Asset Forfeiture (Fund 2202,2203,2204)

The Houston Police Department receives asset forfeiture proceeds under guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Treasury Department, and the State of Texas. These forfeiture proceeds are generated as a result of law enforcement efforts against illegal and criminal activity. Proceeds received under the various guidelines must be used for law enforcement purposes.

Auto Dealers (Fund 2200)

The Auto Dealers Division of the Houston Police Department issues licenses to automotive businesses and vehicle/used parts salesmen. The Auto Dealers Division also monitors private storage facilities/salvage yards, auctions abandoned motor vehicles, and investigates complaints against automotive businesses/ salesmen. The revenues generated from the fees are placed in the Auto Dealers Fund.

Building Inspection (Fund 2301)

The Public Works and Engineering Department administers the Building Inspection Special Revenue Fund, which ensures that buildings and structures constructed and maintained within the City adhere to the standards set by the City of Houston's Building Code. Permits and Licenses revenue make up appoximately 75% of the revenue in this fund. This revenue is derived from the issuance of electrical, plumbing, AC and Boiler and construction permits.

Building Security (Fund 2206)

The Building Security Fund began in FY1997 generating revenue from a $3.00 fee charged to defendants convicted of a misdemeanor offense. The purpose of the fund is to aid in ensuring the safety of civilians and civil service employees while conducting business in Municipal Courts buildings.

Cable TV (Fund 2401)

Operation of the Municipal Access Channel and its facilities is the responsibility of the Cable Communications Division of the Mayor's Office. The mission of the division is to effectively communicate to the public revelant information concerning municipal and related governmental and community services. The Cable Television Fund is supported through contributions of the cable television companies in Houston. The contributions are based upon a rate per subscriber and support public, educational, and municipal programming Houston.

Child Safety Fund (Fund 2209)

The Child Safety Fund was established to account for monies collected for public, parochial, and private school crossing guard programs. Revenues to the fund come from an assessment of a Municipal Court fee of $5.00 on non-criminal municipal violations and an additional $1.50 fee for each vehicle registration authorized by Harris County. If there is a surplus of funds, the City is allowed to keep 10% of the funds received for administrative fees. If a surplus exists after the payment of all covered contract expenses, the excess can be used to pay for programs designed to enhance child safety, health, or nutrition and administration costs of these programs.

Digital Houston Fund (2422)

EarthLink has been chosen by the City of Houston to build a citywide wireless broadband network, pending contract negotiations. The Wi-Fi mesh network will provide affordable high-speed Internet access for residents of and visitors to Houston. It wil also enable municipal employees to work in the field without having to return to the office to use traditional landlines to complete their task. The fund will be necessary to receive payments from EarthLink and to allow the City to fund inclusion programs for low income and other individuals.

Houston Emergency Center (Fund 2205)

The City of Houston's Neutral Public Safety Answering Point is one of the thirty-seven answering stations in the appropriate emergency agency, such as police, fire, and ambulance services. Calls are also referred to Harris county agencies such as Juvenile Crisis Hotline., Poison Control and Emergency Management Operations. The City of Houston is reimbursed from the special district for salaries, fringe benefits and other operating expenses for the answering station.

Houston Transtar Center (Fund 2402)

Houston TranStar Center formerly known as the Greater Houston Transportation & Emergency Management Center. The Houston TranStar Center was built through a cooperative effort among the City of Houston, Harris County, Metropolitan Transit Authority (METRO) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The center houses personnel responsible for and/or involved with transportation and emergency management planning and operations in the Houston/Harris County area. Funding for the center is received from each member agency and is prorated based on occupancy and use of center facilities.

Mobility Response Team Fund (Fund 2304)

The mission of the Mobility Response Team will be responding to and mitigating significant traffic congestion resulting from malfunctioning traffic signals, accidents, and other mobility issues throughout the City. The team is a partnership between the Police and Public Works and Engineering (PWE) Departments. Dedicated resources will be deployed 5:00 AM - 9:00 PM. They will specifically 1) respond to and mitigate acute traffic congestion throughout the City, 2) be dispatched via personnel at TranStar to identified areas, 3) Traffic Engineering staff will diagnose and provide solutions to operational and design problems, and 4) work together with PWE engineers to develop long term traffic management solutions.

Parks Special Revenue Fund (Fund 2100)

The Parks and Recreation Department administers the Parks Special Revenue Fund. The Fund receives revenue from the following activities: Seven municipal golf courses, rental of park facilities, and three tennis centers.

Police Special Services Fund (Fund 2201)

The Police Special Services Fund was created to properly account for funds received from other agencies or organizations to reimburse HPD for cost of services for specific law enforcement purposes. These special services include HPD participation in joint police operations, security, traffic control for activities such as "fun runs", parade and festivals.

Sign Administration (Fund 2300)

The Public Works and Engineering Department administers the Sign Administration Special Revenue Fund. The Fund oversees sign codes within both the Houston city limits and the City's extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ). The code requires the licensing of sign contractors, construction permits for new signs including examination/plan approval, operating permits for new and existing signs, and the impoundment and confiscation of signs found located on the public rights-of-way.

Supplemental Environmental Protection Fund (Fund 2404)

Environmental Investigations or Rat-On-a-Rat (ROAR) use Supplemental Environmental Funds for the advancement of the goals of clean air, water, and to enhance the community environment impacted by criminal environmental violators.

Technology Fee Fund (Fund 2207)

The Technology Fee Fund was established in FY2001 to account for revenue generated from a $4.00 technology fee for convictions on all traffic and non-traffic misdemeanor offenses occurring on or after June 26, 2000. The purpose of the fund is to finance technological enhancements for the Municipal Courts including computer systems, networks, hardware, software, imaging systems, electronic ticket-writers and docket management systems.