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Report on the Fiscal 2026 Executive Plan and the Fiscal 2026 Executive Capital Commitment Plan for the Fire Department of New York

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# Fiscal 2026 Executive Plan

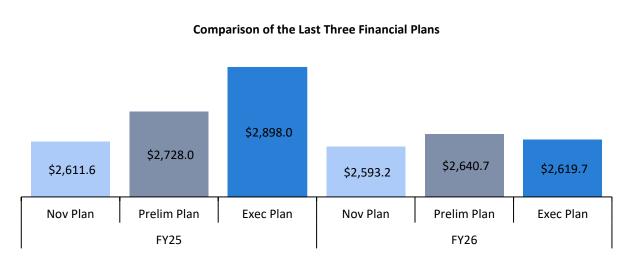
Fire Department of New York Budget Overview

The Fire Department of New York (FDNY or the Department) is responsible for responding to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, hazardous events, natural disasters and terrorist acts to protect the lives and property of City residents and visitors. The Department advances fire safety through fire prevention, investigation and education programs, and contributes to the City's homeland security efforts throughout the City.

The Department has seen significant changes to its Fiscal 2025 budget since the release of the Fiscal 2026 Preliminary Plan in January. This includes \$140 million of additional funding in Fiscal 2025 for various departmental needs such as \$31 million for Other Than Personal Services Adjustment, \$113 million for Personal Services Adjustment, and \$600,000 that will support 58 new fire prevention staff.

The Executive Financial Plan for Fiscal 2025-2029 (Executive Plan), includes a proposed Fiscal 2026 budget of \$2.62 billion for FDNY. FDNY's Fiscal 2025 budget in the Executive Plan is \$170 million (6.2 percent) more than its \$2.7 billion Fiscal 2025 budget in the Preliminary Plan, and the Fiscal 2026 budget in the Executive Plan is \$21 million (0.8 percent) less than its \$2.64 billion Fiscal 2026 budget in the Preliminary Plan. The current Fiscal 2026 budget is \$48.4 million more than the \$2.57 billion Fiscal 2025 budget at adoption. For additional information on FDNY's Preliminary Budget, please refer to the Fiscal 2026 Preliminary Budget report.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> New York City Council, "<u>Report on the Fiscal 2025 Preliminary Plan and the Fiscal 2024 Preliminary Mayor's</u> <u>Management Report for the Fire Department of New York</u>", as of March 2025.

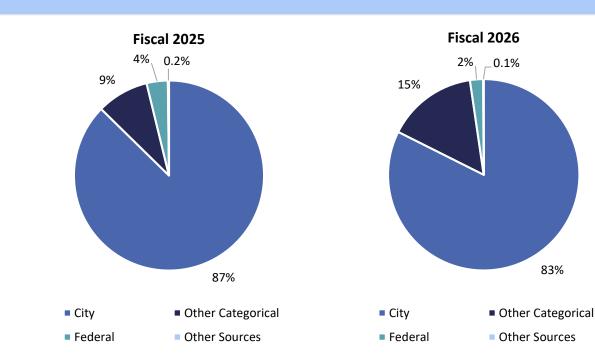


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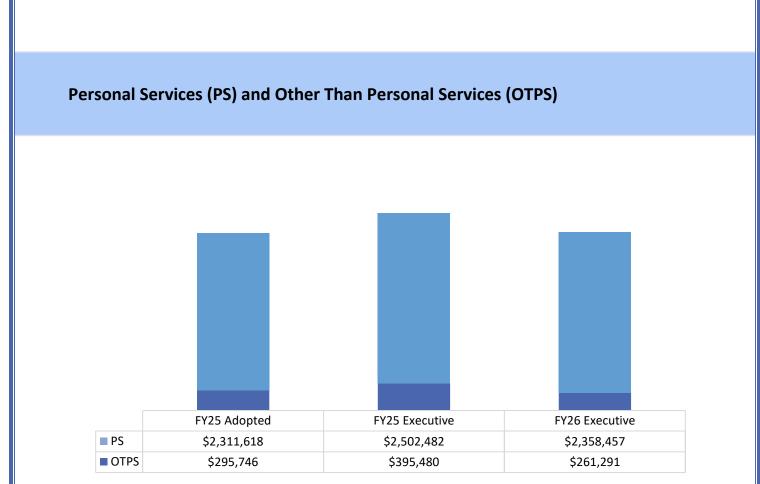
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# **Budget by Funding Source**

