



MURIEL BOWSER  
MAYOR

May 18, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman  
Council of the District of Columbia  
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20004

Dear Chairman Mendelson:

On behalf of the residents of the District of Columbia, I am pleased to submit to you the proposed District of Columbia Fiscal Year 2021 Proposed Budget and Financial Plan, *DC HOPE (Health Opportunity Prosperity Equity)*. Included in this submission, you will find the "Fiscal Year 2021 Local Budget Act of 2020," the "Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2020," the "Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Support Act of 2020," the "Fiscal Year 2020 Revised Local Budget Emergency Act of 2020," the "Fiscal Year 2020 Revised Local Budget Temporary Act of 2020," and the "Fiscal Year 2020 Revised Local Budget Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020".

Despite a substantial loss of revenue due to the global coronavirus pandemic, the Fiscal Year 2021 budget proposal continues to make significant investments in District residents. This budget supports the priorities and values of our residents by making critical investments in our public health infrastructure, affordable housing, and public schools. With a focus on health, opportunity, prosperity, and equity, this budget provides a sense of hope that even in times of unprecedented crisis, we can live up to our DC values and provide every Washingtonian with a fair shot at pathways to the middle class.

In just a few short months, this pandemic has created many challenges for our community and has laid bare distressing health disparities that exist across our nation and within our community. We know that these disparities are the result of generations of discriminatory policies and systems that negatively affect the health and well-being of people of color. This budget recognizes that in order to build a healthier, more equitable, and more resilient city, we must improve our health care system while also addressing the social determinants that drive health outcomes.

The DC HOPE Budget includes \$306 million for a state-of-the-art community hospital at St. Elizabeths and \$69 million ambulatory complex to support a stronger network of care in Wards 7 and 8. The budget also includes \$4.8 million to support the recommendations of the Mayor's Commission on Healthcare Systems Transformation, including investments to reduce reliance on emergency care and \$400,000 to improve pre-natal care. Through these investments, we can transform our health care system by promoting equity in care, access, and outcomes.

Despite the difficult circumstances we face, I remain steadfast in my commitment to affordable housing. Thus, this budget includes a \$100 million investment in the Housing Production Trust Fund and a \$1 million commitment to the Housing Preservation Fund which is leveraged with private investments to ensure we preserve critical affordable housing units.

We will also continue our robust investments in education, with a 3 percent increase in the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula and \$1.4 billion over the next six years for the continued modernization of our schools.

This budget also maintains critical investments in building a safer, stronger DC, including a \$1.7 million investment in our Cadet Program, which will provide 50 young District residents an opportunity to be a part of our Metropolitan Police Department.

Below are additional examples of important investments in the proposed FY 2021 Budget and Financial Plan that will help us build a more resilient and equitable DC.

### **Health and Human Services**

The FY 2021 budget supports the health and well-being of District residents through the following investments:

- \$4.2 million in FY 2021 to support five Centers of Excellence at Howard University Hospital, which will strengthen the Howard University Hospital and improve the health outcomes of Washingtonians;
- \$12.8 million in Homeward DC to make homelessness rare, brief, and non-recurring, including 96 new units for singles, 54 new units for families, and operating costs for our new short-term family housing shelters;
- \$5 million to continue funding for the Safe at Home program to meet program demands and \$250 thousand in grants for senior hearing aids;
- \$26 million to complete the Therapeutic Recreation Center in Ward 7 and \$8.9 million for the Ward 8 Senior Wellness Center project; and
- \$86 million in the capital budget to improve and expand public parks and recreational facilities.

### **Affordable Housing**

Producing, preserving, and protecting affordable housing remains a top priority. The FY 2021 budget makes the following investments in affordable housing:

- \$100 million contribution to the Housing Production Trust Fund;
- \$1 million for the Housing Preservation Fund;
- \$76 million in capital funding to rehabilitate and modernize public housing units; and
- \$35.5 million to expand and renovate the District's permanent and temporary supportive housing.

