



CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

KIM JANEY
MAYOR

June 18, 2021

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I retransmit herewith my Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Recommended Budget for the City of Boston. After over 36 City Council hearings and Working Sessions and significant public dialogue and discussion, I am confident that this year's fiscally responsible \$3.76 billion FY22 Operating Budget and \$3.3 billion FY22-FY26 Capital Plan provides the resources for the City's continued robust public health response to COVID-19 and sets the stage for our shared equitable recovery. COVID-19 has brought on unprecedented health, economic and social change to our City, and this budget proposal meets that moment and makes targeted investments to ensure that we emerge from this public health crisis more equitably because we can't go back, we can only go better.

While prior to COVID-19 our City had a growing economy and was attracting more residents and businesses every year, too many were being left behind and unable to take part in that shared prosperity. COVID-19 has deepened that divide and revealed the stark inequalities that have existed in our City for too long. That's why equity lives at the heart of this budget proposal and informs everything from how we are allocating our new resources, to ensuring that those resources are spent with local organizations, especially businesses of color. This budget is one important part of our shared goal of making Boston a more equitable city for all.

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought on tremendous economic disruption to all sectors of our local economy, big and small, including our own city budget. But thanks to years of shared fiscal responsibility, Boston entered this pandemic as one of the best prepared local governments in the country. We have had 7 years in a row of triple A bond ratings and took decisive action over the past year to ensure we had a balanced budget despite large losses in local revenue. Fiscal responsibility remains the foundation of this year's Operating Budget and Capital Plan proposals, and in turn will help accelerate the City's overall recovery from the pandemic.

Thanks to continued strength in the local economy and a significant infusion of federal funding from the American Rescue Plan, the Recommended FY22 Operating Budget proposes a year-over-year increase of \$152 million or 4.2% over FY21. Even with weakness in certain sectors of the economy, property tax revenue has proven resilient over the past year, though we are mindful and cautious on projecting the effect that COVID-19 will have on new development in the City. Other local revenue sources like excise taxes and department revenue will rebound slightly as the economy reopens fully, but will remain below pre-pandemic levels.

The most significant new resource that will support this year's budget is the recently passed American Rescue Plan Act that will provide hundreds of millions in federal funding to the City, the Boston Public Schools and other local organizations over the next five fiscal years. As you know we have launched a formal process to allocate over \$500 million in direct federal funding in partnership with the City Council

through the Equitable Recovery Coordinating Committee. To date the City has received \$212 million in funding and has proposed to use a portion of this amount by:

- Allocating \$50 million to immediate emergency relief to fund urgent COVID-19 response efforts to stop the spread of the virus and bring the pandemic under control, strengthen support for vital public services for those most impacted by COVID-19 and help support immediate economic stabilization for households and businesses.
- Utilizing \$55 million to support the FY22 operating budget by replacing local revenue losses related to the economic impact of the pandemic, as well as, to make near term investments to expand and create vital city programs to ***Reopen, Recover and Renew*** our City post COVID-19.

This fiscally responsible budget will also fully fund our long-term liabilities, like pensions and debt service, enabling investment in our City's largest Capital Plan in history. The Capital Plan touches all neighborhoods and supports capital projects, including schools and libraries, and annual programs, such as Vision Zero transportation efforts and street tree plantings. The proposed FY22 budget also fulfills the second year of the City's three-year \$100 million commitment to the Boston Public Schools. \$36 million in new investments will go into schools and classrooms to facilitate a safe return to our school buildings and support our students and school communities through post-COVID-19 recovery. Total public education spending, including support for our charter school students, will increase by \$66 million, representing 43% of all new city funding.

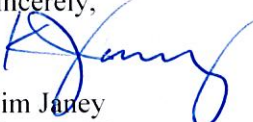
This budget charts a course for an equitable recovery and builds on the substantial public health programs and services expanded or established in response to COVID-19. In the past year alone, we have stood up food centers, built field hospitals and transitioned our school system from in-person, to online, and back again. New investments will provide needed assistance for our most vulnerable and training and support for those individuals and industries most hard hit during the pandemic. The Boston Public Health Commission will build sustainable capacity in its infectious disease bureau and invest in services and programs to address substance misuse. As we reopen our city, we'll address immediate needs and expand services for post COVID-19 programming including in Arts, Parks, Youth, and Age Strong.

This budget is also centered on renewal and working towards a more equitable future for us all. Significant funding will support housing and homelessness efforts to prevent displacement and expand housing opportunities for families of every income in every neighborhood. Important investments to begin the work to heal racial divides include new funding for the Equity and Inclusion Cabinet, the Office of Police Accountability and Transparency, and alternative policing.

The FY22 budget recognizes and meets the challenges of the moment while remaining grounded in fiscal responsibility and avoiding layoffs, furloughs or service reductions. As we move forward towards a safe reopening and recovery, we must continue to focus on renewing all parts of our city.

