



Interagency Council on Homelessness
Budget Engagement Session
Focus: Special Populations
MOLGBTQA, MPD, DOC



11 April 2024

Updated: 11 April 2024



Convention for Recording Budget Engagement Sessions:

- ❖ Recording for purposes of complying with the Open Meeting Act requirements
- ❖ Available for anyone who requests a copy at ich.info@dc.gov.

Meeting Agenda



- I. **Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins)**
 - a) Agenda Review
 - b) Level Setting, including Introductions
- II. **Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs (MOLGBTQA) (25 mins)**
- III. **Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) (25 mins)**
- IV. **Department of Corrections (DOC) (25 mins)**
- V. **Announcements & Reminders (as needed)**
- VI. **Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)**
 - a) Schedule of ICH Budget Engagement Sessions

Level Setting



- ❖ Virtually engaging ICH Full Council to meet the legislated mandate at [DC Code § 4-752.02\(c\)](#) to comment on the Mayor's Proposed Budget

The Mayor shall, upon release of the proposed annual budget each year, make available to all Interagency Council members the District's proposed budget breakdown of each agency's appropriations for services within the Continuum of Care. The Interagency Council shall give comments to the Mayor regarding the proposed budget.

ICH Full Council



❖ Comprised of DC Gov & Community Representatives

DC Gov Representatives – Responsible for providing breakdown of Mayor’s Proposed Budget	
City Administrator, Chair	DC Housing Authority
Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services	Department of Corrections
Interagency Council on Homelessness	Department of Employment Services
Department of Human Services	Office of the State Superintendent of Education
Department of Behavioral Health	Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency
Child and Family Services Agency	Department of General Services
Department of Housing and Community Development	DC Metropolitan Police
Department of Health	Office of LGBTQ Affairs

ICH Full Council



❖ Community Representatives – opportunity to provide comments

Providers
Amanda Chesney, Catholic Charities (2025)
Angela Jones Hackley, Covenant House Greater Washington (2025)
Kelly Sweeney McShane, Community of Hope (2025)
Adam Rocard, Miriam's Kitchen (2026)
Christy Respress, Pathways to Housing (2026)
Lynn Amano, Friendship Place (2026)
Nikila Smith, Street Sense Vendor Program (2026)
Roxanne Murray, Echelon Community Services (2026)

Lived Experience
Qaadir El-Amin, People for Fairness Coalition (2025)
Reginald Black, People for Fairness Coalition (2025)
Daniel Rico, Sasha Bruce Youthwork (2026)
Rico Harris, Community for Creative Non-Violence (2026)

Advocates
Karen Cunningham, Everyone Home DC (2025)
Kate Coventry, DC Fiscal Policy Institute (2025)
Deborah Jones, Housing Up (2026)
Rachelle Ellison, People for Fairness Coalition (2026)

ICH Full Council Members Continued



Business/Private

Catherine Crosland, Unity Healthcare (2025)

Shellon Fraser, National Housing Trust (2025)

Tobie Smith, Street Health DC (2026)

Tonia Wellons, Great Washington Community Foundation (2026)

Collaborative Applicant

Sue Marshall, The Community Partnership to End Homelessness

Non-Voting Seats

Chairman, DC Council, Phil Mendelson

Councilmember, DC Council Committee on Housing, Robert C. White, Jr.

Compiling Comments from Community



❖ Notes & Review

- Immediate follow-up with lives notes
- Formal meeting notes within 5 business days

❖ Sharing via

- Email to ICH Full Council &
- Updates to the ICH Calendar online for each budget engagement session page

Comments Received To Date



- ❖ Captured in ICH Budget Oversight Testimony
- ❖ Highlighting comments for Executive Committee and March ICH Full Council Meeting

ICH Forum	Comments and Concern
02/20 Executive CMTE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continued need to understand the context – what is causing the budget constraints?• Request to understand the overall budget for the City and cuts to other agency budgets.• Request for transparency around FY24 cuts that go into effect as of April and whether those cuts carry forward into FY25.• Concern about programs serving the most people, have the highest demand (e.g., ERAP).• Concern about pandemic-related protection measures that cannot be supported by local budgets.• Feedback highlighting the disparities between programs and services for single adults, including young adults, and the disproportionate impact of budget cuts on Single and Young adults.

Comments Received To Date Continued



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ICH Forum	Comments and Concern
<p>03/12 ICH Full Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Overall concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Options for generating revenue -- Have all options been considered? ○ Understanding how different and new initiatives are funded – Why can the District fund Downtown or Arena-related efforts or new crime reduction-related initiatives if homeless services have to take cuts? ○ Focus ICH Budget engagement sessions on the FY24 cuts and how that carries forward into FY25 ○ Specify how cuts will impact programs/services -- How many residents will be impacted? How many staff will be impacted? ● Areas that people would like to focus on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resources for Single Adults to address the significant disparities in outcomes ○ Impact on lease-up process and timeline, especially for single adults ○ Lack of medical respite ○ Importance of diversion and scaling Project Reconnect ○ Impact of OMS and funding for migrant services

Notes on Welcome & Agenda Review



ICH Lead: Theresa Silla

Presenters:

- ❖ **MOLGBTQA - Japer Bowles, Director**
- ❖ **MPD - Kelly O'Meara, Executive Director of Strategic Change Division**
- ❖ **DOC - Jaqueline Williams, Deputy Director of Education, Case Management and Reentry Services**

Feedback:

- ❖ **FL (Org): ...**

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The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs



FY2025 Budget Overview

Japer Bowles (he/him)

Director

Thursday, April 11th 2024

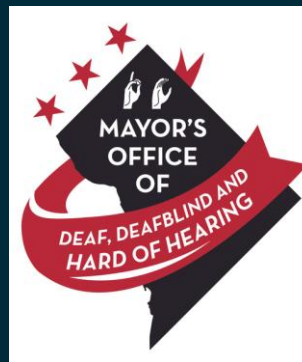


Agenda

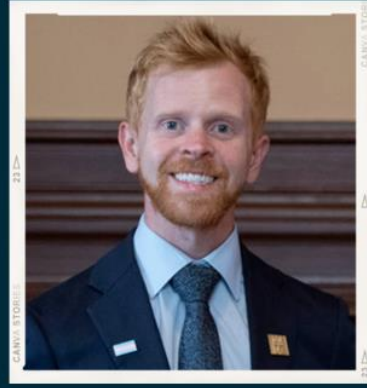
- Introductions
- The Village
- The Team
- What We do
- MOLGBTQA Programs
- Budget Breakdown
- Q&A



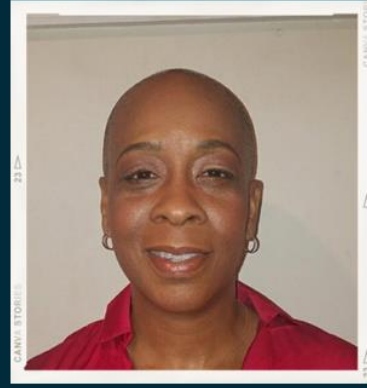
Mayor's Office on Community Affairs Agencies



Meet the Team



Director
Japer Bowle He/His



Housing Specialist
Gina Rupert She/Her



Grants Specialist
George Garcia He/Him



Workforce Development
Monroe Alise (she/her)



PIO
Gaby Vincent She/Her



Health Service Liaison
Malachi Stewart He/Him

MOLGBTQA's future
team members:

- Associate Director
- Veterans Specialist

Mission

The mission of the MOLGBTQA is to address the important concerns of the District's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning residents through empowering young LGBTQ+ community leaders, removing barriers for LGBTQ+ business owners, building a cohesive LGBTQ+ community across all eight wards, and providing resources for the at-risk LGBTQ+ population

