

Vision and Goals and Priorities

Wheat Ridge Vision 2025

Wheat Ridge is a Beautiful City and a Community for Families.

Wheat Ridge has Great Neighborhoods,

Vibrant Activity Centers and Multi-Modal Transportation.

Wheat Ridge Residents Enjoy an Active, Healthy Life Style,

And Hometown Feeling and Pride.

Wheat Ridge – A Great Place to Live!



City of Wheat Ridge Five-Year Goals

Economically Viable Commercial Areas



Funded priorities for 2014 are listed on page 2 of the Budget Message.

Financially Sound City Providing Exceptional Service



Funded priorities for 2014 are listed on page 3 of the Budget Message.

Choice of Desirable Neighborhoods



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More Attractive Wheat Ridge



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2013/2014 Action Agenda

High Priorities

Revenue Enhancement
Ten-year Infrastructure Plan
Clear Creek Crossing Development Agreement
Community/Neighborhood Building
38th Avenue Corridor Implementation

Medium Priorities

Multi-modal Transportation Plan
Applewood Shopping Center Revitalization
Targeted Commercial/Housing Incentive Policies
Aging Population Needs Assessment and Plan
38th Avenue and Wadsworth Redevelopment
Diverse Housing Plan

The High and Medium priorities in the Action Agenda above are developed in cooperation with staff and City Council annually. Each of these items are reviewed quarterly by the City Council to provide updates and to monitor the status of each priority.

Budgeting for Priorities

The City of Wheat Ridge completed its second year of incorporating a priority-based approach in the annual budget process. Priority Based Budgeting is a resource alignment tool and prioritization methodology that the City has adopted to measure the City's financial health and wellness. Based on the City Council Strategic Plan, and the priority-based budgeting work underway, each department highlights the following information tied to the strategic vision of the City:

- **2014 Budget Priorities** – provides a highlight of the overall departmental priorities for the year linked to the City Council's Strategic Goals.
- **Core Businesses** – provides a breakdown of the Department, Division, Unit or program core functions and services.
- **2013 Strategic Accomplishments** – highlights what was accomplished in the previous budget year based on the City Council's Strategic Goals.
- **2014 Strategic Priorities** – highlights the goals for the year ahead based on the City Council's Strategic Goals.

Priority-Based Budgeting Process

Employees throughout the organization participate in the Priority Based Budgeting process to further align City resources with the results desired. The steps in this process include:

Determine Results
Define Results
Identify Programs and Services
Score Programs Based on their Influence on Achieving Results
Prioritize Programs

Priority Results

Safe Community
Economic Vitality
Desirable, Diverse and Connected Neighborhoods
Healthy, Attractive and Well-Maintained Community
Effective Transportation and Mobility Options
Good Governance