I thank the Council for your work throughout the budget process, and the thoughtful engagement on new ideas and adjustments contained within the Resubmitted Budget. I believe this proposal reflects our shared values for Boston in the next fiscal year and I respectfully request your favorable action on the FY22 Operating Budget and the FY22-FY26 Capital Plan.

Sincerely,



Kim Janey
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**Appropriation and Tax Order for the fiscal year
Commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022**

ORDERED:

I. That to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, the respective sums of money specified in the schedules hereinafter set out, be, and the same hereby are, appropriated for expenditure under the direction of the respective boards and officers severally specified, for the several specific purposes hereinafter designated and, except for transfers lawfully made, for such purposes only said appropriations, to the extent they are for the maintenance and operation of parking meters, and the regulation of parking and other activities incident thereto (which is hereby determined to be \$30,000,000), being made out of the income from parking meters and, to the extent they are for other purposes, being made out of the proceeds from the sale of tax title possessions and receipts from tax title redemptions in addition to the total real and personal property taxes of prior years collected from July 1, 2019 up to and including March 31, 2020, as certified by the City Auditor under Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws, and out of available funds on hand, (which is hereby determined to be \$40,000,000) as certified by the Director of Accounts under said Section 23, and from the available funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and received and deposited into the general fund, and the balance of said appropriations to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

CITY DEPARTMENTS	Personnel Services	Contractual Services	Supplies & Materials	Current Charges & Obligations	Equipment	Special Appropriation	Structures & Improvements	Non-Structural Improvement	Land	Total
Health & Human Services										
388 Office of Health & Human Services	1,405,216	4,476,918	12,000	150	-	-	-	-	-	5,894,284
385 Boston Centers for Youth & Families	23,484,138	4,980,128	406,748	334,812	288,544	-	-	-	-	29,494,370
403 Fair Housing & Equity	490,302	13,240	11,822	2,150	-	-	-	-	-	517,514
387 Age Strong	3,448,067	1,393,730	306,050	57,380	-	-	-	-	-	5,205,227
404 Commission for Persons with Disabilities	504,316	112,620	7,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	623,936
620 Public Health Commission	-	195,202	-	-	-	110,698,090	-	-	-	110,698,090
741 Boston VETS	10,901,145	140,811	68,500	797,996	4,500	562,500	-	-	-	12,475,452
448 Youth Engagement & Employment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Housing & Neighborhood Development										
188 Neighborhood Development	4,233,052	5,483,707	38,499	131,076	22,966	25,463,343	-	-	-	35,372,663
Information & Technology										
149 Department of Innovation & Technology	13,680,596	6,603,122	41,700	18,646,973	920,914	-	-	-	-	39,893,305
Public Safety										
231 Emergency Management	441,882	310,508	6,000	375,600	-	-	-	-	-	1,133,990
221 Fire Department	250,541,194	9,829,862	5,850,034	4,491,616	4,838,653	-	-	20,000	-	275,571,359
211 Police Department	360,101,044	20,955,246	7,661,121	5,281,135	5,872,671	-	-	-	-	399,871,217
Streets										
321 Central Fleet Management	2,250,354	502,796	110,465	6,350	295,715	-	-	-	-	3,165,680
310 Office of Streets	2,251,988	24,050	6,400	6,610	1,044	-	-	-	-	2,290,092
311 Public Works Department	24,038,450	71,895,531	1,953,406	620,650	2,470,684	-	600,000	-	-	101,578,721
331 Snow & Winter Management	-	21,336,401	57,500	-	314,265	-	-	-	-	21,708,166
251,253 Transportation Department	26,586,036	10,956,004	1,634,591	373,820	1,299,153	-	-	-	-	40,869,604
Non-Mayoral Departments										
112 City Council	5,820,000	207,100	39,500	39,300	30,500	-	-	-	-	6,136,400
161 City Clerk	1,283,897	94,530	19,497	6,129	-	-	-	-	-	1,404,053
193 Finance Commission	296,825	4,350	525	250	2,125	-	-	-	-	304,075
Other										
158 Risk Retention Reserve	-	-	-	-	-	2,500,000	-	-	-	2,500,000
159 Housing Trust Fund	-	-	-	-	-	618,000	-	-	-	618,000
999 Reserves for Collective Bargaining	10,000,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,000,000
TOTAL	896,972,754	205,105,260	26,330,671	251,591,894	18,749,352	148,201,683	600,000	2,126,268	-	1,549,677,882

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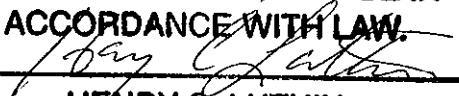
FURTHER ORDERED:

II. That to meet so much of the expenses of maintaining, improving and embellishing in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, cemeteries owned by the City of Boston, or in its charge, as is not met by the income of deposits for perpetual care on hand December 31, 2020, the respective sum of money specified in the subjoined schedule be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of the fund set up under Chapter 13 of the Acts of 1961 the same to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Parks and Recreation:

400100

Cemetery Division
Parks and Recreation Department
\$950,000

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN
THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN
ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.**

BY 
**HENRY C. LUTHIN
CORPORATION COUNSEL**