretionary.
33. Proposition C Grants - Los Angeles County voters approved an additional ½ cent sales tax for transportation projects. These funds are distributed through a competitive grant program administered by the Los Angeles County MTA.
34. Proposition A/Safe Park Entitlement - Project Specific - The Safe Park Bond Act was passed by the voters of Los Angeles County in November 1992. Specific projects were identified and funded by the approval of the Bond Act.
35. Proposition A/Safe Park Entitlement - The Safe Park Bond Act was passed by the voters of Los Angeles County in November of 1992. Entitlement funds are distributed to cities on a per capita basis.
36. Proposition A/Safe Park Grants - This revenue funding source was created pursuant to the passage of the Safe Park Bond Act of 1992, which allowed provisions for a funding distribution on a competitive grant application basis. Cities within Los Angeles County are eligible to participate in the grant application process.
37. Proposition A - The funding from Proposition A was approved by voters in 1980. Money allocated comes from a ½ cent sales tax and is distributed on a per capita basis. The funds must be used for transit projects.
38. Habitat Conservation Fund - Proposition 117 Habitat Conservation Fund was passed by the voters in 1989. Competitive grant funds in various categories are available through July 1, 2020.
39. Public Facilities Bond Act - The City issued Public Facilities Bonds to raise funds for the installation of public infrastructure. These funds

must be spent/allocated by a specific date and must be used for infrastructure improvements of some kind.

40. Caltrans - Funds received from the State of California Department of Transportation are related to specific projects for which the City is contracting its services to Caltrans.
41. Developer - These funds are collected by the City through conditions placed on development projects and through developer agreements. Funds collected in this manner are reserved for providing improvements that mitigate the impacts of the development on existing infrastructure as well as for providing needed new infrastructure. This designation is also utilized to identify funding that has been received as a reimbursement from a developer or another public agency for expenditures incurred on their behalf.
42. Hazard Mitigation - The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides funds to local governments to eliminate or reduce the long-term risk to human life and property from natural and technological hazards. This program goes into effect when the President of the United States signs a major disaster declaration, which occurred after the January 17, 1994 Northridge earthquake. The City must compete for these grants, and the funds must be used to fund the projects for which the grants were applied.
43. Bridge & Thoroughfare Districts - This funding mechanism was established to gather monies to construct specific roadway improvements necessitated by development of residential, commercial, and/or industrial projects. B&T funds can only be used to construct projects specified in the Engineer's Reports that established the districts.
44. Proposition 40 – 2002 Resources Bond – On March 5, 2002, voters passed Proposition 40, the 2.6 billion dollar “California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks, and Coastal Protection Act of 2002”. The passage of Proposition 40 provided funds for local assistance grants.

Per Capita Grant Program – intended to maintain a high quality of life for California’s growing population by providing a continuing investment in parks and recreational facilities.

Roberti-Z’Berg-Harris Block Grant Program – intended to meet the urgent need for safe, open, and accessible local parks and recreational facilities for increased recreational opportunities that provide positive alternatives to social

problems. Funds are allocated on a population-based formula.

45. Proposition C – Municipal Operator Improvement Program (MOSIP) – Adopted by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Bus Operators Subcommittee on April 26, 2001, and funded by Proposition C. MOSIP was developed in response to pending state legislation (AB2643) to improve municipal operator service countywide. This program will provide annual allocations to the City over a five year period beginning in fiscal year 2001-02. Use of these funds is restricted to benefit the Transit program. This program was extended until fiscal year 08-09. After 08-09, this program will be on a year-to-year basis.
  
46. Measure R - Los Angeles County voters approved an additional half-cent sales tax for comprehensive transportation improvements effective July 1, 2009. Measure R includes a 15% local return component that is allocated to cities based on population and 20% for bus operations that is allocated by a formula allocation procedure.
  
47. American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009—ARRA was signed into law on February 17, 2009, to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery. ARRA funds invest in many programs including infrastructures, energy efficiency, housing assistance and public safety. Funds consist of both guaranteed allocations and competitive grants.

# FUND DESCRIPTIONS

The basic accounting and reporting entity for the City is a fund. A fund is "an independent fiscal and accounting entity used to record all financial transactions related to the specific purpose for which the fund was created." Funds are established for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The various funds are grouped in fund types and categories as follows:

## **Governmental Funds**

1. ***General Fund*** - The General Fund is used to account for the general operations of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
2. ***Special Revenue Funds*** - These funds are used to account for proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.
3. ***Debt Service/General Government*** - These funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term principal and interest.
4. ***Capital Projects Funds*** - These funds account for financial resources used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

**Bikeway** - To account for monies received from the State of California restricted for bicycle and pedestrian facilities available under Article 3 of Transportation Development Act (SB821).

**Bridge and Thoroughfare (B&T)** - To account for monies received from developers for street and highway construction through bridge and thoroughfare districts.

**Community Development Block Grant Funds** - This fund is used to account for monies received and expended by the City as a participant in the Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

**Developer Fees** - To account for monies received from developers for street improvements.

**Gas Tax Fund** - This fund is used to account for monies received and expended from the State Gas

Tax allocation. These monies are specified for work on street projects within the City.

**Landscape Maintenance District** - The City's Landscape Maintenance District (LMD) operation is supported through special benefit assessments levied on individual parcels authorized by the Landscape and Lighting Act of 1972. There are currently fifty-nine financially separate LMD zones which are administered by the City. LMD funds support reoccurring costs associated with the maintenance of landscape, hardscape and ornamental improvements, as well as utility costs such as water and electricity. As provided for by the Landscape and Lighting Act, LMD funds may also be used for the construction and/or installation of capital improvements including but not limited to pedestrian bridges, monumental signage, decorative lighting, park play equipment and irrigation infrastructure.

**Open Space Preservation District** - Creation of the Open Space Preservation District (District) was approved by the property owners of the City of Santa Clarita (City) in July of 2007. The primary objective of the District is to facilitate the purchase and preservation of undeveloped land in and around the City. The District's operations are supported through special benefit assessments levied on individual parcels authorized by the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972. This assessment will sunset after 30 years in 2037.

**Park Dedication** - To account for monies received from developers restricted to fund the acquisition and development of new parkland space.

**Proposition A** - To account for monies received through the one-half cent sales tax levied within the County of Los Angeles restricted to fund transit-related projects.

**Public Library Fund** - This fund is used to account for monies received through property tax revenues for public library acquisitions and maintenance of library services within the City.

**State Park** - To account for grant monies received from the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation for construction or improvement of parklands within the City.

**Tourism Marketing District** - These assessment fees are dedicated to support the programs, activities, and services to promote the City and hotels as a tourist destination. To help fund this program, each business in the Tourism Marketing Benefit Zone shall pay an

assessment of 2% of total room rents charged and received from transient hotel guests who do not make the hotel their principal place of residence.

**Traffic Safety** - To account for monies received from vehicle code fines. This fund is used to finance law enforcement expenditures.

### **Proprietary Funds**

**Enterprise Fund** – These funds accounts for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of City Council is that the costs and expenses, including depreciation and amortization, of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**Internal Service Funds** – These funds accounts for activities involved in rendering services to departments within the City. Costs of materials and services used are accumulated in these funds and are charged to the user departments as such goods are delivered or services rendered.

### **Fiduciary Funds**

**Agency Funds** – These accounts for assets held by the City as an agent on behalf of others.

