



OFFICE OF STATE PLANNING AND BUDGETING

A Fact Sheet

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The Department of Local Affairs is responsible for providing technical and financial assistance to local governments. The assistance is provided through the various divisions of property taxation, housing, local government, including the emergency management operations.

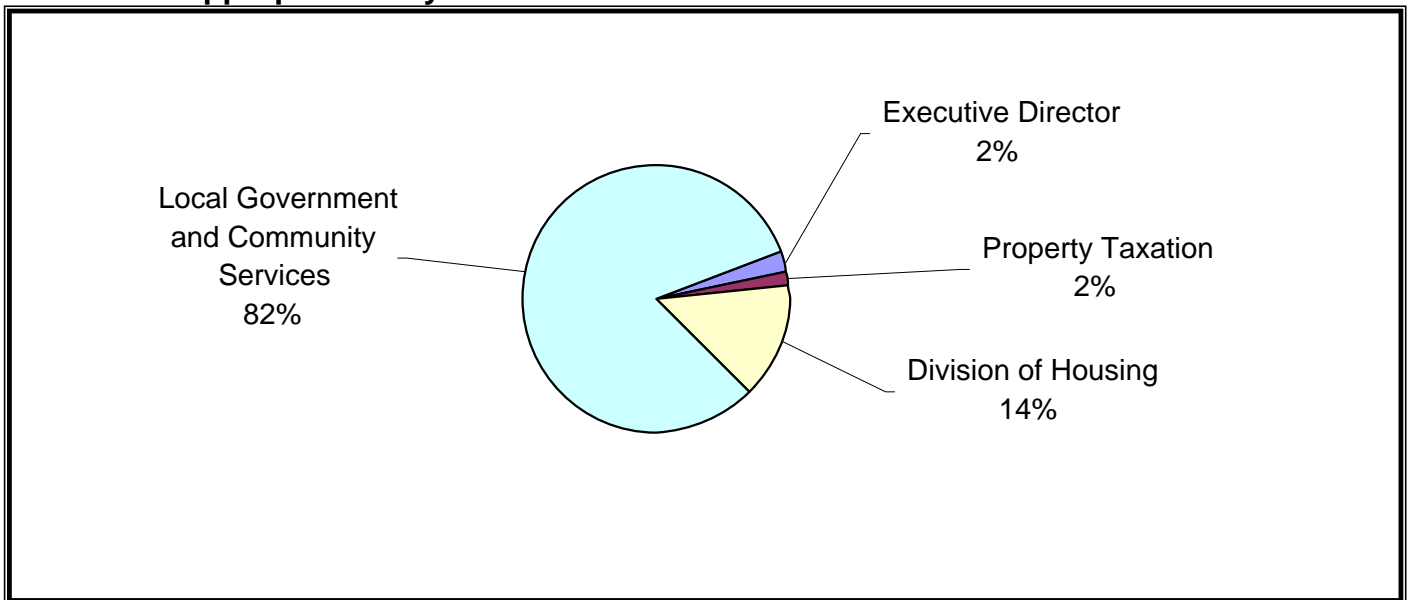
FY 2007-08 Appropriation

Total Appropriation:	\$228,687,846
Percent of Statewide Total Appropriation:	1.3%
General Fund Appropriation:	\$11,025,955
Percent of Statewide General Fund Appropriation:	0.2%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	184.0

FY 2008-09 Budget Request

Total Request:	\$224,918,025
Percent of Statewide Total Request:	1.2%
General Fund Request:	\$11,558,046
Percent of Statewide General Fund Request:	0.2%
Total Full Time Equivalent Employees (FTE):	184.3

FY 2008-09 Appropriation By Area



Department in Summary FY 2008-09

- The Department of Local Affairs has FY 2008-09 total appropriations of \$220.4 million and 184.3 FTE. This is a decrease of \$8.3 million over the previous year.
- The Department has a total of \$4,112,138 in General Fund Exempt from the 6% limit related to Volunteer Firefighter Retirement.
- The Department experienced a decrease of \$16.5 million in federal disaster preparedness grants over the previous year. This is mainly attributable to decreased homeland security grants.
- Funds distributed through the Conservation Trust Fund decreased to \$49.0 million, a decrease of \$3.0 million over the previous year.
- Funds distributed through the Local Government Gaming Impact Grants increased to \$7.8 million, an increase of \$977,171 over the previous year.
- Funds distributed through the Waste Tire Removal Grants increased to \$7.8 million, an increase of \$558,567 over the previous year.

Leading Budget Change Requests for FY 2008-09:

- Livability Counts Pilot Program was approved for \$100,000 General Fund to address community-based problems. This program will provide a framework with measurable objectives to support economic, environmental, mobility, educational, youth and family outcomes using the collaborative efforts of businesses, government, and non-profit organizations. The funding will be used as seed money for specific community projects to address a community's "Quality of Life Infrastructure." This infrastructure include: Environmental quality, transportation, economic opportunity, housing availability, and stronger schools.

Key Issues and Legislation:

1. **H.B. 07-1251** – Concerns the implementation of the property tax exemption for qualifying disabled veterans created through referendum E which was approved in the 2006 general election.
2. **H.B. 07-1288** – Increases the fees for solid waste disposal and waste tire to fund recycling incentives and waste management programs in the Department of Public Health and Environment and the Department of Local Affairs.

Department Wide Performance Measures:

- Provide on-site, telephone and e-mail assistance to help Colorado county assessors fulfill their operational obligations.
- Annually reduce the number of Rent Burdened households in the state by 1% or 480.
- Implement new metrics toll for severance tax and federal mineral lease funds to assist in prioritization of local government grant proposals.

- Provide timely, uniform, and defensible valuation of state assessed companies.
- Process 100% of applications for exemptions within 12 months of receipt.

Links to Additional Websites

- [Colorado Department of Local Affairs](http://www.dola.state.co.us) (*www.dola.state.co.us*)
- [Colorado Foreclosure Hotline](http://www.coloradoforeclosurehotline.org/) (*http://www.coloradoforeclosurehotline.org/*)