

FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET: GROW DC

Investing in a Safe and Clean DC

In 2024, **violent crime in the District dropped to its lowest levels in three decades**. The FY26 Budget ensures that every space, from sidewalks to parks to roadways, reflects our pride and the investments we continue to make to keep DC clean, safe, and beautiful.

SAFE



- **\$30M** increase for **MPD** to hire more officers, create a new horse mounted unit, and purchase crime fighting technology and equipment
- **\$2M** for **Safe Commercial Corridor** grants
- **\$7.3M** increase for **FEMS** for critical firefighting gear and continuation of the life-saving pre-hospital blood infusion program
- **\$1.3M** to **raise salaries of 911 and 311 call takers** to \$61,313 annually and \$1M for call taker recruitment and retention bonuses
- **\$1.6M** for **258 mobile cameras and 111 license plate readers** that can be used to increase safety for major events such as the upcoming **America 250 Celebration**
- Legislation allowing MPD officers to be **hired at DFS** & retired MPD officers and/or FEMS firefighters to be **hired at OUC**
- **\$46M** to purchase **FEMS fleet** such as ambulances and fire trucks, and \$33M for a fire boat replacement. \$18M to purchase **MPD fleet** including cruisers and motorcycles
- Legislation to increase **enforcement** of illegal and unsafe vending
- Funding to design a new DC jail that private sector partners will build and that **DC will operate**

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CLEAN



- **\$4.6M** to support our **Clean Corridors** initiative with 80 DPW staff
- **\$2.3M** to **expand curbside composting** to 12,000 households
- **\$5.1M** for **stormwater management infrastructure** like green roofs, meadows, and medians
- **\$687K** for a **DPW swing shift crew** to focus on collection of household trash/recycling, public litter cans, and bulk trash pickup
- **\$244K** for DLCP **vending enforcement** team to work nights and weekends - especially for large special events downtown
- **\$1.8M** for DOB **nuisance abatement fund** to help address residential property maintenance and housing code violations
- **\$22.3M** to purchase new **DPW** heavy, medium, and light duty vehicles for trash/recycling collection and snow plowing