

CITY OF BUCKEYE FINANCE

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Executive Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an annual report of the activities of the City of Buckeye (City) Grant Team. This report describes grants, as well as the steps involved in pursuing, winning, implementing, and managing a grant. The City's strategic plan has a specific focus area of fiscal responsibility in which the City aspires to implement innovative and responsible policies and business practices to effectively manage its fiscal and human resources. The Grant Team directly contributes to this strategic plan effort. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, the Grant Team submitted 79 applications totaling over \$144 million. During FY24, the City was awarded 42 grants totaling over \$10.8 million. The awarded grants require on-going governmental reporting in which the Grant Team submitted a total of 288 reports in FY 2024.

Since inception, the Grant Team has successfully been awarded 67 grants out of 82 submissions, accounting for over \$15.8 million. This equates to an 82% success ratio. Heading into FY 2025, as of July 1, 2024, there were 51 pending grant applications totaling over \$55.9 million. The Grant Team would like to thank the numerous people from various departments who participated and helped make this happen!

The chart below depicts the FY 2024 grant awards by department.

Grants Awarded in FY 2024		
Department	Grant Amount Awarded	# of Grants
Airport	\$1,974,183.00	1
Community Services	\$659,053.00	3
Engineering	\$600,000.00	1
Fire	\$581,321.36	7
Library	\$4,779.00	1
Police	\$3,301,265.00	22
Public Safety	\$605,334.00	1
Public Works	\$733,550.00	4
Water	\$2,350,000.00	2
Total	\$10,809,485.36	42



Steps in the Grant Process

1. Identify Project - collaborate with Depts. (interchangeable with Identify Funding)
2. Identify Funding (interchangeable with Identify Project)
3. Read and Abstract Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)
4. Read NOFO again
5. Research, Research, and more Research
6. Write the Proposal
7. Develop the Budget
8. Compile Proposal Documents
9. Circulate to stakeholders for read-through
10. Submit Proposal
11. Present to Council if request is over \$250k or if there are City match funds required
12. Receive award notification
13. Grant Agreement review by Grant Team
14. Grant Agreement review by Legal Team
15. Present to Council for approval
16. Execute Contract
17. Creation of General Ledger Accounts and Budget Transfers (if necessary)
18. Coordinate with stakeholders on next steps to include compliance and specific performance requirements
19. Track expenditures
20. Request Reimbursements
21. Manage Timelines
22. Financial and Performance Report Submission (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually)
23. Reconcile Grant Expenses to Grant Revenues & Grant Receivables to Grant Receipts
24. Final Closeout Report Submission

