

# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS KIM JANEY MAYOR

April 12, 2021

### TO THE CITY COUNCIL

# Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith my Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) Recommended Budget for the City of Boston. This year's fiscally responsible \$3.75 billion FY22 Operating Budget and \$3.2 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 \$142 million or 3.9% 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 more fully, but will remain well below pre-pandemic levels.

The most significant new dynamic to this year's budget is the recently passed American Rescue Plan 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. While we await formal notice from the federal government, the City is expected to receive an estimated \$215 million in funding for use over the next year, and our thoughtful approach to the utilizing this funding is twofold-

- Between FY21 and FY22 dedicate \$100 million to offset local revenue declines driven by the
  pandemic to ensure flexibility, stability and fiscal resiliency, as well as, make near term
  investments to expand and create vital city programs to *Reopen, Recover and Renew* our City
  post COVID-19.
- For the second portion of \$115 million, my administration will establish an *Equitable Recovery Resources Coordinating Committee*, made up of stakeholders from across City government to ensure equitable, transparent and accountable distribution of these funds for economic and social recovery.

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 47% 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 Training and Accountability, 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 look forward to working with you during the budget process, 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 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	Land Non-Structural Improvement	Total
Mayor's Office	224 440		1						
121,128 Election Department	3,578,513	517,193 935,000	50,899	43,068	25,000		151		5,380,619
150 Intergovernmental Relations	1,020,154	187,299	6,200	193,047	559,655	, ,	1 39	76	6,275,434
151 Law Department	5,938,111	2,120,205	16,975	158,311	•	58.7	ю	<b>1</b> (	8,233.602
Equity & Inclusion									
402 Office of Equity	596,745	104,460	1,000	1,500	1	2		9	703 705
407 Office of Diversity	254,633	42,160	7,874	ı			22	40	304.667
406 Office of Resiliency & Racial Equity	275,287	1,375,700	250	155		N	•		1.651,392
403 Unice of Language & Communications Access	269,382	897,585	3,000		1	415	•		1,169,967
113 Office for Immigrant Advancement	455,452	135,400	1,000	11,000		**	1	200	602,852
417 Women's Advancement	359,184	473,970	11,500	2,800	es c	\$	,	i i	1,326,408
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181 Public Facilities Department	7.363.906	114 520	26,021	27 200	43,734	•	6	•	17,251,999
260 Inspectional Services Dept	18,925,013	1,495,849	260,356	1,026,166	5,000 68,215		)C 00	* 3	7,537,870 21,775,599
Civic Engagement 412 Neighborhood Services	3,868,239	64,390	13,731	8,440	ı	,	60		3,954,800
Arts & Culture 414 Office of Arts & Culture	1 260 400	00000		1					
110 Library Department	28,375,795	9,394,574	3,325,008	45,151 611,404	435,076		(#) ·	35,000	3,629,075 42,176,857
Economic Development	0 0 1 1 0	000		i					
114 Consumer Affairs & Licensing	1,585,464	2,904,436	28,740	54,513	4,200		1	1	6,502,500
416 Office of Tourism	866,900	1,292,380	17,749	60,550	2,000	263,750			1,729,759 2,503,329
Environment, Energy & Open Space									
303 Environment Department 300,400 Parks & Recreation Department	2,811,695 15,909,180	1,573,516 5,830,554	29,000 1,012,635	4,400 824,936	1,364,168	000'06		2,071,268	4,418,611
Administration & Finance									
144 Administration & Finance	873,999	367,700	2,000	2,508	9	•	,	,	1 246 207
136 Assessing Department	7,232,436	482,100	000'99	166,400	63	•			7,946,936
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148 Health Insurance	•			212,236,570		2,000,000		1	5,000,000
142 Human Resources	4,575,457	483,793	57,930	1,060,465	39	•	ii Ii		6.177.645
139 Medicare Payments	12,635,794	, ,		(8)	63	1	6		12,635,794
374 Pensions & Annuities - City	3,900,000	056,840	2,800	36,224			* 1	1	1,605,222
143 Procurement	1,780,929	48,795	15,225	5,065	24.332	9.000	w n		3,900,000
163 Registry Division	1,064,241	42,260	37,650	1,030	1		ian	. ,	1,145,181
137,138 Treasury Department	3,305,644	674,650	819,750	35,500	20,000	. (6)			4,855,544
341 Workers' Compensation	350,000	• 9	30 0	ě		15 6	٠	1	350,000
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Health & Human Services									
388 Offlice of Heath & Human Services	1.405.216	4 176 918	12 000	021					
385 Boston Centers for Youth & Families	23.284.138	4 930 12B	406.748	334 813	2000			•	5,594,284
403 Fair Housing & Equity	490 302	13 240	11 222	210,450	700,344	•	3	1	29,244,370
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620 Public Health Commission		LT.	-4			110,698,090	•	•	110.698.090
741 Boston VETS	1,014,522	195,202	71,550	3,331,601		30		,	4.612.875
448 Youth Engagement & Employment	10,901,145	140,811	68,500	966' 262	4,500	562,500	,	5.4	12,475,452
Housing & Neighborhood Development									
188 Neighborhood Development	4,233,052	5,483,707	38,499	131,076	22,986	25,363,343	1	¥	35,272,663
Information & Technology	1	:							
149 Department of Innovation & Technology	13,680,596	6,403,122	41,700	18,646,973	920,914	,	ı	34	39,693,305
Public Safety		;							
251 Emergency Management	441,882	310,508	6,000	375,600	10.		•	SE .	1,133,990
221 Fire Department	249,378,035	9,829,862	5,850,034	4,491,616	4,838,653	*		20,000	274,408,200
211 Police Department	360,101,044	20,955,246	7,661,121	5,281,135	5,872,671	,		iai	399,871,217
Streets									
321 Central Fleet Management	2.250.354	502 796	110 465	6 350	20E 74E				
310 Office of Streets	2,251,988	24,050	6.400	6,610	1 044	15	•	7	3,165,680
311 Public Works Department	23,768,449	71,745,531	1.853.406	620 650	2 470 684		000 008	. 6	290,092
331 Snow & Winter Management	•	21,336,401	57,500	222	314 265		000,000	a l	101,058,720
251,253 Transportation Department	26,296,036	10,956,004	1,634,591	373,820	1,299,153	,		10 E	40.559.604
Non-Mayors Donartmente									
112 City Council	5 420 000	207 100	30 500	000	000				
161 City Clerk	1 283 807	94 530	39,300	39,300	30,300		1 :	iù.	5,736,400
193 Finance Commission	296.825	4.350	525	0,129	2 125	1	9.7	iii	1,404,053
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999 Reserves for Collective Bargaining	10,000,000	•	•	• 0	,	618,000	55	r	618,000
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# CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

# **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:

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Cemetery Division
Parks and Recreation Department
\$950,000

THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED OF THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN

ACCORDANCE WITH LAVY

CORPORATION COUNSEL