



# We are ALL DC

## FY17 Budget Priorities

### Executive Summary:

The DC Fair Budget Coalition recommends investments in the following programs for the FY17 budget:

#### **Housing and Homelessness:**

- \$20 million to repair public housing
- Provide year-round access to shelter for DC's families experiencing homelessness
- \$8.6 million into the Local Rent Supplement Program, including \$3.6 for the project-sponsor-based program and \$5 million for tenant vouchers
- Fully fund the DC Interagency Council on Homelessness Strategic Plan to end homelessness, including \$27 million to meet Year 2 targets for singles and the full amount required for DC's families
- \$100 million into the Housing Production Trust Fund

#### **Health, Food, and Nutrition:**

- \$13 million into the DC Healthcare Alliance to ensure healthcare access to thousands of low-income DC residents
- Fully promote the SNAP Expansion Act of 2014, which increases the minimum SNAP benefit to \$30, and give SNAP recipients the option of having their Electronic Transfer Benefit (EBT) cards mailed to them
- \$1.13 million to fund the expansion of the Joyful Food Market Program
- \$1.2 million to support the Produce Plus Program
- \$3-5 million to fund the expansion of early intervention programs in the District
- Restore \$2.4 million to the Office on Aging to support the senior service network

#### **Public Safety:**

- Maintain Office of Victim Services local funding at the approved FY16 level of \$10.73 million and maintain local domestic violence housing and services funding administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) at the FY16 levels of \$1.97 million

#### **Good Jobs, Workforce Development, and Income Support:**

- \$30 million to modify the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families time-limit policy
- Support DC's adult education and workforce development systems by ensuring strong leadership at the Workforce Investment Council, submitting a strong WIOA State Plan, and ensuring proper and efficient implementation
- \$5.3 million to support transportation subsidies for adult learners
- \$100,000 to support a worker cooperative pilot program

#### **Tax and Revenue:**

- No tax abatements and tax increment financing be offered to businesses through the FY17 budget. Tax abatements offered for the purpose of economic development should be capped and budgeted for in the Deputy Mayor of Economic Development's budget for future fiscal years
- Delay any newly triggered tax cuts and invest that money in the programs listed above