

Chairman Phil Mendelson
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To adopt, as a request to Congress for appropriation and authorization, the federal portion of the budget of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Fiscal Year 2026 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2025”.

Sec. 2. Adoption of the federal portion of the Fiscal Year 2026 budget.

There is adopted, as a request to Congress for appropriation and authorization, the following federal portion of the budget of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION REQUEST

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

For salaries and expenses for the District of Columbia Courts, including the transfer and hire of motor vehicles, \$359,969,000 to be allocated as follows: for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, \$16,769,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception and representation expenses; for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, \$157,532,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception and representation expenses; for the District

34 of Columbia Court System, \$105,428,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception
35 and representation expenses; and \$80,240,000, to remain available until September 30, 2027, for
36 capital improvements for District of Columbia courthouse facilities; Provided, That funds made
37 available for capital improvements shall be expended consistent with the District of Columbia
38 Courts master plan study and facilities condition assessment; Provided further, That, in addition
39 to the amounts appropriated herein, fees received by the District of Columbia Courts for
40 administering bar examinations and processing District of Columbia bar admissions may be
41 retained and credited to this appropriation, to remain available until expended, for salaries and
42 expenses associated with such activities, notwithstanding section 450 of the District of Columbia
43 Home Rule Act (section 1-204.50, D.C. Official Code); Provided further, That notwithstanding
44 any other provision of law, all amounts under this heading shall be apportioned quarterly by the
45 Office of Management and Budget and obligated and expended in the same manner as funds
46 appropriated for salaries and expenses of Federal agencies; Provided further, That 30 days after
47 providing written notice to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives
48 and the Senate, the District of Columbia Courts may reallocate not more than \$9,000,000 of the
49 funds provided under this heading among the items and entities funded under this heading;
50 Provided further, That the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of
51 Columbia may, by regulation, establish a program substantially similar to the program set forth
52 in subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, for employees of the District of
53 Columbia Courts.

54 **FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE COURT SERVICES AND OFFENDER SUPERVISION AGENCY**

55 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

56 For salaries and expenses, including the transfer and hire of motor vehicles, of the Court

57 Services and Offender Supervision Agency for the District of Columbia, as authorized by the
58 National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, \$310,840,000
59 of which not to exceed \$2,000 is for official reception and representation expenses related to
60 Community Supervision and Pretrial Services Agency programs; of which not to exceed \$25,000
61 is for dues and assessments relating to the implementation of the Court Services and Offender
62 Supervision Agency Interstate Supervision Act of 2002; Provided, That, of the funds
63 appropriated under this heading, \$218,010,000 shall be for necessary expenses of Community
64 Supervision and Sex Offender Registration, to include expenses relating to the monitoring of
65 adults subject to protection orders or the provision of services for or related to such persons, of
66 which \$14,747,000 shall remain available until September 30, 2028, for costs associated with the
67 relocation under replacement leases for headquarters offices, field offices and related facilities;
68 Provided further, That, of the funds appropriated under this heading, \$92,830,000 shall be
69 available to the Pretrial Services Agency, of which \$7,304,000 shall remain available until
70 September 30, 2027, for costs associated with relocation under a replacement lease for
71 headquarters offices, field offices, and related facilities; Provided further, That notwithstanding
72 any other provision of law, all amounts under this heading shall be apportioned quarterly by the
73 Office of Management and Budget and obligated and expended in the same manner as funds
74 appropriated for salaries and expenses of other Federal agencies; Provided further, That amounts
75 under this heading may be used for programmatic incentives for defendants to successfully
76 complete their terms of supervision.

77 **FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICE**

78 For salaries and expenses, including the transfer and hire of motor vehicles, of the
79 District of Columbia Public Defender Service, as authorized by the National Capital

80 Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997, \$59,305,000; Provided, That
81 notwithstanding any other provision of law, all amounts under this heading shall be apportioned
82 quarterly by the Office of Management and Budget and obligated and expended in the same
83 manner as funds appropriated for salaries and expenses of Federal agencies; Provided further,
84 That the District of Columbia Public Defender Service may establish for employees of the
85 District of Columbia Public Defender Service a program substantially similar to the program set
86 forth in subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 5, United States Code, except that the maximum
87 amount of the payment made under the program to any individual may not exceed the amount
88 referred to in section 3523(b)(3)(B) of title 5, United States Code; Provided further, That for the
89 purposes of engaging with, and receiving services from, Federal Franchise Fund Programs
90 established in accordance with section 403 of the Government Management Reform Act of 1994,
91 as amended, the District of Columbia Public Defender Service shall be considered an agency of
92 the United States Government; Provided further, That the District of Columbia Public Defender
93 Service may enter into contracts for the procurement of severable services and multiyear
94 contracts for the acquisition of property and services to the same extent and under the same
95 conditions as an executive agency under sections 3902 and 3903 of title 41, United States Code.