Meetings and Webinars Attended in Fiscal Year 2024

Meetings & Webinars Attended in FY 2024

241

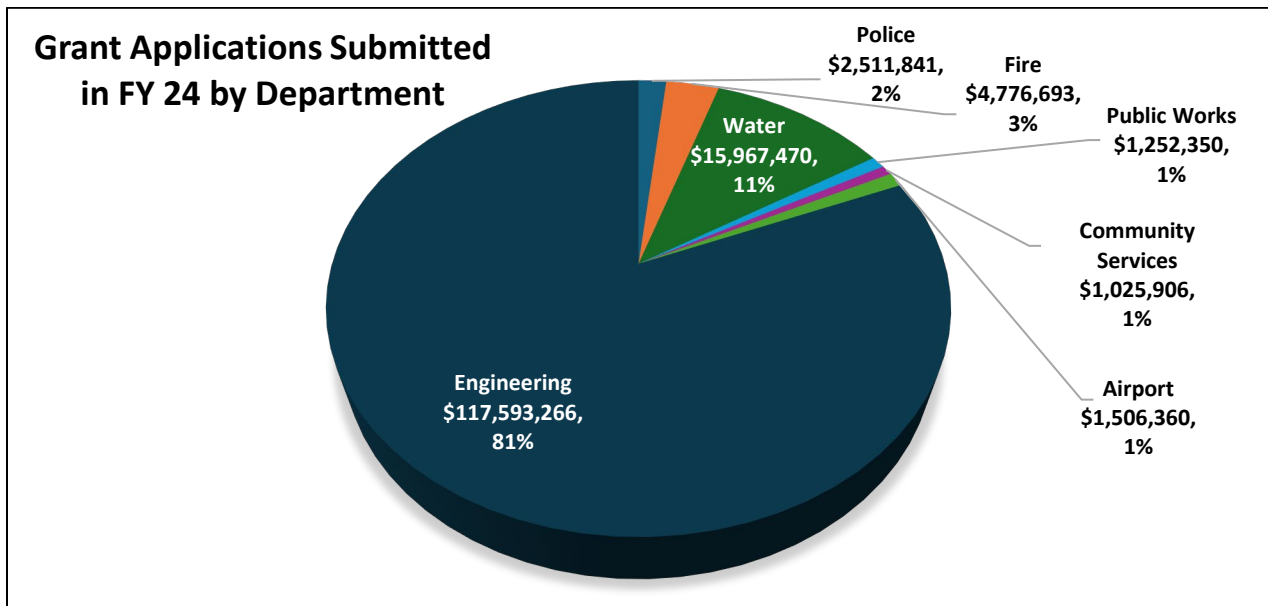


The Grant Team attended 241 meetings and webinars in FY 2024. These meetings are typically with other City Departments, but they may also include grantor agency meetings such as meetings held by the Arizona Department of Homeland Security for informational purposes. Other meetings require grant proposal presentations to the grantor agency's board of directors. Meetings with City Departments typically consist of collaboration on departmental needs, active grant updates and progress, budget preparations, and reporting requirements. Webinars that the Grant Team attended were mainly for informational purposes regarding the grantor's application process and rubric, their reporting requirements and instructions, and showcasing prior grantee projects. All the aforementioned meetings and webinars are crucial to the Grant Team's success not only in application writing and submission, but also in their grant management after the grant has been awarded.

Grant Applications Submitted in Fiscal Year 2024

Grant Applications Submitted in FY 2024		
Month	Amount Requested	# of Grants
Jul-23	\$824,640	3
Aug-23	\$281,613	3
Sep-23	\$46,921,941	6
Oct-23	\$32,265	1
Nov-23	\$1,129,045	4
Dec-23	\$0	0
Jan-24	\$236,357	1
Feb-24	\$66,724,255	17
Mar-24	\$18,918,260	16
Apr-24	\$5,679,615	6
May-24	\$1,011,208	8
Jun-24	\$2,874,687	14
Total	\$144,633,886	79

Grant Applications Submitted in FY 2024		
Department	Amount Requested	# of Grants
Airport	\$1,506,360	1
Community Services	\$1,025,906	5
Engineering	\$117,593,266	17
Fire	\$4,776,693	19
Library	\$0	0
Police	\$2,511,841	21
Public Safety	\$0	0
Public Works	\$1,252,350	6
Water	\$15,967,470	10
Total	\$144,633,886	79



- The Grant Team was extremely active in FY 2024, submitting 79 grant applications with a total combined grant amount requested of over \$144.6 million.
- Engineering Department grant proposals accounted for the highest total grant amount requested as the projects included Planning and Design, as well as Construction projects.
- Engineering projects submitted included the connection of Watson Road from MC 85 to Southern Ave., the connection of Rooks Road from Baseline Road to MC 85, the signalization of SR 85 at the intersections of Broadway Road, Southern Ave., and Baseline Road, a pedestrian bridge at Watson Road and Durango Street, and several non-vehicular multi-use paths throughout the City.
- The Water Department had the second highest total grant amount requested which included projects such as improvement upgrades to the Central Water Reclamation Facility, Valencia Water infrastructure upgrades, and a natural turf removal rebate program.
- As of June 30, 2024, there were 51 pending grant applications totaling \$55,932,607.

