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MAYOR MURIEL BOWSER'S FY 2020 Proposed Budget - Ward 7 Investments



INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

- **\$35M** to grow the District's investment in affordable housing through the Housing Production Trust Fund (increased by \$30M to \$130M) and the Housing Preservation Fund (increased by \$5M to \$15M)
- **\$20M** for Workforce Housing to increase access to housing for teachers, first responders, social workers, hospitality workers, and others
- **\$5.2M** to expand and increase Schedule H, DC's income tax credit to help offset rising rents and mortgages

INVESTMENTS IN EDUCATION & COMMUNITIES

- **\$56.4M** increase in funding for DC Public Schools and Public Charter Schools, and 2.2% increase to the foundation level of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula
- \$6M to expand school-based mental health services for students
- \$4.6M investment to provide a laptop or IT device for every student in grades 3, 6, and 9
- **\$2.6M** to stand up a new DCPS early college program at Bard
- \$1.6M to open six new Full Service DCPS Community Schools across the District, including at Sousa
- \$250K in funding for teacher home visits through Families First schools in Wards 7 and 8
- **\$54.3M** for a full renovation of Aiton Elementary School
- **\$5M** for improvements at the Benning Park Recreation Center
- \$1M to complete exterior renovations at the Capitol View Library
- **\$20.9M** to complete the renovation of CW Harris Elementary School
- **\$22.5M** to renovate the Fort Davis Recreation Center
- \$21M to improve the Fort Dupont Ice Arena
- **\$21.1M** to complete the renovation of Houston Elementary School
- \$14.7M to create an Early Childhood Education Center at the Old Randle Highlands building
- \$51M for a full renovation of Smothers Elementary School
- **\$35.5M** for renovations to the Therapeutic Recreation Center
- \$29.2M for design and Year 1 construction at Thomas Elementary School

INVESTMENTS IN FAMILIES & SENIORS

- **\$4.5M** to eliminate the Diaper Tax
- \$2.5M to make the "Keeping Childcare Affordable" Tax Credit permanent
- \$2M to increase funding for Safe at Home, enabling more seniors to age in place
- \$500K to provide grants for dental services to help seniors

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INVESTMENTS IN PUBLIC SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION

- \$3M toward expanding MPD officers to 4,000 by 2021, focusing on bikes and on-foot officers
- \$3.5M for four additional ambulances and 45 additional firefighters/paramedics/EMTs to serve Wards 7 and 8
- **\$1.7M** to open three physical offices in key neighborhoods where people can get clinical trauma-informed mental health support, including in Wards 7 and/or 8, and to train community leaders in trauma-informed action
- \$345K to increase outreach by community-based organization violence interrupters in Wards 7 and 8
- **\$16.1M** to launch the free DC Circulator and proposed a new route to service Ward 7
- **\$4.7M** for hiring a new bike lane parking enforcement team, creating more pick-up and drop off zones, hosting open streets events and other improvements as part of Vision Zero
- **\$240M** investment in streetscapes, tree planting and urban forestry
- **\$28.2M** for local streets paving and maintenance
- **\$14.5M** for infrastructure at the Hill East redevelopment
- \$4.1M for a new Kingman Island Education Center

- **\$1.4M** for new Office for East of the River Services with a mission to ensure that residents and neighborhoods in Ward 7 and Ward 8 enjoy the same socio-economic opportunities and benefits, high-quality District government facilities, community amenities, and access to District government services that all District residents and neighborhoods deserve
- **\$3.8M** to support installation of over 250 new free public WiFi access points to cover Wards 7 and 8 Great Streets and Main Streets by the end of FY 2021
- **\$200K** for Dream Grants to small businesses with fewer than five employees owned by Ward 7 and Ward 8 residents
- **\$50K** in grants for small businesses in the Minnesota Ave. Main Street area temporarily impacted by District infrastructure projects
- \$1M to continue the District's path to statehood through education and engagement
- **\$2.5M** to ensure every resident is counted for Census 2020
- \$1M for a mobile, multi-disciplinary 24-hour response team that can provide crisis services to the residents of the District of Columbia

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