

# City Council Budget Orders Filed by the Mayor

## **Operating Budget Orders:**

- Appropriation and Tax Order for the Fiscal Year 2023 including revenue replacement order from the American Rescue Plan Act transferring funding to the General Fund
- Appropriation Order for the Boston Public Schools for Fiscal Year 2023
- Appropriation Order for Other Post-Employment Benefits

## **Lease Purchase Agreement Order**

## **Capital Plan Orders:**

- One Order Appropriating from the Capital Grant Fund of the City via a transfer from special revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund
- One Loan Order authorized under the provisions of Section 7 and/or Section 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, Chapter 121B, or any other enabling authority – Boston Center for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Neighborhood Development, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and Transportation Departments, Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, and Public Health Commission
- One Loan Order authorized under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended – Boston Public Schools



CITY OF BOSTON

MAYOR MICHELLE WU

June 13, 2022

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I respectfully return to your Honorable Body the City's Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Budget for the City of Boston. Thank you for your continued collaboration, starting with our joint budget listening sessions this past winter and through the robust public process this spring including over 30 hearings and working sessions. In this moment of urgency and opportunity for our city, our amended \$4 billion FY23 Operating Budget and \$3.6 billion FY23-FY27 Capital Plan sets a foundation for our future, connects our communities, and delivers on the details of city services across our neighborhoods. Through sound fiscal management, this budget is a roadmap for investing critical resources to build a more connected city for everyone.

This returned budget is responsive to the advocacy and legislative intent of the City Council, while recognizing the importance of fiscal stability. Many proposed amendments were accepted, though most at reduced amounts in recognition of existing resources or anticipated start-up timing. In partnership with the City Council, the returned budget includes enhanced funding for youth jobs, housing vouchers, neighborhood clean up, and valuable programming for historically underserved communities including immigrants, LGBTQ+ residents, and returning citizens. As required, the City Council's proposed additions to the budget were offset by reductions in other areas. While the City is pleased to be able to slightly increase the FY23 Operating Budget at this time due to net state aid revenue adjustments in the House budget passed this spring, that funding alone is not enough to accommodate the entirety of the Council's suggested additions, and it is still subject to the legislature's budget reconciliation process and final approval. After careful review, this returned budget partially accepts some suggested Council reductions that can be taken without harming city services or transparent budget practices.

I'm proud that the first budget of our administration comes in the first year of a new balance of budgetary power with the City Council, and we have reshaped this process to reflect direct community engagement and City Council collaboration from the very beginning. For the first time, public feedback guided budget drafting from the start as residents highlighted community needs and priorities through listening sessions co-hosted by City Councilors, a citywide survey in 12 languages, and direct engagement over the last three months. Our recommended budget reflects the clear call for transformative action to support our people, our neighborhoods, and our City services.

Even as Boston continues to absorb the impacts of a lingering pandemic, our City's fiscal health has paved the way for a strong public health response and citywide recovery. This spring, the City of Boston received AAA credit ratings for the eighth year in a row. These top credit ratings not only highlight solid financial management and policies embedding fiscal responsibility, but also secure the most favorable rates for our infrastructure investments to support equity, affordability, and resiliency in every neighborhood.

To maintain the City's strong fiscal health and to support honest, transparent dialogue with community members about how taxpayer dollars are put to use, we must be clear about planned expenditures. The City Council unanimously voted to present a proposed budget to the administration that would secure a collective \$10 million increase for various initiatives through a reduction to the Boston Police Department's overtime line item by that amount. As we are all aware, due to state laws that require payment of all public safety overtime hours worked—regardless of the size of a budgeted line item—this would set up the City to repeat the pattern over several years of overspending on this line item and dipping into needed reserves from other areas to cover that. Therefore, I cannot include a false reduction to the budget that would create unpredictability elsewhere. We will continue to work through leadership, organizational improvements, and collective bargaining to rein in overtime. However, in recognition of the unanimous advocacy and intent of the City Council, a total of \$1.2 million in reductions to the Police Department have been identified: \$1 million in the reduction to the Police Department's personnel line is retained as a reduction to the permanent employee line, which will delay the next recruit class by two months; and a \$200,000 reduction to the department's equipment line is included. Should net state revenues come in higher than currently budgeted over the next few months as the state budget is finalized, this will be a top priority to restore and accelerate our recruit class.

