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April 30, 2026
Marcus Hunt, Director
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Via Email

Dear Director Hunt:

Please find enclosed budget oversight questions from the Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety. **Please provide responses to these questions no later than close of business on May 4, 2026.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Esther Bundens, Legislative Assistant, at ebundens@dccouncil.gov, or Eloy LaBrada, Deputy Committee Director at erodriguezlabrada@dccouncil.gov

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "BE PINTO".

Brooke Pinto
Councilmember, Ward 2
Chairwoman, Committee on the Judiciary and Public Safety
Council of the District of Columbia

cc: Council Budget Office
Office of the Chief Financial Officer

**Operating Budget
General**

- 1. Please provide a crosswalk of all FTEs that were reclassified to a different activity in the FY 2027 proposed budget.**

There are no transfers of position between activities.

- 2. Please provide the position numbers for all positions eliminated in the proposed agency budget for FY 2027.**

00117687 - Supervisor Maintenance and Facility. The grant position was added to FY 2026 after the FY 2027 agency submission was sent to the Mayor. DCNG has the grant funds in FY 2027 to continue the position on 10/01/2026.

- a. Were all eliminated positions vacant? If not, which eliminated positions were filled?**

No, (Please see the answer above for context).

- b. Are these positions eliminated effective October 1, 2026, or were funds swept in the FY 2026 supplemental budget?**

Neither. This is a grant-funded position that DCNG will be able to continue in FY 2027.

- 3. Please provide the title, salary, fund source, Activity/Division, and hiring plan for all new FTEs proposed in the proposed FY 2027 budget for the agency.**

No new FTEs.

- 4. Please provide a hiring plan for the following vacant positions:**

- a. Position 004 – 2 004 Challenge Positions**

Please provide the position number for “Position 004 – 2 004 ChalleNGe Positions”. Absent a position number, we cannot determine which position is in question. However, ALL ChalleNGe positions are currently in active recruitment, and many have candidates awaiting the pre-employment process.

- b. Position 003 – 2 003 Challenge Positions**

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ALL ChalleNGe positions are currently in active recruitment, and many have candidates awaiting the pre-employment process.

c. Position 002 – 2 002 Challenge Positions

Please provide the position number for “Position 002 – 2 002 ChalleNGe Positions”. Absent a position number, we cannot determine which position is in question. However, ALL ChalleNGe positions are currently in active recruitment, and many have candidates awaiting the pre-employment process.

d. Position 001 – 2 001 Challenge Positions

Please provide the position number for “Position 001 – 2 001 ChalleNGe Positions”. Absent a position number, we cannot determine which position is in question. However, ALL ChalleNGe positions are currently in active recruitment, and many have candidates awaiting the pre-employment process.

e. Position 00112513 – Info Tech Specialist

Position 00112513 is a 100% federally funded position. Currently, the federal program manager is suspending recruitment for the position.

f. Positions 00097847, 00092498 – Maintenance Mechanic Leader

Position 00097847 is a 100% federally funded position and was previously in active recruitment status. However, the federal program manager decided to postpone recruitment for the position.

Position 00092498 is an Info Tech Specialist position and is a 100% federally funded position. Currently, the federal program manager has suspended recruitment for the position.

5. How much additional federal funding did DCNG receive in FY25 and so far in FY26 once the DCNG was activated by the President? Did this activation cause any overspending or underspending in DC Local funds in either FY25 or so far in FY26?

There was no impact to DC Local funds in FY25 or thus far in FY26. All costs associated with the Make DC Safe and Beautiful mission are separate of the federal funds the District receives to execute Cooperative Agreement operations.

Agency Management Program

- 6. The budget for Contracting and Procurement (AMP005) has a proposed decrease of \$73,000 and no change in FTEs. Where would this funding be taken from? Are there any existing contracts that this would impact?***

The net decrease is due to decreases in salary and fringe costs (\$27,810), supplies (\$8,486), professional services (\$43,623), and an increase in contracts (\$6,906). The increase in contracts is for the IT Assessment with OCTO. The reductions in Supplies and professional services are mainly due to the reductions in one-time costs from FY 2026.

