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Fire Department of the City of New York Fiscal Year 2027-2028 **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 FDNY to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

The mission of the New York City Fire Department (FDNY or the Department) is to protect the lives and property of New York City residents and visitors. The Department carries out this mission by responding to fires, medical emergencies, natural disasters, terrorist attacks, public health outbreaks, and other extreme hazards. The Department advances public safety through fire prevention and education programs, and through fire investigations. These services significantly contribute to the safety of New York City and to disaster preparedness efforts.

Key Indicators for FY 2026

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 2026 end-to-end average response time to structural fires called into 911 was 5:05
- In FY 2026 average response time to structural fires (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) was 4:38
- In FY 2026 average response time to all emergencies by fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) was 6:02
- Structural fires increased 6% percent to 26,378 in FY 2025
- Civilian fire fatalities increased from 76 to 82 between Fiscal 2025 and Fiscal 2026
- In FY 2026 end-to-end combined response time by ambulances and fire companies to life-threatening medical emergencies was 11:55
- In FY 2026, combined response time to life-threatening medical emergencies by ambulances and fire companies (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) was 9:13
- In FY 2026 average response time (FDNY dispatch and travel time only) by ambulances to life-threatening medical emergencies was 10:32

FDNY Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Overview

In the current year (FY 2027), the Fire Department has a workforce of more than 17,000 full-time employees. There are 11,300 uniformed employees working in fire operations and other related functions throughout the City, and over 4,500 EMS employees assigned to ambulance tours and other medical/support areas. Additionally, there are 1,874 civilian positions supporting Fire/EMS operations are budgeted throughout the Department.

The Fire Department's Expense Budget is \$2.7 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 \$128 billion as of the FY 2026 Adopted Budget. Approximately 90% of the Fire Department's Expense Budget funds personnel services (salaries and overtime for FDNY employees).

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The Fire Department's FY 2027 Executive Capital Commitment Plan totals \$1.9 billion across the ten-year plan window (FY 2026-FY 2035), \$615 million across the four-year plan window (FY 2027-FY2030). Across the ten-year plan window: \$690 million is allocated towards the purchase of firefighting apparatus, support vehicles, and fire suppression and emergency medical equipment, \$994 million is allocated for the renovation and modernization of firehouses, EMS stations and other facilities, and \$230 million is allocated for the upgrade and replacement of computer and communications systems.

The Fire Department was targeted for several savings reductions and revenue initiatives during the Fiscal year 2027 Financial Plan Cycle. Highlights include:

- Ambulance Billing Rate Increase: FY 2027 and out \$24.6 million;
- Treatment In Place (TIP) Revenue: FY 2027 and out \$10.1 million;
- Telecommunication Savings from Renegotiated Rates: FY 2026 \$0.7 million, FY 2027 and out \$2.2 million;

Highlights of expense new needs funded during the FY 2026 Financial Plan cycle include:

- PS Adjustment: FY 2026 \$134.0 million, FY 2027 \$103.9 million, FY 2028 \$92.1 million, FY 2029 \$94.1 million, FY 2030 \$96.6 million;
- Civilian Staffing: FY 2026 \$0.7 million / 84 positions, FY 2027 and out \$9.0 million / 84 positions;
- BHEARD Mental Health Response: FY 2026 \$2.0 million / 44 positions, FY 2027 \$4.8M / 60 positions, FY 2028 \$6.1 million / 76 positions, FY 2029 and out \$6.7 million / 84 positions.
- Fire Prevention Staffing: FY 2027 and out \$1.3 million / 14 positions.
- Fire Prevention Staffing: FY 2025 \$0.6 million / 58 positions, FY 2026 and out \$3.6 million / 58 positions

The Fire Department also received additional funding from elected officials at Adoption targeted towards firehouse facility improvements and EMS supervisor vehicles.

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Federal Grants and Other Funding

Grant Program	City Fiscal Year/Years	Award Amount	Funder	Descriptions
Federal Fiscal Year 2025 Homeland Security Grant Program (Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) and State Homeland Security Program (SHSP))	2026-2027	\$20,252,244	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and organizational activities (staffing and overtime for pre-planned events).
Statewide Interoperable Communications Grant	2027	\$303,000	NYS	To replace the communications tower at Fort Totten, supporting UHF/Channel 16 radio interoperability.
Public Safety Answering Points Grant	2026/2027	\$160,000	NYS	To reimburse the personal service costs for emergency dispatcher operations.
Assistance to Firefighters (SCBAs)	2026/2027 Rolled from CFY 2025	\$2,128,695	FEMA	Replacing end-of-life-lifecycle SCBAs to enhance first responder safety.
US Forestry Services, Incident Management Team Mutual Aid	2026	\$886,893	US Forestry Services	Reimbursement to provide mutual aid to Hawaii impacted by wildfires.
US Forestry Services, Incident Management Team Mutual Aid	2025	\$5,442,027	US Forestry Services	Reimbursement to provide mutual aid to Arizona, Wyoming, Laguna, Jenkins Creek, and Washington impacted by wildfires.
USAR Task Force Mutual Aid Deployments	2025, 2026	\$505,940	FEMA	Reimbursement to provide mutual aid to jurisdictions impacted by severe weather.
Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Port Security Grant Program (PSGP)	2025, 2026, 2027	\$3,945,831	FEMA	Supports preparedness capabilities to prevent and respond to emergencies in New York Harbor, and other waterways.

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Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)	2025, 2026, 2027	\$17,840,179	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and organizational activities (staffing and overtime for pre- planned special events.)
Federal Fiscal Year 2024 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSP)	2025, 2026, 2027	\$19,588,010	FEMA	Supports terrorism and disaster preparedness planning, training, equipment, exercises, and organizational activities (staffing and overtime for pre- planned events).

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