

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 Commercial Centers and Multi-Modal Transportation and is
Committed to Environmental Stewardship.

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



Financially Sound City Providing Exceptional Service



Choice of Desirable Neighborhoods



More Attractive Wheat Ridge

Funded priorities for 2015 are listed on pages 2 and 3 of the Budget Message.

2014/2015 Action Agenda

High Priorities

Revenue Enhancement
Engage Development/Redevelopment Opportunities
Community/Neighborhood Building
38th Avenue Corridor Implementation
Code Enforcement
Multi-modal Transportation
Targeted Housing Incentive Policies

The priorities in the Action Agenda above are developed in cooperation with staff and City Council annually. Each of these items is 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:

- **2015 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.
- **2014 Strategic Accomplishments** – highlights what was accomplished in the previous budget year based on the City Council’s Strategic Goals.
- **2015 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*