Fiscal 2026 City Funds: 83 percent



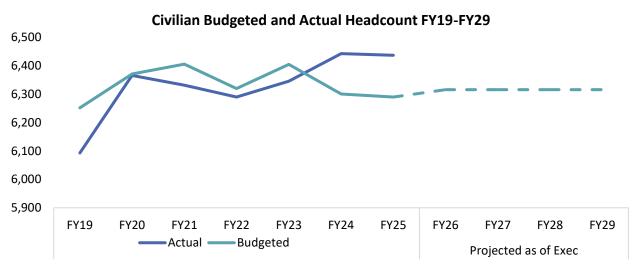
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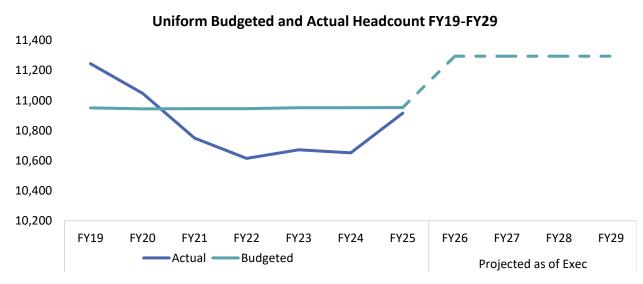
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### Headcount

Fiscal 2025 Budgeted Full-Time Positions: **17,243 (10,953 uniform / 6,290 civilian)** Actual Headcount as of March 2025: **17,352 (10,915 uniform / 6,437 civilian)** Vacancy Rate as of March 2025: **(0.63) percent (0.35 percent uniform / (2.34) percent civilian)** 



Source: New York City Office of Management and Budget



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<u>Note:</u> 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 Millions

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

- Civilian Staffing. The Executive
  - **Civilian Staffing.** The Executive Plan includes an additional \$2.57 million baselined beginning in Fiscal 2026 for 35 new civilian positions. This funding supports headcount across the agency's administrative and support functions, ensuring operational needs are met in areas such as human resources, planning, and fiscal management.
  - Emergency Medical Service Revenue. The Executive Plan includes a funding shift of \$145 million in Fiscal 2025 with City funds replacing Other Categorical funding. It was originally assumed that City would be reimbursed for Medicaid transports, but this is currently pending Federal approval. As a result, City funds have replaced the federal funds as FDNY will still incur these costs for the provision of emergency medical services.
  - Fire Prevention Staffing. The Executive Plan includes an additional \$600,000 in Fiscal 2025, growing to \$3.55 million in Fiscal 2029, to support 58 new fire prevention staff. This funding will expand the Bureau of Fire Prevention, adding inspectors and support staff, strengthening the Department's ability to conduct timely inspections and enforce fire code compliance in a growing city.
  - **OTPS Adjustment.** The Executive Plan includes a one-time OTPS adjustment of \$31 million in Fiscal 2025. This funding supports non-personnel expenses, such as equipment, supplies, and contracted services, to meet short-term operational needs.

• **PS Adjustment.** The Executive Plan includes a one-time PS adjustment of \$113 million in Fiscal 2025. This allocation addresses higher-than-anticipated personal services costs, including salaries and overtime, across FDNY uniformed and civilian operations.

#### **Other Adjustments**

• Fire Department of New York Shelter Repair Squad Inspections. The Executive Plan includes one-time funding of \$672,247 in Fiscal 2025 for the FDNY Shelter Repair Squad Inspections initiative. This funding supports eight additional positions dedicated to conducting fire inspections at Department of Homeless Services (DHS) shelter sites. The added headcount will help ensure timely inspections and code compliance as part of the City's broader shelter repair and safety efforts.

