

# MOVING THROUGH THE BUDGET 2022 WORKBOOK

*Budget Basics Guide, Journal, and Resources*

CITY of **BOSTON**



Budget

THE MAYOR'S OFFICE OF  
**NEW URBAN  
MECHANICS**



HOW ARE YOU FEELING AS YOU ENTER THIS SPACE TODAY?



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# WELCOME!

*Thank you for joining us for the Fall  
2022 Moving Through the Budget  
Workshop. We are so excited to learn  
and move with you!*

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**Moving Through the Budget (MTTB)** is a community-based workshop that uses dance and movement to engage with issues surrounding the City budget.

Over the course of the weekend you will be asked to connect your lived experiences to the City of Boston Budget. Dance and movement activities will be a method to allow you to connect to your emotions and process your experiences creatively before providing feedback on the Budget.

Learn more about MTTB at:  
[boston.gov/budget-movement](https://boston.gov/budget-movement)

## MEET THE FACILITATORS!

**Jenny Oliver**  
*Facilitator (English)*



**Jasmin Torrejón Chu**  
*Facilitator (Español)*

# MEET YOUR FACILITATOR

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**Jenny Oliver**

*Facilitator  
(English)*

Jenny Oliver is an artist in the Greater Boston area working as a teacher, performer, choreographer, and advocate for artistic integrity. She is a trauma informed, culturally responsive kinetic storyteller. She works at the intersection of dance, education, and collective collaboration to elevate issues affecting Black and Indigenous people. As a culturally Black person of Cape Verdean and Native American heritage she believes it's important to address the erasure of Native people and the ongoing systemic injustices towards Black people. Alongside her work as a choreographer, she is on faculty at Tufts University, Emerson College, the Dance Complex and Deborah Mason Performing Arts Center and is inspired by the ability of dance to catalyze meaningful and effective change in the lives of others.

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*Facilitator  
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Jasmin (pronounced Hass-mean) Torrejón Chu graduated from Lesley University in May 2019 with her Master's in Mental Health Counseling with a Specialization in Dance/Movement Therapy. Jasmin worked as an In-Home Therapist, with the Justice Resource Institute in Boston, MA after graduating. She now works with Boston Public Schools as a School Social Worker. During her time at Lesley, Jasmin was passionate about issues surrounding the field's cultural humility and acknowledgement of other cultures in the use of dance and movement as healing practices. Her thesis, *Enduring Resilience: An Exploration of Puerto Rican Colonization, Hurricane Maria, and Ongoing Healing through Cultural Rituals*, was a personal exploration in her Puerto Rican culture, which focused on understanding the historical-political context of P.R. as it related to the Puerto Ricans/Boricuas' struggle for self-determination. It described manners in which cultural practices supported Boricuas' resilience in the face of historical and ongoing adversity. Jasmin is committed to a life of service and excited about the many paths that may take. Her newest venture is using dance therapy to increase civic engagement through the Moving Through the Budget workshop with the City of Boston.

# WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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10AM-10:30AM	Check-in, coffee, participant meet and greet and 1st experiential
10:30-10:45AM	2nd Experiential activity
10:45-11AM	<b>Break</b>
11-11:45AM	1st Budget segment
11:45-12PM	<b>Break</b>
12-12:45PM	2nd Budget segment
12:45-1PM	3rd Experiential activity
1-2 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
2-2:30PM	ReCap of Budget segments
2:30-4PM	Creative Movement/Choreographic experiential
4-4:15PM	<b>Break</b>
4:15-5PM	Q & A, Resource sharing & Closing



# BUDGET BASICS

*An introduction to  
the City of Boston  
budget making  
process.*

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In the next few pages you will have a high level overview of the City of Boston Budget. The City’s Budget website **[budget.boston.gov](http://budget.boston.gov)** is a more detailed resource you can review better understand the Budget process and learn more about the current Budget.



- The Budget is a **financial document**, but it is also a **statement of priorities**.
- How a city spends its resources is the most direct way to improve residents lives.
- The budget refers to both **day-to-day services** provided and **longer term investments** in capital assets.

## WHY DO WE MAKE A CITY BUDGET?

- State law says that the City must produce a balanced budget every year. That means that the City's resources must fully cover what it expects to spend.
- Rising fixed costs, inflation, and demand for new and improved services are greater than the growth in new revenue coming in.
- The City also wants to make strategic investments, make positive changes, and provide more effective services to residents.

- **The Mayor** is in charge of creating the annual City budget.

*\*Boston Public Schools is the one exception that follows a different process. The **Superintendent of Schools** proposes the Boston Public Schools budget to the **School Committee**. Once the School Committee approves the Boston Public Schools budget, it is submitted to **the Mayor**. (See page 22)*

- **The City Council** is able to accept, reject, reduce, or amend the budget.
- **The City Council** is able to move funds around in the budget without increasing the net amount. Members can advocate for increases be made by **the Mayor**.
- **The public** gives feedback and testifies on the budget during annual public hearings.





**Mayor Michelle Wu**

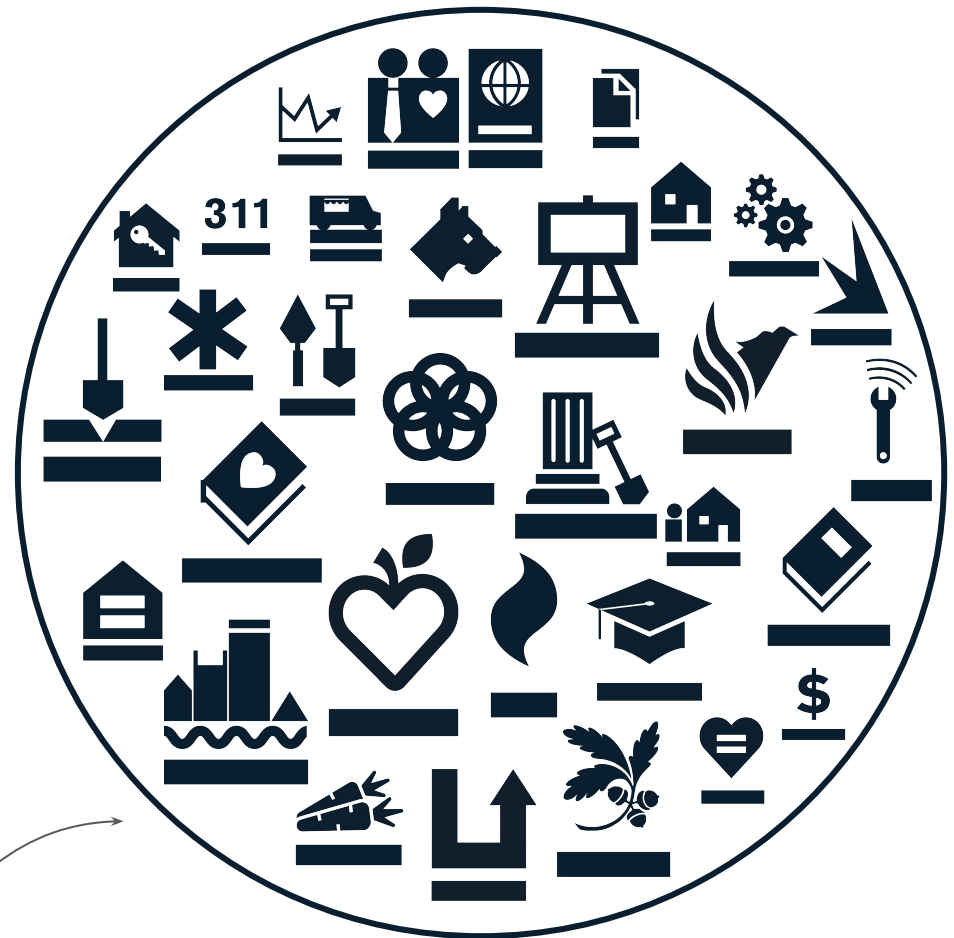
*Michelle Wu is the Mayor of Boston. She is a daughter of immigrants, Boston Public Schools mom to two boys, MBTA commuter, and fierce believer that we can solve our deepest challenges through building community.*

Learn about our elected officials, as well as the leaders of our cabinets and departments at:

- [boston.gov/departments/311/city-boston-government](https://boston.gov/departments/311/city-boston-government)

View all the city departments at:

- [boston.gov/departments](https://boston.gov/departments)



# NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY LIAISONS

Neighborhoods and many racial and ethnic communities have a liaison to connect you to the city and vice versa. They exist to help make your voice heard!

