

#### **Economic Development and Housing**

The Economic Development and Housing Department\* promotes economic vitality and growth citywide through four interconnected divisions: Business Services, Housing & Community Development, Infrastructure and Property Development & Management, and Arts & Culture Development.

The department develops programs that expand tax revenue and lead the City in economic recovery following natural disasters and economic downturns along with its mission to increase and support viable, sustainable, and innovative economic activities throughout the city.

In collaboration with other City departments, advocate for the City of Santa Cruz among the community and the rest of the world, letting people know that Santa Cruz is a profitable, and economically healthy city in which to live, work, play, and run a business.

The department strives to: Provide high-quality service by promptly responding to inquiries and providing as much information as possible. Find and implement solutions in order to get projects started, remove roadblocks, keep projects moving forward, and advance economic growth. Influence project outcomes that aim to create equity and inclusivity in the community. Strive to be a friendly open-door office with an understanding, supportive human touch, and collaborative atmosphere.

<sup>\*</sup>Starting in FY2023, Housing was added to the Economic Development Department name.

#### **Core Services**

- The Business Services Division is responsible for business retention and expansion (BRE) efforts. Grows the local economy by offering tailored permitting assistance, financial assistance programs, business planning and promotions.
- Promotes a vibrant local economy through storytelling and social media to highlight local businesses, and major projects.
- The Infrastructure & Property Development Division manages a diverse array of City-owned properties and community assets and provides real estate services across City Departments.
- Real estate services include acquisition, disposition, negotiation and contracting, as well as development of real property.
- Support and grow tenant businesses, while also ensuring a strong return on investment for City owned properties.
- Manage the citywide graffiti abatement program, including an active volunteer corps and maintenance of the graffiti database used by local law enforcement.
- The Housing Development & Community Development Division works with both non-profit and forprofit housing developers to create and preserve affordable housing in the Santa Cruz community.

- Provide financial and technical assistance to project and construction management as well as affordable housing programs to address the City's housing crisis.
- Administer the City's Inclusionary program, funding through the federal HOME and CDBG Programs as well as Affordable Housing Trust Fund Programs. Monitor approximately 1,750 restricted units.
- Track housing issues, pursue new resources, and work to develop effective programs, such as the City's nationally recognized ADU Program.
- The Arts & Culture Division operates ongoing programs including sculpTOUR, Graphic Traffic Signal Boxes, the Mural Matching Grant program, Percent for Art Program, and the City Arts Recovery Design (CARD) Pilot Grant Program in consultation and with support of with the City Arts Commission.
- Sponsors community groups and initiatives to activate public places with initiatives that promote equity, inclusivity, and environmental justice.
- Nurtures partnerships with local organizations that support a vibrant arts culture and expansion of the creative economy in Santa Cruz by developing artists marketing skills and opportunities.

# **Accomplishments and Goals**

FY 2022 Accomplishments  Issued 100 <sup>th</sup> temporary outdoor expansion	Infrastructure	DT & Other Business Sectors	Fiscal Sustainability	Core Services	Equity, Health & Well- Being, Sustainability	New & Improved Funding Sources	Green Economy
permit and monitored ongoing permits.		Х		Х	X	Х	
Implemented Citywide "Shop Santa Cruz" holiday campaign to promote local support of small businesses.		х		х	х	x	
Led countywide coordination and launch of Economic Development Administration funded Revolving Loan Program.		х		x	х	x	
Developed and implemented Downtown Pops! Vacant Storefront Activation Program and placed two tenants.		x		x	x		
Launched Midtown Fridays, a weekly summer block party in city-owned midtown parking lot	х	Х		х	Х		
Received grants including: State LHTF grant of \$5M for the second year in a row, AHSC funding of \$29.6M, IIG funding of \$20.9M, EPIC grant of \$1M, and Apple Tech funding for \$5M.				Х		x	x
Completed Annual Action Plan resulting in more than \$1M of new CDBG and HOME funding for the community.					х		
In collaboration with Planning to amend the Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, updates related to SB35 and Objective Standards.					x		
City Arts sponsored the Seawalls Santa Cruz Festival producing 18 murals within three weeks that promote ocean conservation.		x		x	x		
City Arts sponsored Santa Cruz Equity Collab and the Black Health Matters Initiative for annual BLM Mural & Ofrenda activities.				X	X		
City Arts Design Recovery (CARD) Pilot Grant Program received 20 grant applications, approved funding 11, and completed 1.		x		X	x	Х	

FY 2023 Goals	Infrastructure	DT & Other Business Sectors	Fiscal Sustainability	Core Services	Equity, Health & Well- Being, Sustainability	New & Improved Funding Sources	Green Economy
Finalize Permanent Parklet Program and provide financial support for businesses transitioning to permanent program.	х	х		х	Х		
Continue implementation for Downtown Pops! vacant storefront activation program placing 4 additional tenants.		X	x	x	X		
Continue implementation of Grow Santa Cruz County Revolving Loan Fund to support business recovery.		х	Х	x	х		
Pursue State, local and other funding programs for the creation of affordable housing.				x	х	х	
Effectively manage HUD, CDBG and HOME Programs to maximize community benefits.				х	Х		
Support creation of new affordable housing through policy implementation and preservation of existing affordable housing as a valuable community resource.				x	x		
City Arts Design Recovery (CARD) Pilot Grant Program will execute 15 sponsorship agreements and complete 9 projects.		х		х	х		
Operationalize the Coastal Rail Trail Master Right of Way Agreement and install one artwork.	х			х	х		х
Complete renovation of Del Mar Retail Space and subsequently leasing it.		х	х				
Secure grant funds for Wharf Master Plan Projects.	Х		Х	х		х	
Restore tenant businesses to full operation and maintain full occupancy of leasable units.		х	Х	х			
Secure entitlements for the Downtown Library Mixed Use Project creating up to 125 units of affordable housing and a 35,000 sq. ft. library with sustainable features.	X	X	X	X	x	Х	X