This returned budget also includes most of the City Council's proposed investments and our team has tremendous respect for the Council's advocacy and representation of communities across our neighborhoods. While the Mayor's Administration is charged with the executive and administrative duties of city government, the valued partnership with the Council is critical to ensure that City government meets the needs of our residents. Directives about how to staff or execute public work within a departmental budget category constitute executive action, which is reserved to the Mayor under the City Charter, and are not within the City Council's legislative authority to amend appropriations. Therefore, the intra-departmental transfers set forth in the appendix to the City Council's amended budget is a non-binding narrative of priorities that I cannot formally accept as appropriations. However, the intra-department portion of the appendix highlighted some key community priorities that our returned budget dedicates funding toward, such as arts grants and pest control.

Specific accepted and partially accepted amendments include the following.

- Accepted amendments at reduced amounts in recognition of existing resources or expected start-up timing: \$3.5 million for youth jobs (offset by grant funding), \$1.85 million for housing vouchers, \$500,000 for Main Streets technical assistance, \$544,000 for tree and urban wilds maintenance, \$482,000 for neighborhood clean-up (hokeys) and waste reduction positions, \$300,000 for Office of Returning Citizens, and \$200,000 for the Office of Black Male Advancement.

- Accepted amendments at full amounts proposed by City Council: \$250,000 for the Mayor's Office of Immigrant Advancement programming and events, \$150,000 for the Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement, additional positions to support the 311 system, increased burial assistance, a new position to expand capacity at the office of the City Clerk, Graffiti Busters grants to help small businesses restore their storefronts, programming for older adults, increased support for the Boston Groundwater Trust, and additional funding for City Council staffing.
- A total of \$1.5 million in partially accepted reductions that can be taken without harming city services or transparent budget practices: \$1 million in Police personnel line by delaying recruit class two months, \$200,000 from Police equipment line, and \$300,000 from the Fire Department equipment line.

The returned FY23 Operating Budget proposes a year-over-year increase of \$219 million or 5.8% over FY22, coordinated to target impact in key areas, including:

- Focusing on housing affordability, including creating and acquiring new affordable units, housing stability services, and an expanded voucher program. Over the next three years, new commitments in the Operating and Capital Budgets paired with federal recovery funds will infuse an unprecedented \$365 million into affordable housing, supportive services, and public housing preservation and creation.
- Moving fast on a Boston Green New Deal, with a greener City vehicle fleet, improvements for mobility and active transportation, the first citywide composting program, new leadership for food justice and urban agriculture, and investments in our tree canopy and open space.
- Investing in public safety grounded in public health, with a new Center for Behavioral Health to elevate mental health as a citywide priority, a coordinated crisis response program, specialized supports for older adults, and pathways for greater representation of Boston residents and people of color in public safety jobs.
- Accelerating an equitable economic recovery by more than doubling investments in our Main Streets districts to support our small businesses; creating an innovative Legacy Business Fund; funding the new Office of Contract Services that will help tie city contracting to wealth-building opportunities for BIPOC- and women-owned local businesses; expanding workforce development for immigrant professionals, young people, and city residents; and investing in neighborhood placemaking, arts, and culture.
- Amplifying all voices, with a major expansion of our language access capacity, investments in immigration legal services, wraparound supports for returning citizens, and resources to grow our new Office of Black Male Advancement and Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement.
- Empowering youth and families, with a significant commitment to the Boston Public Schools through \$40 million in Operating Budget growth paired with over \$100 million in federal ESSER funding to support students and school communities, strengthen academics, and improve facilities and operations; a new Office of Early Childhood; and funding for 6,000 youth summer jobs and 1,000 full-year jobs.

The operating budget works in concert with the City's proposed budget for allocation of \$349.5 million in unallocated federal resources from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), intended to accelerate a Green New Deal for Boston. These funds represent a once-in-a-generation set of

transformational investments that will create lasting impact. I ask the City Council to act with urgency and put these resources to work for Boston residents.

Informed by community-driven visioning and guided by the urgency for bold change, our proposed investments include \$206 million for affordable housing and homeownership, \$34 million for economic opportunity and inclusion, \$31.5 million to advance climate resilience and improve mobility for all Bostonians, \$20 million to strengthen arts and culture in both downtown and our neighborhood communities, \$20 million to ensure an equitable response to the ongoing pandemic, \$18 million to support behavioral and mental health, \$15 million to focus on our early education and childcare system, and \$5 million for administration, evaluation and data transparency.