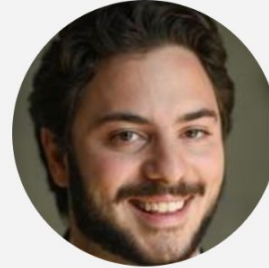
Contact your liaison in the **Office of Neighborhood Services (ONS)** by calling 617-635-3485 or visit [\*\*Boston.gov/ONS\*\*](https://boston.gov/ONS)

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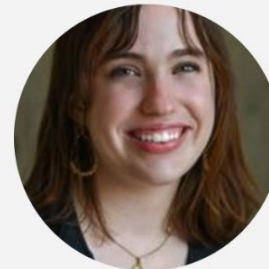
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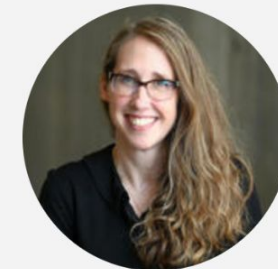
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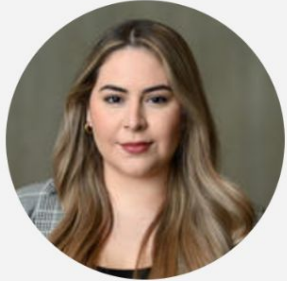
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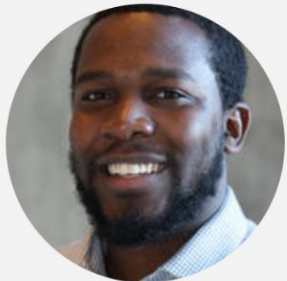
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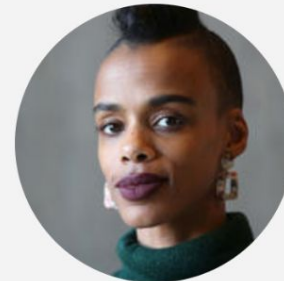
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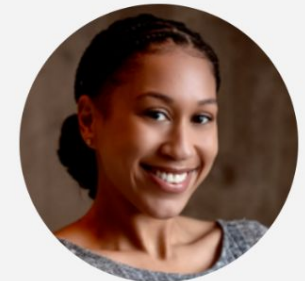
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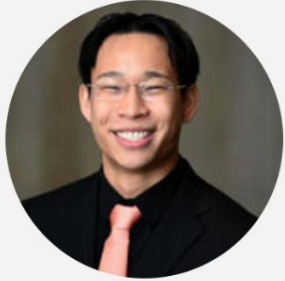
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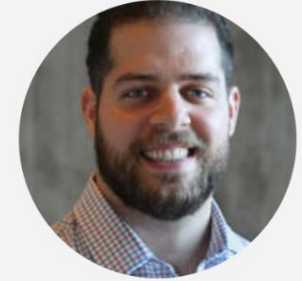
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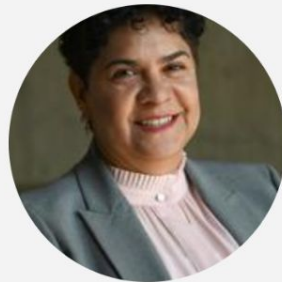
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The **City Council** is the legislative body of the City of Boston. Councilors are elected every two years by the citizens of Boston. The council is made up of **four at-large councilors** that represent the entire City, and **nine district councilors** that represent specific areas of the City.

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You can find more information about your local representatives and your neighborhood, through the [My Neighborhood Lookup tool](#) [[boston.gov/node/11566946](https://boston.gov/node/11566946)].





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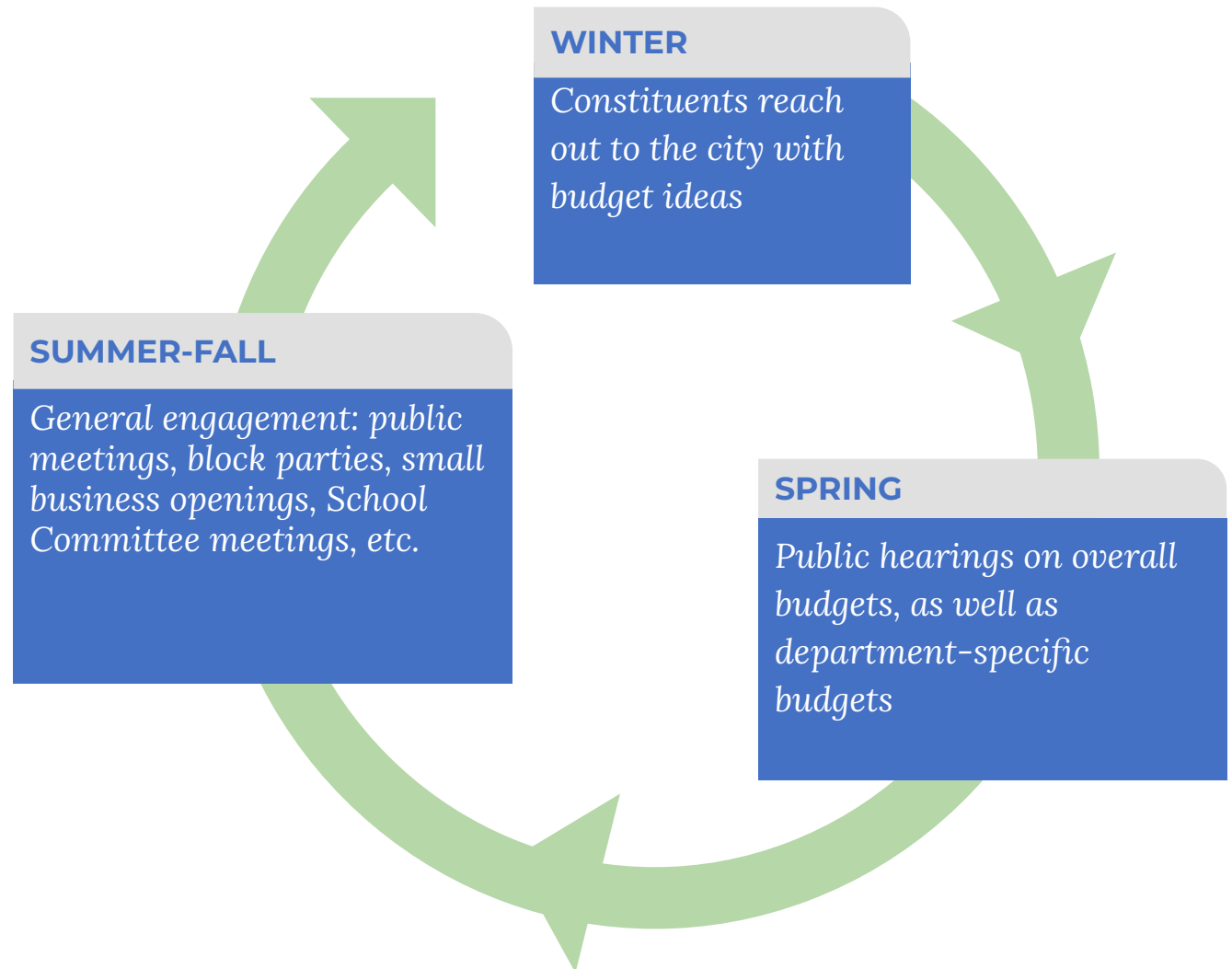
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- As a result of Ballot Measure 1 passing in Nov 2021, **city council** can now reject, reduce, pass, **or amend** line items (i.e. accounts such as personnel, contracted services, equipment, etc) in the City Budget.
- **Amending** the budget means that the Council can reduce certain department budgets and increase others, as long as it stays within the total city wide budget submitted by the Mayor.
  - During budget hearings, **you** can now ask councilors to increase or decrease department budgets for specific purposes.
- Ballot Measure 1 also requires the creation of an **Office of Participatory Budgeting** open to all Boston residents by July 1, 2024 (the start of FY25).



**Public input** on the budget happens year round, as the City engages with constituents.

However, it intensifies **in the Winter**, while the Mayor is creating the budget, and **in the Spring**, while the Council is reviewing it.