#### **Budget Response**

Fiscal 2026 Expense Proposal Estimate: **\$50.0 million** Expense Proposals Included in the Fiscal 2026 Executive Budget: **\$0** 

In the City Council's Fiscal 2026 Preliminary Budget Response, the Council identified two areas of concern relating to FDNY. The budget response called on the Administration to add \$50.0 million in expense funding to address EMS Pay Parity and \$1.0 billion in capital funding for general repairs to Firehouses and Equipment.<sup>2</sup> The Executive Plan does not include any funding for the Council's priorities, as shown in the table.

	FY26 Budget Response Items								
		Amount	Amount in the Exec						
#	Response Priorities	Requested	Budget						
1	EMS Pay Parity	\$50.0	\$0.0						
2	FDNY Equipment and Firehouse Needs*	1,000.0	N/A						

Dollars in Millions

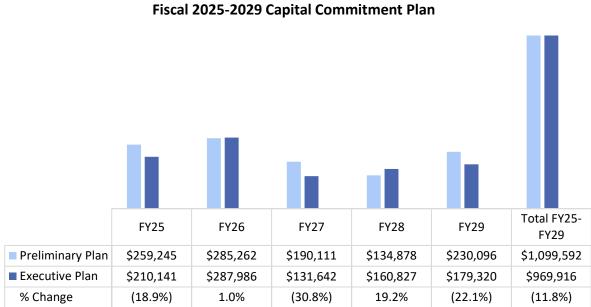
\* Capital proposal, not included in the total above.

## **Capital Plan Overview**

- FDNY's commitments, as presented in the Executive Capital Commitment Plan for Fiscal 2025-2029 (the Executive Commitment Plan), total \$969.9 million, 11.8 percent less than the total for the same period presented in the Preliminary Capital Commitment Plan released in January.
- The Department's planned commitments comprise 0.9 percent of the City's total \$110.98. billion Fiscal 2025-2029.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> New York City Council, "<u>Response to the Fiscal 2026 Preliminary Budget and Fiscal 2025 Preliminary Mayor's</u> <u>Management Report</u>", as of April 2025.

# **Capital Commitment Plan**



Dollars in Millions/Thousands

Source: New York City Office of Management and Budget

- Acquisition of Rear Mounts. The Executive Commitment Plan includes \$32.5 million in Fiscal 2025 to Fiscal 2029 to purchase rear mount ladder apparatus, an increase of \$18.8 million over the Preliminary Plan. FDNY reports that earlier orders were delayed by pandemic era supply chain bottlenecks; with production lines recovering, additional funding will allow the Department to catch up on deferred replacements and keeping the replacement cycle for its frontline ladder fleet on schedule.
- Fort Totten Natural Gas Project. The Executive Commitment Plan includes \$13.1 million in Fiscal 2026, for a natural gas upgrade at the EMS Academy at Fort Totten in Bayside, Queens, where the Department trains EMTs and paramedics. The project will modernize energy service for instructional buildings and support facilities, complementing the broader, multi-phase renovation of FDNY training campuses (the firefighter academy remains on Randall Island).
- New Firehouse EC268. The Executive Commitment Plan includes \$38.2 million in Fiscal 2025 to Fiscal 2029, which is a \$12 million increase from the Preliminary Plan, to complete a new firehouse for Engine 268 and Ladder 137 in Far Rockaway, Queens, adjacent to the borough 9/11 Memorial. The facility will house five vehicles along with modern work, living, and equipment storage areas. Originally slated for completion in December 2020, the project is now expected to finish by August 2025.

