



# City of Philadelphia

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### MAYOR NUTTER DELIVERS BUDGET ADDRESS

*Fiscal Year 2015 Budget and Fiscal Years 2015 – 2019 Five Year Plan delivered to City Council*

*Philadelphia, March 6, 2014* – In his annual budget address, Mayor Michael A. Nutter detailed the proposed Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) Budget and Fiscal Year 2015 – 2019 Five-Year Plan to City Council.

“Today, my proposed FY 15 budget builds on our track record of fiscal responsibility and strategic investment. It makes targeted investments for our children and citizens, in our neighborhoods and in public safety.” said Mayor Nutter. “This budget, which balances lower tax revenue projections with rising employee costs, takes a prudent approach to addressing both the long-term challenges we face and the immediate needs of our City departments and citizens.”

Mayor Nutter said he will set aside more than \$44.3 million of fund balance for potential labor obligations with District Council Union 33, Local 22 of the International Association of Fire Fighters, the Fraternal Order of Police and non-represented employees, and for the cost of the new District Council Union 47 in FY15. In total, over the span of the Five Year Plan, Mayor Nutter will put more than \$375.5 million in reserve for labor obligations over the FY14 labor set aside.

The Mayor has also committed to \$131.5 million in City-supported Capital investments, the highest level of capital funding since FY02. Some of the Mayor’s FY15 spending proposals include:

- \$2.5 million for the Free Library of Philadelphia to provide 6-day service at all branches throughout the City. Currently most neighborhood branches only offer 5-day service.
- \$2.0 million for the Office of Fleet Management to replace aged vehicles in the Police Department and other operating departments.
- \$10 million for the Office of Fleet Management to purchase large vehicles such as medic units, pumpers and compactors.



- \$2.0 million for the Department of Licenses and Inspections to hire 31 additional inspectors and supportive staff to strengthen demolition controls to ensure safe public and private demolitions.
- \$3.3 million for Office of Innovation and Technology to fund costs associated with significant technology upgrades occurring at the City and to fund the one-time \$1.5 million Data Center upgrade.
- \$1.9 million for the Office of Property Assessment to fully maintain the property assessment function.
- \$1.0 million to the Office of Supportive Housing to compensate for federal sequestration cuts.
- \$1.2 million to the Sheriff's Office to hire additional Deputy Sheriffs for new Family Court Building.
- \$500,000 for Community College of Philadelphia to help offset tuition increases.
- \$500,000 to Parks and Recreation to fund expanded programs at recreation centers.
- \$500,000 to the newly created Land Bank for one-time start up costs.
- \$500,000 to the Mann Music Center to fund continued operations at this important cultural institution.

Key neighborhood investment projects totaling \$48 million include:

- \$15 million for Departments of Parks and Recreation to fund improvements to facilities across the city.
- \$16 million for the Streets Department to pave neighborhood streets throughout the city.
- \$7 million for Fire and Police station improvements as well as for the completion of the former Woodhaven U.S. Army facility for police use.
- \$5 million for improvements to neighborhood commercial centers. The improvements include upgrades for curbs, sidewalks, lighting, landscaping and parking to complement public and private reinvestment.
- \$2.5 million for a concourse extension linking existing underground markets in Suburban Station to the new Comcast Tower.
- \$2 million for improvements to several library facilities.

Each of these proposed investments is essential to meeting at least one of the five goals that Mayor Nutter has established for the City of Philadelphia. These goals are for Philadelphia to become one of the safest cities in America, to improve the education and health of Philadelphians, to make Philadelphia a place of choice, to become the greenest and most sustainable city in America, and for our government to work efficiently and effectively.

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