

PRESENTATION TO THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

A FAIR SHOT

WE ARE GOVERNMENT OF THE WASHINGTON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DISTRICT BOWSER, MAYOR

We Are All In This Together...

- The **financial impact** of COVID-19 has required us to make sacrifices, while maintaining the critical services our residents expect and protecting our most vulnerable neighbors.
- We have taken **extraordinary steps** to reduce spending, access our reserves, and maximize use of available federal aid in responding to the pandemic and its negative economic impacts.
- In our FY 2022 budget proposal, we are using our significant federal investments to provide relief, recovery, and growth opportunities for an **equitable recovery** across all 8 wards.

We Will Recover and Grow Stronger Together.

Our COVID-19 Response

Meal distribution

2.6 million meals delivered across 85 sites, plus 300,000+ meals for seniors





Free testing and vaccines

Over **550,000 tests** and 660,000 vaccines administered

Rental assistance

\$74.5 million in rental assistance provided





Contact tracing

420+ contact tracers hired throughout the pandemic



students to free internet





COVID-19



Local stimulus

Over 9,000 residents received supplemental \$1,200 support

Unemployment benefits

\$2-plus billion in additional federal and local benefits distributed





Small business grants

\$155M in business grants, including Bridge Fund, COVID-19 Microgrants, Childcare Center grants, and more

Weathering the Financial Impacts

Our strong financial position...

- A balanced budget 25 years in a row
- Aaa bond rating
- Fully funded pension and retiree healthcare
- Strong reserves
- Strong real-estate market

And our prudent budgetary response...

- Targeted reductions to agency spending
- Strategic and measured use of available reserves
- Maximal use of federal relief funds

Allowed us to...

- Avoid more drastic cuts to valued public services
- Maintain a strong financial foundation for future growth
- Invest in high-priority needs to solve some of our city's biggest challenges

Turning A Corner

	SEP 2020	MAY 2021
DISTRICT REVENUES	♣ \$742 million	\$217 million
MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS	6,432	5,458
FDA-APPROVED COVID VACCINES	Ο	3
DC ADULTS VACCINATED	0%	50.8%
CONSUMER / RESTAURANT SPENDING	41% / 49%	- 17% / 26%
PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS	Numerous	Most lifting June 11
	None	Fascinating!

Consumer spending from approximately the same time in 2019. Restaurant spending from the last week prior to shutdown. Adults vaccinated partially or fully vaccinated.

Pillars of Growth & Recovery

OUR OPPORTUNITY

To build a stronger, more prosperous, equitable, and resilient Washington, DC.

- We must support our residents and businesses that have been most impacted by COVID-19
- We must build and preserve more affordable housing for our residents
- We must reduce gun violence
- We must help students accelerate their learning and get back to the classroom ready to grow
- We must reduce health inequities; and
- We must create a stronger and more inclusive economy

The FY 2022 Budget Will Give All Washingtonians a #FAIRSHOT



How We Used Federal Relief

Mayor's Allocation of Federal Aid Under the American Rescue Plan

\$ millions	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	TOTAL
Affordable Housing	\$162.2	\$273.3	\$36.5	\$33.1	\$505.1
Economic Recovery for Businesses	\$29.8	\$186.7	\$141.8	\$124.7	\$483.2
Economic Recovery for Residents	\$85.7	\$158.6	\$97.9	\$45.2	\$387.6
Health	\$192.4	\$128.6	\$22.5	\$34.9	\$378.4
Learning Acceleration	\$35.8	\$111.8	\$77.2	\$39.2	\$263.9
Gun Violence Prevention	\$9.5	\$59.3	\$75.7	\$49.3	\$193.7
COVID-19 Response	\$114.5	\$74.6	-	-	\$189.1
Oversight, Accountability & Efficiency	\$4.4	\$17.5	\$5.5	\$6.2	\$33.6
Alternative 911 Response	\$O.2	\$7.0	\$6.9	\$6.9	\$21.0
Other	\$1.0	\$21.9	\$11.0	\$10.0	\$43.9
TOTAL	\$635.6	\$1,039.2	\$474.9	\$349.5	\$2,499.3

Funding includes all state and local recovery funds as well as some of the specific grants agencies received under ARP. Total is not inclusive of all grants the District will receive as details from the federal government on how those funds can be spent are still being released. "Other" includes Infrastructure, Revenue Replacement for Government Services, and Other categories. Health includes \$13.6M in FY 2025 costs, which have been added to FY 2024.