96 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR DEFENDER SERVICES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**

97 For payments authorized under section 11-2604 and section 11-2605, D.C. Official Code
98 (relating to representation provided under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act),
99 payments for counsel appointed in proceedings in the Family Court of the Superior Court of the
100 District of Columbia under chapter 23 of title 16, D.C. Official Code, or pursuant to contractual
101 agreements to provide guardian ad litem representation, training, technical assistance, and such
102 other services as are necessary to improve the quality of guardian ad litem representation,

103 payments for counsel appointed in adoption proceedings under chapter 3 of title 16, D.C. Official
104 Code, and payments authorized under section 21-2060, D.C. Official Code (relating to services
105 provided under the District of Columbia Guardianship, Protective Proceedings, and Durable
106 Power of Attorney Act of 1986), \$46,005,000, to remain available until expended; Provided,
107 That funds provided under this heading shall be administered by the Joint Committee on Judicial
108 Administration in the District of Columbia; Provided further, That 30 days after providing
109 written notice to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the
110 Senate, the District of Columbia Courts may reallocate the funds provided under this heading;
111 Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law, this appropriation shall be
112 apportioned quarterly by the Office of Management and Budget and obligated and expended in
113 the same manner as funds appropriated for expenses of Federal agencies.

114 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR RESIDENT TUITION SUPPORT**

115 For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia, to be deposited into a dedicated
116 account, for a nationwide program to be administered by the Mayor, for District of Columbia
117 resident tuition support, \$40,000,000, to remain available until expended; Provided, That such
118 funds, including any interest accrued thereon, may be used on behalf of eligible District of
119 Columbia residents to pay an amount based upon the difference between in-State and out--of-
120 State tuition at public institutions of higher education, or to pay up to \$2,500 each year at eligible
121 private institutions of higher education; Provided further, That the awarding of such funds may
122 be prioritized on the basis of a resident's academic merit, the income and need of eligible
123 students, and such other factors as may be authorized; Provided further, That the District of
124 Columbia government shall maintain a dedicated account for the Resident Tuition Support
125 Program that shall consist of the Federal funds appropriated to the Program in this Act and any

126 subsequent appropriations, any unobligated balances from prior fiscal years, and any interest
127 earned in this or any fiscal year; Provided further, That the account shall be under the control of
128 the District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer, who shall use those funds solely for the
129 purposes of carrying out the Resident Tuition Support Program; Provided further, That the Office
130 of the Chief Financial Officer shall provide a quarterly financial report to the Committees on
131 Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate for these funds showing, by
132 object class, the expenditures made, and the purpose therefor.

133 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

134 For a Federal payment for a school improvement program in the District of Columbia,
135 \$52,500,000, to remain available until expended, for payments authorized under the Scholarship
136 for Opportunity and Results Act (division C of Public Law 112-10); Provided, That, to the extent
137 that funds are available for opportunity scholarships and following the priorities included in
138 section 3006 of such Act, the Secretary of Education shall make scholarships available to
139 students eligible under section 3013(3) of such Act (Public Law 112-10; 125 Stat. 211),
140 including students who were not offered a scholarship during any previous school year; Provided
141 further, That within funds provided for opportunity scholarships up to \$1,200,000 shall be for the
142 activities specified in sections 3007(b) through 3007(d) of the Act and up to \$500,000 shall be
143 for the activities specified in section 3009 of the Act; Provided further, That none of the funds
144 made available under this heading may be used for an opportunity scholarship for a student to
145 attend a school which does not certify to the Secretary of Education that the student will be
146 provided with the same protections under the Federal laws which are enforced by the Office for
147 Civil Rights of the Department of Education which are provided to a student of a public
148 elementary or secondary school in the District of Columbia and which does not certify to the

149 Secretary of Education that the student and the student’s parents will be provided with the same
150 services, rights, and protections under the Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C.
151 1400 *et seq.*) which are provided to a student and a student’s parents of a public elementary or
152 secondary school in the District of Columbia, as enumerated in Table 2 of Government
153 Accountability Office Report 18-94 (entitled “Federal Actions Needed to Ensure Parents Are
154 Notified About Changes in Rights for Students with Disabilities”), issued November 2017.

155 **FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

156 For a Federal payment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, \$2,750,000, to
157 remain available until expended, to support initiatives related to the coordination of Federal and
158 local criminal justice resources in the District of Columbia.

159 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS**

160 For a Federal payment, to remain available until September 30, 2026, to the Commission
161 on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, \$598,000, and to the Judicial Nomination Commission,
162 \$350,000.

163 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD**

164 For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia National Guard, \$600,000, to remain
165 available until expended, for the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia
166 National Guard Retention and College Access Program.

167 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR TESTING AND TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS**

168 For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for the testing of individuals for, and
169 the treatment of individuals with, human immunodeficiency virus and acquired
170 immunodeficiency syndrome in the District of Columbia, \$4,000,000.

171 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SECURITY COSTS**

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IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

For a Federal payment of necessary expenses, as determined by the Mayor of the District of Columbia in written consultation with the elected county or city officials of surrounding jurisdictions, \$60,000,000, to remain available until expended, for the costs of providing public safety at events related to the presence of the National Capital in the District of Columbia, including support requested by the Director of the United States Secret Service in carrying out protective duties under the direction of the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for the costs of providing support to respond to immediate and specific terrorist threats or attacks in the District of Columbia or surrounding jurisdictions.

FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority, \$5,700,000 , to remain available until expended, to continue implementation of the Combined Sewer Overflow Long-Term Control Plan; Provided, That the District of Columbia Water and Sewer Authority provides a 100 percent match for this payment.

Sec. 3. The federal funds for which appropriation by Congress is requested by this act constitute the federal portion of the Fiscal Year 2026 annual budget for the District of Columbia government under section 446(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 801; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.46(a)).

Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Budget Director as the fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

Sec. 5. Effective date.

195 This act shall take effect as provided in section 446 of the District of Columbia Home
196 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 801; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.46).