

Sweetened Beverage Tax Budget Update – October 1, 2020

The Mayor’s 2021 Proposed Budget was released on September 29. It proposes \$21 million in SBT-funded spending, against a projected \$21 million in revenue.

Budget Overview

(Amounts in \$1000s)	2020 Adopted	2020 Revised	2021 Proposed
Beginning Balance	4,018	17,194	103
Revenue	24,329	15,367	20,772
Expenditures	26,668	32,458	20,757
<i>DEEL</i>	9,240	14,355	7,808
<i>HSD</i>	5,885	5,098	4,743
<i>OSE</i>	6,719	11,868	5,930
<i>DON</i>	3,225	0	1,473
<i>SPR</i>	600	187	303
<i>AUD</i>	500	950	500
<i>Worker Retraining</i>	500	--	--
Ending Balance	1,679	103	118

Note: 2020 Revised includes budget changes due to COVID as well as 2019 carryforwards.

In Depth

This budget fully funds existing SBT programming and services. As recommended by the CAB, the Mayor’s budget proposal includes:

- Fully funding Fresh Bucks, the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), and HSD’s food access investments;
- Consolidating the Food Access Opportunity Fund and the Healthy Food Fund in the Department of Neighborhoods;
- Providing \$1.5 million for the Department of Education and Early Learning to offer a grant program for services in the prenatal-to-3 space. We have proposed a one-time \$1.5 million transfer from DON. DEEL staff will work with the CAB on program development.
- Zeroes out the Worker Retraining set-aside and SBT reserves, in order to ensure that essential services are being funded during the current economic and public health crises.