Pending Grant Applications as of June 30, 2024

Pending by Department	Grant Request	# of Grants
Airport	\$1,506,360.00	1
Community Services	\$995,357.00	4
Engineering	\$32,644,456.00	12
Fire	\$4,347,372.00	15
Police	\$1,351,592.00	14
Public Works	\$20,000.00	1
Water	\$15,067,470.00	4
Total	\$55,932,607.00	51

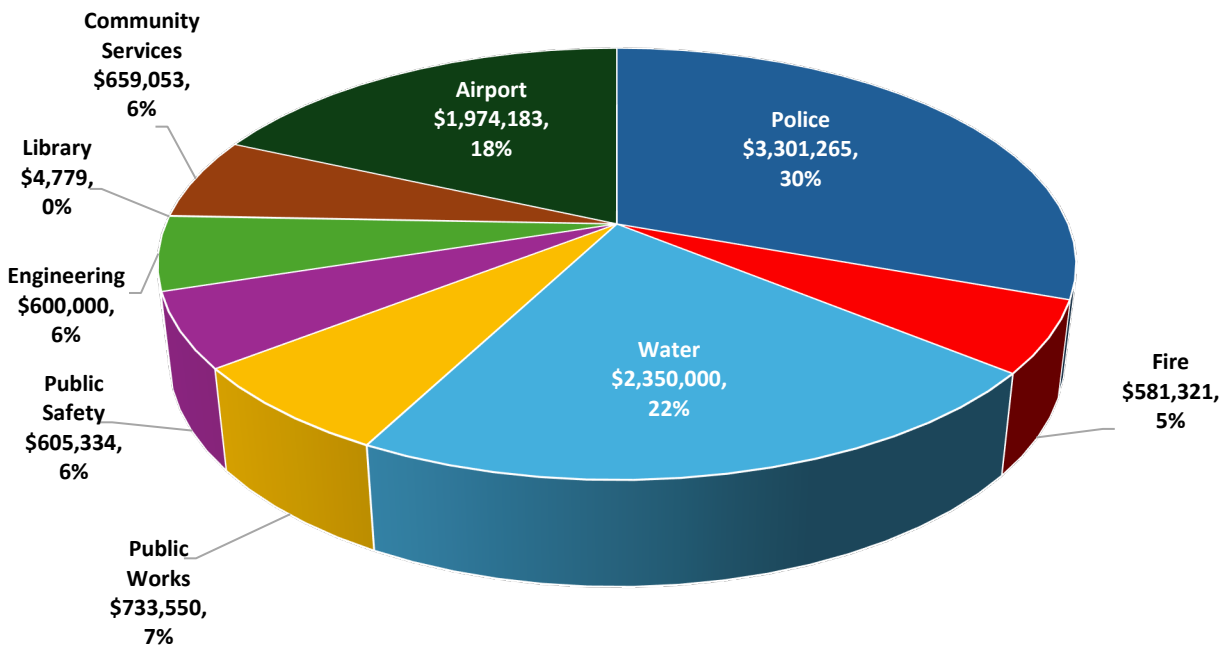


While the Grant Team has been hard at work and has experienced much success in FY 2024, looking ahead, as of June 30, 2024, there were still 51 pending grant applications in which the Grant Team is waiting for a response as to whether Buckeye was chosen as a grant recipient. The Grant Team is eager to improve their grant researching, writing, and managing strategies and is looking forward to seeing the growth of our great City and how grant funded items play a crucial role in that growth. The Grant Team is excited to add a "Grant Analyst" to their Team in FY 2025. This additional person will boost the Grant Team's capabilities to pursue more grants and ensure grant compliance is met. Stay tuned to see what new projects the Grant Team receives for the City!

Grants Awarded in Fiscal Year 2024

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FY 2024 Grant Amount Awarded by Department



