The Fiscal Year 2019 Budget and Financial Plan marks the District of Columbia’s 23rd consecutive balanced budget.

**EDUCATION**

- $1.73B for education services to 91,000 traditional and charter public school students
- $1M in field trips for children to go to arts exhibitions and performances
- $1M in cultural study abroad experiences for public school students
- $27M for investments in early child care affordability and out of school time programs
- $87M for programs and services at UDC and the Community College
- $63.2M for the DC Public Library
- Invests $1.35 billion over 6 years for elementary, middle and high school modernizations
- For Ward 7 that includes Aiton Elementary School ($53.7 million), Houston Elementary School ($45 million), Kimball Elementary School ($4 million), C.W. Harris Elementary School ($44 million), Smothers Elementary ($45 million), Thomas Elementary School ($2.6 million)

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- $18.2M for the Mayor Marion S. Barry Summer Youth Employment Program, which provides constructive and gainful employment for youth during summer break
- $150K to expand assistance to returning citizens to start their own businesses through ASPIRE
- $2M for IT apprenticeships to provide pathways to the middle class in high-tech industries
- $1.2M in apprenticeship programs to provide pathways to the middle class, including Career Connections, LEAP
- $25M to support DC’s vibrant cultural economy through CAH and OCTFME
- $1M for three new Clean Teams and Main Streets.
- Funds capital budget initiatives including, McMillan Site Redevelopment ($64 million), Hill East ($14 million), and Saint Elizabeth’s East Campus site redevelopment ($104 million)
- In Ward 7, $4.7M for Kingman Island improvements

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

- $2.4M to hire 42 dual-role firefighter/paramedics
- $1.7M to expand the Police Cadet Corps by 30, from 70 to 100 positions, and $250K to expand a successful student loan forgiveness program for officers
- $1.5M for community based grants for violence interruption and mediation and $575K for the Pathways program focused on supporting 50 at-risk youth, through the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement (ONSE)
- $1M towards providing enhanced mental health care for women in jail
- $500K for the Private Security Camera Rebate Program
- $575K for additional MPD light stations and crime cameras
- $440K towards increasing the availability of trauma-informed care in our community, including for victims of crime
- $11M for continued funding of the third-party ambulance initiative
- $22M in capital investment in FY19, and $76.4 million across the 6-year Capital Investment Plan, for FEMS first responder emergency vehicles and apparatus, like ladder trucks and ambulances
PARKS AND RECREATION

• Invests $263 million in the Department of Parks and Recreation for recreation centers, parks, and swimming pools
• In Ward 7, $5 million for Benning Park Community Center, $35.5 million for the Therapeutic Recreation Center, $4 million for the Fort Lincoln Park, and $22.5M for Fort David Recreation Center

TRANSPORTATION

• Fully funding Metro at a level of $178.5M to invest in capital needs of WMATA
• $228.7M capital investment in local streets; $99M capital investments in sidewalks; $85.2M capital investment is streetscapes and beautification; $116.5M capital investment in Alleys;
• In Ward 7, $26.9M for local street improvements

AND MORE

• Affordable housing: $100M for the Housing Production Trust Fund and $10M for the Housing Preservation Fund
• Ending homelessness: $23M to move forward the implementation of Homeward D.C.
• Age friendly: $4.5M to continue preventative adaptations for seniors with Safe at Home
• $55M for New Communities including improvements at Lincoln Heights/Richardson Dwellings in Ward 7