



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
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April 27, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F relative to the City of Boston's insurance and liability coverage. (**Docket #0817 filed on 4/13/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



Response to City Council Order Under Section 17F:

Order requesting certain information under section 17F: Relative to the City of Boston's insurance and liability coverage.

Passed in Council: April 15 , 2026

1) What are the City of Boston's costs for insurance and liability coverage related to lawsuits and legal settlements?

The City of Boston is self-insured for all liability related to lawsuits and legal settlements. The City does not purchase general liability insurance for lawsuits and legal settlements.

2) How much has the City of Boston paid out in lawsuit settlements and related liabilities over the past five years?

The Law Department represents and defends the City of Boston in a wide range of claims. Any settlements that result from litigation of these claims are paid out of the central Execution of Courts Budget.

As published in the City's financial statements and reports, the settlements and liabilities over the past five years:

Fiscal Year	Total
FY21	5,790,678
FY22	34,508,737
FY23	32,026,150
FY24	24,103,105
FY25	6,187,405