# CITY ENGAGEMENT IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

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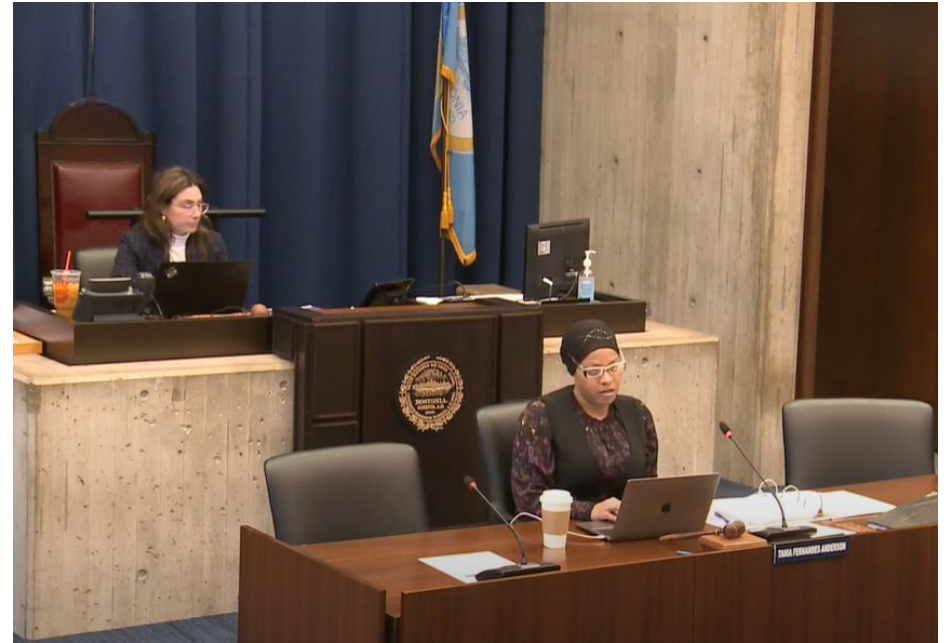
- **Departments** draft and submit their budgets in early January, with the exception of BPS.
- Reach out to **city departments** in **November and December** to communicate what you'd like to see requested. For BPS, early fall is best.
- Get connected to departments through **ONS/311**, or find **department contact** information on the website.
- Attend events held by departments in policy areas you care about, and speak with **city officials** before, during or after the event as appropriate.



# CITY ENGAGEMENT IN APRIL/MAY

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- During this period, **City council** is reviewing the **Mayor's** Recommended budget and calling city staff to testify and provide additional information.
- Reach out to the city in **April and May** to tell City Council what you'd like to see in the budget.
- Submit or sign up to give testimony at public budget hearings.



*The Committee on Ways and Means holds budget hearings. The Chair (pictured) leads the meeting. The above picture is from a hearing on 4.25.22*

# HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN BUDGET HEARINGS

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Options:

- **Email** the committee directly at [ccc.wm@boston.gov](mailto:ccc.wm@boston.gov)
- **Submit a video** recording at least two business days in advance of the hearing
  - Submit via the link on the web page (linked below)
- **Participate in Person** at a Hearing
  - Find the Iannella Chamber, Fifth Floor, Boston City Hall. Sign up on the sheet near the chamber entrance 15m before the meeting begins.
- **Participate Virtually** at a Hearing
  - Sign up via the link online at the link below.

Learn more at:

[boston.gov/departments/city-council/how-testify-city-council-budget-hearing](https://boston.gov/departments/city-council/how-testify-city-council-budget-hearing)



*The public testimony podium is located behind a row of chairs at the back corner of the room. Pictured above is Henry Santana, Director of Civic Organizing, testifying at a budget hearing on 5.6.22. The podium stand and mic are directly behind him.*

# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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## DID YOU KNOW?

The city of Boston has one of the first youth-led participatory budgeting process called Youth Lead the Change

Youth Lead the Change is a form of participatory budgeting that began in 2014, where young people (12-22) in Boston can vote on how to allocate \$1 Million dollars in the Capital plan. It is informed by the Participatory Budgeting Project.

[www.participatorybudgeting.org](http://www.participatorybudgeting.org)

Learn more about YLC initiative at [boston.gov/youth-lead-change](http://boston.gov/youth-lead-change) or by emailing [youthline@boston.gov](mailto:youthline@boston.gov)



# PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

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In November 2021, the voters of Boston passed Ballot Initiative 1, which charges the city to set up the Office of Participatory Budgeting to allow for more constituent opportunity to influence the budgeting process.

The ballot measure is outlined here:  
[www.boston.gov/news/city-boston-municipal-election-ballot-questions](http://www.boston.gov/news/city-boston-municipal-election-ballot-questions)



The city of Boston has invested funds to establish the **Office of Participatory Budgeting (OPB)**. Through council legislation the OPB must have processes in place for PB by fiscal year 2025.

**Participatory budgeting (PB) is a process which gives the public an opportunity to provide direct input into how their local governments spend public dollars.** In PB, constituents are empowered to exercise agency and shape how a certain portion of the budget will be allocated.

The city of Boston anticipates finalizing the ordinance through city Council in the coming months and beginning the process to search for an Executive Director for appointment into the position. Your liaison can connect you to OPB once an Executive Director has been appointed.





The **BPS budgeting process** begins a bit earlier than the rest of the budgeting process. In early fall, preliminary budget forecasts and proposals are developed by **Boston Public Schools** in dialogue with **the Budget Office**. For this reason, if a **constituent** wants to influence the system-wide BPS budget before it is presented to **the School Committee**, it's best to reach out to BPS in early fall.

Per the city charter,

- **The School Superintendent's** proposed budget is due to the School Committee on or before 1st Wednesday in February.
- **The School Committee** must then take action on the budget on or before 4th Wednesday in March. Prior to taking action, the Committee will hold multiple budget hearings at which members of the public may testify.

**Parents and families** can also engage in conversations about how their specific school will spend its budget allocation at school site council meetings held in the beginning of the calendar year.

Within the City Budget, **Boston Public Schools** has its own budget and budget-making process.

**The City Council** traditionally votes on the BPS budget separately, which is first approved by **the School Committee**.

Learn more about [BPS's budget](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/budget) at: [www.bostonpublicschools.org/budget](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/budget)

# WHAT IS THE “FISCAL YEAR?”

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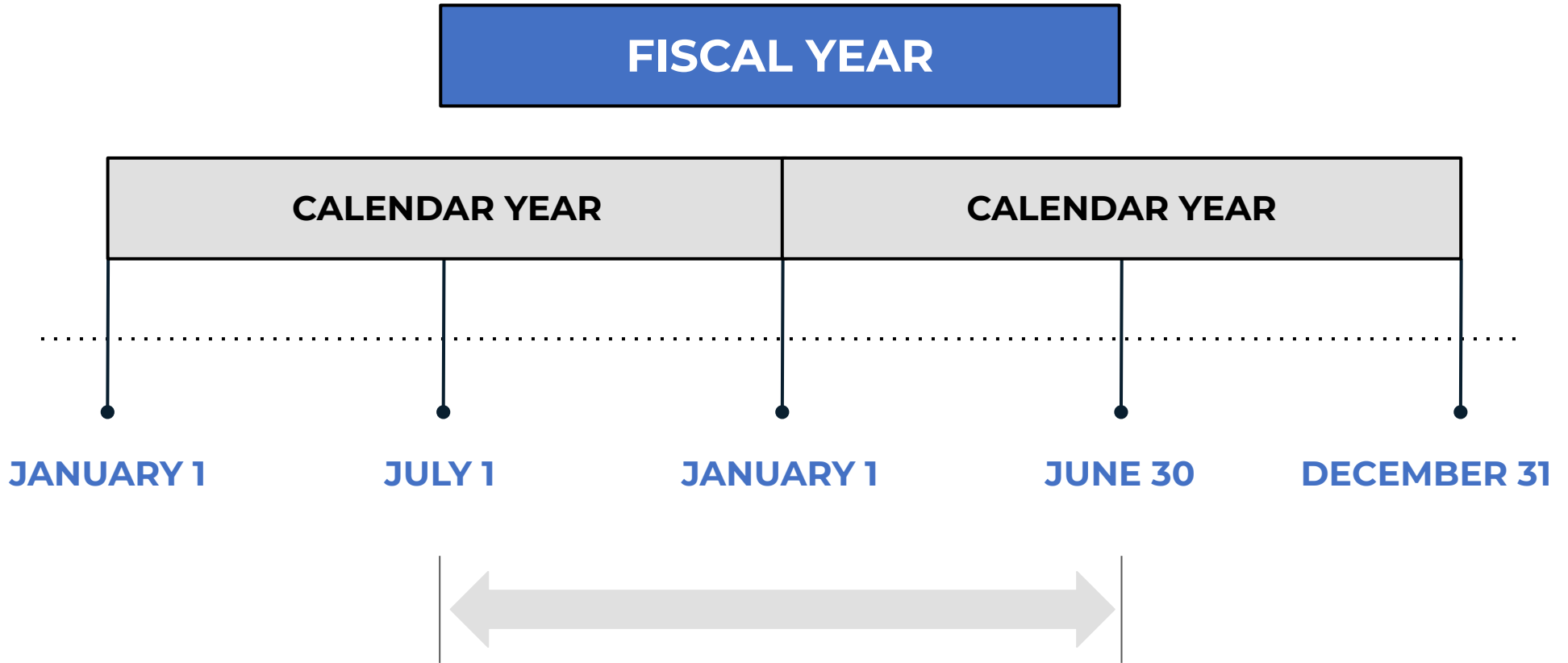
The twelve-month financial period used by the City begins July 1 and ends June 30 of the following calendar year. The City’s fiscal year (“FY”) is numbered according to the year in which it ends.