It will take time for the city's economy to fully regain its footing, and we are planning carefully around the uncertainty from viral variants, geopolitical events, and macroeconomic pressures. This fiscally responsible, balanced budget fully funds our long-term liabilities, such as pensions and debt service, enabling investment in the largest Capital Plan in our City's history. The Capital Plan supports capital projects across all our neighborhoods, from healthier schools and beautiful libraries, to safer streets, street trees, and dog parks.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, this budget points the way toward an equitable recovery and charts the course for our brightest future. Thank you for your many hours of analysis, community outreach, and thoughtful discussion. I look forward to the continued partnership of the City Council in this budget process and beyond. I respectfully request your favorable action on the FY23 Operating Budget, the FY23-FY27 Capital Plan and the ARPA orders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith my Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23) Recommended Budget for the City of Boston. In this moment of urgency and opportunity for our city, our \$3.99 billion FY23 Operating Budget and \$3.6 billion FY23-FY27 Capital Plan sets a foundation for our future, connects our communities, and delivers on the details of city services across our neighborhoods. Through sound fiscal management, this budget is a roadmap for investing critical resources to build a more connected city for everyone.

Even as Boston continues to absorb the impacts of a lingering pandemic, strong fiscal health has paved the way for a strong public health response and citywide recovery. Last month, the City of Boston received AAA credit ratings for the eighth year in a row. These top credit ratings not only highlight solid financial management and policies embedding fiscal responsibility, but also secure the most favorable rates for our infrastructure investments to support equity, affordability, and resiliency in every neighborhood.

I'm proud that the first budget of our administration comes in the first year of a new balance of budgetary power with the City Council, and we have reshaped this process to reflect direct community engagement from the very beginning. For the first time, public feedback guided budget drafting from the start as residents highlighted community needs and priorities through listening sessions co-hosted by City Councilors, a citywide survey in 12 languages, and direct engagement over the last three months. Our recommended budget reflects the clear call for transformative action to support our people, our neighborhoods, and our City services.

The Recommended FY23 Operating Budget proposes a year-over-year increase of \$216 million or 5.7% over FY22, coordinated to target impact in key areas, including:

- Focusing on housing affordability, including creating and acquiring new affordable units, housing stability services, and an expanded voucher program. Over the next three years, new commitments in the Operating and Capital Budgets paired with federal recovery funds will infuse an unprecedented \$365 million into affordable housing, supportive services, and public housing preservation and creation.

- Moving fast on a Boston Green New Deal, with a greener City vehicle fleet, improvements for mobility and active transportation, the first citywide composting program, new leadership for food justice and urban agriculture, and investments in our tree canopy and open space.
- Investing in public safety grounded in public health, with a new Center for Behavioral Health to elevate mental health as a citywide priority, a coordinated crisis response program, specialized supports for older adults, and pathways for greater representation of Boston residents and people of color in public safety jobs.
- Accelerating an equitable economic recovery by more than doubling investments in our Main Streets districts to support our small businesses; creating an innovative Legacy Business Fund; funding the new Office of Contract Services that will help tie city contracting to wealth-building opportunities for BIPOC- and women-owned local businesses; expanding workforce development for immigrant professionals, young people, and city residents; and investing in neighborhood placemaking, arts, and culture.
- Amplifying all voices, with a major expansion of our language access capacity, investments in immigration legal services, wraparound supports for returning citizens, and resources to grow our new Office of Black Male Advancement and Office of LGBTQ+ Advancement.
- Empowering youth and families, with a significant commitment to the Boston Public Schools through \$40 million in Operating Budget growth paired with over \$100 million in federal ESSER funding to support students and school communities, strengthen academics, and improve facilities and operations; a new Office of Early Childhood; and funding for 6,000 youth summer jobs and 1,000 full-year jobs.