### **High-Quality Education**

Our community continues to recognize the important role our public schools play in creating opportunity and helping us build a more equitable city. We know that investments in our public schools were the driving force behind the renaissance of our city, and our steadfast commitment to our students, families, and educators remains strong. In the DC HOPE Budget, we continue to make education a top priority through a range of investments, including:

- a \$113.5 million increase in funding for K-12 public education;
- 3.0 percent increase to the base amount of the Uniform Per Student Funding Formula;
- more than \$1.4 billion for DC Public Schools (DCPS) to fund school modernizations, small capital projects, and school expansions to address overcrowding;
- \$80.2 million for the opening of Bard High School Early College, \$22.7 million for a new expansion at Barnard Elementary School, \$56 million for the development of a new Foxhall School, and \$2 million to support Excel Academy;
- \$75 million in capital funding to support 17 schools in the creation of 540 new early childcare seats and 180 pre-kindergarten seats across the District;
- \$20 million in funding for the Parkland Turner Library in Ward 8;
- a continued investment of \$90.3 million for the University of the District of Columbia, including \$6.5 million in investments for IT upgrades and an additional \$108 million in capital investments for university improvements; and
- \$1 million to support the operations of the new Martin Luther King Library.

### **Public Safety and Justice**

Our work to build safer, stronger neighborhoods across all eight wards continues, and the FY 2021 budget includes critical investments that support our collective commitment to public safety and justice:

- \$2 million for an additional 30 corrections officers and \$48 million to address critical building needs at the DC Jail.
- \$327 thousand to provide critical Public Health Emergency resources to the Department of Forensic Sciences;
- \$200 thousand to implement a consumer case management system to improve code violation enforcement, as was recommended by the independent review of the 708 Kennedy Street fire; and
- \$86 million to upgrade our Fire and Emergency Medical Services fleet vehicles.

### **Transportation and the Environment**

The FY 2021 budget makes key investments in transportation and infrastructure that will make moving throughout our city safer and provide more convenient access to transit options in underserved areas. The budget also includes investments that over time will make the District greener and more sustainable. Key investments in the District's transportation and environment include:

- \$1.7 billion to support capital infrastructure upgrades for the Washington Metro Area Transit Authority;
- \$6.5 million to support the continued improvement of our Circulator services and fund key wage components of our Circulator contract;
- \$56 million in safety and mobility investments and \$146 million in streetscapes as well as \$250 thousand in operating enhancements for new Vision Zero improvements to improve safety and reduce serious injuries and traffic fatalities;
- \$117 million to build the K Street Transitway by 2023, providing protected bus and bike lanes across the District's downtown core;
- \$1 million to install new electric vehicle charging stations at District agencies to support growing the District's electric fleet; and

- \$40 million to conduct hazardous material remediation as part of ongoing efforts to make the Anacostia River fishable and swimmable.

### **Jobs and Economic Opportunity**

While recovery efforts for residents and businesses will be ongoing and include the use of local and federal funds, the FY 2021 budget builds on efforts to spread prosperity and support local businesses and entrepreneurs with:

- \$3.7 million for Main Streets and \$4.5 million for Clean Teams;
- \$250 thousand to help returning citizens start new businesses and launch careers;
- \$7 million to support business development across the city with a focus on mixed-use development in high-unemployment areas;
- the creation of an online marketplace that will digitize, simplify, and improve accountability of the third-party construction inspection process; and
- expanded access to our Opportunity Accounts program, allowing residents enrolled in the District's Opportunity Accounts program to use matched savings for medical emergencies not covered by insurance, as well as health insurance premiums in the event of a sudden loss of income.

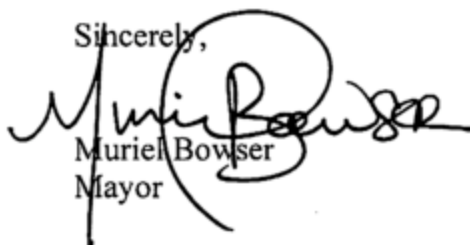
### **Government Operations**

The FY 2021 budget reflects a focus on streamlined and efficient government services that support our DC values, including:

- \$2.5 million for the Immigrant Justice Legal Services grant program;
- \$4.3 million to fully fund the Fair Elections Program;
- \$3.3 million to build a new animal shelter; and
- \$72 million to complete the modernization of the District's financial systems.