\* Today, we are in FY 23 and planning for FY 24

# WHAT IS THE “FISCAL YEAR?”

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More Budget definitions at:  
[boston.gov/departments/budget/glossary-terms](https://www.boston.gov/departments/budget/glossary-terms)

# BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE

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**JULY 1**

First day of  
Fiscal Year (FY)

**Mid-April**

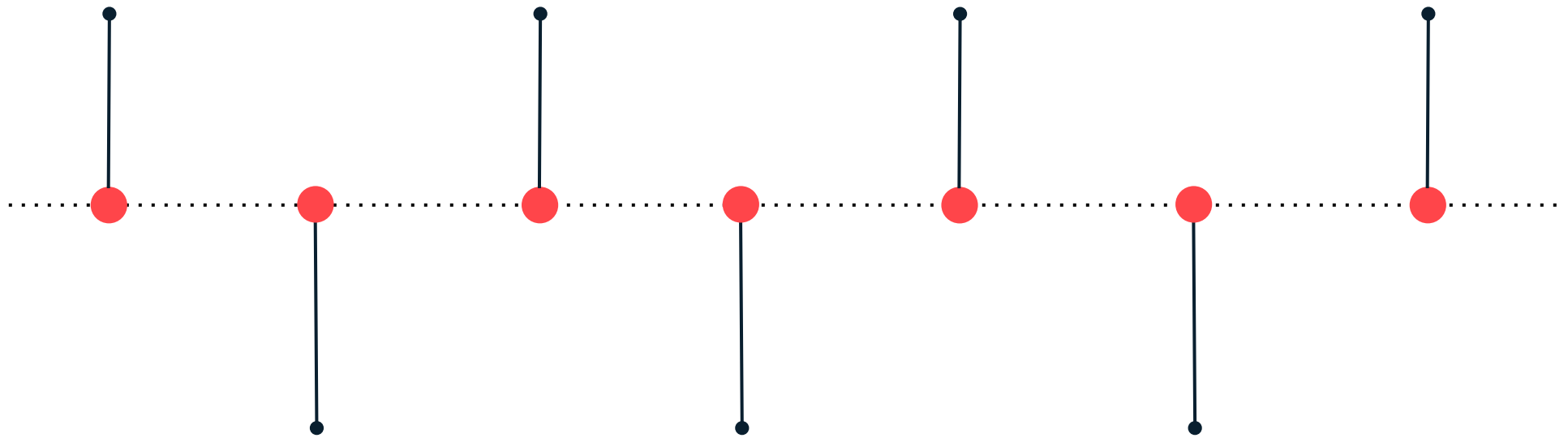
**Mayor** submits  
Recommended  
Budget

**EARLY JUNE**

**City Council** acts on  
Recommended  
Budget

**JULY 1**

First day of  
New Fiscal Year



**WINTER**

Budget process  
begins

**MAY-JUNE**

**City Council**  
reviews budget  
and holds  
hearings

**MID-JUNE**

**Mayor** approves or  
returns budget to  
the **City Council**

# BUDGET APPROVAL PROCESS



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**4** →

**5**

*Mayor* submits recommended Budget to **City Counsel**.

**City Council** reviews budget and holds hearings.

**City Council** takes action on the budget, meaning they reject, approve, or pass with amendments.

When the budget is sent back to **the Mayor**, the Mayor has 7 days to review and can either approve or make additional amendments and return the budget to **City Council** for final adoption.

Budget is passed by **City Council** with or without overrides to Mayor's returned amendments



Community Input



City Council

## Budget Engagement Success Story:

*Entrepreneurs in the cannabis industry shared the extent to which upfront capital creates disparities in the industry.*

*The city has heard these complaints, and the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion continues to seek ways to increase the grant amounts for these entrepreneurs.*



## Budget Engagement Success Story:

*Restaurant owners came together and voiced a need for support during the pandemic, through a Restaurant Roundtable in 2021.*

*As a result, the Office of Economic Opportunity and Inclusion created the [Restaurant Relief Fund](#).*



## Budget Engagement Success Story:

*Constituents asked for court lighting to stay on for an extra month in the year, Parks requested funds to make it happen in FY23.*





ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BUDGET PROCESS?



# BUDGET DETAILS

*A closer look at the budget breakdown and the budget for FY 23.*

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# POLICY & PROGRAM AREAS OF BOSTON'S BUDGETS

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The City operating budget and capital plan fund...



**ARTS AND CULTURE**



**EQUITY FOR ALL**



**ECONOMY**



**HEALTH**



**EDUCATION**



**HOUSING**



**ENERGY,  
ENVIRONMENT,  
AND PARKS**



**PUBLIC SAFETY**



**TRANSPORTATION**

# KEY PARTS OF THE CITY BUDGET

	<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>CAPITAL PLAN</b>
<b>Expense</b>	What the City expects to spend on day-to-day services and equipment for the year	A multi-year plan for how to make long term investments (such as new schools, parks, and housing projects)
<b>Revenue</b>	Revenue received by the City to fund the operating budget (from sources such as property taxes, or state aid, fees and permits)	Revenue from the operating budget is used to pay for municipal bonds that fund most capital projects

More Budget definitions at: [boston.gov/departments/budget/glossary-terms](http://boston.gov/departments/budget/glossary-terms)

## Property Tax

Taxes paid for owning property

## State Aid

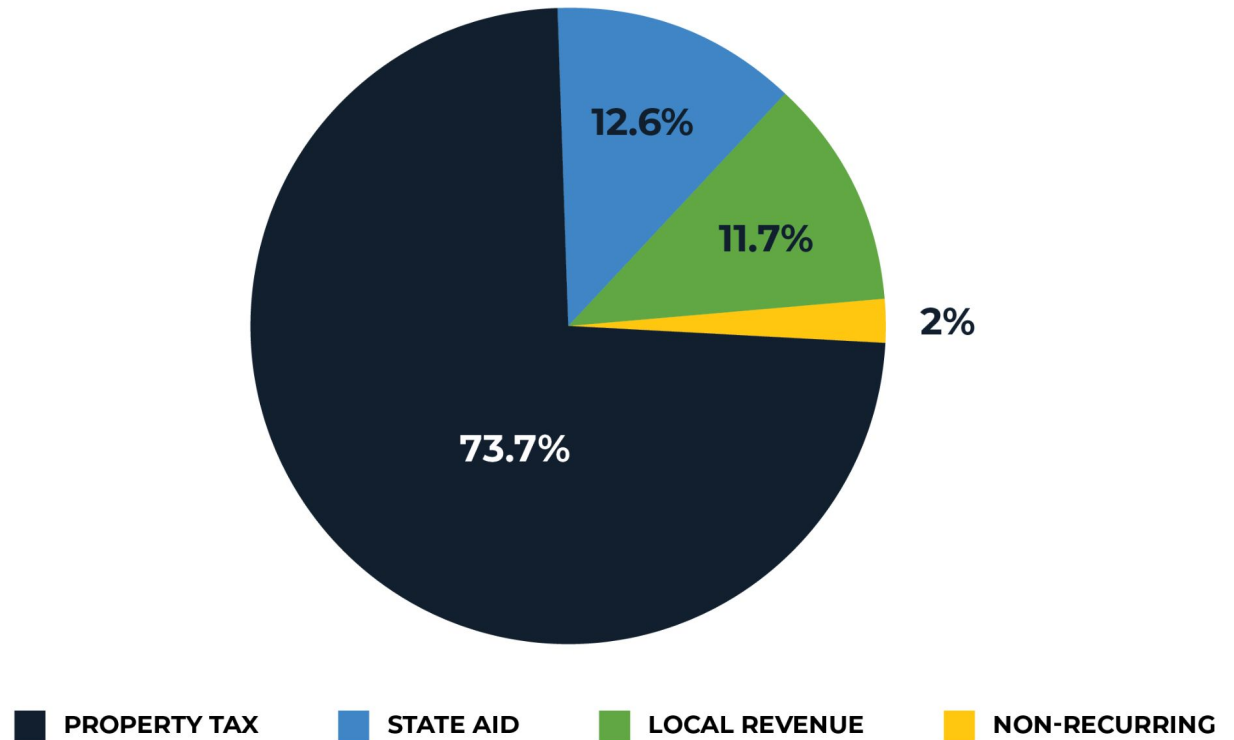
Distributions of funds from the State to the City

## Local Revenue

Local revenue includes revenue from excise taxes, payments-in-lieu-of-taxes, licenses and permits, fees and fines, investment income, and available funds.

