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Fire Department of the City of New York Fiscal Year 2022 Policy Statement for Community Board Budget Consultations

Mission Statement

As first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts, FDNY protects the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department advances public safety through its fire prevention, investigation and education programs. The timely delivery of these services enables the FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

Key Indicators for FY 2021

Over the past year, the FDNY continued to provide a consistently high level of service to communities throughout the City. Key indications of this include:

- In FY 2021 end-to-end average response time to structural fires called into 911 remained the same at 4:52
- In FY 2021 average response time to structural fires (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) decreased two seconds to 4:22
- In FY 2021 average response time to all emergencies by fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) increased 10 seconds to 5:23
- Structural fires decreased 6% percent to 24,359 in FY 2021
- Fire-related civilian fatalities increased 20 percent to 64 fatalities in FY 2021
- In FY 2021 end-to-end combined response time by ambulances and fire companies to life-threatening medical emergencies decreased to 8:44
- In FY 2021, combined response time to life-threatening medical emergencies by ambulances and fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) decreased to 5:53
- In FY 2021 average response time (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) by ambulances to life-threatening medical emergencies decreased to 6:46

FDNY Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Overview

In the current year (FY 2022), the Fire Department has a workforce of more than 17,000 full-time employees. There are close to 11,000 uniformed employees working in fire operations and other related functions throughout the City, and around 4,400 EMS employees assigned to ambulance tours and other medical/support areas. Over 2,100 civilian positions supporting Fire/EMS operations are budgeted throughout the Department.

The Fire Department's Expense Budget is \$2.1 billion, excluding fringe benefits that are budgeted centrally along with other City agencies. This is approximately 2.1 percent of the City's total budget of \$100.6 billion as of the FY 2022 Adopted Budget. Approximately 88% of the Fire Department's Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries and overtime for FDNY employees).

The Fire Department's FY 2022 Executive Capital Commitment Plan totals \$1.4 billion across the ten-year plan window (FY 2022-FY 2031), \$851 million across the four-year plan window (FY 2022-FY2025). Across the ten-year plan window: \$633 million is allocated towards the purchase of firefighting apparatus, support vehicles, and fire suppression and emergency medical equipment, \$528 million is allocated for the renovation and modernization of firehouses, EMS stations and other facilities, and \$251 million is allocated for the upgrade and replacement of computer and communications systems.

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In FY 2021, the Fire Department was the recipient of substantial federal assistance under several programs provided to the City, including FEMA Public Assistance, Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), and American Rescue Plan (ARP). These funding streams facilitated the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) for front-line Fire/EMS staff, FDNY-operated vaccine programs for FDNY staff and the general public, cleaning and decontamination of Fire/EMS facilities, the procurement of leased ambulance to maintain operational readiness, and other critical purchases. In FY 2022, federal ARP stimulus dollars have been allocated for the Citywide expansion of the Department's Behavior Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD), a new health-centered response to 911 mental health calls being piloted in East Harlem. 911 call operators dispatch new B-HEARD Teams – FDNY Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) teamed with a mental health professional from NYC Health + Hospitals – as the default first responders to people experiencing a mental health emergency.

The Fire Department was targeted for several saving reductions and revenue initiatives during the Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Plan cycle:

- Suspension of the Fly Car Program: FY 2021 \$3.3 million / 60 civilian positions, FY 2022 \$16.9 million / 285 civilian positions; Probationary Firefighter Class Savings: FY 2021 \$8.1 million;
- Delay Implementation of Training: FY 2022 \$2.5 million / 7 uniform positions;
- Fringe Costs Funded by Federal Grants: FY 2021 \$1.9 million, FY 2022 \$6.1 million;
- Reassign Administrative Uniform Staff to the Field: FY 2021: \$5.9 million, FY 2022 \$11.9 million;
- EMS Revenue Increase: FY 2021 \$14.5 million, FY 2022 \$20.8 million;
- Insourcing of Contracted Positions: FY 2022 and out \$0.3 million / 79 civilian positions added.

Highlights of expense new needs funded during the FY 2022 Financial Plan cycle include:

- Establishment of a Behavior Health Emergency Assistance Response Division (B-HEARD) Pilot: FY 2021 \$0.5 million / 21 civilian positions, FY 2022 \$1.2 million / 21 civilian positions;
- Expansion of B-HEARD Pilot Citywide: FY 2022 \$51.0 million;
- Purchase of Critical Life Safety Equipment (Defibrillators/Cylinders): FY 2022 \$12.0 million;
- Purchase of Critical IT Hardware, Software and Equipment: FY 2021 \$4.8 million, FY 2022 \$8.4 million, FY 2023 \$4.1 million, FY 2024 and out \$3.2 million;
- Restoration of Rumbler Installation on Fire/EMS Apparatus: FY 2022 \$2.1 million / 8 civilian positions;
- Establishment of a Health Engagement Assessment Team (HEAT): FY 2022 \$0.2 million / 3 civilian positions.

In addition to the expense new needs, the Department also received \$26.0 million in additional capital funding for the purchase of vehicles for the B-HEARD expansion. The Fire Department also received additional funding from elected officials at Adoption targeted towards renovations at several firehouses across the City.

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Federal Grants and Other Funding

Grant Program	City Fiscal Year/Years	Award Amount	Funder	Description
Federal Fiscal Year 2020 Urban Areas Security Initiative	2020	\$21,539,064	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2020 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)	2020	\$24,623,899	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Urban Areas Security Initiative	2018	\$21,593,064	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2018 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)	2018	\$25,786,783	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Urban Areas Security Initiative	2019	\$16,593,064	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2019 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)	2019	\$25,786,783	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and administration.
Federal Fiscal Year 2018 Port Security Grant Program	2018	\$7,901,483	FEMA	Supports the purchase of watercraft to address response gaps; and marine response and mitigation equipment and training.
Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Port Security Grant Program	2019	\$4,480,753	FEMA	Supports the purchase of watercraft to address response gaps; and marine response and mitigation equipment and training.
NYS Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant (SICG)	2019	\$108,105	NYS DHSES	Funds support the purchase of twelve APX-8500 All-Band P25 Mobile Radios and associated cables, handsets, and multi-switchers. The radios will be installed in the Department's Field Communications Unit (FCU) vehicles and the Mobile Command Centers.
Technical Rescue/Urban Search and Rescue Grant	2019	\$74,035	NYS DHSES	Funds support the purchase of equipment as harnesses, descenders, carabiners, and specialized ropes to perform high angle and rope rescue operations for the SOC Task Force.
NYS Public Safety Answering Points (PSAP)	2020	\$61,516	NYS DHSES	This supports PS and Fringe costs for one FDNY Public Safety Dispatcher who will perform emergency dispatch duties under this grant. This program allows for State support to counties for eligible public safety call-talking and dispatching expenses.
FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG)	2018	\$2,635,104	FEMA	Supports the purchase of PPE to respond to COVID-19.

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Fire Facilities

Projects completed in FY'22	Amount
EMS Station 20 Renovation	33M
Engine 24 Renovation	4.1M
Engine 253 Renovation	9.9M
Engine 276 Renovation	3.5 M

FY'22 Projects planning to start	Amount	Description
Engine 218 Renovation	5.2 M	Project should begin by end of year
Engine 224 renovation	5.2 M	Project Ongoing
Engine 82 renovation	3.9 M	Project Ongoing

New Generators

Engine 299	400k	Estimated proposals forthcoming
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