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Report on the Fiscal 2026 Executive Plan for the Campaign Finance Board

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Fiscal 2026 Executive Plan

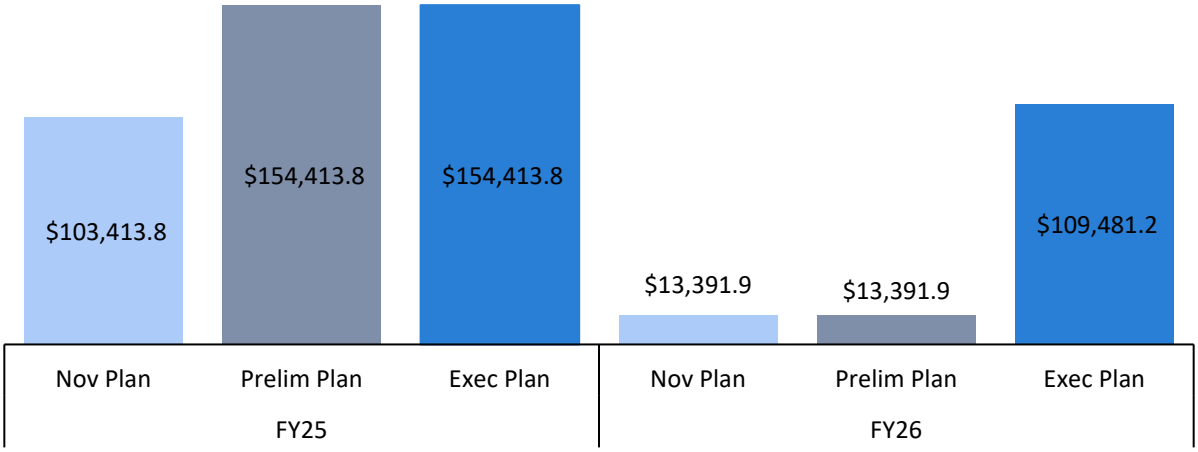
Campaign Finance Board Overview

The Campaign Finance Board (CFB or the Board) is an independent City agency that provides campaign finance information to the public, enables more candidates to run for office by granting public matching funds, increases voter participation and awareness, and combats corruption in City elections. The CFB was established with the mission of reducing the influence of large private contributions in the political process. The voluntary Campaign Finance Program, overseen by the CFB, provides matching funds to qualifying candidates for mayor, public advocate, comptroller, borough president, and City Council.

CFB saw significant changes to their budget since the release of the Fiscal 2026 Preliminary Plan in January, which is typical for the Board, as their budget is typically enhanced in the Executive Plan. Only $13.4 million of CFB's budget is baselined in Fiscal 2027 the outyears of the plan period. The Charter mandates that the Mayor includes, without revision, CFB's budget submission for the upcoming fiscal year in the Executive Plan.

The Executive Financial Plan for Fiscal 2025-2029 (Executive Plan), includes a proposed Fiscal 2026 budget of $109.5 million for CFB. CFB's Fiscal 2025 budget in the Executive Plan is unchanged since the Preliminary Plan, and the Fiscal 2026 budget in the Executive Plan is $96.1 million (717.5 percent) more than its $13.4 million Fiscal 2026 budget in the Preliminary Plan. The current Fiscal 2026 budget is $6.1 million more than the $103.4 million Fiscal 2025 budget at adoption and $44.9 million less than the Fiscal 2025 budget in the Executive Plan.

Comparison of the Last Three Financial Plans

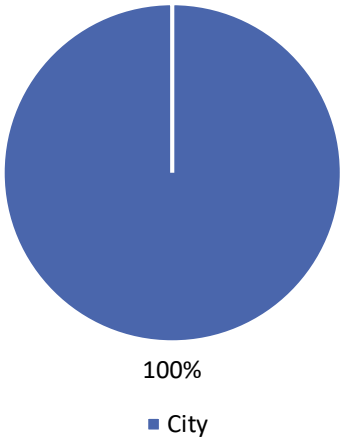


Dollars in Thousands
***Source**: New York City Office of Management and Budget*

Budget by Funding Source

Fiscal 2026 City Funds: 100.0 percent

Fiscal 2025



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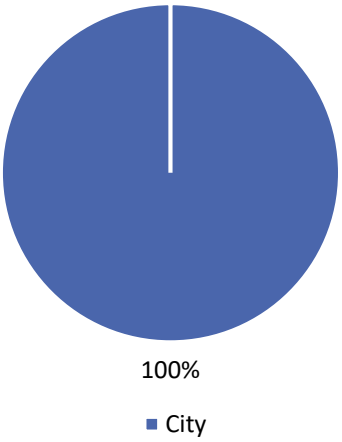

