



CITY OF CLEVELAND  
Mayor Justin M. Bibb

City of Cleveland

# 2026 Budget

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*Office of the Mayor*



# Agenda

- I. Departmental Overview
- II. Core Initiatives and 2025 Progress
- III. Staffing Levels



# Overview

## Office of the Mayor

### Budget Book Summary:

“The Mayor's staff **provides supervision and management assistance** to the City-funded neighborhood projects and the City service operations. Also, the Mayor's staff **informs the Mayor** on the operational status of various service programs and **provides feedback on inquires** of members of Council and other government agencies, citizens and the business community on programs that directly affect them.”

### Office of the Mayor

Policy, Process, &  
Government Affairs

Communication

Strategic Priorities



# Core Initiatives

## Policy, Process, & Government Affairs

- ✓ Coordination with Cuyahoga County
- ✓ Coordination with Federal and State Agencies
- ✓ Advocacy
- ✓ Federal and State Funding Opportunities
- ✓ Emergency Operations Center

## Communication

- ✓ Internal Communications
- ✓ Resident Communications
- ✓ Media Relations
- ✓ Social Media
- ✓ City Website
- ✓ Town Halls
- ✓ State of the City
- ✓ Crisis Communications

## Special Projects and Strategic Priorities

- ✓ Southeast Side
- ✓ Transit and Mobility
- ✓ Shore-to-Core-to-Shore
- ✓ Arts & Culture
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Strategic Plan execution
- ✓ Special Projects



# Core Initiatives

## 2025 Progress

### Policy, Process, & Government Affairs

- ✓ Secured over \$131M in federal grants for North Coast Connector in 2025
- ✓ Declared and celebrated Carl B. Stokes day
- ✓ Negotiated a 21% pay increase for Cleveland Fire
- ✓ Downtown Cleveland SID renewal
- ✓ Prohibited employers from asking new hires about pay history
- ✓ Expanded safety measures in public parking garages and lots
- ✓ Secured historic and new markets tax incentives for \$50M West Side Market capital investments

### Communication

- ✓ TV20's first Emmy
- ✓ Launched The Hub, the City's first Intranet
- ✓ Crisis communications, such as road closures, warming/cooling center operations, and safety updates.
- ✓ Increased social media engagement by establishing a city account on BlueSky

### Special Projects and Strategic Priorities

- ✓ Implemented 7 Transformative Arts Fund Projects in art deserts across the City.
- ✓ Distributed school supplies, haircuts, and wellness exams to 2,000+ Cleveland students
- ✓ Opened 3 CMSD Health Centers
- ✓ Release of Downtown Lakefront RFQ
- ✓ Established North Coast Waterfront New Community Authority
- ✓ Strategic Plan wins - implemented DocuSign, implementing Salesforce, City Hall signage, launched innovation Accelerator program
- ✓ 50+ students participated in Junior Mayor's Association



# Staffing

2025 FTE Budgeted Headcount	2025 FTE Headcount Actual	2026 FTE Budgeted Headcount (Requested)
26	21*	26

*\*2025 headcount actuals were pulled on 12-31-25. Since this date, two additional employees have been hired.*