- 7. The Property, Asset, and Logistics Management (AMP019) budget has a proposed increase of \$896,000 and 2.0 FTEs. Please explain exactly what these additional funds are going to. Please also break down these funds by local versus federal funding sources.***

This increase is due to increased grant funding estimates for maintenance, repairs and security costs for the armory. The two additional FTEs were transferred from the Environmental Management Program to support the CFMO grant that handles maintenance and repairs for the armory. This program is 100% federally funded.

- 8. The Training and Development (AMP026) budget has a proposed decrease of \$135,000 and 1.0 FTE. Is this decrease due to projected recruit numbers, or is this proposed decrease a cut to the training and development fund?***

This position is a 100% federally funded position. The decrease in funding and reduction of 1.0 FTE was set and established by the National Guard Bureau.

Public Safety

- 9. The Armory Administrative Services has a proposed increase of \$330,000 and 1.0 FTE compared to FY26. What specifically is this funding going to? Does this relate at all to the additional National Guard members from out of state who are currently deployed in the District?***

The Armory Administrative Services consist of multiple award numbers. Please provide the award number. Absent an award number, we cannot determine which proposed increase is in question. However, we can validate that this is not for a local funding request.

- a. How much of this additional funding comes from local funds versus federal?***

None – All Federal Grants.

10. *The Electronic Security Systems (P0123) has a proposed increase of \$81,000 in FY27 compared to FY26. Is this funding going toward any particular security upgrade? If so, what is that upgrade? If not, where is the additional funding being allocated?*

The increase is due to additional Federal Grant funds for FY 2027.

11. *The Environment Program Management (P01204) has a proposed increase of \$60,000 but a decrease of 2.0 FTEs. Which FTEs are being cut, and where is the additional funding going, especially since personnel costs for this program are likely lower than FY26 due to the FTE decrease?*

The two FTEs were transferred to program AMP019 answered in question 7. The increase is due to additional Federal Grant funds in FY 2027.

Youth Programs

12. *The ChalleNGe Program (P0131) has a proposed decrease of \$363,000 for FY27 compared to FY26. This program has proven to be a successful tool in supporting local DC youth. What specific programming is the reduction in money coming from?*

The reduction is from \$600K Life, Health, and Safety repair costs and other NPS costs of \$69,877. Those one-time funds were used to address mold remediation and roof repairs. The increase in federal grants has offset some of the overall budget reduction, but it does not specifically cover all the life, health, and safety repair costs for Challenge facilities.

a. *How many young people is the program going to be able to serve in FY27 with the smaller amount of money?*

The National Guard Bureau established a graduation target of 40 cadets in each of our FY27 classes.

b. *How much of this cut is coming from local versus federal funds?*

Local Funds were reduced by \$830,082. Federal Grants were increased by \$467,383.

- c. Last fiscal year, the ChalleNGe program had a proposed 30% increase. Why does the program now have a proposed cut instead of an increase?***

The increase included One-Time Enhancements of \$669,877 for Life, Health, and Safety repairs (\$600,000) and professional services (\$28,302), and equipment (\$41,575). Those one-time enhancements were reduced in FY 2027.

- d. How many young people participated in ChalleNGe in FY25 and so far in FY26?***

In FY25, there were a total of 71 cadets that graduated. For FY26, we graduated 48 cadets in Class #65, and 37 cadets are enrolled in Class #66. We project to graduate a total of 85 cadets in FY26.

- 13. The Youth Leaders (P0132) budget has a proposed cut of \$127,000 and 1.0 FTE compared to FY26. Where is this cut coming from and which FTE would be eliminated?***

In FY 26, DCGO did an organizational restructuring (No enhancements and No additional FTEs) and transferred the previous position number 00099309 to 00047663. The FTE in question was not eliminated.