- A 3.6-percent increase in the base amount of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula, plus increased weights for English Language Learners and At-Risk Students
- \$8M to expand school-based mental health services to all remaining DC Public and DC Public Charter Schools
- **\$10M** in additional grants to charter schools to assist with reopening fully in-person for School Year 2021-2022
- \$13M for high-impact tutoring, an evidence-based approach to accelerating student learning post-pandemic
- \$13M to provide more students access to affordable bachelors and associates degrees
- \$5.6M to increase access to summer programming with academic enrichment
- \$68M to increase access to high-quality affordable childcare and provide incentives and scholarships for early childhood education teachers



We are investing \$29 million to reimagine work-based learning in our high schools over the next three years.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Early Career Awareness

Career Exploration Courses

\$1.9M to expand early career awareness and exploration programming in middle schools so students can start exploring highdemand careers earlier.

 Seed funding for 20 middle schools to offer a career exploration course

HIGH SCHOOL

Work-Based Learning Opportunities

Advanced Technical Center

\$10.4M to launch a new center providing training in high-demand fields, including nursing and cybersecurity, serving 300-600 students over three years.

- \$7M to renovate and fully equip a site for a new Advanced Technical Center
- \$3.4M for instructors, instructional coaches, literacy and math specialists, teachers' aides and admin staff

Work-Based Learning

\$6.9M to support programming to generate interest in the early years of high school and create pathways to Career and Technical Education.

- \$1.9M for staff to coordinate citywide and school-based work-based learning
- \$450K for career fairs, professional development, and technical assistance
- \$4.5M for study-area focused class trips, conferences, and student organization activities

SYEP & Senior-Year Internship

\$3M to increase SYEP wages to meet the District's minimum wage for students participating in a summer internship in their focus area

\$6.9M for senior-year internship wages for 1,200 students over three years

SAFE PASSAGE SCHOOLS TRANSIT

- \$7.2M for youth safety initiatives, including an expansion of Safe Passage, out-of-school activities for youth, and enhanced training for school resource officers
- \$6.1M to launch new microtransit routes serving 23 elementary, middle, and high schools in Safe Passage zones in Ward 7 and 8, providing a safer alternative for students to get to and from school

- \$1.57B over six years for school modernizations, small capital projects, and school expansions to address overcrowding, and to accelerate Truesdell and Whittier elementary schools
- \$420M over the next six years to improve parks, recreation facilities, and libraries, including:
 - LIBRARIES: Fully fund all remaining library modernizations with new funding to replace Shepherd Park, Deanwood, Rosedale, and a new library in the Northwest One area
 - RECREATION FACILITIES: Duke Ellington Field, Jellef Rec Center, Emery Heights Rec Center, Rumsey Aquatic Center, Randall Rec Center, Harry Thomas Rec Center, and a brandnew community center at the former Crummell School site
 - AND MORE: Upshur Rec Center pool renovation, addressing site issues at Douglas Rec Center, and bringing all DPR facilities into ADA compliance by the end of FY 2023.



Health & Human Services

- \$15M to support small businesses and residents whose health insurance premiums are in arrears
- \$12M to launch Career Map, a new pilot to help working families avoid benefit cliffs for rental subsidies, TANF, SNAP, and other benefits as they advance their careers
- \$8.4M to support five Centers of Excellence at Howard Univ Hospital
- \$8.5M to support affordable food access through increased senior meal delivery, assistance to the Capital Area Food Bank, and increased access to Produce Rx and the Nourish DC Fund
- \$18M to advance health equity, including creating a new sobering center to divert lower risk cases from crowded ERs, expanding telehealth services for behavioral health and disability services clients, and offering doula services for low-income women
- \$13M to increase supports and services to residents experiencing mental health crisis or substance abuse issues
- \$46M to add two new paid family leave benefits for prenatal medical leave and domestic violence/stalking/sexual abuse recovery leave



FOR SENIORS, THIS BUDGET WILL DELIVER...