To lay a foundation for the future, this operating budget works in concert with the federal resources of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to accelerate a Green New Deal for Boston. Of Boston's nearly \$560 million ARPA allocation, \$110 million has been previously earmarked for revenue replacement from FY22 to FY24 to support the City's annual operating budget and vital public services through the economic uncertainty of the pandemic. The City also previously appropriated \$90 million for an emergency relief package, financial support for small businesses, and a two-year fare-free bus pilot—leaving \$349.5 million for once-in-a-generation, transformational investments that must create lasting impact. Informed by community-driven visioning and guided by the urgency for bold change, our proposed investments include:

- \$206 million for housing stability, affordable homeownership and financial assistance to first-generation homebuyers, strategic acquisitions to combat displacement, and deeply-affordable housing creation on City-owned land; a nation-leading pilot to advance energy efficiency in triple deckers and other multi-family homes while maintaining affordability; and upgrades to public housing units across five sites for air quality, energy efficiency, and health;
- \$34 million for economic opportunity and inclusion, to grow BIPOC-owned businesses, further invest in our Main Street business districts, expand tuition-free community college and workforce training programs, and create a commercial rental rebate program to support small business recovery and build wealth in our neighborhoods;
- \$31.5 million for climate-focused investments, including expanding the Green Youth Jobs program, creating walking and biking infrastructure, growing and preserving our

urban tree canopy, strengthening our local food systems, and supporting electrification of the City vehicle and school bus fleet;


- \$20 million for transformative arts and culture investments that will facilitate placemaking and strengthen both downtown and our neighborhood communities;
- \$20 million to ensure an equitable response to the ongoing pandemic by support critical COVID-19 vaccination efforts, ongoing testing, community engagement, and continued collaboration with community-based organizations and community health centers;
- \$18 million to tackle behavioral health and substance use disorder challenges;
- \$15 million for investments in our early education and childcare system, including growing the early educator workforce and streamlining access and enrollment for Boston families; and
- \$5 million for evaluation and equitable administration, to support language access, establish an equity framework, and ensure strong compliance with federal guidelines.

These ARPA investments are paired with the Operating and Capital Budgets to jumpstart solutions to long-term challenges; coordinate across departments and sectors to deliver equity, climate resiliency, jobs, and health as the foundation for a Boston Green New Deal; and prioritize financial sustainability beyond ARPA. Along with coordinated housing investments, engineering and planning positions funded in the Operating Budget support ARPA-funded projects to make Boston more bikeable and walkable, as well as an expanded capital project for the Blue Hills Multimodal Corridor. A new Office for Early Childhood and a new Behavioral Health Center in the Operating Budget are complemented by significant infusions of ARPA funding to immediately scale impact.

It will take time for the city's economy to fully regain its footing, and we are planning carefully around the uncertainty from viral variants, geopolitical events, and macroeconomic pressures. This fiscally responsible, balanced budget fully funds our long-term liabilities, such as pensions and debt service, enabling investment in the largest Capital Plan in our City's history. The Capital Plan supports capital projects across all our neighborhoods, from healthier schools and beautiful libraries, to safer streets, street trees, and dog parks.

As we continue to emerge from the pandemic, this budget points the way toward an equitable recovery and charts the course for our brightest future. I look forward to the continued partnership of the City Council in this budget process and beyond. I respectfully request your favorable action on the FY23 Operating Budget, the FY23-FY27 Capital Plan and the forthcoming ARPA orders.

Sincerely,



Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**Appropriation and Tax Order for the fiscal year  
Commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023**

**ORDERED:**

I. That to meet the current expenses of the City of Boston, in the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, 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, 2020 up to and including March 31, 2021, 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:







# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dockets #0762 0763, as overridden in part

The following items from the Council's amended draft as returned will be overridden:

1. Increase Black Male Advancement Personnel Services, \$600,000 to expand the office capacity (adding \$400,000 to the line on the tax order).
2. Increase Office of Human Services (Office of Returning Citizens) Contractual Services, \$800,000 to increase capacity in the Office of Returning Citizens (adding \$500,000 to the line on the tax order).
3. Increase OEOI Contractual Services, \$100,000 to commission a citywide life insurance study.
4. Increase City Clerk Contractual Services, \$200,000 to procure codification services for the review and recodification of the City of Boston Code-Ordinances and the Special Acts relating to the City of Boston, including the City Charter.
5. Increase BCYF Personnel Services, \$120,000 for youth workers to support programming for youth residents of BHA Commonwealth Apartments and BHA Faneuil Gardens.
6. Increase BPHC (Special Appropriation), \$160,000 to provide salary increases of \$20,000 for each FTE at Boston Youth Development Network.
7. Increase MOH Special Appropriation, \$400,000 to BHA for the city housing voucher program, with set asides for project-basing at IDP units to buy deeper affordability, returning citizens, and BHA homeownership pilot launch, with the additional direction that this funding be used for a pilot for housing stipends for young people aged 19-24.
8. Increase Parks & Recreation Department Personnel Services, \$688,373 for departmental capacity regarding tree maintenance (adding \$144,186 to the line on the tax order).