# **Budget Action Chart**

		FY25		FY26		
Dollars in Thousands	City	Non-City	Total	City	Non-City	Total
FDNY Budget as of the FY26 Preliminary Plan	\$2,219,213	\$508,743	\$2,727,956	\$2,179,861	\$460,876	\$2,640,737
Changes	Introduced in th	ne FY26 Exec	utive Plan			
New Needs						
Civilian Staffing	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,570	\$0	\$2,570
Fire Prevention Staffing	600	0	\$600	3,550	0	3,550
OTPS Adjustment	31,000	0	\$31,000	0	0	C
PS Adjustment	113,000	0	\$113,000	0	0	C
Subtotal, New Needs	\$144,600	\$0	\$144,600	\$6,120	\$0	\$6,120
Other Adjustments						
2024 PSAP GRANT	\$0	\$74	\$74	\$0	\$0	\$0
2024 SICG PROGRAM AWARD	0	132	\$132	0	0	C
2024-2025 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	0	16	\$16	0	0	C
Chalmers Settlement Transfer	(4,100)	0	(\$4,100)	0	0	C
Chalmers Settlement Advance	26,908	0	\$26,908	(26,908)	0	(26,908)
DC37 Collective Bargaining Adjustment	65	0	\$65	65	0	65
Fire Department of New York Shelter Repair Squad Inspections	0	672	\$672	0	0	C
FY2023 DOMESTIC TERRORISM PRM	0	(172)	(\$172)	0	0	C
FY24 Q4 FD CACHETRAIN	0	82	\$82	0	0	C
Heat, Light and Power	549	0	\$549	514	0	514
Heating Fuel Adjustment	(100)	0	(\$100)	(99)	0	(99)
ICE25PM057A	0	(49)	(\$49)	0	0	C
Lease Adjustment	0	0	\$0	1,128	0	1,128
Motor Fuel	(1,034)	0	(\$1,034)	(2,058)	0	(2,058
Oct-Dec 2024 CERT	0	9	\$9	0	0	C
PORT Grants	0	(773)	(\$773)	0	1,197	1,197
Purchase of IDA Van	0	113	\$113	0	0	C
Healthcare Worker B	0	1,020	\$1,020	0	0	C
Us Forest Services Grant	0	1,787	\$1,787	0	(1,000)	(1,000)
WTC FF HEALTH STUDY CONTRACT	0	208	\$208	0	50	50
Subtotal, Other Adjustments	\$22,288	\$3,117	\$25,405	(\$27,357)	\$247	(\$27,110)
Savings						
N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal, Savings	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL, All Changes in the FY26 Executive Plan	\$166,888	\$3,117	\$170,005	(\$21,237)	\$247	(\$20,990)
FDNY Budget as of the Executive Plan	\$2,386,101	\$511,860	\$2,897,961	\$2,158,624	\$461,123	\$2,619,747

Source: New York City Office of Management and Budget

# Budget by Program Area

	FY23	FY24	FY25	Executi	ve Plan	*Difference
Dollars in Thousands	Actual	Actual	Adopted	FY25	FY26	FY26 - FY25
Budget by Program Area						
Emergency Medical Services	\$425,340	\$434,619	\$418,706	\$439,138	\$419,732	(\$19,405)
Executive Administrative	360,235	366,370	290,176	414,513	301,358	(113,154)
Fire Extinguishment/Emergency Response	1,691,063	1,840,739	1,791,346	1,937,216	1,822,206	(115,011)
Fire Investigation	26,087	26,996	26,088	26,113	26,635	522
Fire Prevention	49,473	51,114	45,047	80,982	49,816	(31,166)
TOTAL	\$2,552,199	\$2,719,837	\$2,571,363	\$2,897,962	\$2,619,747	(\$278,215)
Funding						
City Funds			\$2,113,561	\$2,531,100	\$2,158,624	(\$372,476)
Other Categorical			400,489	256,652	400,489	143,837
Capital - IFA			567	567	567	0
State			1,835	4,038	1,835	(2,203)
Federal - Other			54,906	104,615	58,227	(46,388)
Intra-city			6	990	6	(984)
TOTAL	\$2,552,199	\$2,719,837	\$2,571,363	\$2,897,962	\$2,619,747	(\$278,215)
Budgeted Headcount						
Full-Time Positions - Civilian	6,346	6,443	6,225	6,290	6,316	91
Full-Time Positions - Uniformed	10,672	10,652	10,952	10,953	11,294	342
TOTAL	17,018	17,095	17,177	17,243	17,610	433

\*The difference between the Fiscal 2026 Executive Budget and the Fiscal 2025 Adopted Budget. **Source:** New York City Office of Management and Budget