- Neighborhood-based Senior Socialization Hubs and expanded Senior Villages (\$3M)
- Expanded transportation access through the District's Connector Card program (\$1M)
- Increased at-home meal delivery in FY 2021 (\$4.6M)



Affordable Housing

- Historic \$400M contribution to the Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) and \$42M for project-sponsor vouchers to make housing deeply affordable to low-income residents
- \$352M in rent and utility assistance to prevent evictions through the STAY DC program
- \$17M for housing preservation, including \$5M to help limited equity co-ops purchase their buildings
- \$67M to purchase buildings for permanent supportive housing or deeply affordable housing, and additional emergency and transitional shelter for victims of domestic violence
- \$113M to rehabilitate and develop replacement public housing
- **\$24M** to help low-income first-time homebuyers with down payment and closing cost assistance
- \$5M to restore vibrancy to previously disused properties in neighborhoods most affected by violence

• \$1.2M to expand emergency shelter service for LGBTQ+ residents who are victims of domestic violence and increase shelter access for Transgender residents

NEW HOMEWARD DC INVESTMENTS

To make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring

- 758 new permanent supportive housing units for singles and 347 for families
- Expansion of Project Reconnect, providing one-on-one support to help adults at imminent risk of homelessness avoid entry into the emergency shelter system
- \$102M in renovations of the District's permanent and temporary supportive housing and shelter services

Public Safety

- \$11M to support returning citizens with cash assistance, financial coaching, and peer navigators as they transition back into the community
- \$7.8M for additional violence interrupters and \$400K for additional credible messengers
- \$4.5M for DC Pathways to serve an additional 100 individuals at risk of gun violence and \$4.1M to provide more wrap-around support services and new Pathways Champions positions for at-risk individuals
- **\$5.6M** to create 110 dedicated employment opportunities through DPW for individuals at risk of gun violence
- \$1.9M to expand trauma-informed mental health services
- **\$2.2M** for temporary safe housing for residents involved in gun violence
- \$1.5M for community grants to carry out neighborhood action plans in communities hardest hit by gun violence

- **\$6.8M** for DBH, DDOT, and DPW to respond to nonemergency 911 calls for mental health distress, minor traffic crashes, and parking complaints
- \$3.4M to add 100 new slots for MPD's cadet program





Economic Recovery for Residents

Employment & On-the-Job Training

- \$49M to dramatically expand subsidized employment and training through apprenticeship opportunities, including through the DC Infrastructure Academy, Project Empowerment, and WIC partnerships
- \$1.5M to expand Solar Works DC, training an additional 75 DC residents a year for careers in the solar energy industry
- **\$4.2M** to add 4,200 seats to the Summer Youth Employment Program for an Earn and Learn model for high school students who need credit recovery or summer learning

Skills Training & Career Navigation

- **\$6M** for a Rapid Reskilling Fund to provide 700 residents without a bachelor's degree the opportunity to pursue training programs for high-demand occupations
- \$4.6M for Career Coaches to connect residents to career advising and education, training, and employment opportunities in high-demand industries
- \$500K for workforce training for LGBTQ+ residents

Financial Support & Empowerment

- \$15M to provide cash assistance to individuals and families who don't qualify for federal unemployment
- \$26.5M to provide laptops, tablets, or smartphones to seniors, youth exiting foster care, families enrolled in TANF, and returning citizens.
- **\$3.8M** to expand DC's Opportunity Accounts matchedsavings program to help up to 600 residents a year save for college, continuing education, job training, first-time home purchases, small business development, and more



