



DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS

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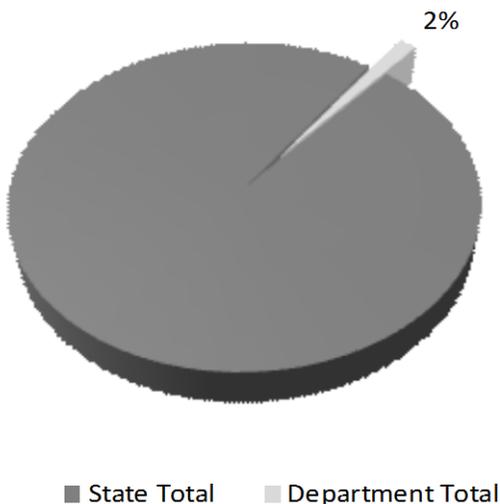
FY 2013-14 Budget Request

<u>Department of Local Affairs</u>				
	FY 2012-13 Appropriation	FY 2013-14 Request	FY 2013-14 Change	Percent Change
Total Funds	\$327,238,113	\$336,056,742	\$8,818,629	2.7%
General Fund	\$11,098,481	\$18,780,295	\$7,681,814	69.2%
Cash Funds	\$206,386,363	\$206,598,274	\$211,911	0.1%
Reappropriated Funds	\$7,129,597	\$7,958,963	\$829,366	11.6%
Federal Funds	\$102,623,672	\$102,719,209	\$95,537	0.1%
FTE	163.2	164.3	1.1	0.7%

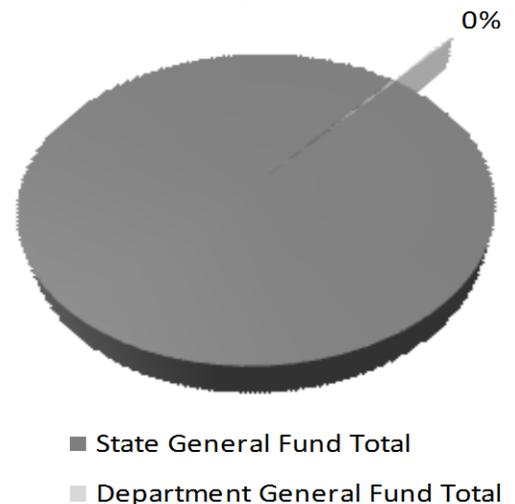
Department Description

The Department of Local Affairs (DOLA) serves as the state agency link between the state and local communities. DOLA provides training, technical assistance and financial support to local communities and community leaders. Financial resources are made available to communities either through statutory formula distributions or through grants at the discretion of the Executive Director with guidance from citizen boards. Roughly 90% of the Department's annual budget is invested directly in local communities in the form of grants or low interest loans. DOLA provides assistance through equitable and consistent implementation of property tax laws; financial support for community needs; and safe, affordable housing.

Share of Statewide
Operating Total



Share of Statewide
General Fund



Major Factors Affecting FY 2013-14 Budget

- The Department of Local Affairs is requesting an increase of \$8.7 million total funds (2.7 percent) in its FY 2013-14 budget. This includes a \$7.7 million increase (69.2 percent) in General Fund.
- The Department is requesting \$2.0 million General Fund in the Division of Housing to finance the development of 1,200 new rental units per year, of which 800 units will be affordable. Increasing the availability of affordable rental housing is expected to have economic development benefits to Colorado communities by adding jobs, local income and tax revenue, as well as reduce recidivism, reduce state mental hospital admissions, and improve grades and attendance for homeless children as a result of having permanent housing.
- The Department is requesting \$3.0 million General Fund and 1.0 FTE for two years beginning in FY 2013-14 to administer a grant program to assist communities with diversifying their economic development portfolios, with a strategic emphasis on communities that are overly-dependent on a single large employer, such as a state prison facility. The requested funds will be used to help communities to assess their economic development opportunities, implement a strategy to develop key industries within the communities, and provide income assistance vouchers to individuals engaged in qualified job training.
- The Department of Local Affairs, in conjunction with the Departments of Human Services, Corrections, and Health Care Policy and Financing, has developed a plan to repurpose the Ft. Lyon campus, which will be vacated by the DOC as a correctional facility effective December 31, 2012. Ft. Lyon will become a Transitional Therapeutic Residential Community for homeless individuals. The departments, with DOLA as the lead agency, are requesting \$2,750,852 General Fund in FY 2013-14 to pay for case management, substance abuse treatment costs, limited medical care, and the operations and maintenance costs to convert Ft. Lyon into a “gateway” for homeless individuals in Colorado.