Grants Awarded in FY 2024			
Grant Name	Department	Purpose	Grant Amount
Library SGIA	Library	Purchase of new library furniture	\$4,779
HIDTA - Tucson	Police	Funds 1 Investigative LEO's salary, benefits, and overtime for 1 year	\$152,643
Tohono O'odham	Fire	Extrication Equipment	\$55,000
GOHS	Fire	Extrication Equipment	\$51,000
Securing the Cities	Fire	Pass thru Maricopa County from US Dept HS personnel costs relating to nuclear and radiological training and response.	\$112,320
Securing the Cities	Police	Pass thru Maricopa County from US Dept HS personnel costs relating to nuclear and radiological training and response.	\$112,320
HIDTA - MCSO FY23	Police	Overtime cost reimbursement for supervisors, officers, and/or investigators	\$30,000
AZDOHS Hazmat Equipment (UASI)	Fire	Mercury meter, Meter maintenance, and CWA/TIC Meter	\$46,000
AZDOHS Hazardous Response (UASI)	Police	Purchase of 8 self-contained breathing apparatuses (SCBA)	\$45,208
COPS Hiring Grant	Police	Hire 4 new police officers	\$500,000
Byrne JAG FY 23 (ACJC)	Police	SWAT Body armor	\$12,413
Rural/Small Violent Crime Reduction	Police	Criminal Intelligence Analyst - FTE	\$299,720
FTA Bus Shelter - Library & Senior Center	Public Works	Maintenance	\$36,000
Project Safe Neighborhoods	Police	Youth gang diversion program	\$25,000
Capital Power	Public Works	LED lighting improvements	\$20,000
Safe Streets 4 All	Engineering	Safe Streets Action Plan: Contract to develop citywide transportation safety action plan	\$600,000
ADEQ Hazmat Supplies	Fire	OT ERE for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	\$1,691
The Jimmy Rice Center - Search & Rescue K9	Police	Acquisition of Bloodhound	\$10,000
NCHIP - ACJC Rapid DNA Grant	Police	Purchase Rapid DNA Equipment	\$327,900
Opioid Settlement	Police	Opioid Settlement Funds	\$605,334
Connect and Protect	Police	Funds another CIT team for 3 years	\$550,000
GOHS STEP	Police	OT ERE for Selective Traffic Enforcement Program	\$25,000
GOHS Bicycle	Police	Bicycle Helmet Traffic Cones O/T ERE	\$6,000

GOHS Accident Investigation	Police	Accident Investigation; Purchase of Vericom. Overtime ERE Supply	\$17,658
GOHS DUI	Police	DUI O/T ERE Supply Accuvein Cap	\$45,244
Firehouse Subs Grant	Fire	Level A Hazmat Suits & a pressure test kit	\$32,265
WIFA Turf Removal	Water	Natural Turf removal rebate program	\$100,000
USMS JLEO (MOU)	Police	U.S. Marshal Service	\$14,000
EECBG	Public Works	LED lighting voucher	\$137,550
AZ SCIP	Fire	Client management database and Community Wellness Manager for 2 years	\$283,045
ACE - Central Wastewater Facility	Water	Rehabilitation of Central Beloat WRF	\$2,250,000
GOHS - Click it or Ticket	Police	2-week seat belt enforcement period, late May to Early June	\$10,000
Anti-Human Trafficking Grant - DPS	Police	Anti-human Trafficking Software program (Traffic Jam) and Training	\$52,440
AZ 911	Police	Lease of equipment and software for police 911 emergency communications system	\$319,489
HIDTA - Tucson FY 24	Police	Funds 1 Investigative Sergeant's salary, benefits, plus overtime for 2 officers for a Federal Drug Task Force	\$152,643
Fentanyl Prosecution, Diversion, and Testing - DPS	Police	3 MX908 Handheld Field Drug Testing Devices & Supplies	\$243,587
Residential Curbside Recycling Cart Grant	Public Works	Purchase of recycling carts and recycling educational support	\$540,000
Arizona Office of Tourism - Prop 302	Community Service	FY 2025 Marketing Activities for Community Services	\$61,349
AAA - Area Agency on Agency	Community Service	Meals for Senior Citizens	\$360,000
CAP	Community Service	Low-income household assistance	\$237,704
UASI	Police	Purchase of new Bearcat	\$350,000
FAA Taxiway J Reconstruction	Airport	Taxiway J Reconstruction	\$1,974,183
FY 24 Total Awards			\$10,809,485
Inception to date Awards			\$15,877,372
Inception to date percent success ratio of Awarded versus Not Awarded			82% awarded success

FY 2024 Examples of Grant Funded Items



Department & Item: Police Bearcat

Purpose: In June 2024, the Buckeye Police Department was awarded \$350,000 for the purchase of a new Bearcat. A Bearcat is an armored vehicle that will be used for high-risk calls for services, such as SWAT calls. This new bearcat will replace BPD's current 2009 Bearcat as it is increasingly experiencing maintenance issues. BPD will retain the 2009 Bearcat as a backup to the new Bearcat. This new equipment will help BPD keep our community safe, protecting civilians and law enforcement.