What We Do

Navigating DC Government



Employment Services



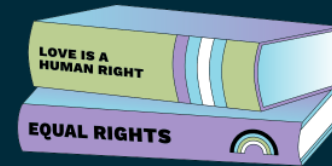
Healthcare



Grant Program



Cultural Competency



Housing Voucher Program



Signature Events



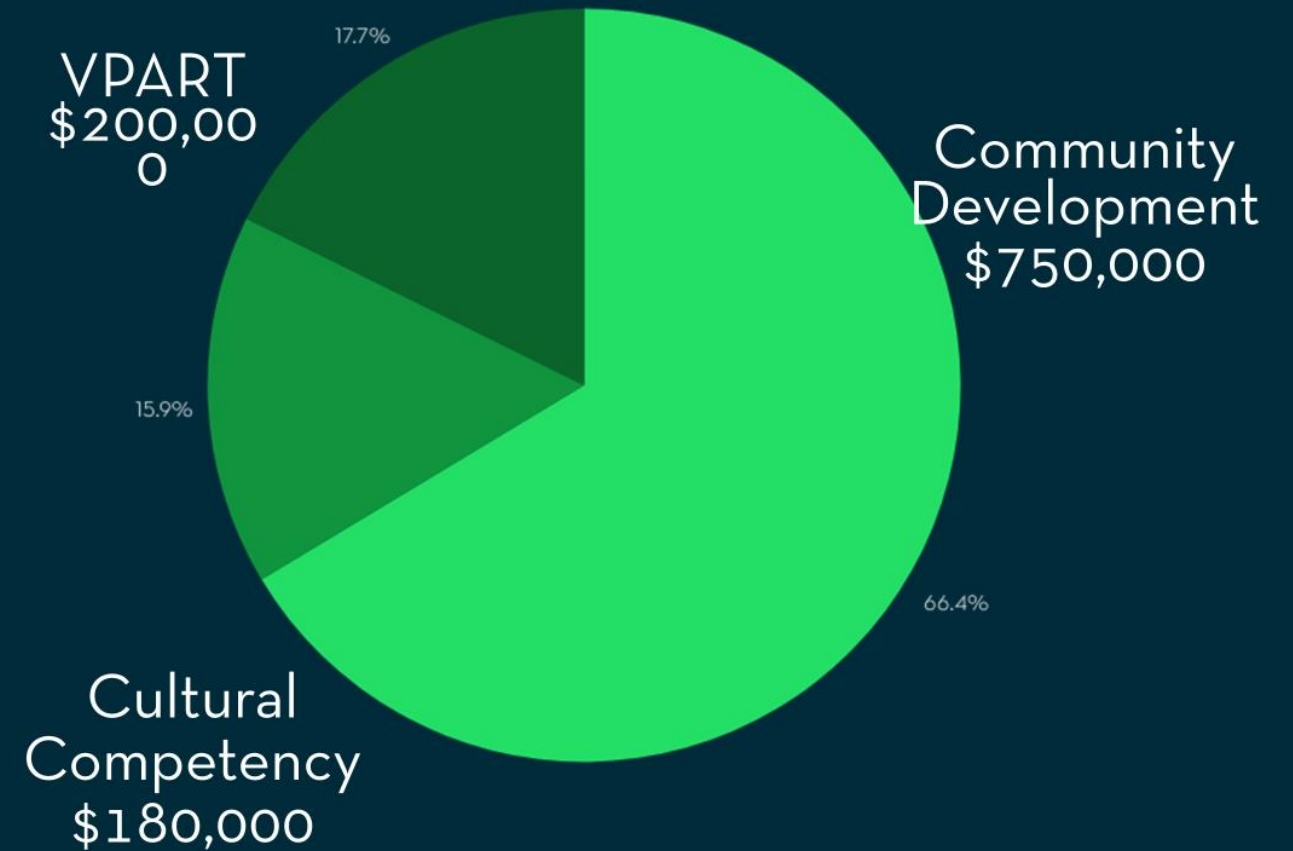
Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs Grants

FY24 MOLGBTQA GRANTS

LGBTQIA+ Community Development Grant

Cultural Competency Grant

Violence Prevention and Response Team



Signature Events



Pride Parade/Festival



District of Pride Showcase



17th Street High Heel Race



LGBTQIA+ Flag Raising

MOLGBTQA's FY24 - FY25 Budget

Office of the Mayor - LGBT Affairs

	FY2024	Proposed FY2025	Change
FTEs	6	6	No Change
Operating Budget	\$1,562,000	\$1,694,000	+\$132,000 +8.5%
DHS LGBTQIA+ Training Fund	\$165,000	\$165,000	No Change
Total	\$1,727,000	\$1,859,000	\$132,000 +7.6%

The increase reflects a slight increase in program funds allocated towards grants for LGBTQIA+ programming from CBOs



Q & A

Thank you for joining us!



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Feedback:

- ❖ **Q from JC (PFFC):** What hate crimes are done to LGBTQIA+ that are not government?
 - **A from JB (MOLGBTQA):** during the later part of the teen years members of the community including API and Black and Brown have experienced an increase in hate crimes. MPD has been investigating. We have been working to get more resources out to folks. Proud to live in a city that has so many resources and laws that protect our community. There is a specific liaison at MPD and that has been great.
- ❖ **Q from Ms. Naomi (PFFC):** What goals has been met since Bowser took office about Housing Placement plans/progress, in plain English please?

Notes on MOLGBTQA Budget



- ❖ **Q from AA (PFFC):** How come the LGBTQ community programs operating here in Washington DC help and assist in housing transition for transgendered coming out of prison? Especially since our housing voucher program isn't up to par.
 - **A: JB (MOLGBTQA):** We do engage with people that are incarcerated with our local jail. Whenever they are released we make sure they are connected. We do have a great relationship with our LGBTQA shelter. They are a great feeder to our vouchers. There is a lot of additional barriers for our trans community that is also returning citizens.
- ❖ **Q: TS (ICH):** are you using CAHP
 - **A: JB (MOLGBTQA):** we are, we work with Sabrina at DHS.
- ❖ **Q from DR (SBY):** can you strengthen relationship with youth system for LGBTQA with the drop-in centers and shelters as well.
 - **A from JB (MOLGBTQA):** A lot of the shelter and housing resources are used but this is where we can do Advocacy to get more resources. WE are in the Mayor's cabinet and consistently pushing for safe resources for our community.
 - **TS (ICH):** when we look at the shelter numbers, we see there is a lot of space in the transitional housing for youth. Maybe we can leverage some of the vacancies for LGBTQ youth.

Notes on MOLGBTQA Budget



- ❖ **NS (Street Sense Vendor):** Based on experience in shelter and people who are transgender, recommend cultural competency training to understand and know what terms to say or avoid. A lot of people are ignorant. There should be workshops. I am here to help, but not familiar with all the terms and I know there is more to it.

Qxns Flagged for DHS – 04/15 Budget Session



Questions received via private chat for DHS' Budget Session:

- ❖ How does Racial, Equity, & Inclusion while cutting ERAP (marginalized) programs work? Low-income programs are consistently on chopping block.
- ❖ 3100 unused Housing Vouchers and several Low-Income Re-development projects were robbed of \$millions\$ (see The Washington Post) under your watch...what is your proposal for that?

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HOMELESSNESS

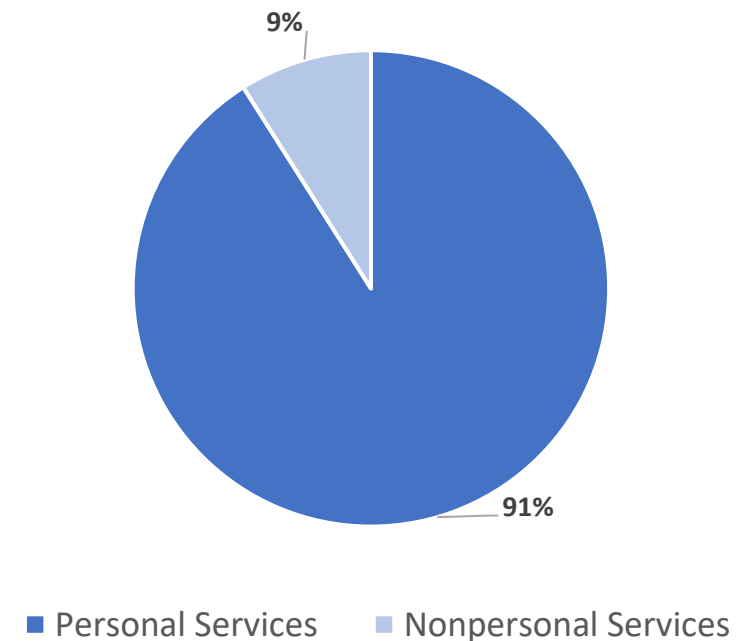
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FY2025 BUDGET

