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Dear Mr. Lee,

Pursuant to the condition of the funds in unit of appropriation 006 in the budget of the Department of Small Business Services, please see below the responses to the questions outlined in the Fiscal Year 2026 Expense Budget Resolution.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Tara Das at tdas@edc.nyc.

Regards,



[James Wong \(Jan 30, 2026 13:08:05 EST\)](#)

James Wong
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1. Current route map and list of routes and landings served

Please see Appendix A for the current route map.

List of landings served include:

- Wall Street/Pier 11
- South Williamsburg
- North Williamsburg
- Greenpoint
- Midtown East/East 34th Street
- Hunters Point South
- Bay Ridge
- Sunset Park/Brooklyn Army Terminal
- Red Hook/Atlantic Basin
- Atlantic Ave/Brooklyn Bridge Park-Pier 6
- DUMBO/Fulton Ferry
- Corlears Hook
- Stuyvesant Cove
- East 90th Street
- Soundview
- Ferry Point Park
- Astoria
- Roosevelt Island
- Long Island City
- Brooklyn Navy Yard
- Governors Island
- Rockaway
- St. George
- Battery Park City
- Midtown West/West 39th St-Pier 79

2. Annual ridership by route (between 1/1/2025 and 12/31/2025)

- East River: 2,767,133
- Rockaway (1/1/2025 -12/7/2025): 668,936
- Rockaway-Soundview (12/8/2025 -12/31/2025): 47,798
- South Brooklyn: 826,984
- Astoria: 1,505,501
- Soundview (1/1/2025 -12/7/2025): 802,255

- St. George: 686,542
- Governor’s Island: 44,699
- Rockaway Rocket: 16,176

3. Systemwide On-Time Performance as reported by the Operator (as of 12/31/2025)

- Systemwide On-Time Performance from 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025 was 94.37%.
 - o NYC Ferry’s operator calculates On-Time Performance as the percentage of stops that departed no more than 1 minute before and arrive no more than 5 minutes after their scheduled times at each landing. This calculation does not include delays due to events like extreme weather conditions, U.S. Coast Guard restrictions, in-water emergencies, and maintenance-related landing closures. If vessel tracking devices are offline and no data is recorded, stops are excluded from the calculation.

4. Latest demographic information available for ferry riders including percent identifying as New Yorkers

- The latest demographic information is from the Summer 2024 survey results available [here](#).
 - o 94% of riders live in New York City
 - o 38% of riders identify as non-white, consistent with previous surveys
 - o The systemwide median household income was between \$100,000 and \$149,999
- We intend to newly survey riders in Summer or Fall 2026.

5. The number and class of vessels currently in the NYC Ferry fleet including their passenger capacity

The NYC Ferry fleet has 38 vessels in total. This list of vessels remains unchanged from the prior year.

Capacity/Class	Count
150 passenger - River	20
150 passenger - Rockaway	3
350 passenger - Rockaway*	15
*Two Tier 4 vessels, which have reduced emissions, were introduced into the fleet in 2020. These are the first passenger ferries with Tier 4 engines in the NY Harbor.	

6. A breakdown of city capital spending for any major facility completed in the prior year (landings, maintenance facilities, etc.)

NYCEDC spent a total of \$8.8M in capital funds during CY2025.

- The majority of these funds were spent on the construction of NYC Ferry’s new homeport in Atlantic Basin, which included \$7.4M on in-water construction and the procurement of materials and equipment and \$390K on design.
- The remaining funds were spent on permitting closeout efforts at NYC Ferry’s existing homeport in the Brooklyn Navy Yard (\$57K) and across existing NYC Ferry landings (\$985K).

7. The total city capital spending for any vessel built or acquired in the prior year

No vessels were built or acquired in CY2025.

8. The systemwide subsidy from the prior fiscal year

The systemwide subsidy for FY2025 was \$8.33 per rider. More details on NYC Ferry FY25 financials are available [here](#).

9. NYC Ferry Discount Program enrollment

As of 12/31/2025, there were 27,826 Ferry Discount Program enrollees. Below is the breakdown of the different Ferry Discount Program eligible categories:

Seniors (65-years or older)	20,730
People with Disabilities	1,756
Participants in Fair Fares NYC	4,645
NYC High School Students	695

Note: there was a total of 1,313 NYC High School Students enrolled in the Student Discount Program during the 2024 - 2025 School Year (8/1/2024 - 7/31/2025).

10. NYC Ferry Discount Program breakdown by borough

NYC Ferry Discount Program applicants are required to provide their mailing address as part of their application, though most applications contain incomplete or invalid mailing address data.

The following table summarizes the ~5,000 applications with valid and complete mailing addresses submitted since the launch of the current Discount Program in September 2022 through 12/31/2025. Because landings are not evenly distributed across boroughs, we include the average number of applications per landing in each borough in the far-right

column. For reference, the average number of applications per landing across the entire system is ~195.

Borough	% Discount Applicants	# of Landings	Average # Discount Applicants Per Landing
Bronx	12%	2	297
Brooklyn	20%	9	109
Manhattan	43%	9	231
Queens	21%	4	251
Staten Island	4%	1	216

Appendix A

