

# 54 MONTH

## PROGRESS REPORT



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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
DC MURIEL BOWSER, MAYOR

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## Dear Washingtonians:


Earlier this year, I followed in the footsteps of Marion Barry and Anthony Williams and took the oath of office for a second time. Like them, I do not view a second term as a chance to warm the seat, but to think and act boldly as we work together to take on our toughest challenges.

My favorite part of the oath is that each of us swears to represent the District of Columbia—**as a whole**—without fear or favor. To me, these words represent the idea that we are only as strong as a city as the ward that struggles the most; that we are only as vibrant as our system of values and our rich diversity; and that our political decisions are only sound when all voices are heard.

The last four and a half years have been memorable and we have many triumphant moments to look back on. But our work is not done. We must also look within to realize our greatest challenges and act with urgency to address the inequality that still manifests itself in too many ways.

When people ask me what I want to be remembered for, it comes down to this: **a relentless commitment to a fair shot for every single DC resident.** Period.

Washington, DC is one of the strongest, most diverse, and most vibrant cities in the world. Now, let's keep working together so that as we build on our progress and advance our values, DC remains an inclusive city – a city that is welcoming, accessible, and full of opportunity.

Sincerely,  
  
Muriel Bowser  
Mayor





CITYWIDE  
**SOLUTIONS**  
FOR A  
CITYWIDE  
CHALLENGE

# HOUSING

## FOR RESIDENTS ACROSS THE INCOME SPECTRUM

A safe and stable home is the first step to a safe and stable life. In term one, we built and preserved more than 7,200 units of affordable housing by investing more dollars per capita in our Housing Production Trust Fund than any other city or state in the nation. Coming into term two, we are committed to doing even more. Already, Mayor Bowser has increased funding for the production and preservation of affordable housing and committed to building solutions that ask every neighborhood to be part of the solution.



### **\$12.6M for New Homeowners**

Over the past year, the District's homeownership programs provided \$12.6 million to 255 Washingtonians.



### **1,200+ Seniors Able to Age in Place**

Through Safe At Home, more than 1,200 seniors have been able to age in place.



### **1,152 Affordable Homes Preserved**

Since its launch in 2016, the Housing Preservation Fund has kept 1,152 homes affordable for DC families.

**GETTING DOLLARS OUT THE DOOR**  
and into Affordable Housing Projects

Housing Production Trust Fund Investments

<b>FY15</b>	↑	<b>FY16</b>	↑	<b>FY17</b>	↑	<b>FY18</b>
\$58.6M		\$106.89M		\$138.59M		\$167.6M

# Making homelessness rare, brief, and nonrecurring

Since launching Homeward DC, the Bowser Administration's strategic plan to end homelessness...



**22%**

Decrease in **overall** homelessness

**45%**

Decrease in **family** homelessness



## Rashema M.

Former DC General Resident  
and Georgetown Graduate

“When my family and I lived in shelter many people asked how I was able to focus on school and athletics, and I told them ‘I have a strong community support system. My teachers, mentors, friends—are all rooting for me!’ I’m so thankful to Mayor Bowser for closing DC General so families like mine who experience homelessness will have an even stronger community of support.”



## CLOSED DC GENERAL ONCE AND FOR ALL

As promised, Mayor Bowser closed the run-down and dilapidated shelter and opened three new dignified and service-enriched short-term family housing facilities.

## OPENED THE DOWNTOWN DAY SERVICES CENTER

Opened in 2019, the new center serves at least 100 clients per day and provides access to meals, computers, showers, laundry facilities, and more.

## A LOOK AHEAD



Together, we will build at least **36,000 new homes**, at least a third of them affordable, by 2025.



**#1 CITY FOR  
ENTREPRENEURIAL  
TALENT**

# PATHWAYS TO THE MIDDLE CLASS

Washington, DC is a prosperous and growing city, but there is more work to do to ensure all Washingtonians are benefitting from our city's prosperity. To build on our progress, Mayor Bowser is focused on bringing jobs and opportunity to every neighborhood, supporting small and local businesses, diversifying our economy, and connecting more DC residents to DC-sustaining careers.



## **319 Local Businesses Supported**

Since 2015, Great Streets has awarded over \$16 million to 319 small and local businesses. In FY19, 45 businesses were awarded \$2.1 million in grants.