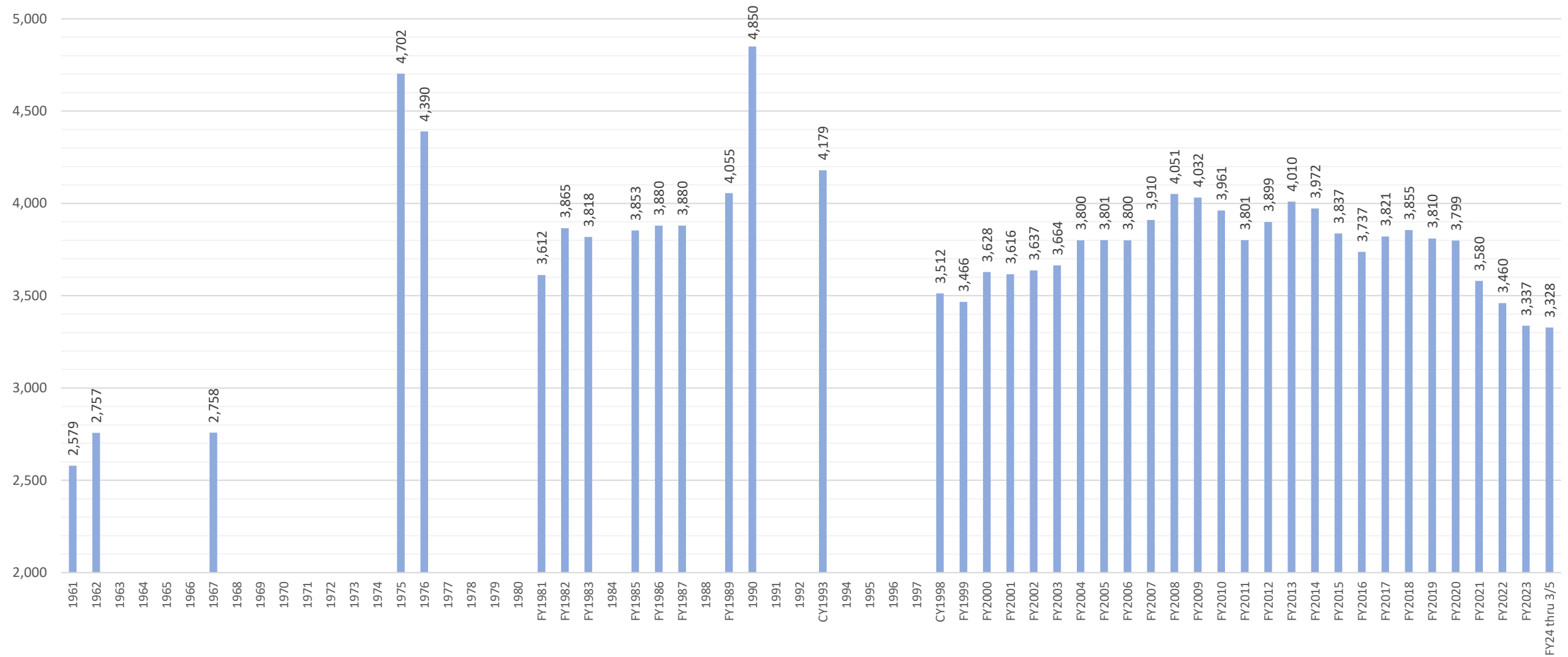
- FY25 Operating Budget: \$575 million
- \$521M is for people – salary, fringe, etc.
- \$54M is for things – fleet contract, police clinic contract, IT, uniforms
- Only \$1.9M – or 1/3 of 1% – is not committed to salaries, benefits, major contracts, etc. Covers interpretation, legal databases, and other expenses.
- 3,370 sworn members, 891 civilians

Budget Allocation





Historical MPD Staffing



Note: Staffing figures prior to Fiscal Year 1999 are by Fiscal Year (FY) or Calendar Year (CY) as indicated; neither indication will be present if the source did not specify the time period. Years for which a valid source has not yet been identified are omitted. Beginning in FY1999, staffing totals are reported by MPD as of the end of the Fiscal Year (September 30). With the exception of 1990, all historic staffing numbers were sourced from MPD Annual Reports (<https://mpdc.dc.gov/annualreports>). The source for 1990 is the Washington Post: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1990/12/17/dc-police-staffing-is-there-safety-in-numbers/aa4a0780-6325-42ef-b9fd-a260e5ab0543/>

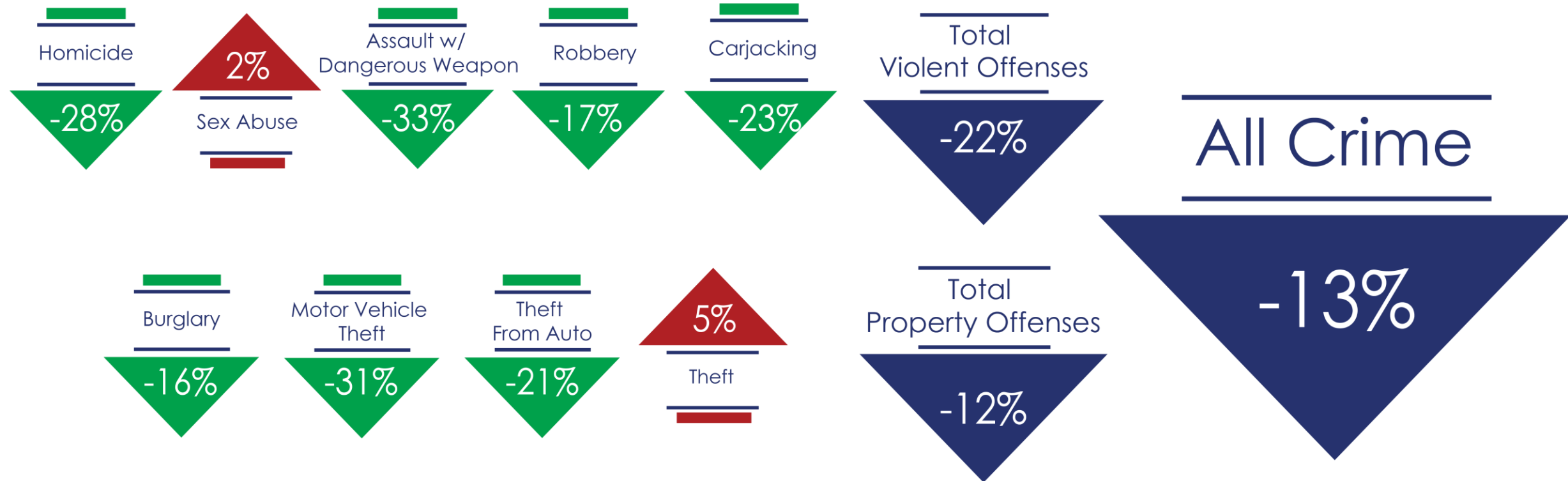


People & Crime-Fighting Tools

- 3,370 projected sworn officers
- 150 cadets to support DC high school graduates on a career path to become a police officer
- 741 other civilians, including 106 civilianization positions: Community Safety Ambassadors, CCTV engineers, helicopter pilots, customer service reps
- 200 CCTV Cameras
- 47 License Plate Readers
- New Helicopter



Driving Crime Down



Note: trends in DC Code index crimes, January 1 through April 7, 2024, compared to same period in 2023. Carjacking is a subset of robbery.



