

Reader's Guide - How This Document Is Organized

The 2013/2014 Budget is divided into the following fifteen main sections. Each section begins with a white divider tab for easy reference. Use this Reader's Guide to quickly find the level of information you need. The first column corresponds to the first row of tabs and the second column to the second set of tabs.

Executive Summary - Included here is the County Administrator's Annual Budget Message.

Community Services – This section refers to County – administered social service programs within Clark County which are almost entirely funded by state and federal grants.

The County - This section contains information and statistics pertaining to our community including geography, amenities, current conditions and issues, demographics, and economic factors. This is followed by a summary of the role counties play in government and specifically the organization of and role Clark County government plays.

Public Health – This section contains information about County –administered public health programs within Clark County.

Strategic Planning -This section provides the reader with an understanding of County goals and a review of challenges we face and issues we must overcome to achieve these goals.

Internal Support – This section contains information about departments that perform major support functions for other County departments.

Financial - This section focuses strictly on the County's financial dimension, and is organized around individual funds, revenue sources, and broad categories of expenditures. Budget includes comparative numbers for 2009/2010, 2011/2012 and 2013/2014.

Capital & Debt – Included here is information about all capital purchases outside of proprietary funds as well as general obligation debt service.

General Government - This section refers to the function in Clark County which includes legislation and policy making, elections, property appraisals, tax collections, marriage licenses and basic government functions.

Fiscal Entities- Within this section is information about budgets that exist for accounting purposes. They do not represent real operating entities or programs.

Law & Justice – Contained in this section is information about departments that include law enforcement, crime investigation, jail, juvenile justice, courts, prosecution, indigent defense and corrections.

Appendices - This section contains miscellaneous information including the budget resolution, a summary of the County's fiscal policy plan, supplementary tables of financial information, and a summary of FTEs by department.

Public Works - This section provides information regarding Public Works Operations; Design and Engineering, Equipment Services, Wastewater, Metropolitan Parks District, Parks and Recreation, and Camp Bonneville.

Glossary - This section includes a glossary of financial terms.

Community Development – This section provides the reader with the function of Clark County government which regulates development and enforces compliance with various County codes.

Quick Reference Guide

This document is the 2013/2014 Biennial Budget for Clark County, Washington. It contains a wide variety of information about the community and the programs of county government and ranges from a one-page summary of the entire County budget to a two hundred three page department-by-department breakdown. The purpose of this guide is to explain how the document is organized and to help you find the information you are looking for. Three tools are provided to assist you. The first is a traditional table of contents, which outlines the entire document. The next page provides a more detailed explanation about how this document is organized, the Reader's Guide. It will help you get to the right layer of information. Finally is a list of the most commonly asked questions about the budget along with section references and page numbers.

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