The FY 2021 budget is unique in that when we started putting it together, the world and the District were in a much different place than we are today. While our challenges are still great, Washington, DC is fortunate that we went into this crisis in strong financial standing – a place we got to through years of being responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars. I am proud that the DC HOPE Budget, which was revised and updated in the midst of this crisis, continues to reflect our ongoing commitment to good government and fiscal responsibility without compromising our shared DC values.

Sincerely,



Muriel Bowser  
Mayor



Chairman Phil Mendelson  
at the request of the Mayor

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To adopt, as a request to Congress for appropriation and authorization, the federal portion of the budget of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the "Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2020".

Sec. 2. Adoption of the federal portion of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

There is adopted, as a request to Congress for appropriation and authorization, the following federal portion of the budget of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021.

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL FUNDS APPROPRIATION REQUEST**

**FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**

For salaries and expenses for the District of Columbia Courts, \$267,838,000 to be allocated as follows: for the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, \$14,887,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception and representation expenses; for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, \$129,726,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception and representation expenses; for the District of Columbia Court System, \$79,155,000, of which not to exceed \$2,500 is for official reception and representation expenses; and \$44,070,000, to remain available until September 30, 2022, for capital improvements for District of Columbia courthouse facilities; Provided, That funds made available for capital improvements shall be

1 expended consistent with the District of Columbia Courts master plan study and facilities  
2 condition assessment; Provided further, That, in addition to the amounts appropriated herein,  
3 fees received by the District of Columbia Courts for administering bar examinations and  
4 processing District of Columbia bar admissions may be retained and credited to this  
5 appropriation, to remain available until expended, for salaries and expenses associated with such  
6 activities, notwithstanding section 450 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (section 1-  
7 204.50, D.C. Official Code); Provided further, That notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
8 all amounts under this heading shall be apportioned quarterly by the Office of Management and  
9 Budget and obligated and expended in the same manner as funds appropriated for salaries and  
10 expenses of other Federal agencies; Provided further, That 30 days after providing written notice  
11 to the Committees on Appropriations of the House of Representatives and the Senate, the District  
12 of Columbia Courts may reallocate not more than \$9,000,000 of the funds provided under this  
13 heading among the items and entities funded under this heading; Provided further, That the Joint  
14 Committee on Judicial Administration in the District of Columbia may, by regulation, establish a  
15 program substantially similar to the program set forth in subchapter II of chapter 35 of title 5,  
16 United States Code, for employees of the District of Columbia Courts.

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18 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR DEFENDER SERVICES IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS**

19 For payments authorized under section 11-2604 and section 11-2605, D.C. Official Code  
20 (relating to representation provided under the District of Columbia Criminal Justice Act),  
21 payments for counsel appointed in proceedings in the Family Court of the Superior Court of the  
22 District of Columbia under chapter 23 of title 16, D.C. Official Code, or pursuant to contractual  
23 agreements to provide guardian ad litem representation, training, technical assistance, and such  
24 other services as are necessary to improve the quality of guardian ad litem representation,  
25 payments for counsel appointed in adoption proceedings under chapter 3 of title 16, D.C. Official  
26 Code, and payments authorized under section 21-2060, D.C. Official Code (relating to services  
27 provided under the District of Columbia Guardianship, Protective Proceedings, and Durable  
28 Power of Attorney Act of 1986), \$46,005,000, to remain available until expended; Provided,  
29 That funds provided under this heading shall be administered by the Joint Committee on Judicial  
30 Administration in the District of Columbia; Provided further, That, notwithstanding any other  
31 provision of law, this appropriation shall be apportioned quarterly by the Office of Management  
32 and Budget and obligated and expended in the same manner as funds appropriated for expenses  
33 of other Federal agencies.