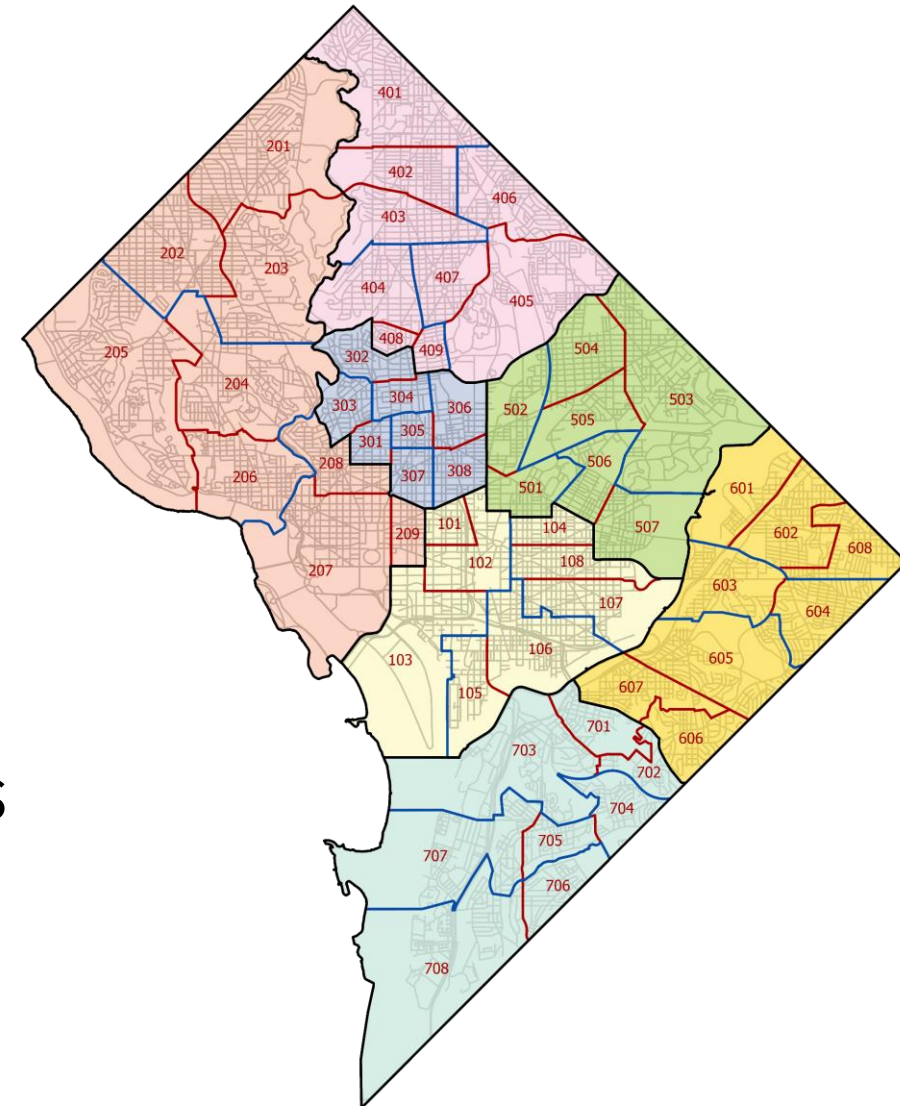
Community Policing: Co-Response Team

- Joint MPD – DBH program to strengthen response to people with chronic or crisis behavioral health needs.
- MPD assigned 5 officers to COR in May 2023. Since November, they have been partnered with 5 DBH behavioral health (BH) specialists.
- Currently operating primarily in First, Third, Fifth, and Sixth Police Districts, responding to calls for service. Also provide citywide support during critical incidents or with chronic issues.
- Expanding to the Seventh District in FY 2025.



Community Policing: Co-Response Team

- Calls can be dispatched by OUC or direct contact from MPD or DBH.
- Through March, the COR Team has responded to about 1,600 calls for service.
- Made contact with 715 individuals facing chronic or crisis behavioral health issues.
- This resulted in only 13 arrests, no uses of force by a COR officer, and 2 low-level uses of force by an officer from another unit.





Training: 2022 - 2024

- In 2022—2023, DBH provided all full-duty sworn members with either Crisis Intervention or Mental Health First Aid training.
 - **Mental Health First Aid:** 20 hour course on how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illnesses and substance use disorders.
 - **Crisis Intervention Officer:** 40 hour community-based program to improve the outcomes of encounters between law enforcement and individuals with mental illness. Currently have 1,012 trained CIOs.
- In 2024, MPD is providing **ICAT** training to its members
 - **Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics**
 - Evidence-based approach to use of force training
 - Enhances officer skills in defusing critical incidents with individuals in crisis



Additional Information

- Secure DC established a Pre-Arrest Diversion Working Group that will begin work in the summer or fall.
 - The number of arrests for PAD-eligible offenses (low-level offenses such as disorderly conduct, alcohol related offenses, drug possession, survival theft, etc.) in 2023 was half the eligible arrests in 2018 or 2019.
- Since March 2019, all patrol members and others have been equipped with Naloxone.
 - Naloxone was deployed in 1,316 incidents in 2023, a 158% increase over 2022, and the highest to date.
 - The highest proportion of Naloxone deployments occurred in the Sixth District, followed by the Seventh, Fifth, and Third Districts.

Notes on MPD Budget



Feedback:

- ❖ **Q from CC (PFFC):** Are there any NEW training / education for officers that will guide these officers as they are bound to arrest thousands of homeless this upcoming year with the new laws that are passing that criminalize homeless? I and many others have witness MPD have rough encounters with the homeless for sleeping in plazas and parks. At PFFC's Homelessness vigil this year, and last year the permit read that we were NOT ALLOWED to sleep if we were going to have our overnight event in a public park (Freedom Plaza.)
 - **A from KOM (MPD):** There is nothing that is currently passed in DC that is intended to address homelessness or criminalize homelessness. You may be referring to the drug free zones. This is a not about loitering and being in public space that is protected. It is specific to illegal drug activity. The goal is to reduce the drug dealing especially in public space. As of Monday, there has only been one arrest so far. Will continue to monitor legislation that impacts our work and implementation.
- ❖ **Q from Ms Naomi:** If shelters are being closed, how will the prevention of the Homeless sleeping outside occur? De-escalation Campaign is necessary in DC period!
- ❖ **Q from AA (PFFC):** How can MPD better or correctly assess individuals involved in serious mental health crisis and how can the department help and providing much needed crisis prevention working with department of behavioral health?
 - **A from KOM (MPD):** Training covers many components. The assessment of the scene is to gauge the crisis and if there is a crime being committed. We call DBH and co-response to assist in crises. Our goal is not to engage with people where there is no issue or no reason. We are responding to scenes where there has been a call for service and making sure can make referrals/connection to resources. Teams are not making diagnoses, but if it is a crisis situation work for voluntary or involuntary detention.

Notes on MPD Budget



- ❖ **RH (CCNV):** Regarding statement on public space. This is about people experiencing homelessness who are forced to use public space.
- ❖ **JC (PFFC):** Have worked with MPD in the community to best resolve situations and see the efforts for MPD to be involved so there is not a feeling of separation. I know most of the officers downtown and we get to know each other. My concerns are: a) When I do see officers bonding in our community, they seem to get shifted out of that area and then relationships need to be rebuilt. B) Policing the homeless, criminalizing homelessness but understand this may be beyond individual officers, coordinating for returns from incarceration.
 - **A from KOM (MPD):** Appreciate your positive feedback and sharing your concerns. I am connecting you to Capt. John Dorrough who worked in the First District and has a lot of experience. He is tracking these ICH forums and will continue to assist in following up.

Notes on MPD Budget



- ❖ **NS (Street Sense Vendor):** Personal experience and feeling disrespected by police. I had an incident of stalking and was scared to be homeless and go to Miriam's Kitchen because I know I was stalked and a car was following me. Eventually stopped going there because he police were not there and I was told to just go to shelter. That was very inhumane.
 - **KOM (MPD):** Thank you for sharing, we need to ensure everyone is treated with dignity.
- ❖ **RM (Echelon):** As housing provider, important to share how supportive MPD has been . Have heard there is a shortage of officers. Are there more officers and their specific role?
 - **KOM (MPD):** We are down 500 officers over the last year. However, we still have the resources to respond. At a base level, all officers are trained in mental health aide and crisis intervention. If you need more info, can request Crisis Intervention Officer when calling for assistance and response. They can help identify resources. We also want to encourage if it is not an emerging issues, to connect with DBH and their response team. You can report or request this when calling to request assistance.
- ❖ **CC (PFFC):** I've had awesome interactions with the police as a homeless woman....Now that I am a housed woman... with mental illness... not so much.

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ICH Budget Engagement Sessions

DC Department of Corrections



DOC Budget Review with ICH



- Agenda
 - Overview of DOC
 - Current Population
 - Releases and Admissions
 - DOC Budget Overview
 - DOC Program Budget Overview FY24 & FY25