The increase overrides will be balanced by the following decrease overrides:

1. BFD Equipment: \$400,000
2. BFD Equipment: \$750,000
3. Law Contractual: \$250,000
4. OBM Personnel: \$130,000
5. DoIT Personnel: \$160,000
6. BFD Contractual: \$400,000

**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, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, 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, 2021, 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

In City Council June 29, 2022. Passed.  
Approved by the Mayor July 8, 2022.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
IN CITY COUNCIL

**AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF BOSTON TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND A GRANT FUNDED THROUGH THE CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND (CLFRF) IN THE TREASURY OF THE UNITED STATES ESTABLISHED BY SECTION 9901 OF THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 (ARPA), AWARDED BY THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY.**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of the Treasury, is being petitioned for the issuance of funds to the City of Boston under Section 603 of the Social Security Act, as added by ARPA, Section 9901; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Title VI of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 801 et seq.) is amended by adding at the end the following: "603. CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS" and funds in the amount of FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000) are available as a direct payment to the City solely to fund "the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency relative to revenues collected in the most recent full fiscal year of the State, territory, or Tribal government prior to the emergency." Therefore be it

**ORDERED:** that the Mayor, acting on behalf of the City of Boston be, and hereby is authorized, pursuant to section 53A of chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, to accept and expend the United States Department of the Treasury, payments to State, Local, and Tribal governments not to exceed the amount of FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000) for the purpose of funding the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue of such State, territory, or Tribal government due to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**FURTHER ORDERED:** That, in accordance with section 24 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, as amended by section 4 of Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, the amount of FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000) be, and hereby is credited to the General Fund from the Special Revenue Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Grant Fund in order to fund the following revenue budget:

General Fund 100-131 -42507      40,000,000

*In City Council June 29, 2022. Passed; Yeas 12*  
*Approved by the Mayor July 8, 2022.*

Attest:



*Alex Geourntas*  
City Clerk



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith an appropriation order for the Boston Public Schools (BPS) for Fiscal Year 2023 (FY23), in the amount of \$1.33 billion, submitted pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as amended by Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, as further amended by Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1987, and Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991.

As a BPS mom, I take special pride in lifting up Boston's young people as our citywide mission, and I am fiercely committed to connecting resources across every department in city government and every sector across our city to advance the health, happiness, and opportunity of our children and families. That requires investment, coordination, and community-building well beyond BPS, and this budget will be supplemented by those efforts.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, the entire BPS community—students, families, educators, and staff—has come together to ensure the well-being of our young people and support their learning in the face of challenging, ever-changing circumstances. Investing in our future means committing significant resources to supporting our school communities, so that every child, in every classroom, in every school has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

To that end, the FY23 BPS Operating Budget is focused on not only meeting this moment, but laying a foundation that will empower our school district to be all that it can be. The \$1.33 billion proposed BPS budget exceeds the City's prior BPS three-year funding commitment, targets areas where our students need the most support, and works to transform our public education system.

As part of an extensive public engagement process centered around the district's federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER II and III) funding, BPS held public hearings to listen and learn from the families we are serving. We heard from students, parents, and educators who want inclusive instruction and curricula, engagement outside of the classroom, improvements to facilities, and more resources for families. All these priorities and more are reflected in the FY23 budget.

The FY23 BPS budget is also structured around an equitable recovery from COVID-19. It consists of three key principles: Return, Recover, and Reimagine. With both Operating Budget and ESSER investments addressing each of these principles, this budget will enable us to bridge gaps in opportunity and achievement, and make significant strides in supporting the social-emotional well-being of our students.

The FY23 BPS Operating Budget includes \$52 million in new investments, such as:

- \$6.6 million for new social workers, school psychologists, and guidance counselors, to build out coordinated, multi-tiered systems of support for students and their families;
- \$26.7 million directly to schools to ensure equitable access to vital student programs and services;
- \$5.5 million to expand access to libraries and invest in inclusive library collections and materials;
- \$6.8 million in operations improvements and expanded organizational capacity for transportation, food and nutrition services, and facilities maintenance repairs;
- \$3.8 million to increase access to MassCore at the secondary level and access to more physical education, art, music, and academic enrichment, creating high-quality, rigorous, and ethnically- and culturally-responsive curriculum and instruction; and
- \$2.6 million to expand language access with translations and interpretations for school meetings and materials.