## **Workload Indicators and Performance Measures**

Workload Indicators	Focus Area	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Estimate	FY 2023 Goal
Businesses contacted for assistance and retention	Core Services	251	374	377	405	450
Rental revenues, including café extensions	Core Services	\$2.7M	\$1.9M	1.9M	\$1.9M	\$2.3M
Number of affordable housing units monitored	Core Services	1,340	1,352	1,351	1,350	1,360
Number of affordable housing units developed	Equity, Health & Well-Being	42	79	67	83	100
Number of businesses receiving assistance to start or grow*	Core Services	n/a	n/a	93	127	150

Performance Measures	Focus Area	FY 2019 Actual	FY 2020 Actual	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Estimate	FY 2023 Goal
Percent of federal funded community grant (CDBG) contracts executed and ready to fund*	Equity, Health & Well-Being	N/A	N/A	93%	100%	100%
Percent change in downtown retail commercial vacancies*	DT & Other Business Sectors	N/A	N/A	+.8%	+1.5%	-2%
Percent change in new business licenses*	DT & Other Business Sectors	N/A	N/A	N/A	-2%	25%

<sup>\*</sup> New measure, data not available

### **Budget Summary - Economic Development and Housing**

Fiscal Year 2022 Fiscal Year\* Fiscal Year Amended\* **Adopted** Year-End 2023 2021 **Budget Budget Estimate Adopted** Actuals **EXPENDITURES BY CHARACTER: Personnel Services** 1,460,180 2,116,005 2,116,005 1,613,382 1,968,289 Services, Supplies, and Other Charges 2,515,456 2,309,747 5,357,539 4,104,363 4,107,601 Capital Outlay 43,064 320,708 1,837,523 **Total Expenditures** 6,075,890 5,813,159 4,425,752 7,516,608 6,038,453 **EXPENDITURES BY ACTIVITY:** Community Promotion-Downtown 1502 240,561 7.139 **Business Promotion Community Promotion-Arts** 1503 70,875 70,875 70,875 70,875 70,875 Council-SC County **Economic Development-Project** 5401 1,697,869 2,534,375 2,699,786 2,375,297 2,187,813 Admin **Economic Development-Project** 5590 401,211 573,300 1,106,435 468,000 594,419 Admin 5591 137,000 **Property Management** 174,724 474,941 452,942 161,000 5592 City Arts 27,295 70,000 383,714 383,714 70,000 Homelessness Response 6105 150,000 Subtotal General Fund 2,612,536 4,892,890 3,689,763 3,145,172 3,385,550 Cafe Extensions & Kiosks 1504 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 15,000 Cafe Extensions & Kiosks 1505 30,082 40,700 64,498 64,498 30,827 Cooperative Retail Management 1506 229,470 220,000 220,000 220,000 220,000 **Economic Development-Project** 5590 201,500 1,045,000 2,619 200,000 Admin Subtotal Other General Funds 277,171 500,998 499,498 1,310,827 275,700 Housing & Community 5201 209,500 2,143,489 1,249,862 1,106,156 818,995 Development **CDBG Programs** 5204 98,292 130,648 130,648 142,296 123,513 **CDBG Programs** 5205 4,200 31,500 31,500 31,500 30,000 **HOME Program Administration** 5207 40,846 42,614 42,614 42,614 53,983 CDBG-CV 5209 430,512 100,000 209,392 109,391 100,000 22,000 **Public Improvements Other** 5579 50,000 1,930 134,177 115,025 **Rental Assistance Programs** 5604 6,126 22,000 27,750 11,000 11,000 Low & Mod Housing Property 5610 28,000 Acquisition 5650 Low & Moderate Housing 31,787 56,240 140.429 141,210 67,247 Production Homelessness Response 6105 215,153 6203 **CDBG Programs** 119,619 125,000 125,000 125,000 125,000 Red Cross Social Services Programs 6204 25,000 18,652 25,000 31,348 25,000 Subtotal Other Funds 2,923,452 2,122,721 1,849,192 1,619,891 764,502 **Total Expenditures** 5,813,159 4,425,752 6,075,890 7,516,608 6,038,453

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# **Staffing**

Positions	2019-20 Revised*	2020-21 Revised*	2021-22 Revised*	2022-23 Adopted	FY 2023 Change
Administrative Assistant II	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Administrative Assistant III	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Arts Program Manager	1.00	-	-	-	-
Business Liaison	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Development Manager	3.00	3.00	4.00	5.00	1.00
Economic Development Coordinator	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	_
Economic Development Director	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Economic Development Manager	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Housing and Community Dev Mgr.	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Housing Programs Specialist	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Management Analyst	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	-
Principal Management Analyst	2.00	2.00	2.00	2.00	-
Total	14.50	13.50	14.50	15.50	1.00

<sup>\*</sup>Revised salary authorizations are Adopted staffing plus any Mid-year adjustments

## **Organization Chart**