Overview

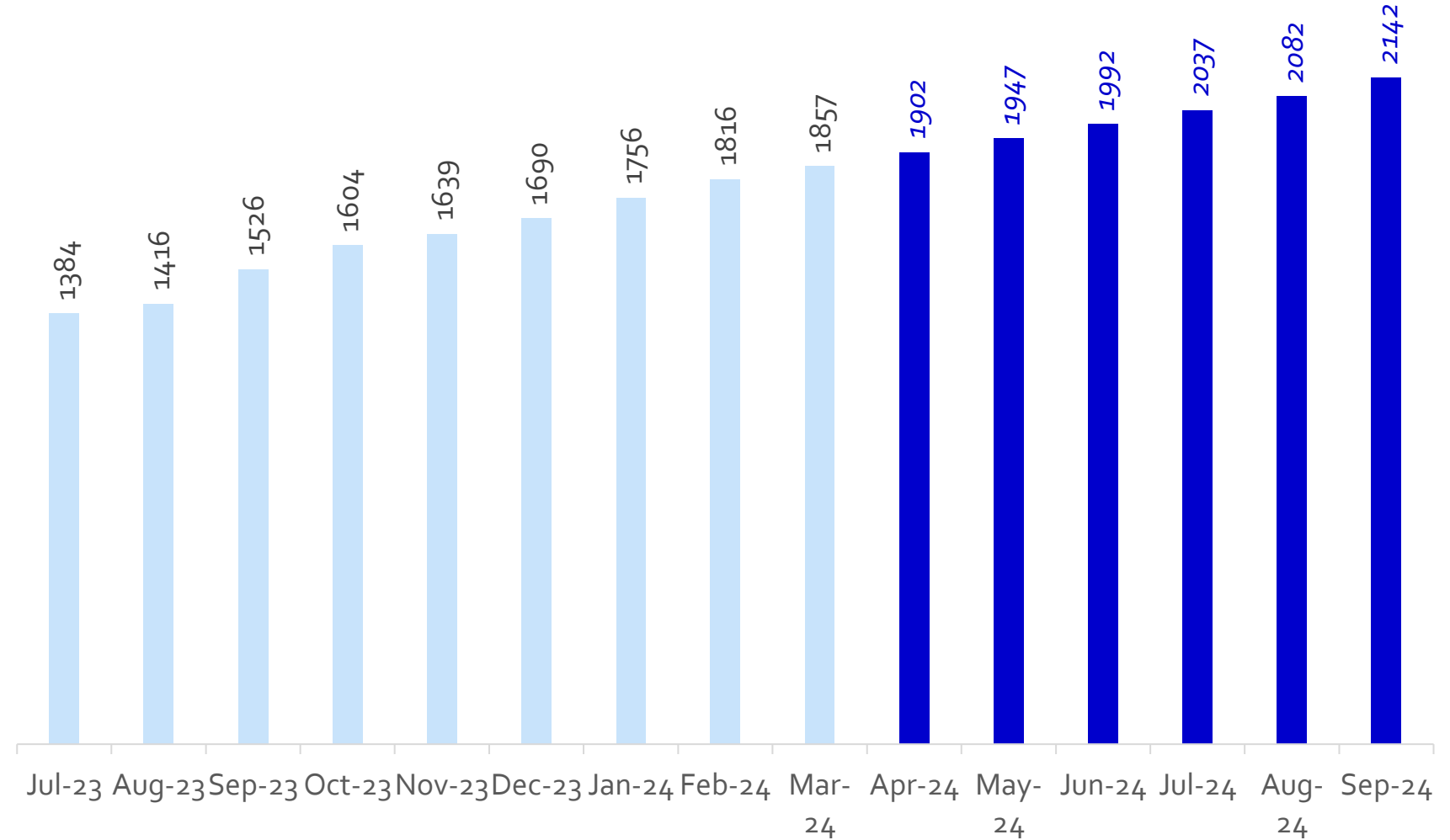


- The DC Department of Corrections (DOC) operates and maintains the 450,000 square foot Central Detention Facility (CDF) and the 450,000 square foot Correctional Treatment Facility (CTF).
- The CDF opened in 1976 and currently has a capacity to house 2,164 residents. The CTF opened in 1992 and currently has a capacity to house 800 residents.

Current Population – FY23 – Project population at the end of FY24



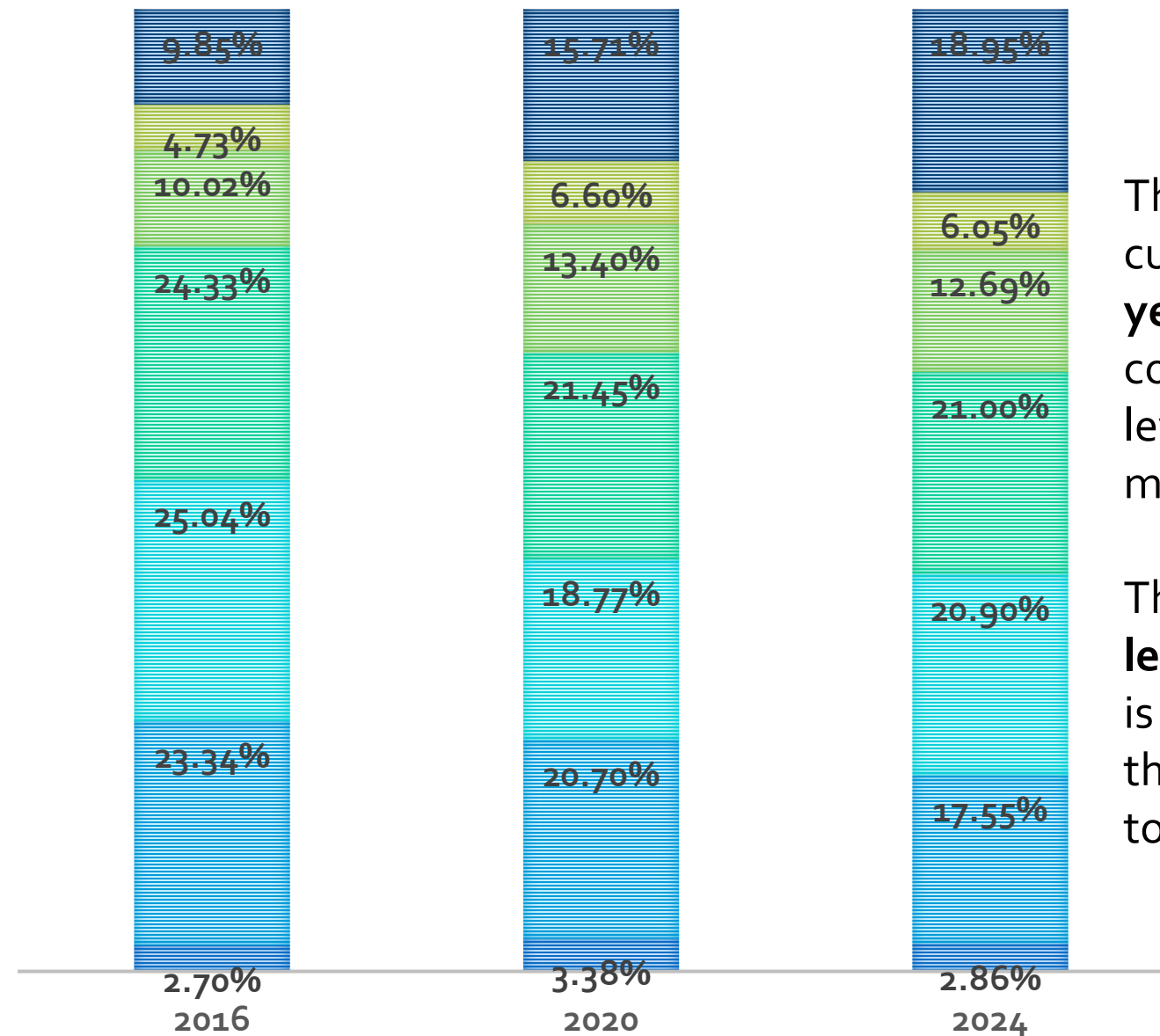
DOC ADP through March 31, 2024 and Projected Through September 30 2024



Increase in the Length of Stay in DOC Custody



■ Less than 3 days
 ■ 3 - 31 days
 ■ 31 - 91 days
 ■ 3 - 6 months
■ 6 - 9 months
 ■ 9 - 12 months
 ■ More than 1 year



The proportion in custody staying **over a year** is **nearly double** compared to 2016 levels and nearly 20% more than 2020 levels.