Economic Recovery for Businesses

- \$58M to expand access to grocery stores and sit-down restaurants in Wards 7 and 8 over the next three years, including \$3M over two years for the DC Nourish Fund
- **\$8.1M** to increase funding for Great Streets and commercial ownership opportunities for small businesses, and to support the **Shop in the District** app
- \$8M for a Bridge Fund for arts venues in the District to support their successful reopening
- \$30M for a new Employment Center Vitality and Local Job Creation fund to attract high-impact employers to the District
- \$2M to double the investment in the Inclusive Innovation Equity
 Impact Fund
- \$14M for enhanced placemaking and public space vibrancy in the Anacostia, Southwest and Golden Triangle BID areas
- \$12.8M to increase permitting and inspection capacity to handle increased demand as business reopen

FEE WAIVERS & ONE-TIME TAX CUTS

- Permanent reduction of **business fees** to \$99 Includes formation filing fees, general business license fees, fees to start or renew an employment agency, employer paid personnel service or employment counseling businesses
- Two-year reduction of occupational and professional license fees to \$99
- One-time cut to Paid Family Leave **payroll tax** From 0.62% to 0.27%, returning \$168M to businesses.
- Two-year waiver of taxi & limousine driver fees
- Waive DC government fees for community organizations hosting festivals and other public events in public space in FY 2022



Transportation & Environment

- \$72M to support healthier homes and schools through expanded weatherization and energy efficiency retrofits, lead paint and mold remediation, lead pipe replacement and drinking water filtration, and solar energy installations
- \$351M for streetscapes, trails, and Vision Zero. Includes Dupont Crown Park and a new South Capitol Street Trail to National Harbor.
- \$116M for the K Street Transitway, providing protected bus and bike lanes through downtown
- **\$21M** to build a new pedestrian and bicycle bridge connecting Barry Farm to the Anacostia Metro
- **\$215M** for the full replacement of the H Street Bridge to improve safety and support Union Station redevelopment and expansion of high-speed rail in and out of DC
- \$9M to reclaim streets for public use through the creation of recurring monthly street closures on Black Lives Matter Plaza, Pennsylvania Ave NW, 18th St NW, 7th St NW, and F St NW, a one-time Open Streets event in each ward, and one signature Open Streets event on 7th Street NW from Florida Avenue to The Wharf

THIS BUDGET WILL DELIVER...

- 80 new Capital Bikeshare stations so every resident has a station within 1/4 mile of home
- 3,500 new e-bikes for the Bikeshare fleet and a 20-bike pilot of new adaptive Bikeshare bikes for people with disabilities
- 30 miles of Protected Bike Lanes over the next 3 years (doubling current planned investments)
- 17.4 miles of new pedestrian and bicycle trails for safer walking and biking
- **Bus-Only Lanes** and other initiatives to improve bus speeds and reliability on 50+ priority bus corridors throughout the city
- All streets, sidewalks, and alleys in a state of good repair by 2025



Government Operations

COVID Response and Recovery

- \$75M to support ongoing testing, vaccination, isolation and quarantine, cleaning, PPE, and other needs
- \$9.5M to enhance oversight, accountability, tracking, evaluation and monitoring, and processing of the District's \$3.4B in federal COVID relief funds

Advancing DC Values

- **\$2.3M** to promote and increase access to voting through technology upgrades and implementation of the Restore the Vote Act, including increased staffing
- \$1M increase for Immigrant Justice Legal Services grants, to a total of \$3.5M
- \$200K for increased interpretation services, \$100K for increased services for veterans, and \$50K for Asian and Pacific Islander anti-hate education
- \$1M to support a community center for LGBTQ+ residents

EMPLOYEE COMPENSATION

- \$32M a year to provide promised pay raises to Comp Units 1 and 2 and members of AFSCME 2921, whose pay raises were pausing during the pandemic
- \$5.6M a year to provide a 2-percent cost of living adjustment to non-union employees
- New funds set aside so that the District can begin compensation negotiations with all unions that were put on pause during the pandemic

\$450K to study post-COVID adaptations to physical workspaces, management training, and technology needs in the new virtual hybrid work environment

THIS BUDGET WILL...

Invest \$17.5 billion in our city's shared recovery and growth







