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What's In the Final Fiscal Year 2017 Budget? DCFPI's Updated Toolkit

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With the DC Council's approval of the budget for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2017, DCFPI wants to make sure our readers know where to find tools to help you understand what the new spending plan means for schools, housing, homeless services, and other areas important to the District's economic well-being and quality of life.

Here's what you'll find in the [DCFPI Budget Toolkit](#):

- **How the Budget Stacks Up:** Our analysis gives you a detailed look at the approved budgets for education, affordable housing, homeless services, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), workforce development, health care, Interim Disability Assistance (IDA), and revenues. We highlight a number of important investments, including increased funding for schools, new shelters for homeless families, and an increase to unemployment insurance benefits; and also the very large gaps that remain, including the need to develop a permanent TANF time limit policy and to end chronic homelessness.
- **The Budget Made Simple:** A timeline on the budget process and primers that explain how the city sets its budget, the revenue structure, and how schools are financed.
- **Important Events and Documents:** If you want to find the final Budget Request Act, the Budget Support Act, or any other budget materials, they are all in the Toolkit.
- **Key Budget Trends:** DCFPI's Chartbook highlights of key budget trends through graphics, ideal for making presentations to community groups.

You can check out DCFPI's updated Budget Toolkit [here](#)!