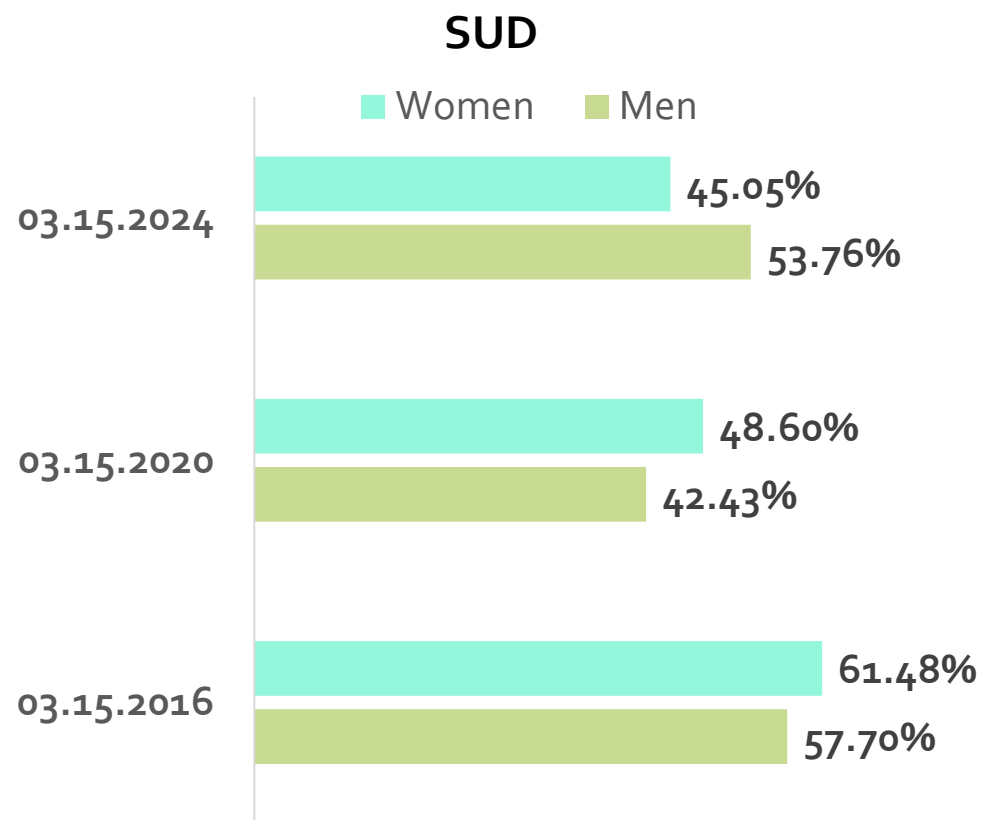
The proportion staying **less than nine months** is about **12% lower** than 2016 and similar to that in 2020.



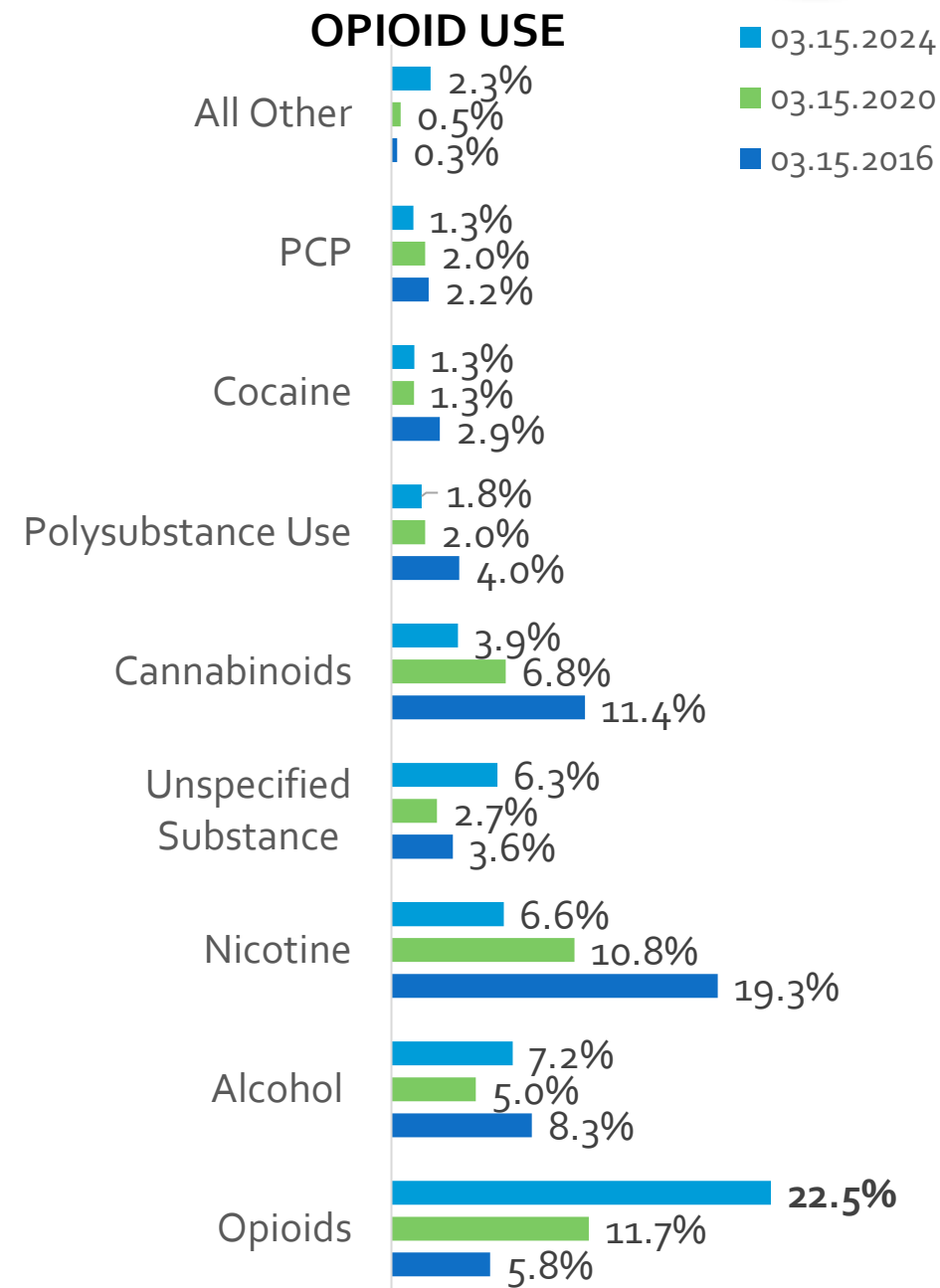
Over 50% of Current Residents have SUD; Over 22% use Opioids.

DOC Population

Substance Use Disorders and Opioid Use



40- 60% of those in custody were diagnosed with substance use disorders in the three population snapshots. **Opioid use has increased nearly four times since 2016**, and the use of other substances and unspecified substances has also increased.



Summary Overview



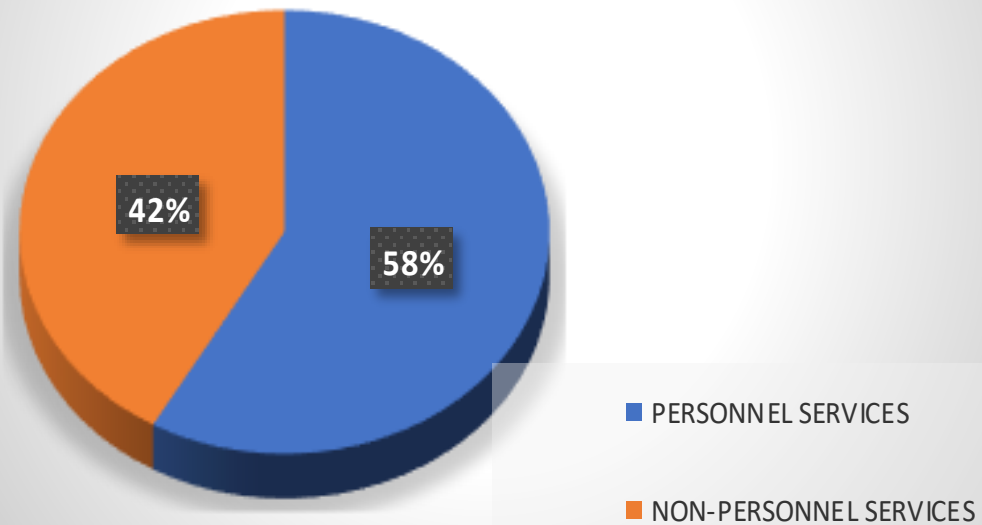
- Population characteristics are markedly different.
 - The current population has higher levels of:
 - Charges considered violent or dangerous.
 - Assaultive/destructive behaviors (charged with or demonstrated).
 - Maximum custody inmates, pretrial inmates and sentenced felons.
 - Bipolar, Schizoaffective and Mood Disorders and Opioid use disorders.
 - Lengths of stay in custody.
- These concerns make it more challenging in providing programs and services to the population, and to prepare them for, and connect them to linkages for reentry.