## Non-recurring

One-time revenue support through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

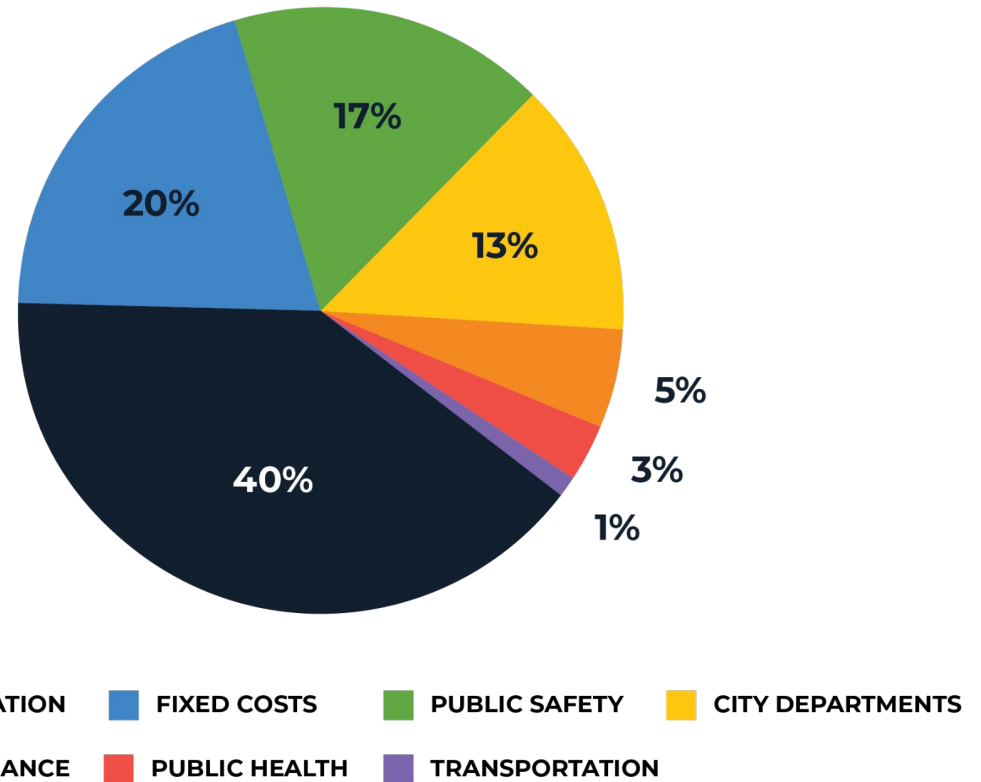


The FY23 Operating Budget covers day-to-day expenses for the City, including people like teachers, police officers, and firefighters and services like housing, recycling, and transportation.

The \$3.99 billion FY23 Operating Budget is balanced and sustainable, and places equity at the center of all decisions. It creates generational change by investing in our people, our neighborhoods, and our services.

## OPERATING BUDGET BY CATEGORY

The majority of the operating budget (57%) is allocated to Education and Public Safety expenses.

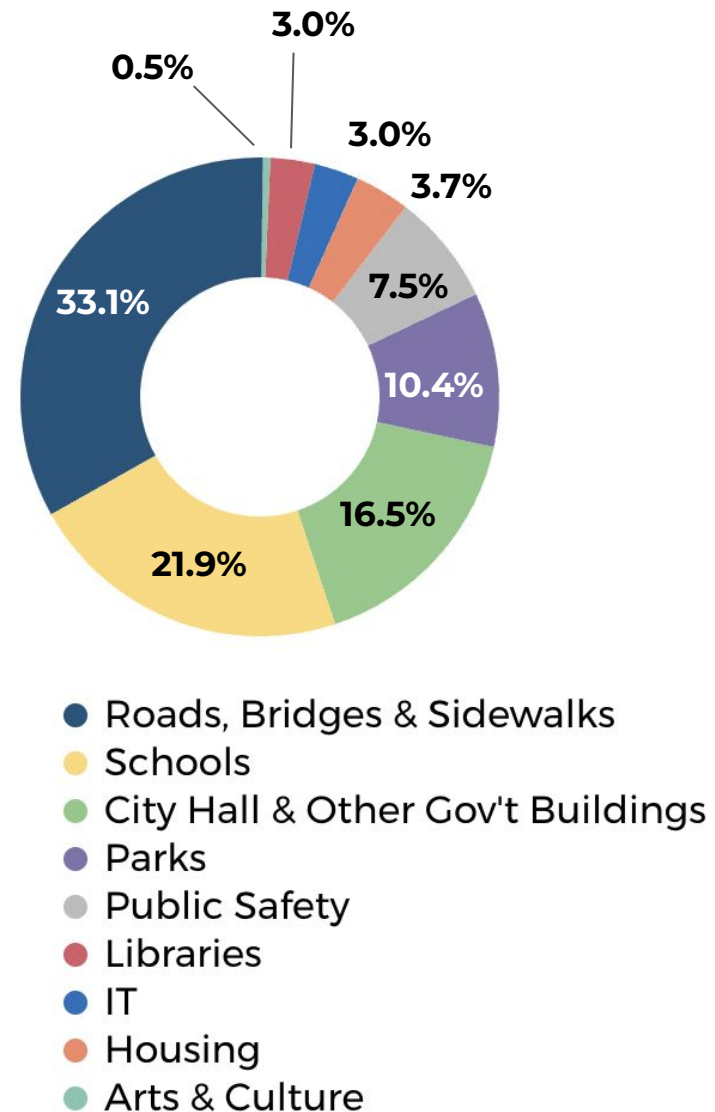


The Capital Plan is how the City makes critical improvements to the City's infrastructure and facilities like schools, libraries, parks, fire and police stations, roads, bridges, and civic spaces.

The \$3.6 billion FY23-27 Capital Plan will maintain and build the cherished public spaces of Boston. This year's plan includes new infrastructure funds supporting affordable housing, revitalized parks, multi-modal transportation improvements, school improvements across Boston, and climate resilience.

## CAPITAL BUDGET EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY

This pie chart illustrates the investment allocation by category for all projects included in the FY23-27 Capital Plan. Percentages are based on capital funding sources only.



# FY23-27 SAMPLE EXPENSES

Priority Area	Operating Expense	Capital Expense (could include design, construction, and staff)
Arts & Culture	Funds for murals (grants to artists)	Connolly Branch Library in JP
Economy	Grants for historic businesses for building or other business improvements	N/A: All on operating or grants
Education	School lunches and bus drivers	Adams School in East Boston: Roof and Masonry & Curley K-8 School in JP
Energy, Environment and Parks	Tree planting (mix of contractors and in-house staff given limited capacity)	Daisy Field improvements at Olmsted Park in JP
Equity for All	Funding for ESOL classes for immigrants, through grants to local nonprofits	N/A: All on operating or grants
Health	Public health announcements for vaccinations, mental health counselors (staff creating announcements, contracting out ad campaigns through local media networks)	BCYF Paris St Pool Improvements in E. Boston.
Housing	Staff to manage supportive housing for individuals facing homelessness	Orient Heights Senior Center in E. Boston & Mildred C Hailey development in JP
Public Safety	Uniforms and helmets for firefighters	East Boston Police Station
Transportation	Contractor to coordinate open streets events	Centre Street / South St Development in JP