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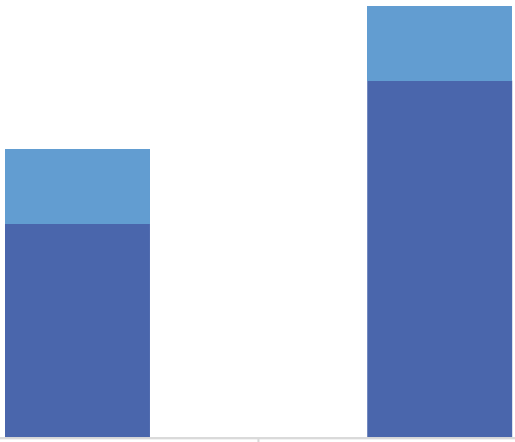
Personal Services (PS) and Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)



	FY25 Adopted	FY25 Executive	FY26 Executive
PS	$26,639	$26,639	$27,396
OTPS	$76,775	$127,775	$82,085

Dollars in Thousands
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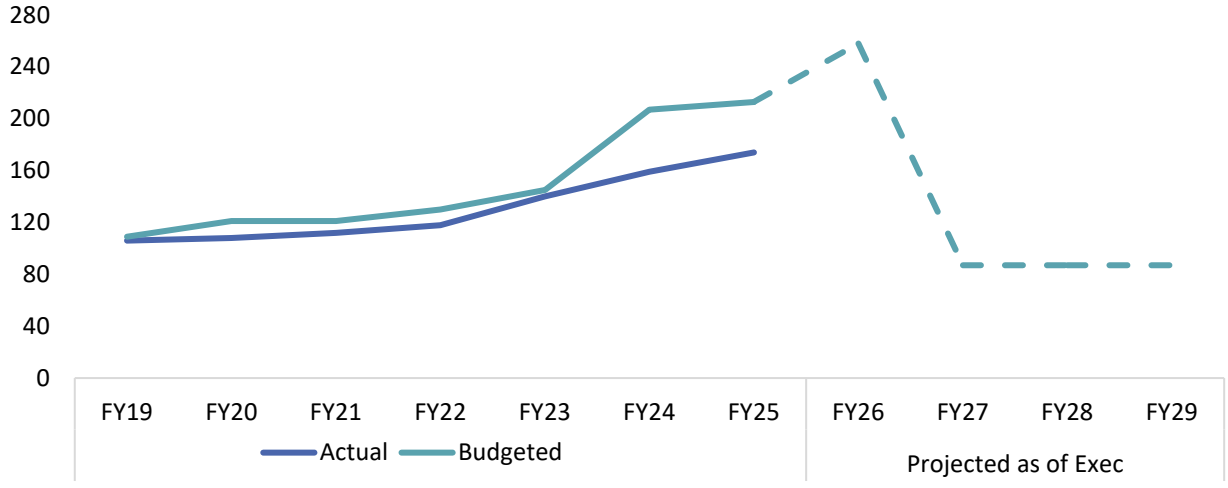
Headcount

*Fiscal 2025 Budgeted Full-Time Positions: **213***
*Actual Headcount as of March 2025: **174***
*Vacancy Rate as of March 2025: **18.3 percent***

Budgeted and Actual Headcount FY19-FY29



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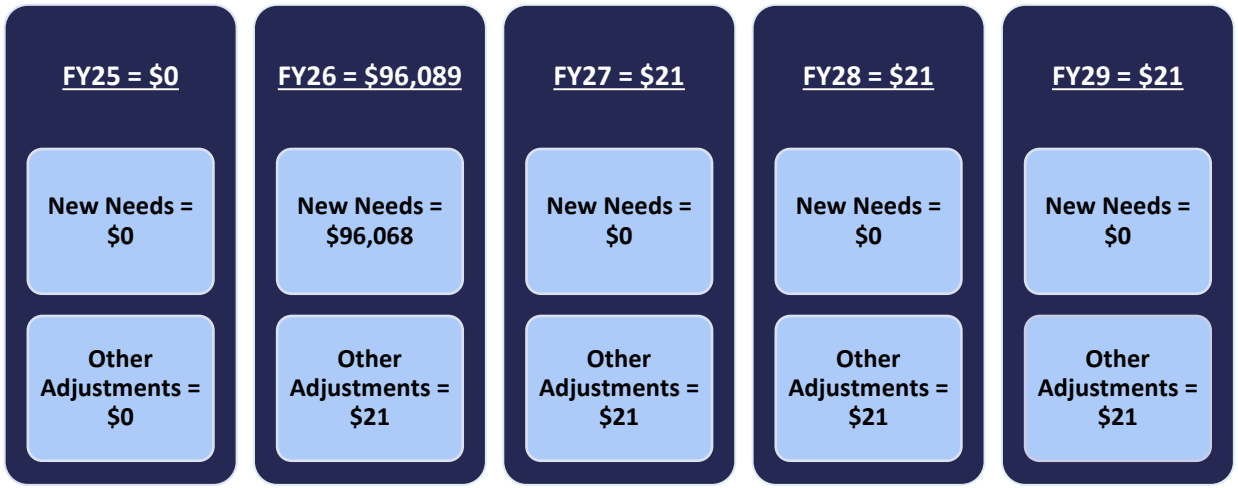
Note: Budgeted and actual headcounts are as of the end of the fiscal year, except for FY26 where budgeted headcount is as of the Executive Plan and actual headcount is as of March 2025.

