



City of Boston, Massachusetts  
Office of the Mayor  
**MICHELLE WU**

May 27, 2026

**TO THE CITY COUNCIL**

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under Section 17F regarding all grant programs, contacts, and funding provided to nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations and external partners in Fiscal Year 2026 and Fiscal Year 2027, including all reductions, eliminations, and changes in funding. (**Docket #0873 passed by Council on 4/29/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston



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Dear City Council,

I am writing in response to your 17F Request regarding the FY27 proposed budget (Docket #0873 filed on 4/22/2026).

The full FY27 proposed operating budget with all reductions and increases to departments can be found [here](#). Since the filing of your 17F Request, the Administration has attended 31 hearings to answer questions from the City Council regarding any program or staffing changes.

As stated when filing the budget, federal relief funding and City investments over the past four years enabled Boston to increase services for residents by supporting small businesses and nonprofit partners, fill vacant storefronts, expand cultural programming across our neighborhoods, and much more.

In evaluating the FY27 budget, the Administration faced rising fixed costs and significantly tighter fiscal conditions than in prior years. In order to protect the core services residents rely on most, we made difficult decisions across many discretionary areas of the budget, including reducing or removing funding for the list of grant programs attached.

These decisions were not made lightly and do not reflect the value, effectiveness, or importance of these programs and the work supported through these grants. In fact, many of these programs were selected for grant funding precisely because of the meaningful benefits they provide to residents.

Wherever possible, we have preserved City programs that provide similar services and are leveraging public-private partnerships to help supplement community-based programming. In FY27, we also expect to leverage federal, state, philanthropic, and participatory budgeting funds to open grant programs that will support partnerships with community organizations. City grant programs are, and will continue to be, distributed through an open, competitive process and will be posted on [boston.gov/grants](https://boston.gov/grants). Grants are monitored by City departments to ensure funds are used effectively in support of Boston residents.



We will continue to work with partners across the City to support organizations and businesses that serve our residents. Our City staff remain committed to delivering excellent services in every department within the proposed budget.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Wu', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michelle Wu  
Mayor of Boston