



### **What is Open A2Checkbook?**

A2Checkbook is an online financial transparency database that allows citizens to view City financial records. Expenditure information can be browsed by:

- Vendor (search by alphabetical list or expense amounts)
- Expense type (choose from over 300 categories such as utilities, materials and supplies or travel)
- Service Area/Service Unit
- Fund (choose from all budgeted funds, such as the City's General Fund, Water and Sewer funds, Major Streets fund, or Parks Maintenance and Capital Improvements Millage fund)

### **Why create this tool?**

The City of Ann Arbor is committed to financial transparency. We believe that local government should be accountable for every dollar spent. The City wants to provide data in an online tool format that doesn't require knowledge of our accounting structure (i.e., expense categories, vendor names, etc.)

### **What type of information is available?**

A2Checkbook includes data for the City of Ann Arbor, but not the Housing Commission or the Downtown Development Authority, whose books are kept by those entities. A2Checkbook includes all expenditures, except for information legally restricted (i.e. such as Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA)). It includes expenses paid directly to vendors as well as those made with a City purchasing card.

### **How current is the information?**

The current data runs from July 1, 2010 through the present. The database is automatically updated each night. A2Checkbook will continue to accumulate data for each subsequent fiscal year.

### **Why doesn't it show data older than July 1, 2010?**

Effective July 1, 2010, the City went live with a new financial reporting system, LOGOS, which provides for an effective, efficient database structure than enables us to provide financial data in a clear, concise manner for citizens.

**Can I sort the data?**

In the majority of cases, at least one column in a table is sortable. Sortable columns are denoted by small arrows located to the left of the column name. To sort in ascending order, click on the top arrow. Click on the bottom arrow to sort in descending order.