Executive Plan Changes



Dollars in Thousands
Savings in this chart are the sum of all expense savings, from all revenue sources, including but not limited to, City, State, and federal savings.

Significant Executive Plan Changes

New Needs

- **Annual Budget Adjustment.** The Executive Plan includes $91.9 million in additional City funding, along with 171 positions, in Fiscal 2026 only. As previously noted, this is part of the typical annual adjustment made each year in the Executive Plan, based on CFB's projections for the following fiscal year. This funding includes $18.8 million for staffing expenditures, $56.1 million for operational expenditures, and $21.2 million for CFB's estimate of the public matching funds that will be required for next year's elections. The 171 positions added include 45 new positions CFB requested for Fiscal 2026, as well as 126 positions that are budgeted in Fiscal 2025 only. The operational expenditures include consultant fees; technology maintenance, infrastructure, and development work; voter education guide development, translation, printing, mailing, advertising; and administrative expenditures to improve contracting and procurement.

- **Joint Programs.** The Executive Plan includes $2.9 million in additional City funding in Fiscal 2026 only for expenditures on CFB programs that are operated in conjunction with City agencies.
    - **CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance (ISGL).** For Fiscal 2026, $2.6 million was added to support a partnership with CUNY ISGL to create a new fellowship program next fiscal year. To amplify CFB's work, the partnership with the CUNY ISGL program will be used to engage and empower the next generation of civic engagement leaders and build the capacity of community-based organizations to inform, educate, and empower voters. The focus in Fiscal 2026 will be on

community-based organizations in Bronx Community Districts 1 through 7. The program will recruit CUNY students entering their senior year of an undergraduate program to participate in a pilot two-year Civic Engagement Fellowship at CBOs doing a variety of work supporting voter and community engagement.

- **Other Programs.** For Fiscal 2026, $300,000 was added to support contracted work with CUNY's graduate school on CFB's interactive mapping services and for legal services. CFB will be working with the Law Department to utilize an existing contract the agency holds for assistance responding to complex public record requests.

- **Lease Adjustment.** The Executive Plan includes $1.2 million in additional City funding in Fiscal 2026 to pay DCAS for CFB's annual cost of rent on its existing office space.

Budget Action Chart

Dollars in Thousands	FY25 City	FY25 Non-City	FY25 Total	FY26 City	FY26 Non-City	FY26 Total
CFB Budget as of the FY26 Preliminary Plan	**$154,414**	**$0**	**$154,414**	**$13,392**	**$0**	**$13,392**
Changes Introduced in the FY26 Executive Plan						
New Needs						
Annual Budget Adjustment	$0	$0	$0	$91,901	$0	$91,901
Intra-City - Annual Budget for CUNY and Other Programs	0	0	0	2,948	0	2,948
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Data Processing	0	0	0	22	0	22
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Fuel	0	0	0	1	0	1
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Lease	0	0	0	1,155	0	1,155
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Supplies	0	0	0	(10)	0	(10)
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Telephones	0	0	0	55	0	55
Intra-City - Annual Budget for Vehicle Maintenance	0	0	0	(4)	0	(4)
Subtotal, New Needs	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$91,901**	**$0**	**$91,901**
Other Adjustments						
Lease	$0	$0	$0	$21	$0	$21
Subtotal, Other Adjustments	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$21**	**$0**	**$21**
TOTAL, All Changes in the FY26 Executive Plan	**$0**	**$0**	**$0**	**$91,922**	**$0**	**$91,922**
CFB Budget as of the Executive Plan	**$154,414**	**$0**	**$154,414**	**$109,481**	**$0**	**$109,481**

***Source**: New York City Office of Management and Budget*

Budget by Unit of Appropriation

Dollars in Thousands	FY23 Actual	FY24 Actual	FY25 Adopted	Executive Plan FY25	Executive Plan FY26	*Difference FY26 - FY25
Budget by Unit of Appropriation						
001 - Personal Services (PS)	$13,679	$16,853	$26,639	$26,639	$27,396	$757
002 - Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)	18,265	24,111	45,175	45,175	59,885	14,710
003 - Election Funding - OTPS	28,000	(19,635)	31,600	82,600	22,200	(9,400)
TOTAL	**$59,944**	**$21,329**	**$103,414**	**$154,414**	**$109,481**	**$6,067**
Funding						
City			$103,414	$154,414	$109,481	$6,067
TOTAL	**$0**	**$0**	**$103,414**	**$154,414**	**$109,481**	**$6,067**
Budgeted Headcount						
Full-Time Positions - Civilian	140	159	213	213	258	45
TOTAL	**140**	**159**	**213**	**213**	**258**	**45**

**The difference between the Fiscal 2026 Executive Budget and the Fiscal 2025 Adopted Budget.*

***Source**: New York City Office of Management and Budget*