With ESSER funding to help support our recovery, we have the opportunity to make transformative investments across the district, providing every student with opportunities to succeed and prepare them for the future. BPS is expected to receive a total of \$400 million in ESSER funding, of which \$108 million has already been appropriated for FY22, both directly to schools and for districtwide initiatives. In FY23, \$104 million in ESSER funds will work in tandem with operating investments to fund additional initiatives and improvements, such as:

- \$18 million to invest in high-quality facilities, HVAC systems, and air quality improvements;
- \$16.7 million to invest in supports and programming for English Language Learners and students with disabilities, as well as equitable literacy curricula;
- \$50 million directly to schools to tailor programming and recovery to the communities they serve; and
- \$10 million to expand access to academic counseling to complement the operating investment in high school guidance counselors.

The FY23 Operating Budget also includes a proposed \$16 million increase for our public charter school students, bringing our total public education funding up to \$1.6 billion. This \$56 million increase in FY23 represents over 26% of the total new City resources across all categories of spending. Public education spending remains over 40% of our City budget, and per-pupil spending at BPS will reach \$27,100, an increase of \$3,600 over last year. Key investments in the City Operating Budget and the FY23-27 Capital Plan will also accelerate district-wide school facilities planning initiatives and key construction and renovation projects to deliver school facilities that are safe, healthy, energy-efficient, and inspiring for our school communities.



During a time of transition in the district, the proposed FY23 BPS Operating Budget lays the foundation for transformational change across grade levels, schools, and neighborhoods, while bolstering existing supports and services on which students and families depend. I look forward to working with you to implement a bold vision for BPS, and I respectfully request your support of the FY23 appropriation for the Boston Public Schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

ORDERED: That pursuant to Chapter 224 of the Acts of 1936, as amended by Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, and as further amended by Chapter 701 of the Acts of 1986, Chapter 613 of the Acts of 1987, and Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1991, to meet the current operating expenses of the School Department in the fiscal period commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, the sum of ONE BILLION THREE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-FOUR MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHT dollars (\$1,334,845,508) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, said sum to be raised by taxation pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws:

Boston School Department                      \$1,334,845,508

In City Council June 8, 2022. Passed, yeas 10, nays 3 (Baker, Flaherty and Murphy)  
Approved by the Mayor June 16, 2022.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
Interim City Clerk



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order appropriating \$40,000,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund authorized under Chapter 32B, §20, as added by Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2008. The latest available OPEB actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2019 estimated the City's unfunded liability at \$2.13 billion.

We remain committed to work together with the Public Employee Committee (PEC) on continued healthcare cost containment strategies and supporting efforts that promote employee wellness.

Sustaining quality healthcare benefits for current and future retirees within the means of the City's budget is a mutual goal and I thank you for your continued support of this important issue.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:**

That the sum of FORTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$40,000,000) be, and the same hereby is, appropriated to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established under Section 20 of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, said sum to be met from available funds on hand as certified by the Director of Accounts pursuant to Section 23 of Chapter 59 of the General Laws.

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| 61800-138910 | Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund | \$40,000,000 |
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In City Council June 8, 2022. Passed; yeas 13.  
Approved by the Mayor June 16, 2022.

Attest:



Alex Geourtas  
Interim City Clerk



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to enter into one or more lease, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed \$36,000,000. These funds are to be used by various City departments for the acquisition of equipment in furtherance of their respective governmental functions. The list of equipment includes: computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of, the foregoing.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order as expeditiously as possible to ensure the successful completion of the equipment acquisition program.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON  
BUDGET DIVISION

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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

**ORDERED:** That pursuant to section 11 of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, the City of Boston, acting by and through its Purchasing Agent and its Collector-Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to acquire the following departmental equipment by entering into one or more lease, lease-purchase or installment sales agreements in Fiscal Year 2023 in an amount not to exceed Thirty Six Million Dollars (\$36,000,000) in such form or forms as the Purchasing Agent and Collector-Treasurer may determine with the approval of the Mayor; computer equipment (hardware and software), motor vehicles and trailers, ambulances, firefighting equipment, office equipment, telecommunications equipment, photocopying equipment, medical equipment, school and educational equipment, school buses, parking meters, street lighting installation, traffic signal equipment and equipment functionally related to, and components of, the foregoing.