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35 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT**

36 For a Federal payment for a school improvement program in the District of Columbia,  
37 \$90,000,000, to remain available until expended, for payments authorized under the Scholarship  
38 for Opportunity and Results Act (division C of Public Law 112-10), as amended; Provided,  
39 That, to the extent that funds are available for opportunity scholarships and following the  
40 priorities included in section 3006 of such Act, the Secretary of Education shall make

1 scholarships available to students eligible under section 3013(3) of such Act (Public Law 112-  
2 10; 125 Stat. 211) including students who were not offered a scholarship during any previous  
3 school year; Provided further, That within funds provided for opportunity scholarships up to  
4 \$3,200,000 shall be for the activities specified in sections 3007(b) through 3007(d) and 3009 of  
5 such Act.

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7 **FEDERAL PAYMENT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE COORDINATING COUNCIL**

8 For a Federal payment to the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, \$1,805,000, to  
9 remain available until expended, to support initiatives related to the coordination of Federal and  
10 local criminal justice resources in the District of Columbia.

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12 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR JUDICIAL COMMISSIONS**

13 For a Federal payment, to remain available until September 30, 2022, to the Commission  
14 on Judicial Disabilities and Tenure, \$278,000, and for the Judicial Nomination Commission,  
15 \$254,000.

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17 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA NATIONAL GUARD**

18 For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia National Guard, \$413,000, to remain  
19 available until expended for the Major General David F. Wherley, Jr. District of Columbia  
20 National Guard Retention and College Access Program.

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22 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR TESTING AND TREATMENT OF HIV/AIDS**

23 For a Federal payment to the District of Columbia for the testing of individuals for, and  
24 the treatment of individuals with, human immunodeficiency virus and acquired  
25 immunodeficiency syndrome in the District of Columbia, \$3,000,000.

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27 **FEDERAL PAYMENT FOR EMERGENCY PLANNING AND SECURITY COSTS IN THE**  
28 **DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

29 For a Federal payment of necessary expenses, as determined by the Mayor of the District  
30 of Columbia in written consultation with the elected county or city officials of surrounding  
31 jurisdictions, \$51,400,000, to remain available until expended, for the costs of providing public  
32 safety at events related to the presence of the National Capital in the District of Columbia,  
33 including support requested by the Director of the United States Secret Service in carrying out  
34 protective duties under the direction of the Secretary of Homeland Security, and for the costs of  
35 providing support to respond to immediate and specific terrorist threats or attacks in the District  
36 of Columbia or surrounding jurisdictions.

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38 Sec. 3. Federal portion of the budget.

39 The federal funds for which appropriation by Congress is requested by this act  
40 constitute the federal portion of the Fiscal Year 2021 annual budget for the District of

1 Columbia government under section 446(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act,  
2 approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 801; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.46(a)).

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4 Sec. 4. Fiscal impact statement.

5 The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement of the Chief Financial Officer as the  
6 fiscal impact statement required by section 4a of the General Legislative Procedures Act of  
7 1975, approved October 16, 2006 (120 Stat. 2038; D.C. Official Code § 1-301.47a).

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9 Sec. 5. Effective date.

10 This act shall take effect as provided in section 446 of the District of Columbia Home  
11 Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 801; D.C. Official Code § 1-204.46).



GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Office of the Attorney General



Legal Counsel Division



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Ronan Gulstone  
Director  
Office of Policy and Legislative Affairs

**FROM:** Brian K. Flowers  
Deputy Attorney General  
Legal Counsel Division

**DATE:** May 8, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Legal Certification of Draft Bill, the "Fiscal Year 2021 Federal Portion  
Budget Request Act of 2020"  
(AE-20-248)

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**This is to Certify that** this Office has reviewed the above-referenced draft legislation and found it, as to form, format, and authority only, to be legally sufficient. If you have any questions in this regard, please do not hesitate to call me at 724-5524.

*Brian K. Flowers*

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