

Budget Scorecard
How we did with the FY13 DC Supplemental and FY14 Budgets
(Final vote was held 6/26/13)

| Program | What it does | Position |
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| <p>1. Housing Production Trust Fund (HPTF)</p> | <p>Essential for development, preservation & purchase of affordable housing.</p> | <p>Strong support.</p> |
| <p>a. \$63 million added in the FY13 Supplemental Budget. b. \$20 million added in the FY14 Baseline Budget. As a result, the Trust Fund will not be diverted to replace LRSP dollars in the Housing Authority. c. After May 1, 2013, the HPTF may not be used to support the new issuance of bonds through securitization. This puts \$8 million back into HPTF. Note: Written reports about New Communities will be required annually. d. \$2.6 million added in Budget to create a centralized affordable-housing database.</p> | | |
| <p>2. Local Rent Supplement Program (LRSP)</p> | <p>Provides operating expenses for affordable housing; also provides vouchers to tenants.</p> | <p>Strong support.</p> |
| <p>a. \$ 6.5 million total added to Project/Sponsor-based LRSP [i.e., \$4.5M added in FY14 on top of the \$2M previously legislated in 2012]. Will enable development of <i>hundreds more housing units</i>. Budget language that would have limited the uses of this money was deleted. b. \$ 3.25 million added to Tenant-based LRSP. c. Tenant-based vouchers will be freed up for reuse as they become vacant. Vacant Tenant-based vouchers will be filled with Priority 1 homeless families referred by DHS.</p> | | |
| <p>3. Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)</p> | <p>Provides utility & rent assistance; provides first month's rent or security deposit. Important homelessness prevention tool, and helps people leave shelter.</p> | <p>Strong support.</p> |
| <p>a. At least \$1 million added for families. b. \$ 500,000 added for a pilot project to make this help available to all singles.</p> | | |
| <p>4. Rapid Re-Housing Program</p> | <p>Helps avert the need for shelter and helps move people from shelter into housing rapidly.</p> | <p>Strong support.</p> |
| <p>a. At least \$ 1 million added, mostly for families. b. \$ 400,000 added for a pilot project to make this help available to singles.</p> | | |
| <p>5. Permanent Supportive</p> | <p>DC Dept. of Human Services</p> | <p>Strong support.</p> |

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| Housing, aka "Housing First" | program to move the most vulnerable, chronically homeless individuals and families into apartments, with case management. | |
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- a. **\$ 2.25 million added for families and individuals.**

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| 6. Interim Disability Assistance (IDA) | DC Dept. of Human Services program to provide minimal monthly income to disabled, impoverished persons while federal SSI applications are pending. | Strong support. |
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- a. **\$ 501,000 added**, which will increase the caseload by 150 persons. With federal reimbursements, the caseload will now be approximately 950.
- b. An amendment has been added to limit the time an individual can receive IDA during the SSDI appeals process. We worked to improve the language of this amendment.
- c. **Not funded: \$ 3.4 million** to increase the caseload for IDA, and **\$ 900,000** to help disabled persons with their complex applications for federal assistance (SOAR)

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| 7. Homeless Services for Youth | DC Dept. of Human Services services and shelter. | Support, testimony, and coalition-building efforts. |
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- a. **\$ 500,000 added** for current Fiscal Year 2013.
- b. **\$ 1 million added** for Fiscal Year 2014.
- c. **\$ 486,000 added** for shelter for LGBTQ homeless youth.

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| 8. Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) | DC Dept. of Human Services program to help families survive while they move from dependency to work. | Strong support. |
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- a. **\$ 4 million added** to fund the POWER program for TANF families who have specified reasons for being unable to become independent after 60 months time limit (e.g., domestic violence, illness, enrollment in an education or job training program, and caring for a family member with a disability). Also gave families with barriers to work more time before they experience more extensive reductions in their TANF benefits.
- b. **\$ 5.8 million added** to delay a scheduled 41.7% reduction for 6,179 families who have been on TANF for longer than 60 months. This will ensure that families have the additional time needed to be assessed, develop Individualized Responsibility Plans, and get connected to a TANF vendor.
- c. **\$ 2.5 million added** to increase substance-abuse treatment for TANF recipients. DHS and the new Dept. of Behavioral Health will work closely and with other experts to create an integrated system of care for TANF recipients who are in need of Behavioral/Psychosocial services.

- d. **Not funded: \$1.5 million** to fully fund TANF time limit exemptions for parents with children under the age of 1 year.

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| 9. Department of Behavioral Health | New department, formed by merger of DC Dept. of Mental Health with Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) | |
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- a. **\$ 9 million added** to strengthen mental-health reimbursement rates, thus averting layoffs and reductions in mental-health services.
- b. The merger is expected to develop efficiencies and provide consumers with better care and outcomes.
- c. **\$1.98 million added** to expand school-based mental health program.

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| 10. DC Office on Aging | | |
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- a. **\$ 5.5 million added** for operating expenses (social workers for lead agencies, increased grant dollars for DCOA grantees, and meals for seniors).
- b. **\$ 1.5 million added** in capital funds for WEHTS (transportation).

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| 11. New grant fund for nonprofits (Innovation Fund) | | |
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- a. **\$ 15 million added.**

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| 12. Pathways to Adult Literacy | | Strong support. |
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- a. **\$ 4 million added** to help an additional 1,000 District residents obtain high school equivalent credentials.

Legislative Language in the FY14 Budget Support Act

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| 1. Homeless Services Reform Act | | Concerns about several provisions. |
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- a. **Mandatory escrow**- Mayor is authorized to mandate a savings or escrow account, with some exceptions.
- b. **Provisional placement** – this new concept was deleted in the final version of the FY14 BSA.
- c. **Other provisions** – some language was clarified, others may need clarification in future; some will need scrutiny during the District regulatory process.

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| 2. Clarification of tax-exemption provisions | | |
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- a. Provisions relating to tax exemptions for development of affordable housing for extremely low-income residents were clarified.