

INTRODUCTORY SECTIONS

APPROPRIATIONS LIMITS

In 1979, California voters approved Proposition 4 known as the Gann Appropriations Limit (Gann Limit). The Gann Limit is part of the California State Constitution Article XIII B. The Gann Limit sets an annual appropriation limit on the amount of tax proceeds to all California municipalities. In addition to limits of tax proceeds, the Gann Limit sets a limit of money a city can appropriate based on the previous year appropriations plus a per capita personal income (CPI) change and a percent population change. Since its initial passage, the Gann Limit has been modified through various propositions. The most recent modification was approved by the voters in 1990 under Proposition 111. Proposition 111 exempted some appropriations such as Redevelopment money and changed the calculation formula, which greatly increased the appropriations limit. Currently, the City of South San Francisco uses the California Department of Finance statistics of CPI and percent population change to formulate the Gann Limit for the City for each fiscal year.

Schedule 1: Appropriations Limit – FY 2015-16

Fiscal Year	CPI/Personal		Change Factor	Cumulative Change Factor	Appropriation Limit
	Income % Change	Population % Change			
2011-12	2.51	0.70	3.23	431.04	103,166,639
2012-13	3.77	0.98	4.79	456.48	108,108,321
2013-14	5.12	1.51	6.71	493.82	115,362,390
2014-15	(0.23)	0.79	0.56	497.14	116,008,419
2015-16	3.82	0.68	4.53	524.19	121,263,600

	FY 2011-12	FY 2012-13	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16
Proceeds of Taxes	44,269,184	48,570,889	55,987,430	59,134,424	62,981,924
Appropriations Subject to Limit	44,269,184	48,570,889	55,987,430	59,134,424	62,981,924
Current Limit	103,166,639	108,108,321	115,362,390	116,008,419	121,263,600
Amount Under Limit	58,897,455	59,537,432	59,374,960	56,873,995	58,281,677

The City of South San Francisco is currently \$58.2 million under the Gann appropriations limit.