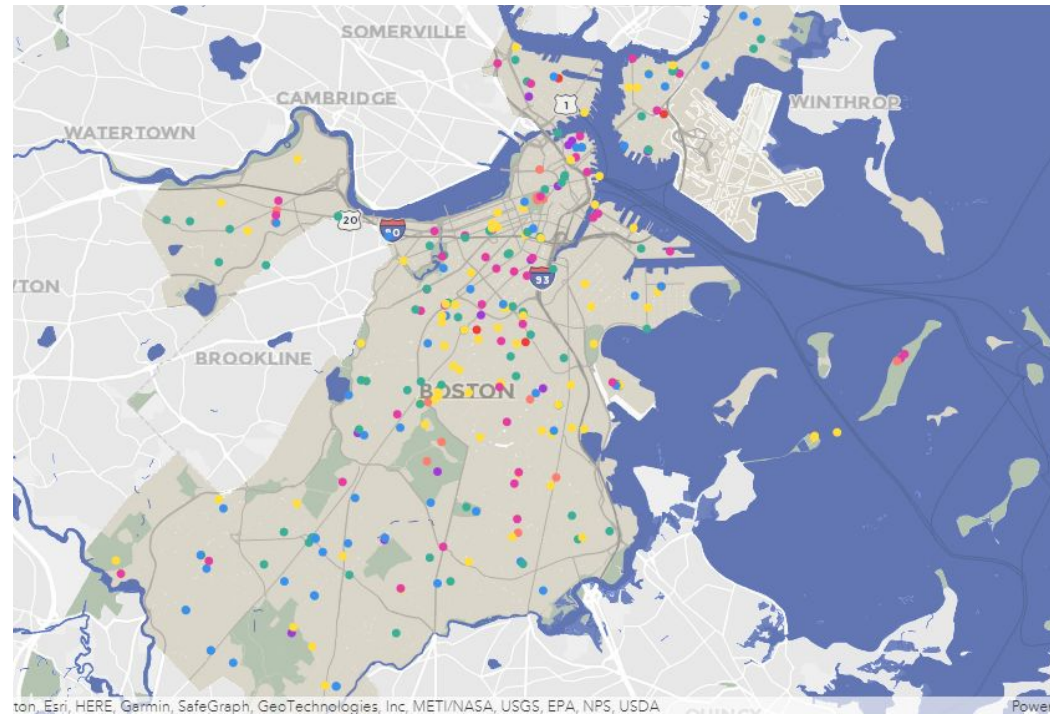
# FY23-27 SAMPLE ANNUAL PROGRAMS

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- **STREETS**
  - **Public Works** - \$218 Million for ADA Ramps, Roadway Resurfacing, Bridge Repairs, Walkable Streets and Sidewalks, and Street Lighting
  - **Transportation** - \$96 Million for Vision Zero and Neighborhood Slow Streets, Dedicated Bus Lanes, Traffic and Pedestrian Signal improvements, Strategic Bike Network, and Crosswalk and Lane Markings
- **BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BPS)** - \$110 Million for MSBA Programs (ARP/Core), School Yard Improvements, Security and Technology
- **DEPARTMENT OF INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY** - \$64 Million for Core Technology and Cyber Security, Data Analytics, Digital Service Delivery and Engagement, and Enterprise Applications
- **PARKS** - \$20 Million for Street Tree Plantings, Court Renovations, Historic Cemeteries, Urban Wilds, and Park Improvements
- **ARTS** - \$15 Million for the Percent for Arts program
- **FIRE DEPARTMENT** - \$7.3 Million for Annual Equipment and Apparatus program
- **BOSTON CENTER FOR YOUTH AND FAMILIES (BCYF)** - \$1 Million for Pool Repairs

- Most projects start with a design phase and then move into construction
- Large, complex projects take more time to complete and often require a study phase
- Identify a problem or concern
- Is the problem location a city-owned asset? (City park v. Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) park)
- Funding for recommended projects depends on City Council support

View projects in the current capital plan online at:  
[boston.gov/departments/budget/fy23-capital-budget](https://boston.gov/departments/budget/fy23-capital-budget)



# BOSTON'S CAPITAL PROJECTS By Departments

On the city website Capital projects are listed within **the budget document**, under each department.

Go to:

[www.boston.gov/departments/  
budget#current-and-past-fiscal  
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Scroll to:

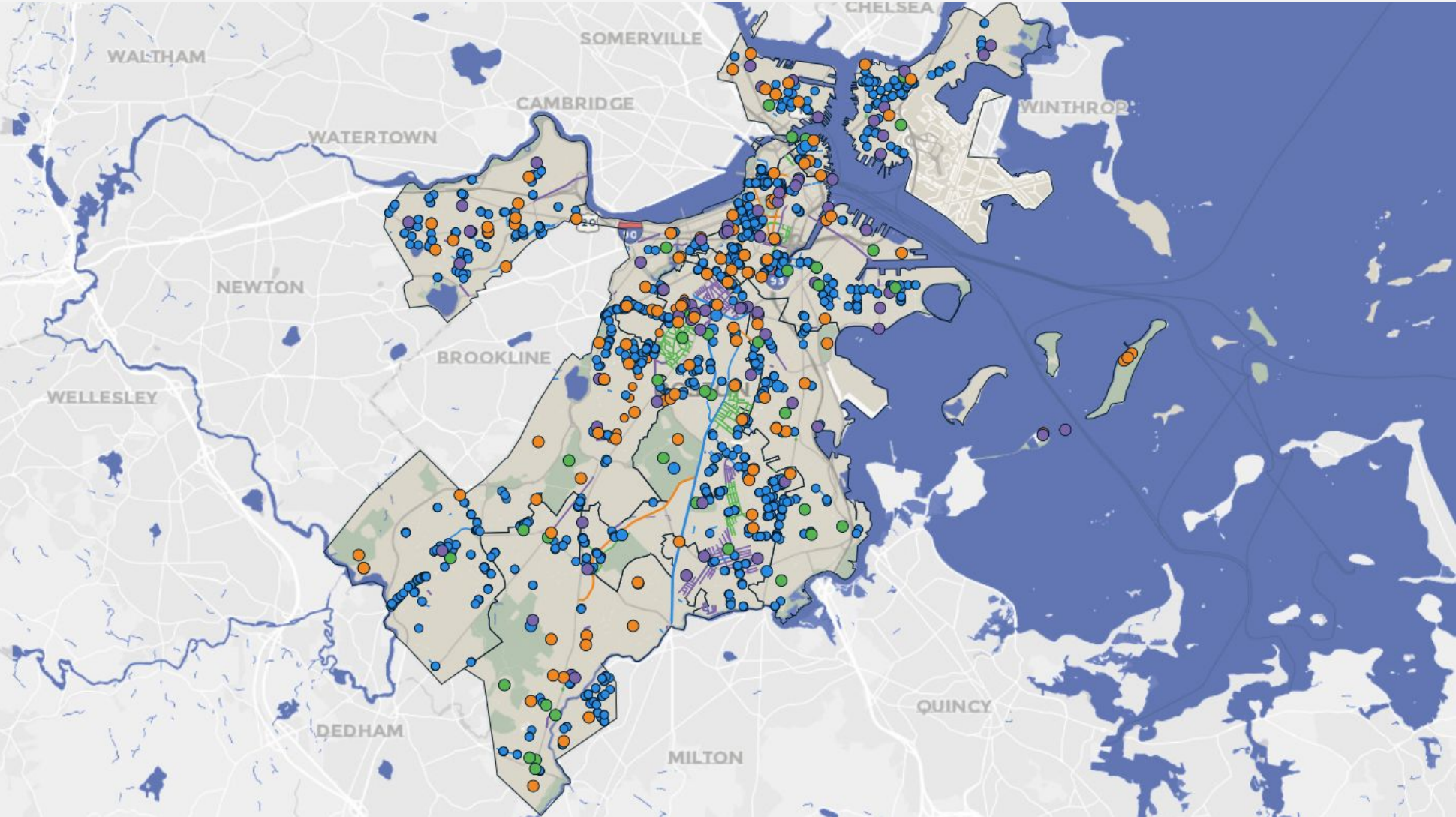
**“Current and Past Fiscal Year Budgets.”**

You can more easily navigate the budget document by opening the file just for the department of interest.

CURRENT AND PAST FISCAL YEAR BUDGETS	
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<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted Budget</a> July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022	▼
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget</a> July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021	▼
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget</a> July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020	▼
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2019 Adopted Budget</a> July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	▼
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2018 Adopted Budget</a> July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018	▼
<a href="#">Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget</a>	

# BOSTON'S CAPITAL PROJECTS By Location

Explore all Capital projects by location: [apps.boston.gov/capital-projects](https://apps.boston.gov/capital-projects)



