



SOME's Advocacy Department Scorecard
 How we and the advocacy community did with the
District's FY20 Budget
Final: June 25, 2019

Agency	Program	Asked For	Achieved	Next Steps
Department of Housing & Community Development	Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF)	Increase annual baseline from \$100M to \$120-125M	a. \$116M supported by both Mayor & Council. b. Change HPTF law to require 50% of the HPTF to be used for persons at 0-30% Area Median Income. c. 1% increase in deed recordation & transfer tax transfer. +\$11.5M for the Affordable Housing Preservation Fund for tenants to buy their bldgs. under Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act. +\$12.8M to be available in FY20 for Workforce Housing tax abatements, other funding to be available over next 3 yrs.	Continue advocating for \$125M or more in future
	Housing Counseling Services in Neighborhood-Based Organizations	\$8.075M	Approx. \$8M (\$7.9M or \$8.075M)	Essential to help renters know their rights, help people find & retain their housing, prevent foreclosure & become homeowners.
DC Housing Authority	Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP) - Project/Sponsor-based	Approx. \$5M-8M	\$7.24M (\$1.54 from Mayor, \$5.7 from Council): 289 units	Say, "Thank you!"
		\$1M for DCHA LRSP-only RFP was supposed to be in the budget automatically	Council Budget Office confirms the money is in the Budget.	When DCHA is ready, apply for the money!
	Shallow Rent Subsidy for Unsubsidized Seniors	\$1.4M (double the FY19 amount) for 206 units for singles on the DCHA waitlist at incomes up to \$65K	\$1.4M	Continue advocacy to expand this program.
	Tenant-based LRSP	\$3.5M	\$2M for 16 seniors & 59 families.	Continue advocating, & for more effective landlord outreach & education.
	LRSP for Seniors	Prioritize the needs of low-income seniors	Tenant-based LRSP for 33 seniors, totaling \$700K; +20 vouchers for returning citizens, totaling \$420,720	Monitor implementation & need.
	Public Housing Repairs	Allow DCHA \$25-35M to float a bond	\$23.5M+\$1.24M+tbid: \$23,5M from Events DC Reserve Fund, & \$1.24M from a tax exemption eliminated from The Line Hotel for Public Housing in Ward 1. In addition, the Council voted to put aside 50% of Events DC excess revenue in the current FY19 for repairs in Public Housing.	The Chief Financial Officer opposed the use of funds from Events DC (the Convention Center) but reached a compromise with Chairman Mendelson before the final vote on 6/18/19.
District Department of Transportation	Adult Learners Transportation Subsidy	\$1.98M to maintain the current year's funding	\$1.9M & The subsidy will also increase from \$50 to \$70/month	Say, "Thank you!"
Workforce Investment Council	Career Pathways Innovation Fund (CPIF)	\$1.5M	\$2.15M to expand CPIF	Say, "Thank you" & continue to emphasize that all learners must be

				served by our education & workforce programs
Office of the Attorney General	Domestic Violence Section-Elder Abuse	Continue to improve & add resources for seniors impacted by elder abuse	\$298,264 for two attorneys to prosecute elder abuse cases	Say "Thank you" & continue to ask that comprehensive resources, from case management to access to housing, are put in place for elder abuse survivors.
Department of Human Services	Permanent Supportive Housing	\$16.6M for 740 units for Singles	\$15.84M* for 585 units (a \$7.49M increase over FY19) for singles. *Allocated \$12.3M to DCHA and \$3.5M to DHS	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles and families.
		For Families	\$6.3M* for PSH for 180 families. * Allocated \$1.9M to DCHA and \$4.4M to DHS.	
	Targeted Affordable Housing	\$4M for 220 units for singles	\$631K for 30 units. + TAH for families \$4.9M for 203 units.	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles.
	Rapid Re-Housing Program	\$2M for 200 units for singles	\$1M for 100 units for singles	Continue advocating for more housing for homeless singles.
	Transitional Housing	[other]	\$1.1M	
	Transition-Age Youth	[DC Advocates for Youth Alliance]	\$5.5M for 160 units (1.7M 50 PSH, 2.1M 50 TH, 1.3M 60 shelter beds)	
	Homelessness Prevention "Project Reconnect"	Individuals	Increased \$875K for 500-1000 persons	Continue to support, while encouraging continued funding of ERAP
		Families	Increased \$798K for 266 more families	
	Homeless Street Outreach	Replace Federal CAHBI Grant to DBH: \$3.5M	Approx. \$3.6M. This is a new program, and it will be a DHS program, since CAHBI (which was in DBH) has ended.	Will need to be renewed annually.
	Monitor the Emergency Rental Assistance Program	\$12M increase	Increased by \$615K in FY20 + \$215K a year for 2021 & beyond (CM Nadeau)	Continue to monitor & to campaign for more ERAP, demand remains high.
Improve Conditions in Emergency Shelters	Ongoing priority for our Department and for the ICH Shelter Conditions Work Group	In Mayor's Proposal, approved by Council: Security improvements for CCNV, capital dollars for Harriet Tubman, NY Avenue shelters	Monitor efforts & continue to advocate for improvements in shelters for physical plant, case management & services.	
Interim Disability Assistance (IDA)	+\$800K so more persons can receive this modest, yet essential, benefit	Budget reverted to FY18 level of \$3.346M	Keep working with advocacy partners to raise visibility. This is challenging because there's no increase in SOAR to help applicants increase their SSI/SSDI success rate, and policymakers don't like spending local dollars without 100% reimbursement from the fed. gov't.	
Department of Aging & Community Living (Formerly the DC Office on Aging)	Senior Strategic Plan	Develop a comprehensive strategic plan for the aging with an emphasis on reaching isolated & at-risk seniors	\$335,775 to develop & publish a 10-year senior strategic plan & hire both a performance evaluator & data analyst	Say "Thank you," while also advocating that DACL work with its cabinet-level counterparts to help develop and implement this plan and to utilize strong community collaboration with performing the needs assessment for seniors.

	Outreach	Decrease senior isolation, specifically in underserved areas	\$2.5M to move up the opening of a new senior wellness facility in Ward 8 from FY 2022 to FY 2020	Say “Thank you” & continue to encourage the government to utilize diverse method & strategic partnerships to reach the hardest to reach seniors.
Department of Behavioral Health	Outreach for Persons with Substance Use Disorders	Increase outreach for persons with SUDs & decentralize DBH’s Access & Referral Center (The Arc)	\$1M for a 24-hour integrated mobile crisis response unit pilot program	Continue to emphasize the need for no-barrier access to substance abuse services

Notes:

1. The “bathroom bill,” Public Restrooms Facilities & Installation Act, was fully funded in FY20 to “create a plan.” Responsibility falls primarily on DC Department of General Services.
2. Unlike FY19, there was no increase in domestic-violence-specific housing: Only \$200,000 for a Domestic Violence Housing Strategic Planning Process.