
General Fund CIP Priority Criteria

There are no new projects funded by new funds from the General Fund in the fiscal year 2024 adopted budget. Funds from completed projects and projects that are not moving forward are going to be utilized to allow for new projects to occur this year.

The following outlines the criteria of prioritizing new capital improvement project requests to ensure consistency with Re-Envision Santa Cruz recovery strategy among other considerations:

Fiscal Sustainability: Project Funding Availability

1. Project funding is significantly leveraged by grants, State or Federal aid
2. Rank is increased based on assessment of the amount of funding needed to complete the current project phase and entire project.
 - a) 75% + of project funding has been secured
 - b) 50%+ of project funding has been secured
 - c) At least 25%+ of project funding has been secured
 - d) Less than 25% of project funding has been secured

Downtown and Other Business Sectors-

1. Contributes toward economic development and revitalization/recovery efforts

Infrastructure: Asset Condition, Maintenance & Longevity-

1. Existing conditions and capacity to meet basic levels of service is deficient
2. Avoids potential failure due to substandard conditions
3. Improves the overall reliability of the capital asset and infrastructure system
4. Major implications of delaying the project such as significant future costs, or negative community impacts
5. Extent to which reduces City operations and maintenance expenditures
6. Increases the longevity of the capital asset or extends the useful life of the asset in the long term

Regulatory or Mandated Requirements-

1. By legal or regulatory mandate or requirement, court order, settlement or mitigation of plausible legal claims.

Project Readiness-

1. Ready to enter the phase corresponding to the funding proposed.
2. Complex environmental issues or known significant legal challenges shall be scored lower than projects without said complications.

Health in All Policies (HiAP)-

1. Equity: How does the project move the City towards achieving social equity goals referenced in the Community Assessment Project?
2. Sustainability: How does the project advance the sustainability goals referenced in the City's 2020 Climate Action Plan?
3. Public Health: Public Health- How does the project advance the health outcome goals in the HiAP community well-being outcome indicators?