DOC FY24- FY25 Budget at a Glance



FUND NAME	FY 2024 APPROVED	FY 2025 MAYORS BUDGET	CHANGE FROM FY 2024 TO FY 2025	% CHANGE FROM FY 2024
AGENCY TOTAL	197,798,136	222,434,789	24,636,652	12.5%

FY 2025 MAYORS PROPOSED BUDGET



FY24 & FY25 Proposed Programs Budget



- Mayor's FY25 Programmatic Budget for DOC remains the same as FY24
- DOC does not have any funds allocated to address the issue of homelessness.
- DOC's primary programmatic funds are for:
 - Education – \$4.5M - One time enhancement
 - Lead Up/Lead Out – \$2.1M
 - Educational Tablets – \$1.4M
 - The READY Center – \$200K
- For FY24 (Grants)
 - 1 Year
 - RSAT – \$234K OVSJG
 - Multi-Year
 - SOR Grants – \$1.606M Programs & \$1.638M MAT = approx. \$3.3M
 - OJJDP - Family Reunification – \$729K (FY25 is the last year of the grant)
 - BJA – Workforce Development - \$900 (FY25 is last year of the grant)

Notes on DOC Budget



Feedback via Chat

- ❖ **JC (PFFC):** The Psychological trauma and abuse to our people is not being adequately assisted by agencies. These are the impact of the trauma the people live in is a norm. The severe mental health increase is due to the abuse to our people. I hope your agencies began to address these issues to ensure healthy living environments. You have the funds but the funds do not reach the people to support them. I see this across agencies.
- ❖ **AA (PFFC):** How much to be FY 2025 budget is being used to combat drug use in department of corrections?
- ❖ **AA (PFFC):** How do you define what is personal service in Mayor's budget 2025?
- ❖ **JC (PFFC):** 6.9 billion to DHS and look at what is happening to our families and communities? Everything is great on paper and none of this is done to assist the mass amount targeted by all the agencies are black and brown. We need to have real conversations about the lack of money when billions is used to cripple a mass amount accidentally. It is a bigger conversation to be had.
- ❖ **CC (PFFC):** I know there are programs in place like you mentioned- SUD Programs, Workforce Dev, Ect. But even so, people who have been in jail longterm are being released and landing right on a park bench....How have these people fallen through the cracks? Why are not they being sent to oxford housing or other programs? I'm noticing alot of homeless people with ankle monitors....which suggest house arrest without their probation officers checking to see if they have a home.....

Notes on DOC Budget



Feedback:

- ❖ **RH (CCNV):** I am part of the citizens advisory committee for the first district. Historical record on violent crimes. Do you think the budget is sufficient to assist a citizen who will at some point return to society and the proper training and programming that you need?
 - **JW (DOC):** We do not do this alone, what you see is the DOC budget only. We have so many sister agencies that contribute to the work done in our department and what we do here. Of course we could always use more money, but the partnerships we have now allow us to do comprehensive work. Much of it is unprecedented but we certainly have more work to do.
- ❖ **JC (PFFC):** I don't think any agency is working to the benefit of our community. The agencies are not set up to benefit us. I do not see these improvements. The Department of Justice is not set up to rehabilitate, it is to fill beds and keep us down. You have over 4 million of us incarcerated, more than the slaves. Continued oppression of Black and Brown people.

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 - b) DC Council Budget Hearings ***NEW***
 - c) DHCD: Fair Housing Fridays ***NEW***
 - d) DHCF: 1115 Renewal Application Public Comments ***NEW***
 - e) DHS-FSA: Funding Opportunity: Youth Transitional Housing ***NEW***
 - f) DOC: READY Center
 - g) DPR: Summer Jobs ***NEW***
 - h) H3: First Aid & CPR Training and Health Fair ***NEW***
 - i) ICH: Budget Engagement Sessions
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 - k) Youth Homelessness Matters Day Event: Save the Date ***NEW***
- VI. Summary & Adjournment (5 mins)

DBH: Notice of Funding Opportunity ***NEW***



The State Opioid Response Grant (SOR) team would like to announce two RFAs that will be posted on **Friday, April 12, 2024**:

- ❖ **District of Columbia Opioid Response 3 (DCOR3) Grant Opportunity: Faith-Based Prevention, Outreach and Recovery**
 - You can review the Notice of Funding Award for the faith-based grant opportunity at <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/noticedetail.aspx?noticeId=N135649>

- ❖ **District of Columbia Opioid Response 3 (DCOR3) Grant Opportunity: Recovery Residences with Intensive Care Management for Individuals with Opioid and/or Stimulant Use Disorder**
 - You can review the Notice of Funding Award for the Recovery Residences grant opportunity at <https://dcregs.dc.gov/Common/noticedetail.aspx?noticeId=N135650>

DC Council: Budget Hearings *NEW*



Please find the schedule of all (*) Agency Partners and relevant hearings to the work of the ICH. For locations, online viewing, and to sign up to testify go to dccouncil.gov

DC Council Committee on	Agency	Date	Time
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Public Witnesses) *Dept of Health (Public Witnesses)	Wednesday, April 10 th	11:30 AM – 6 PM
Judiciary & Public Safety	Dept of Corrections	Wednesday, April 10 th	9 AM – 6 PM
Housing	DC Housing Authority	Thursday, April 11 th	9 AM – 6 PM
Of the Whole	DC Public Schools (Government Witnesses) *OSSE (Government Witnesses)	Thursday, April 11 th	9 AM – 6 PM
Health	*Dept of Behavioral Health (Government Witnesses) *Dept of Health (Government Witnesses)	Thursday, April 11 th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Housing	*Dept of Housing and Community Development	Monday, April 22 nd	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	Dept of Aging and Community Living *Dept of Employment Services (Government Witnesses)	Monday, April 22 nd	9 AM – 6 PM
Recreation, Libraries & Youth Affairs	*Dept of Public Library	Wednesday, April 24 th	9:30 AM – 6 PM

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Facilities & Family Services	*Child and Family Services	Thursday, April 25 th	9 AM – 6 PM
Recreation, Libraries, & Youth Affairs	Dept of Youth and Rehabilitation Services	Friday, April 26 th	9 AM – 3 PM
Health	*DM Health and Human Services Dept of Health Care Finance	Monday, April 29 th	9:30 AM – 6 PM
Executive Administration & Labor	* Office of the City Administrator	Wednesday, May 1 st	9 AM – 6 PM
Housing	*DC Housing Authority	Thursday, May 2 nd	9 AM – 6 PM
Of the Whole	Committee of the Whole Hearing on FY25 Local Budget Act of 2024, FY25 Federal Portion Budget Request Act of 2024, FY25 Budget Support Act of 2024, FY24 Revised Local Budget Emergency Adjustment Act of 2024	Friday, May 3 rd	9:30 AM – 3 PM

DHCD: Fair Housing Fridays ***NEW***



The Equal Rights Center (ERC) and the DC Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) are excited to partner to celebrate Fair Housing Month this April!

- ❖ The ERC and DHCD will be offering a series of exciting webinars each Friday this month on various important and emerging fair housing topics and trends.
- ❖ **Register now** so you don't miss out!
- ❖ **April 12th**, 10 – 11 am: **Fair Housing and Rental Screenings in DC**
- ❖ **April 19th**, 10 – 11 am: **DC Source of Income Protections for Individuals with Housing Vouchers**
- ❖ **April 26th**, 10 – 11 am: **Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing for Property Managers.**

DHCF: 1115 Renewal Application Public Comments



❖ Overview

- The Department of Health Care Finance (DHCF) intends to submit a five-year renewal request of the District of Columbia's Section 1115 Demonstration to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) for review and approval. DHCF is proposing to extend the current demonstration, focused on behavioral health, and implement an updated program design that broadens the focus to address social determinants of health. Accordingly, DHCF is proposing to rename the demonstration, "Whole-Person Care Transformation."

❖ DHCF has three proposed 1115 waiver renewal goals:

- Continue to maximize access to quality behavioral health services;
- Improve health outcomes during transitions to reduce health disparities and drive sustainable transformation through justice-involved reentry and health-related social need (HRSN) services; and
- Develop and maintain infrastructure to support the delivery of reentry and HRSN services.

- ❖ The proposed draft renewal application and other related materials are now available on DHCF's website:

<https://dhcf.dc.gov/1115-waiver-initiative>

- ❖ DHCF will accept **public comments** on the proposed renewal application from **April 1, 2024, through 6:00 PM on April 30, 2024**. Additional instructions on how to submit written comments, as well as information about three public hearings DHCF will hold during the comment period are available on the website.

- ❖ For further information, please contact DHCF at dhcf.waiverinitiative@dc.gov

DHS-FSA: Funding Opportunity: Youth Transitional Housing ***NEW***

Excited to announce we have just published 2 RFAs for the Youth Transitional Housing Program Grants.

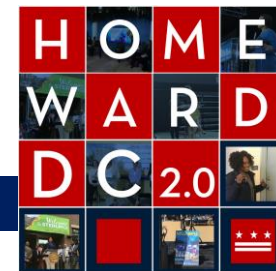
LGBTQ Youth

Purpose of Grant: DHS and FSA are seeking applications to provide Extended Transitional Housing for youth through funding for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. Extended Transitional Housing will provide up to three years of housing in addition to a full range of supportive services including case management, employment services, educational services, life skills, and housing navigation services. The goal of ETH programs is that after three years of support, youth will transition to permanent housing. DHS seeks to fund up to 75 ETH beds through this solicitation with 24 of the 75 beds being dedicated to LGBTQ youth.

