



FY 2017 PROPOSED BUDGET OVERVIEW:

Giving District Residents a Fair Shot

The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget and Financial plan marks the District of Columbia's 21st consecutive balanced budget - one that makes key investments in affordable housing, transportation, infrastructure, public safety, as well as job training and employment services that give residents a fair shot. In addition, this budget makes historic investments in public education.

Pathways to the Middle Class

Maintaining a strong, diverse, and resilient District of Columbia requires that every resident has a fair shot, and a pathway to the middle class. That includes supporting our most vulnerable families and residents; job training that leads to real employment opportunities; and nurturing our small businesses. The FY 2017 Budget does this by:

- Investing \$10.1 million in Learn, Earn, Achieve and Prosper (L.E.A.P.) Academy, Career Connections and the Marion Barry Summer Youth Employment program (including an expansion for 22-24 year olds) to support those vulnerable residents who need a path to opportunity

High-Quality Education

Rising enrollment in our traditional public and public charter schools, and increasing student achievement, demonstrate that school reform in the District is working. The FY2017 Budget will ensure that DC continues to build on those gains, so that students and families have access to a high-quality education and academic experience. That includes:

- Making the largest investment for operations and programming - an additional \$75 million - to meet the needs of a growing student body
- Investing \$220 million more funding for school modernization in 2017 and 2018, which will ensure that schools in line for school modernization are given the full treatment
- Supporting a 2% increase in the Uniform Per-Student Funding formula
- Investing \$5.2 million in UDC and the Community College of the District of Columbia staff and programs
- Providing \$8.6 million in enhancements for our State Education Office for services such as infant and toddler care, illiteracy programs, and data and tracking service

Affordable Housing

The Bowser Administration is committed to producing, preserving and protecting affordable housing in the District of Columbia. The Mayor has committed another \$100 million contribution to the Housing Production Trust Fund in the FY17 Budget. This investment will support grants and loans to yield more affordable housing for families, across incomes.

A Safer, Stronger DC

The District is making the necessary investments to keep our neighborhoods and residents safe. That includes more resources for EMS reform - beefing up the dispatchers and call takers at 911, and putting more ambulances out on the streets during peak times. In addition, the budget includes investments that keep DC on the cutting edge of crime prevention, and growing the Metropolitan Police Department to meet the needs of our growing city. The budget will support a safer, stronger DC, by:

- Providing an additional \$2.5 million to hire and train 30 additional 911 call takers
- Utilizing \$12 million for third-party ambulance providers to improve emergency response, and adding time for first responder training
- Investing \$8 million to ensure shore up the District DNA Crime Lab, which will ensure timely and accurate readings for law enforcement, legal teams, and families
- Providing \$2.5 million for the Experienced Officer Training Program that will add 60 additional sworn officers on the street in less than half of the training time
- Providing \$3.5 million for crime fighting technology

Ending Homelessness

Last year, the District put together a 5-year HomewardDC plan to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. That plan includes investments in services across the continuum of care, to help individuals and families exit homelessness. The District is also putting more resources into preventing residents from falling into homelessness in the first place, which is more cost effective and efficient. The FY17 Budget supports this strategic plan by:

- Supporting single residents with \$4.8 million to place 300 single residents in permanent supportive housing, and \$1.2 million to place 100 single residents in affordable housing
- Supporting families through \$1 million in homelessness prevention programs, \$1.8 million to help 284 families with rapid rehousing, and \$1.9 million in affordable housing for nearly 100 families
- Supporting youth with \$0.7 million in homelessness prevention, \$0.8 million in crisis beds, and \$0.8 million in transitional living spaces
- Investing an additional \$20 million to close DC General and replace it with short-term family housing in all 8 wards

Infrastructure

Building and maintaining a strong infrastructure is critical to the District's future success. Through the District's Capital Improvements Program (CIP), we support our largest infrastructure programs such as school modernization, university facilities, libraries, hospitals, and public transportation—all in an effort to provide safe, reliable, and energy efficient facilities for District residents. The FY2017 Budget supports this goal by:

- Allocating an additional \$1.3 billion to public school modernization, over the next 6 years and \$55 million for University improvements
- Investing \$179 million to provide much needed renovations to the historic Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library
- Investing \$98.7 million into necessary improvements at United Medical Center, setting the stage for improved managements and services

