



FY 2027-28 BOROUGH LEVEL BUDGET CONSULTATION
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Mayor Mamdani’s Administration took office while facing a reported \$5.4 Billion budget gap for Fiscal Years 2026 and projected FY 2027. While the current Fiscal Year budget gap is reported to have been closed, the Mayor’s Administration continues to prioritize finding savings and efficiencies in a variety of agency operations and is convening a charter revision commission to expedite certain efforts to secure and implement those savings and efficiencies.

There are potential severe cuts to or elimination of funding and other resources from the federal government for a host of programs and initiatives. These are exacerbated by actual or virtual elimination of certain federal agencies that supported services for the most underserved.

With these developments in mind, please answer the following questions:

- 1. Has the funding for any programs or initiatives at your Agency allocated for FY 2026 or projected FY 2027 been cut or reduced as a result of the efforts to close City Budget gaps in FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?**
 - a. If yes:**
 - i. Please identify the program or initiative, and**
 - ii. Please provide an estimate of the amount of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.**

The savings identified during last year’s financial plan cycle were primarily revenue-based. These included an increase in ambulance billing rates and the implementation of billing for treatment-in-place services. FDNY also renegotiated phone rates with our existing providers. This did not involve any reduction in the number of devices.

- 2. Has the funding for any programs or initiatives at your Agency allocated for FY 2026 or projected FY 2027 been cut or reduced as a result of actual or threatened cuts to or reductions in funding or subsidies directly or indirectly attributable to the federal government for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?**
 - a. If yes:**
 - i. Please identify the program or initiative, and**
 - ii. Please provide an estimate of the amount of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.**

FDNY’s federal grant funding through the FFY 2025 Urban Areas Security Initiative and State Homeland Security Program was reduced by 40 percent. In addition, for the first time, FDNY received no funding through the Port Security Grant Program. Collectively, these reductions resulted in a \$20–\$25 million decrease in homeland security grant funding during the FFY 2025 cycle.

- 3. Has any State or federal funding streams previously earmarked or allocated for programs or initiatives at your Agency been redirected or re-allocated to other uses in order to:**
 - a. Close the City Budget Gap for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?**
 - i. If yes, please provide an estimate of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.**
 - b. Prepare for or respond to actual or threatened cuts to or reductions in funding or subsidies directly or indirectly attributable to the federal government for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?**
 - i. If yes, please provide an estimate of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.**

The agency is actively monitoring federal budget developments and evaluating potential risks. We continue to engage with our federal partners, analyze funding scenarios, and prepare responsive strategies to mitigate any future impacts on our operations and initiatives. At this time, no state or federal funding streams previously earmarked or allocated for programs or initiatives at the agency has been redirected or reallocated.

- 4. Have any programs or initiatives, including scheduled or planned expansions of existing programs or initiatives, at your Agency been frozen, postponed, suspended or abandoned as a result, directly or indirectly, of measures taken to address either the City Budget Gap or the threats to cut or reduce federal funding in FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?**
 - a. If yes:**
 - i. Please identify such programs or initiatives, and**
 - ii. Please provide an estimate of the funding needed to restore or continue those programs and initiatives as planned.**

No programs or initiatives have been frozen, postponed, suspended or abandoned as a result of measures taken to address the city budget gap or the threats to cut federal funding in FY2026 through FY2028.

- 5. What other measures is your Agency taking in connection with:**
 - a. The calls for greater efficiency in City government operations, or**
 - b. Actual or threatened cuts to or elimination of federal funding?**

FDNY remains committed to identifying and implementing opportunities to deliver core services as efficiently and effectively as possible. One example of this is our coordination with Office of Technology and Information recently renegotiated lower monthly rates for our smartphones.

The department continues to work with the Mayor's Office of Federal Legislative Affairs and such city partners as Emergency management and New York Police Department to advocate for federal funds to support emergency preparedness.

- 6. What is the current vacancy rate for positions in your department?**

As of mid- September 2026, FDNY has a 4.9% vacancy rate (16,872 active employees vs 17,736 budgeted employees).