Here's an overview of the RFA:

- Announcement Date: March 27, 2024
- RFA Release Date: March 27, 2024
- Pre-application Conference Date: April 3, 2024
- Application Submission Deadline: April 24, 2024, 5:00PM
- Total Estimated Number of Awards: Five
- Total Estimated Program Award Funding: Up to \$4,100,000.00
- Award Ceiling: \$1,785,000.00
- Award Floor: \$420,000.00
- Performance Period: October 1, 2024 – September 30, 2025

You can view both RFA's on the DC Clearinghouse here: <https://communityaffairs.dc.gov/content/community-grant-program>



DOC: Expanded Services at the READY Center

Expanded Services at the READY Center

The READY Center was opened by Mayor Bowser in 2019 to serve as a one-stop-shop where returning citizens can access a wide range of essential post-release services from District agencies and community-based organizations. So far in FY24, over 3,100 individuals released from federal and local custody have received a variety of pre- or post-release services from the READY Center.

Open 5 days a week from 9 am – 5 pm. The READY Center welcomes both scheduled appointments and walk-ins. The new location is at 3640 MLK Jr Ave, SE walk-in or call 202-790-6790 to schedule an appointment.

Services offered at the READY Center include:

- ❖ Streamlined Access to Identification/Vital Documents
- ❖ Public Benefit Application Assistance (TANF, SNAP, Medicaid)
- ❖ Subsidized and Unsubsidized Employment and Skills Training
- ❖ Education and Vocational Training Resources
- ❖ Referrals for Behavioral Health Services
- ❖ Financial Literacy Services
- ❖ Referrals for Substance Use Intervention
- ❖ Reentry Case Management and Support Groups
- ❖ Clothing and Essential Resources



DPR: Summer Jobs *NEW*




- ❖ Earn With DPR
- ❖ There are over 700 seasonal jobs now available with DPR.
Including:
 - Working at a Pool
 - Working at a School
 - Engaging Youth in the District
 - DPR's Environmental Division
 - Operations
 - Food Service
- ❖ Learn More at EarnWITHDPR.com




H3: First Aid & CPR Training and Health Fair *NEW*

The h3 Project & ACPM Present:



Street Docs A Health Fair For The People



Free For All! Featuring:




- Narcan Administration Training
- Hands-Only CPR
- Choking First Aid
- Health Screenings
- Food *
- Swag *
- ...And More!



**Quantities Limited to First 50*

MORE INFORMATION:

- 📅 April 17th, 2024. 2pm-5pm
- 📍 Columbus Circle, 50 Massachusetts Ave. NE (in front of Union Station).
- ✉️ Events@h3projectdc.org





THE H3 PROJECT & LEVEL UP: CPR/AED FIRST AID TRAINING

Hosted By: Lost Generation Brewing
327 S St. NE Washington DC

ENROLL IN OUR COMPREHENSIVE FIRST AID TRAINING PROGRAM AND GAIN THE KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS NEEDED TO SAVE LIVES.

HERE'S WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN OUR TRAINING:

- ESSENTIAL LIFE-SAVING TECHNIQUES ✓
- EMPOWERMENT AND CONFIDENCE ✓
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Limited Spots! Come Learn With Us on 4/26 10a-3p

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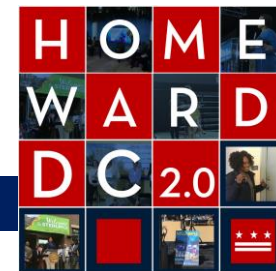


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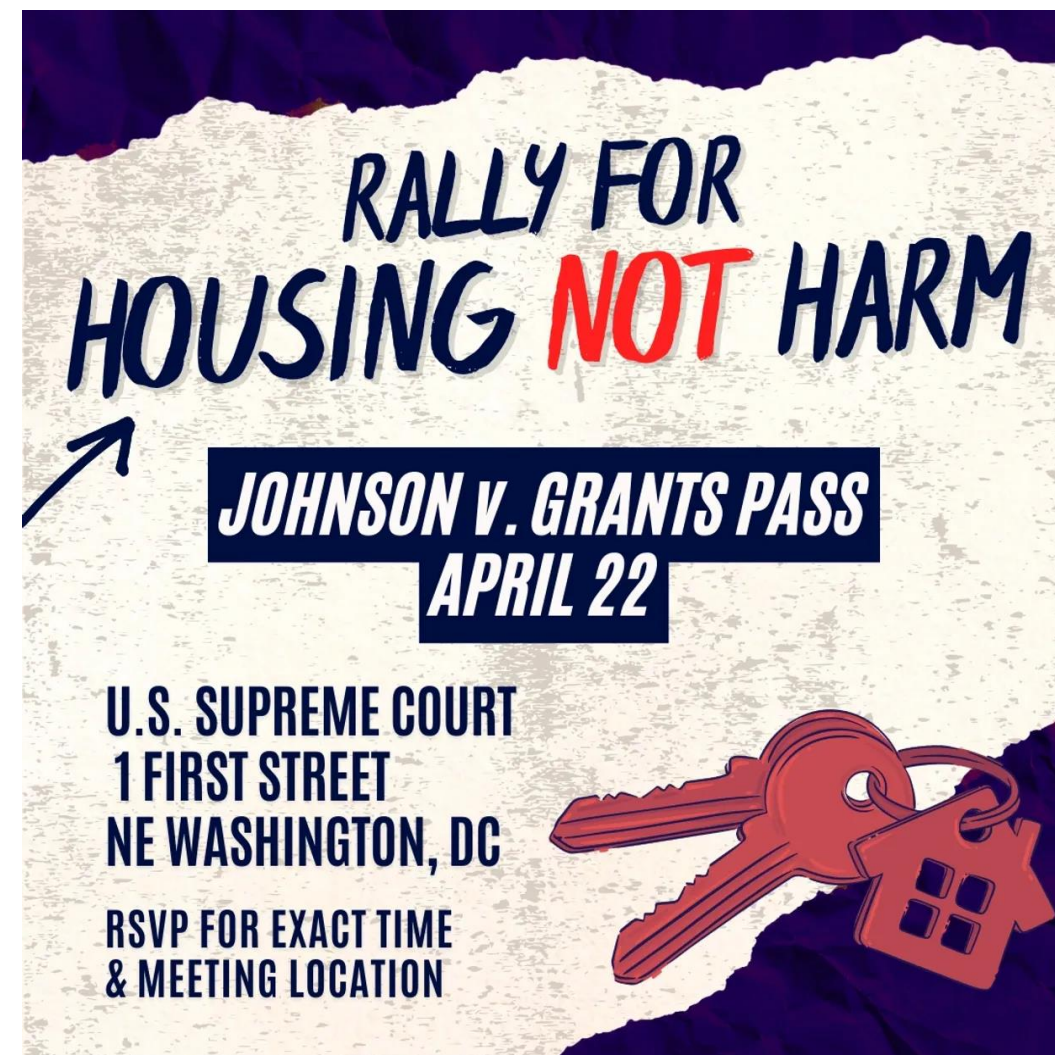
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NHLC: Rally for Housing Not Harm



- ❖ Join National Homelessness Law Center, National Coalition for the Homeless, and other partners to **Rally For Housing Not Harm**.
- ❖ Johnson v. Grants Pass is the most significant Supreme Court case about homelessness in decades. At its core it will decide whether cities can arrest and fine people for things like sleeping outside with a pillow or blanket, even when there are no safe shelter options.
- ❖ The rally will feature homeless activities, organizers, and advocates speaking on the impact of this case.
- ❖ The **Rally for Housing Not Harm** will be on **April 22nd** at the US Supreme Court, 1 First Street, NE, Washington, DC.
- ❖ RSVP for exact time and meeting location at: [Attend the Rally | Johnson v. Grants Pass](#) (johnsonvgrantspass.com)



In Recognition of Youth Homelessness Matters Day

Save The Date : You Know Expo
April 17th

Zoe's Doors
900 Rhode Island Ave, NE
2:00pm - 6:00pm



Meeting Agenda



- i. Welcome & Agenda Review (10 mins)
- ii. Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs (MOLGBTQA) (25 mins)
- iii. Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) (25 mins)
- iv. Department of Corrections (DOC) (25 mins)
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