# EAST BOSTON CAPITAL PROJECTS FY22-26

East Boston, Massachusetts, United States

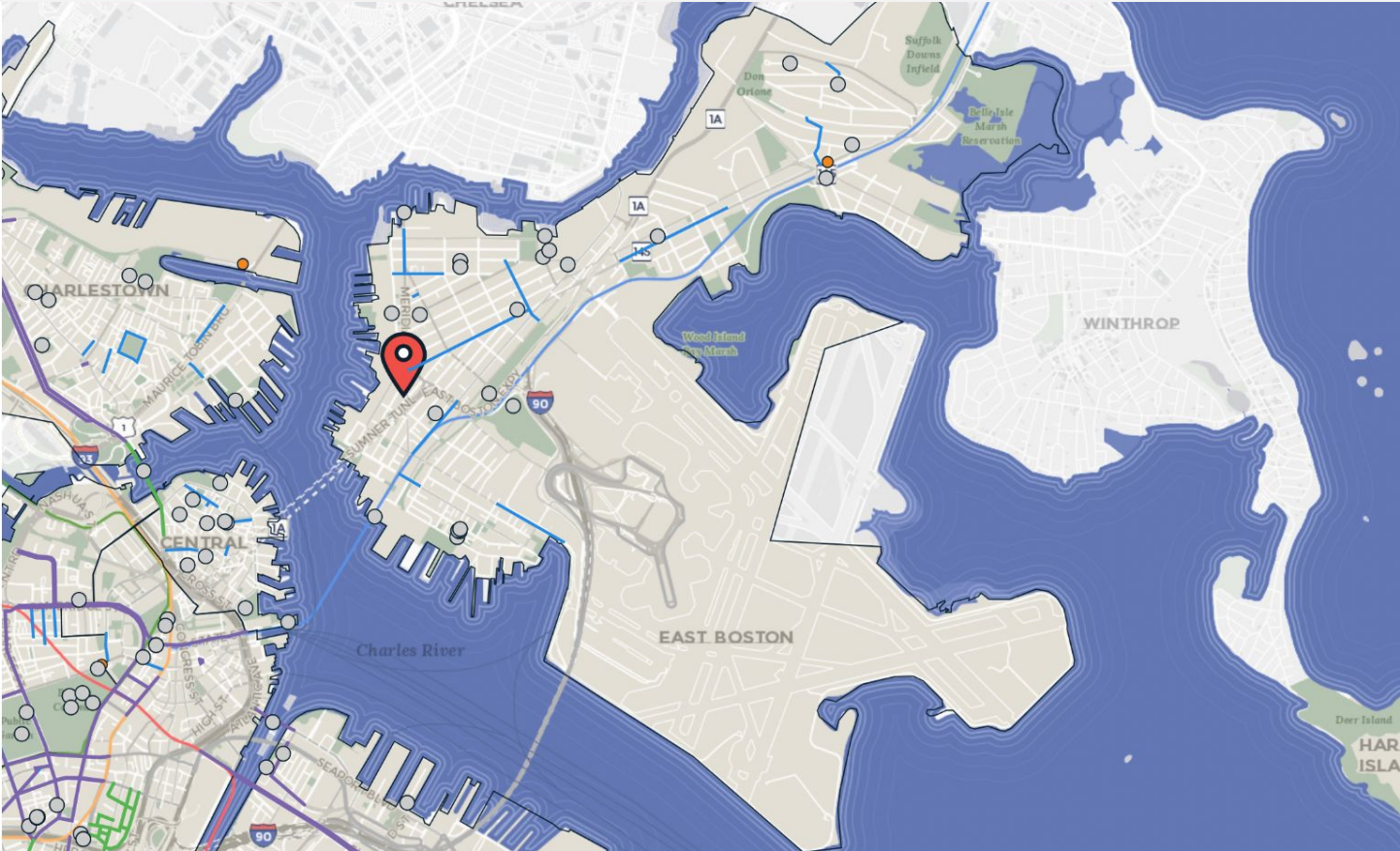
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## CAPITAL PROJECTS

- Annual Programs/Other
- Projects being planned
- Projects being designed
- Projects in construction
- City council districts



# JAMAICA PLAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS FY22-26

Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, United States

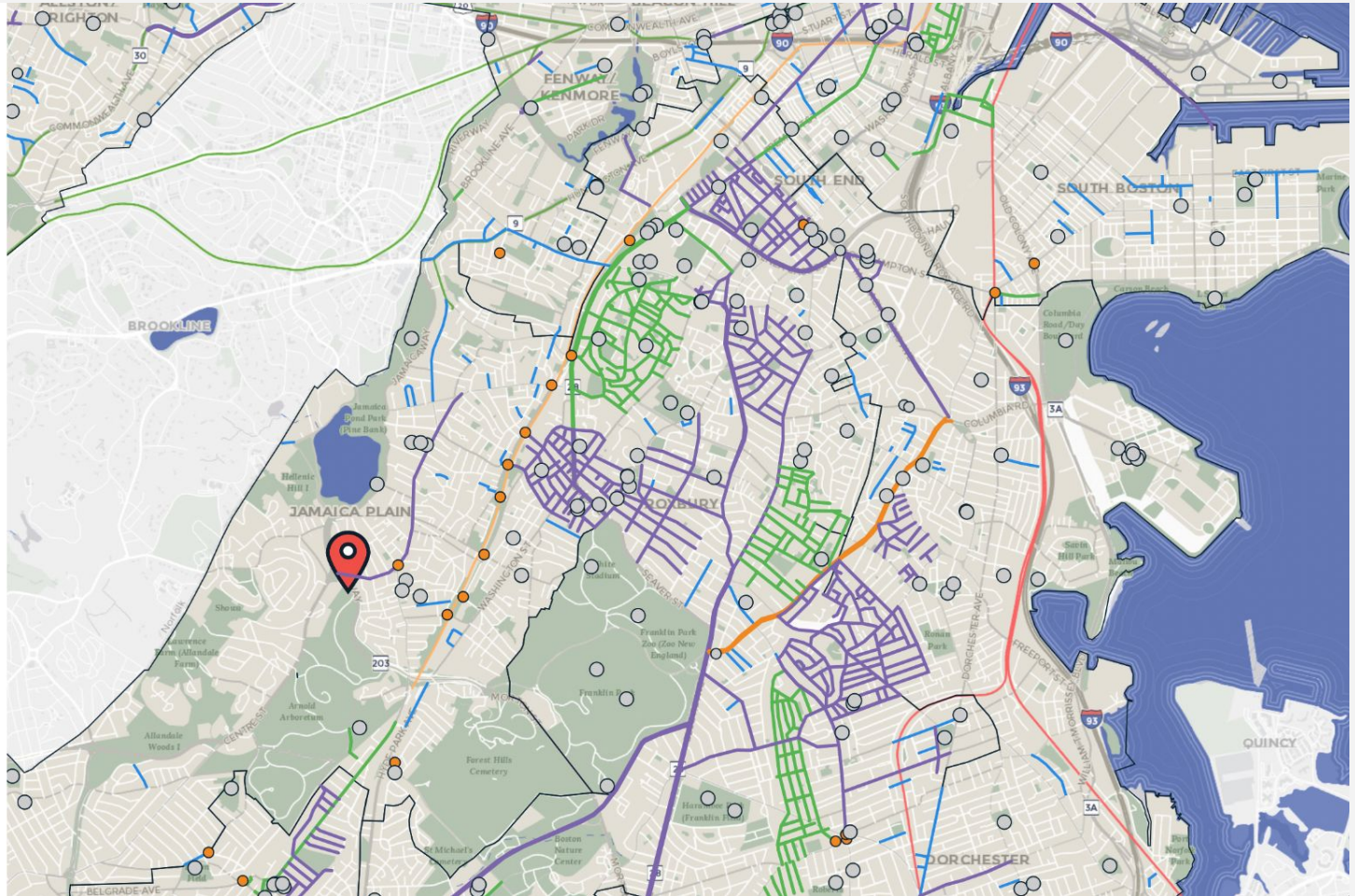
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Beyond the Boston's two primary budgets, the City has received additional funding from the Federal government to support recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. These **Federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** funds provide new resources and the opportunity to invest in:

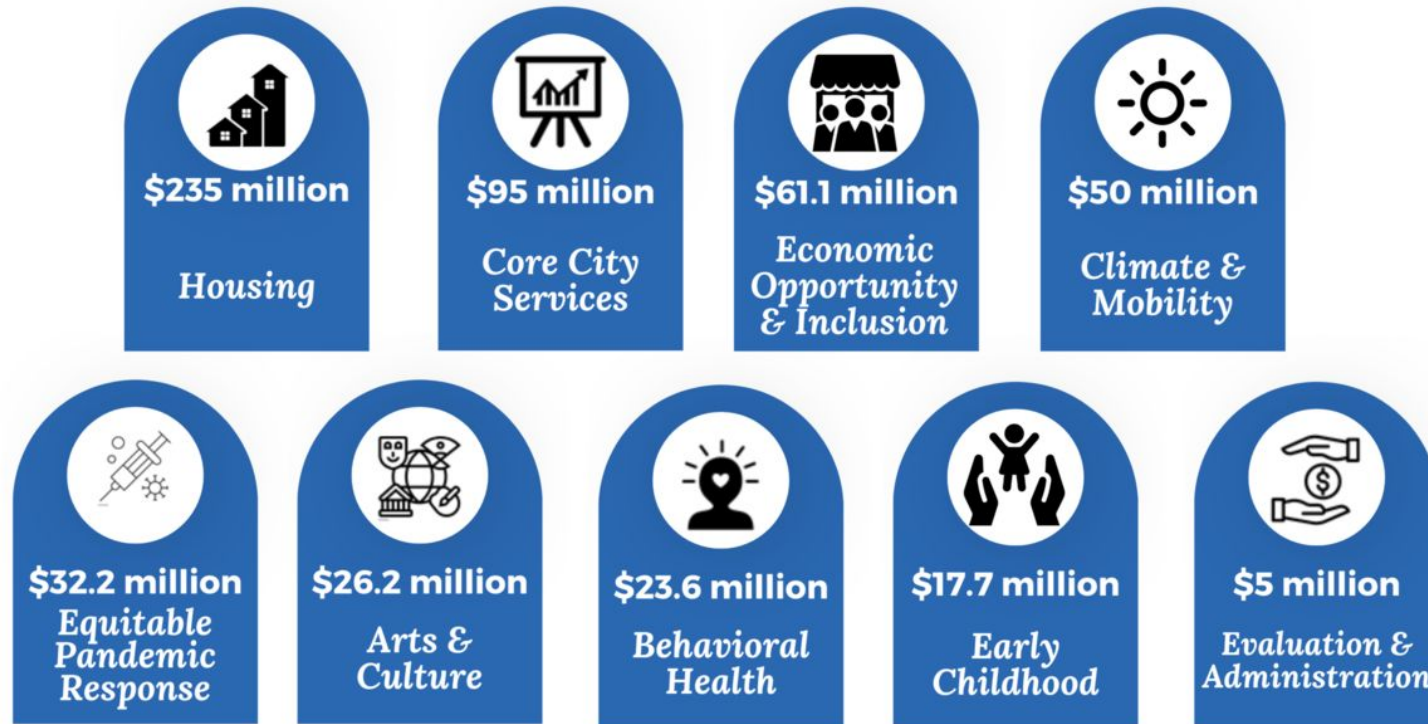
- Continued Public Health Response
- Vital Economic Tools for Families and Businesses
- More Equity-focused Services in Housing, Health and Education
- Core City services
- Needed Infrastructure and Climate Investments