**AND FURTHER ORDERED:** That pursuant to section 9 of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to execute and deliver, as appropriate, on behalf of the City of Boston, with the approval of the Mayor, trust, security and/or lease agreements and/or reimbursement agreements with attached letters of credit, and to procure, as appropriate, insurance to secure the City's obligation as authorized above, all in such form or forms as the Collector/Treasurer may determine with the approval of the Mayor.

In City Council June 8, 2022. Read once and passed; yeas 13.

In City Council June 29, 2022. Read a second time and again passed; yeas 13.

Approved by the Mayor July 8, 2022.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) from the City's Capital Grant Fund to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city. Such funds will be transferred and credited to the Capital Grant Fund from revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this Order so that the City of Boston may use the funds for much needed transportation improvements.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON  
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:** That the City of Boston appropriate the amount of One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,600,000) from the Capital Grant Fund of the City for various departments including the Public Works Department and the Transportation Department to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges, and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the city including, but not limited to, the complete streets program and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation as permitted in Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016. To meet this appropriation, the Collector/Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to transfer such amount to the Capital Grant Fund from special revenue received from the Commonwealth Transportation Infrastructure Enhancement Trust Fund.

In City Council June 8, 2022. Passed: yeas 13  
Approved by the Mayor June 16, 2022.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
Interim City Clerk





# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$550,370,000 for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and for the development of affordable housing through the construction of necessary public infrastructure; any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of various city departments including Boston Center for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and Transportation Departments, Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency and Public Health Commission.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

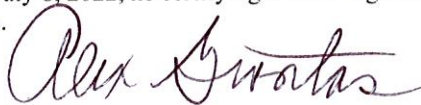
**ORDERED:** That the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Million Three Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$550,370,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; for the development of affordable housing through the construction of necessary public infrastructure; any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of various city departments including Boston Center for Youth and Families, Department of Innovation and Technology, Environment, Fire, Mayor's Office of Housing, Office of Arts & Culture, Parks and Recreation, Police, Property Management, Public Works, and Transportation Departments, Boston Public Library, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Planning and Development Agency and Public Health Commission; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized under the provisions of Section 7 and/or Section 8 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, Chapter 121B, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, provided that the appropriation authorized through this order be expended only on the project(s) as described by name attached hereto; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983 as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal, premium, or interest on such bonds, notes, or other obligations or on any debt of the City.

In City Council June 8, 2022. Read once and passed; yeas 13.

In City Council June 29, 2022. Read a second time and again passed; yeas 13.

Approved by the Mayor July 8, 2022, he certifying on the original order that the foregoing loan order is not in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk

July 29, 2022

I hereby certify that no petition, asking that the question of approving or disapproving the foregoing order be submitted to the voters, was filed with the City Clerk within twenty days from July 8, 2022 and the order therefore becomes effective on July 29, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1939.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk



# CITY OF BOSTON - MASSACHUSETTS

MICHELLE WU  
MAYOR

April 11, 2022

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an appropriation order in the amount of \$138,535,000 for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software and computer-assisted integrated financial management and accounting systems; and for any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston

**CITY OF BOSTON**  
**IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDERED:** That the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Eight Million Five Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$138,535,000) be, and hereby is, appropriated for the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including but not limited to: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; for the cost of feasibility studies or engineering or architectural services for plans and specifications; for the development, design, purchase and installation of computer hardware or software; any and all costs incidental or related to the above described projects; for the purposes of Boston Public Schools; and that to meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized under the provisions of Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, or any other enabling authority, to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, provided that the appropriation authorized through this order be expended only on the project(s) as described by name attached hereto; that this order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983 as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal, premium, or interest on such bonds, notes, or other obligations or on any debt of the City.

In City Council June 8, 2022. Read once and passed; yeas 13.

In City Council June 29, 2022. Read a second time and again passed; yeas 13.

Approved by the Mayor July 8, 2022, he certifying on the original order that the foregoing loan order is not in his opinion, to meet a current expense.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk

July 29, 2022

I hereby certify that no petition, asking that the question of approving or disapproving the foregoing order be submitted to the voters, was filed with the City Clerk within twenty days from July 8, 2022 and the order therefore becomes effective on July 29, 2022 in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 108 of the Acts of 1939.

Attest:



Alex Geourntas  
City Clerk