Department & Item: Police Drug Detection Device

Purpose: The Buckeye Police Department was awarded \$243,587 from the Arizona Department of Public Safety for the purchase of 3 MX908s. The MX908 is a handheld mass spectrometer for real-time field-testing chemical detection and identification, utilized by first responders conducting chemical, explosive, HazMat, and priority drug operations. The MX908 is currently the only tool on the market that can quickly and effectively detect Fentanyl, and its reliability will help aid in court prosecutions.



Department & Item: Police AccuVein Unit

Purpose: Pictured is an AccuVein unit that will aid law enforcement in locating an individual's vein after they have been arrested for driving under the influence. The device is used on the individual's arm and will light up the individual's veins. Officers must draw blood to determine the individual's Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) levels, which also determines the type of crime in which the individual will be charged.



Department & Item: Police Bicycle and Helmets

Purpose: BPD was awarded a \$6,000 Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety grant which covered the purchase of a police ready patrol bicycle and 7 bicycle safety helmets. The grant also covered overtime and benefits for officers working the BPD Bicycle Unit.



Department & Item: Police 300-Degree Virtual Reality Trainer

Purpose: BPD was awarded a Virtual Training Tool called VirTra. VirTra is a training tool to aid officers in improving their de-escalation skills and tactics. It helps ensure that officers are performing the proper use of force without putting the officer in harm's way. VirTra creates virtual reality scenarios similar to what officers may encounter while on calls for service. Officers are required to complete VirTra successful training annually. Community members may also use the VirTra training tool by request.



Department & Item: Fire Hazardous Materials Suit

Purpose: The Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department (BFMRD) was awarded a \$32,265 grant from Firehouse Subs to support the purchase of 12 Level-A HazMat Suits. BFMRD's existing Level-A HazMat suits were reaching the end of their useful life, making them ineffective in properly protecting the user. BFMRD personnel are required to wear these suits when responding to Hazardous Materials Calls for Service, such as the Fertizona hazardous event this past July. Level-A HazMat suits have the highest level of protection and protect personnel from mist, vapors, gases, splashes, and particles. Level-A suits allow fire personnel to enter non-survivable atmospheres to rescue victims and contain or eliminate the hazard.



Department & Item: Public Works LED Lighting

Purpose: The Public Works Department received a grant from Capital Power, located in Arlington, AZ, to replace the fluorescent light bulbs with LED bulbs at Sundance Park. The new LED bulbs are more energy efficient and environmentally friendly. The bulbs will also save the City money on its energy consumption. Research shows that LED bulbs also have positive effects on humans, reducing eye strain and fatigue and reducing the risk for headaches (<https://www.makegreatlight.com/about-us/blog/fluorescent-lights-causing-weird-feeling>).



Department & Item: Fire Jaws of Life

Purpose: The Buckeye Fire-Medical-Rescue Department (BFMRD) received two separate grants which both funded new sets of extrication equipment. Each set costs approximately \$55,000. These two sets will allow BFMRD personnel to respond to calls for service that require this resource in a timelier manner. Lengthy motor vehicle occupant accident entrapment time decreases survivability. The golden hour is the first 60 minutes following a traumatic event that ends with a patient receiving surgical intervention. Within the golden hour, the platinum ten minutes is the desired maximum amount of time it should take to remove a patient from entrapment. Due to the rural nature of Buckeye, a lengthy time from injury caused by accident entrapment until surgical intervention is a major risk factor. The travel time of our extrication equipment to the scene of a motor vehicle collision is 14:46, 90% of the time over the last five years. This is mainly influenced by the distance our extrication equipment travels to an incident. The additional two new sets of extrication equipment, allows BFMRD to place this equipment in multiple locations throughout the city to reduce response times and provide greater outcomes for those injured and entrapped in a vehicle after a crash.

