



SOME's Advocacy & Social Justice Department Scorecard

How we and the advocacy community* did with the

District's Fiscal Year 2021 Budget

August 14, 2020 (The numbers are subject to change.)

Agency	Program	Asked For	Achieved	Next Steps
Department of Housing & Community Development	Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF) for capital to build	Increase annual baseline from \$116M to \$125-150M	a. \$109M. [Mayor proposed \$100M.] b. + Potential for \$88M in Federal loan = c. Total possible: \$197M.	Continue advocating for \$125M or more local dollars in the future
	Housing Preservation Fund	\$10M	\$2.07M [Mayor proposed \$1M; this had been \$11.5M in FY20.]	Fund leverages private funds 1:3. Helps tenants to buy their bldgs. under the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act.
	Housing Counseling Services in Neighborhood-Based Organizations	\$10M	\$7.3M [same as Mayor proposed. This is a \$600K reduction since FY20.]	Essential to renters: to know their rights, help find & retain their housing, prevent foreclosure, and become homeowners.
DC Housing Authority	Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) - Project/Sponsor-based	\$5-7M	\$5M for 258 units [Mayor proposed \$0 for FY21 but added \$5.4M for future Financial Plans.]	This provides operating subsidies for new deeply affordable housing. Say, "Thank you!"
	Shallow Rent Subsidy for Unsubsidized Seniors	Grow past \$1.4M for more than 206 units for singles on the DCHA waitlist at incomes up to \$65K	\$1.736M. An increase of \$936,017: Enhancement for a total of 40 tenant-based housing vouchers; 20 returning citizens identified by the Office on Returning Citizens Affairs; 10 for senior citizens; and 10 specifically for LGBT Seniors for DCHA.	Continue advocacy to expand this program.
	Tenant-based LRSP	\$3.5M	\$1.44M for an estimated 70 families	Advocate for more funds and landlords.
	Public Housing Repairs	Allow DCHA \$25-35M to float a bond	\$50M [Mayor had \$25M] for FY21 only.	Advocate for recurring funding so DCHA can leverage bonds.
DC Housing Finance Agency	Local Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC)		\$0 in FY21; this program is now included in DC Financial Plan and is slated to commence in FY23. Will match Federal LIHTC 1:4 for eligible affordable housing.	Thank CM Allen.
Workforce Investment Council	Career Pathways Innovation Fund (CPIF)	\$2.15M	\$1.65M	Say, "Thank you" and continue to emphasize that all learners must be served by our education & workforce programs
Department of Human Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$16.6M for 740 units for Singles	\$5.1M for 214 units	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles and families.
		For Families	\$4.1M for 96 units	
	Targeted Affordable Housing	\$4M for 220 units for singles	\$1.4M for 66 units	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles.
		For Families	\$1.4M for 59 units	
	Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$2M for 200 units for singles	\$1M for 100 units for singles	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles.
	For Families (FRSP)	\$11M		
	Transitional Housing	[other]	LGBTIA + Youth + new Extended TH: 11 units	

	Transition-Age Youth	[DC Advocates for Youth Alliance]	\$1.3M for 60 shelter beds	
	Homelessness Prevention	Individuals	\$1.2M [Mayor had \$333K through May 2021. Grant period differs from District Fiscal Year.]	Continue to support, while encouraging continued funding of ERAP
		Families	\$200K	same
	Homeless Street Outreach	\$2.1M to save program	\$2.08M	Will need to be renewed annually.
	Monitor and grow the Emergency Rental Assistance Program	\$12.9M	\$14.1M	Continue to monitor & to campaign for more ERAP as demand escalates.
Interim Disability Assistance (IDA)	+\$800K so more persons can receive this modest, yet essential, benefit while awaiting SSI/SSDI decision	Budget flat at FY18 level of \$3.346M	Keep working with advocacy partners to raise visibility. This is challenging because there is no increase in the program that helps applicants have more success in getting SSI/SSDI.	
Office of Victims and Services Grants	Reentry Housing Pilot Program	\$1.8M	\$1M	Say "Thank you," and advocate for expansion of the program.
Department of Behavioral Health	Community-Based Services	Restoration of \$9.5M cuts proposed by the Mayor	DC Council restored \$5.5M	Continue to emphasize the importance of mental health services in the community and for funding and support for the organizations that provide these essential services.
	Expansion of School-Based Mental Health	\$4M	\$3.3M	Advocate that every D.C. student has low-barrier access to mental health supports at every D.C. public school.
Council of the District of Columbia/ Office of the City Administrator/ Office of Human Rights	REACH Act (Race Equity Achieves Real Change Amendment Act of 2020)	Passage and Funding of the Bill	\$1.32M for FTEs to staff the areas created by the Act; \$500,000 for one-time expenses; \$5 million in ongoing funding identified for coming years	Continue to support the underlying bill while also voicing changes that strengthen it; watch for passage; advocate for strong and urgent implementation; and work with the community on establishing accountability measures.
Office of Contracts & Procurement	Non-Profit Reimbursement Fairness Act	Fund study and report on implementation of the bill with Fiscal Impact analysis.	\$200K.	With coalition partners, monitor the study, report, and fiscal analysis, and work to reintroduce the underlying bill in calendar 2021.

*** SOME's Advocacy & Social Justice Department worked closely with the following coalitions and supported many of their platforms: Fair Budget Coalition, Coalition for Nonprofit Housing & Economic Development, DC Behavioral Health Association, DC Reentry Action Network, Senior Advisory Coalition, DC Adult & Family Literacy Coalition, and the DC Initiative on Racial Equity and Local Government.**

Notes: 1. Telehealth reimbursement: The Budget Support Act deleted a statutory provision that prohibited reimbursement for healthcare through audio-only telephone. **2. Excluded workers:** The Council voted to expand eligibility for a COVID-era cash grant measure, administered via Events DC, so that it covers other informal/cash economy workers (gig workers, undocumented workers) who are excluded from receiving Unemployment Insurance and other government benefits. **3. Housing Purchase Assistance Program and Employee Housing Assistance Program** same as Mayor's Proposal: \$19.3M + \$1M.