

United Youth and Youth Workers Budget Analysis

Mayor Menino's Proposed FY 2008 City Budget

United Youth and Youth Workers of Boston is a grassroots alliance working to build a just and equitable future for youth workers, the youth of Boston, and our communities. For three years, UYYWB has called for increasing the funding for opportunities for youth, recognizing that the only lasting solution to violence is a long-term investment in the skills and growth of young people.

OUR CALL TO THE CITY:

\$8 million increase for opportunities and support for youth

- An additional \$4.5 million for year-round & summer jobs, including for youth with CORIs and 14- and 18-year olds
- An additional \$2 million for grants for community-based youth organizations, administered by a community board including youth and youth workers
- An additional \$1.5 million for the Streetworkers program, to increase the number to 50 (about 3 per community) and increase their starting salary to \$35,000

THE MAYOR'S BUDGET: COMPARING OVERALL AMOUNTS

Total budget: \$2.3 billion

\$260.7 million	Boston Police Department	
\$782.0 million	Boston Public Schools	
\$20.1 million	Boston Centers for Youth and Families	(Including \$900,000 for Streetworkers)
\$4.1 million	Boston Youth Fund	(The City's youth jobs program)

THE MAYOR'S BUDGET: INCREASES FROM LAST YEAR

\$6.9 million increase for the Police Department

- The budget adds 70 new police officers, in addition to 140 new officers added last year.

\$34.5 million increase for the Boston Public Schools

- The budget includes additional Family and Community Outreach Coordinators

\$444,269 increase for youth jobs, grants for youth organizations, and Streetworkers

- \$309,000 increase for the Boston Youth Fund, which administers summer jobs
 - This reaffirms the Mayor's commitment of \$300,000 in June 2006, but nothing more.
- \$0 for grants for youth organizations
- \$135,269 increase for Streetworkers, increasing the number from 24 to 28
 - The FY07-FY08 increase of 4 Streetworkers, the same as the FY06-FY07 increase.

\$300,000 one-time expenditure on grants for youth organizations

THE CITY'S BUDGET PRIORITIES OVER FIVE YEARS

<i>Department or Program</i>	<i>FY 2003 Expenditure</i>	<i>FY 2008 Appropriation</i>	<i>Change</i>
Boston Public Schools	\$650.6 million	\$782.0 million	+20%
Police Department	\$217.4 million	\$260.7 million	+20%
Fire Department	\$142.7 million	\$159.6 million	+12%
Boston Centers for Youth and Families	\$18.6 million	\$20.1 million	+8%
Human Services	\$32.0 million	\$32.3 million	+1%
Boston Youth Fund	\$6.6 million	\$4.1 million	-38%

- The budget brings the number of Boston police officers above the number in 2001.
- The Boston Youth Fund, funded at \$8.74 million in 2001, now receives only \$4.1 million in City funding.
- Safe Neighborhood Youth Fund, a grants program funded at \$400,000 in 2001 that also distributed multi-year funds, no longer exists.

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