

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendor reflect costs applicable to future accounting period and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. The cost of prepaid items is recorded as expenditures/expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at their historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value, which is the price that would be paid to acquire an asset with equivalent service potential at the acquisition date. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements which extend asset lives are capitalized and depreciated over the useful lives of the related assets, as applicable. Capital assets are capitalized if they have an original cost of \$5,000 or more and an expected useful life of over one year. When property or equipment is retired from service or otherwise disposed of, the cost and related accumulated depreciation are removed and any resulting gain or loss is reported in the statement of activities.

Infrastructure capital assets, such as streets, built and/or acquired since fiscal year 1960 are included.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which range as follows:

Assets	Years
Infrastructure	10 - 40
Buildings	10 - 40
Improvements	5 - 40
Equipment	5 - 10

Long-term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

For governmental fund types, bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs, are recognized during the current period in the fund financial statements. Bond proceeds are reported as an "other financing source." Bond issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual net proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

Compensated Absences

A liability for unused paid time off and compensatory time for all fulltime employees is calculated and reported in the government-wide financial statements. For financial reporting, the following criteria must be met to be considered as compensated absences: a) leave or compensation is attributable to services already rendered, and b) leave or compensation is not contingent on a specific event (such as illness).