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Learn more about ARPA funds at:  
[boston.gov/recover](https://boston.gov/recover)

## \$551.7 million in authorized ARPA Funds



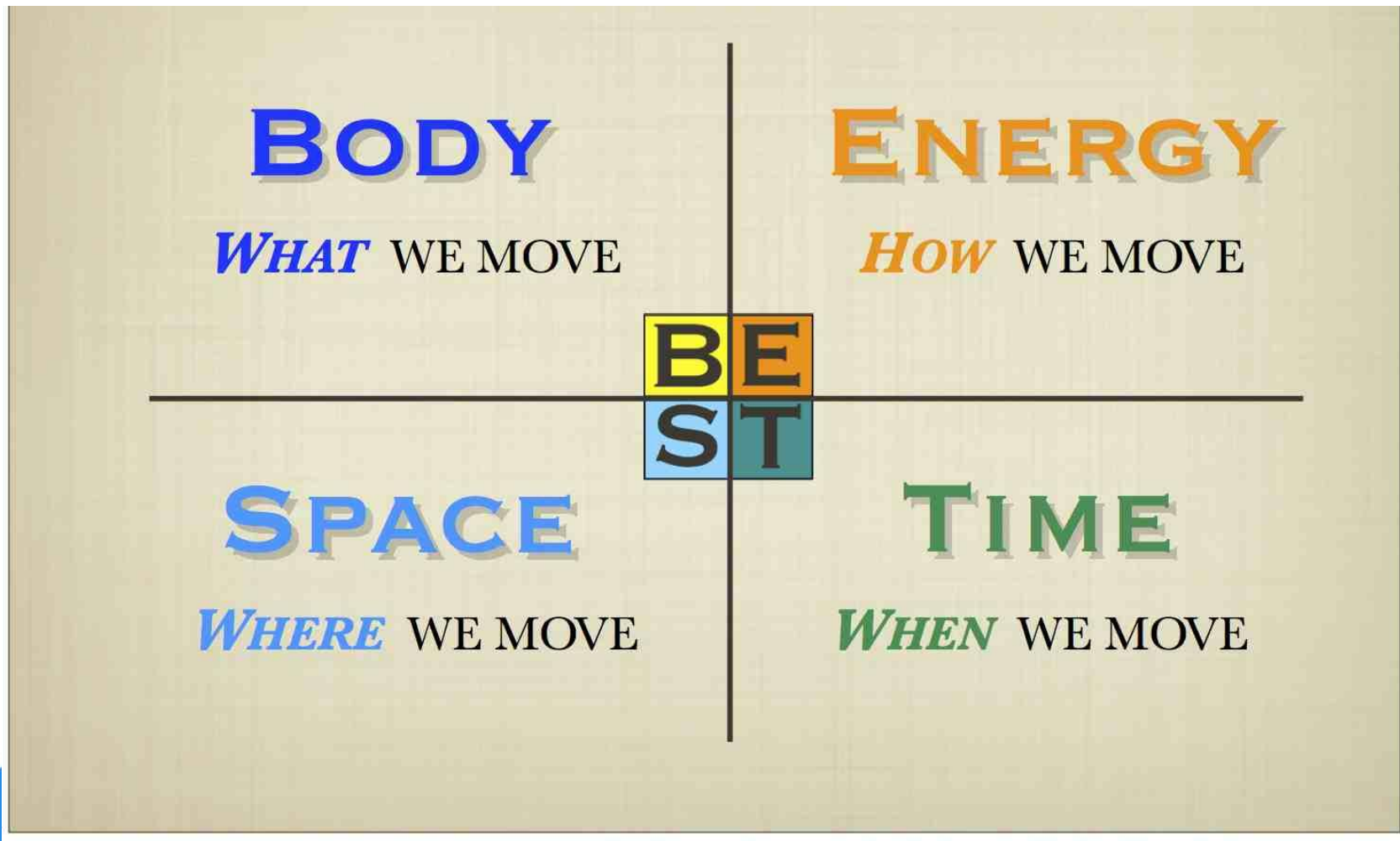
The City's American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) allocation totals almost **\$560 million**, of which \$95 million is earmarked for revenue replacement over FY22 to FY23 that supports the City's annual operating budget.

As of July 31, 2022, **\$551.7 million** has been budgeted to continue the response to the COVID-19 pandemic and to help drive an equitable recovery for all Boston residents.

Learn more about the current budgeted ARPA projects at: [boston.gov/news/american-rescue-plan-projects](https://boston.gov/news/american-rescue-plan-projects)



# ELEMENTS OF DANCE



# Elements of Dance

Appendix #1

Student/Teacher Resource

## ELEMENTS OF DANCE

Elements of Dance	Examples
Body	Using different body parts (e.g. head, shoulders, hips, legs, arms etc.) Making body shapes (e.g. balanced/unbalanced; symmetrical/ asymmetrical, curved/ angular shape)
Space	Pathways, direction, positive vs. negative space, various group formations
Time	Tempo, rhythm, pause, stillness, acceleration/deceleration
Energy	Effort, force, quality (e.g. punch, thrust, float, collapse, wiggle)
Relationship	Dancers to props/objects and to each other (e.g. In front of, inside, over, around), meet/part, follow/lead

(see The Ontario Curriculum, The Arts, Grade 4, p. 100)

Grade 4 Dance, Drama & Critical Literacy: What Should I Do?

# RESOURCES

## [Double Up Food Bucks \(SNAP match up to \\$10\)](#)

[boston.gov/double-up](http://boston.gov/double-up)

## [SNAP](#)

[gettingsnap.org](http://gettingsnap.org) or [gettingsnap.org/es](http://gettingsnap.org/es)

If you are not currently enrolled in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), you can call local nonprofit Project Bread to see if you qualify for benefits: 1-800-645-8333.

## [Food access map](#)

[tinyurl.com/food-access-map](http://tinyurl.com/food-access-map)

## [Bluebikes discounted membership](#)

[boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes/discounted-bluebikes](http://boston.gov/departments/boston-bikes/discounted-bluebikes)

Bluebikes is the greater Boston area's public bikeshare program. **You can receive a discounted yearly (\$50) or monthly (\$5) membership if you meet income eligibility requirements.** Guests and customers of homeless shelters and transitional housing in the City of Boston are eligible for a subsidized membership of \$5 per year. Call Kim Foltz at the Transportation Department for more information: 617-635-1470.

## [Join a Board or Commission!](#)

[boston.gov/civic-engagement/boards-and-commissions](http://boston.gov/civic-engagement/boards-and-commissions)

There are many open seats and we need strong leadership from our residents. Find a Board that interests you! **Some of them come with a paid stipend.**

# HOW TO GET IN TOUCH WITH THE CITY AT ANY TIME

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## Connect with Your Representatives

### **City Council**

- The 13 councilors create, pass, and amend local laws, as well as approve the City's budget every year. The City Council is the legislative body and councilors are elected every two years.
- Find out who your City Councilor is at [Boston.gov/City-Council](https://www.boston.gov/city-council)

### **Neighborhood or Community Liaison**

- Neighborhoods and many racial and ethnic communities have a liaison to connect you to the city and vice versa. They exist to help make your voice heard!
- Contact your liaison in the Office of Neighborhood Services by calling 617-635-3485 or visit [Boston.gov/ONS](https://www.boston.gov/ONS)

## Connect with 311

3-1-1 is a simple phone number connecting you to City of Boston staff ready to assist with non-emergency City services & information requests.

- Download the Boston 311 app
- Call 311 within the Boston limits
- Visit [Boston.gov/311](https://www.boston.gov/311)
- Tag us on Twitter: @BOS311











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