Special Fund Accounts Managed in Fiscal Year 2024



Special Fund Account	\$ Amount Managed
Arizona Lottery Fund	\$497,871
ARS Title 28-3511	\$373,869
Opioid Settlement Funds	\$136,711
RICO Funds	\$947,849
SB 1398	\$63,567

Arizona Lottery Fund (ALF)

Every year, Arizona Lottery ticket sales go to programs and organizations that support 4 key areas: health and human services, higher education, economic and business development, and environmental conservation (<https://www.arizonalottery.com/gives-back/beneficiaries/>). The City of Buckeye receives funds from the Arizona Lottery Fund (ALF) to be used for transportation services for all individuals. The funds help support the City's Community Center/Senior Transportation Program as well as capital expenditures intended to improve these services. The funds are also used to assist with upgrading the City's Park n Ride off of Jackrabbit Trail. The Grant Team must apply every year to receive ALF monies.

ARS Title 28-3511

ARS Title 28-3511 is a statute in the Arizona Revised Statutes that deals with the removal and immobilization or impoundment of a vehicle. A peace officer shall cause the removal and either immobilization or impoundment of a vehicle if the peace officer determines that a person is driving the vehicle while any of the following applies. There is a \$150 per vehicle for impoundment that is payable to the benefit of the Buckeye Police Department. If a vehicle is not claimed within 10 days of the available release date, the towing company may file for an abandoned title to the vehicle. Once the vehicle is considered abandoned, it is sold in a forfeiture sale, where BPD is awarded 20% of the sale value.

Opioid Settlement Funds

Since 2021, nationwide settlements have been reached to resolve all opioid litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against numerous pharmaceutical distributors and manufacturers. The City of Buckeye opted to receive Opioid Settlement Funds in FY 2024 and is expected to receive approximately \$1.3 million spread throughout 16 years. The funding is to be used for addressing the misuse and abuse of opioid products, providing connections to care, treating opioid use disorder, mitigating other alleged effects, including those injured as a result of the opioid epidemic, treatment or mitigation of opioid use or related disorders, addressing the needs of justice involved persons, and/or addressing the needs of pregnant or parenting people who use drugs and their families. The City of Buckeye Police Department intends to use Opioid Settlement Funds to fund a full-time Community Action Officer to monitor and respond to calls for service that involve individuals suspected of opioid abuse.

RICO Funds

RICO stands for "Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations". It is a law that allows authorities to punish offenders engaging in criminal activities, particularly racketeering. For example, RICO law punishes crime bosses who order their subordinates to carry out criminal activities for them (<https://legaldictionary.net/rico-law/>). RICO funds are generated by law enforcement activities that result in asset forfeiture proceedings. Once awarded to law enforcement through adjudication, the proceeds from the sale of seized assets and seized cash are deposited into the County RICO account, as fiscal agent, and are distributed to the participating law enforcement agencies in the case prosecuted, in accordance with state and federal laws and guidelines (<https://www.azcjc.gov/Programs/Finance/RICO-CJEF>). RICO funds received by the City of Buckeye may be used for a variety of police and investigative purposes.

Senate Bill 1398 (SB 1398)

The State of Arizona's Senate Bill 1398 refers to law enforcement's "photo enforcement system" and the fines generated from this system. For each traffic violation citation issued and paid, 40% of the money is then distributed to agencies throughout the State of Arizona. The funding is to be used for protective armor, electronic stun devices and other safety equipment.

Governmental Reports Submitted in Fiscal Year 2024

Financial Reports Submitted in FY 2024	Performance Reports Submitted in FY 2024	Total Reports Submitted in FY 2024
152	136	288



Financial and Performance Reports are required for all grants received by the City. The due dates for these reports vary from monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, and annually. Each grantor sets the required due dates for the reports. Prior to filing financial reports, account research must be conducted to determine if any expenditures have occurred within the period of performance and to ensure that the expenditures are grant eligible for reimbursement. Additionally, prior to filing performance reports, close collaboration with the grant's stakeholders must take place to ensure accurate performance reporting. Performance and Financial reporting is a great way to showcase the hard work that our Grant Department and other City Departments put into making the City a better place to live, work, and play. Maintaining these positive relationships with Grantor Agencies will increase the likelihood of receiving future grants.