## **\$1.5M for Underrepresented Entrepreneurs**

Through the Inclusive Innovation Fund, DC businesses led by underrepresented entrepreneurs will receive \$1.5 million in seed funding.



## **9,500 Private Sector Jobs Added**

Between 2017 and 2018, DC added 9,500 private sector jobs, outpacing public sector job growth.

**NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE SERVICES AT THE  
DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES**



**\$100,000 GRANT**  
that will expand access to bilingual  
work readiness training services

# Making DC the capital of inclusive prosperity and driving down unemployment



## 31,700

more DC residents employed



## 24%

decrease in citywide unemployment

*Unemployment data reflects January 2015 - June 2019*

Find Mayor Bowser's African American Prosperity Toolkit at [bit.ly/prosperitytoolkit](https://bit.ly/prosperitytoolkit)

## STEVEN D.

Solar Works DC Participant

“It's one of the best experiences that I've had working in my life. It's not like working. It's like I'm doing a service for the community and I'm getting paid for it. So it doesn't seem like a job.”



### Growing the DC Infrastructure Academy

Launched a new partnership between Ford and the DC Infrastructure Academy to train DC residents for jobs and careers in the autonomous vehicle (AV) industry



### Keeping DC a Leader in Tech and Innovation

Announced JLABS @ Washington, DC - a collaboration between Children's National Health System and Johnson & Johnson Innovation LLC

## A LOOK AHEAD



Together, we will affirm a path for UDC to be the first choice two-year and four-year institution for DC's best and brightest and give more Washingtonians the fair shot they deserve.



OPPORTUNITIES  
FROM INFANCY  
TO ADULTHOOD  
FOR EVERY DC  
RESIDENT

# OPPORTUNITIES

## AT EVERY STAGE OF LIFE

Mayor Bowser recognizes that access to opportunity starts early in life and that opportunity means different things to different people. In order to level the playing field and give every Washingtonian a fair shot, the Bowser Administration is focused on how we can support residents at every stage of life. This means building a city where Washingtonians of every age have opportunities to live happy, purposeful lives.

### EARLY STAGES



Infancy



Early  
Childhood

In 2018, Mayor Bowser hosted the District's first-ever **Maternal and Infant Health Summit**.

The 2nd Summit will be held on Tuesday, September 10. To learn more and RSVP visit:

[bit.ly/DCMaternalHealth](https://bit.ly/DCMaternalHealth)

### A STRONG START

Since April 2018,  
**820 infant and toddler  
childcare seats**  
have been added  
across DC



# Keeping DC Affordable

- **Eliminated the tax on menstrual hygiene products**, and will eliminate the tax on diapers in Fiscal Year 2020
- Piloted a free DC Circulator and funded the expansion of routes into Ward 7
- Added 1,000 new summer camp seats for Summer 2019
- Created and made permanent a tax credit for families with children enrolled in licensed DC childcare facilities



## SENIORS

### A Great Place to Age in Place

Designated the DC Office on Aging as the **Department on Aging and Community Living**, fulfilling former Mayor Marion Barry's vision of making the office into a department

**We won the Fight for 15, as the minimum wage rises to \$15 per hour in 2020**

## ADULTHOOD

School Age

**High-quality public schools in every neighborhood**



- Invested \$52M in FY2020 to create new childcare and early childhood education opportunities at Old Randle Highlands, Old Miner and Thurgood Marshall
- Launched the first-ever Student Guide to Graduation, College, and Career
- Announced two early-college programs at Coolidge High School in Ward 4 and Bard DC in Ward 7



# A SAFER, STRONGER DC

SAFER,  
MORE JUST  
NEIGHBORHOODS  
IN EVERY  
WARD

Building a safer, stronger, and more just DC means that we must be effective at both policing and healing. As the Bowser Administration continues making the necessary investments to get our city's police force up to 4,000 officers, we are also making big investments in programs and resources that prevent violence and address trauma.



## 300+ Residents Connected to Treatment

Through the Pre-Arrest Diversion Program, 303 residents were provided treatment and other social services when they came in contact with the criminal justice system.



## 15,000 Cameras Deployed

Through the District's Private Security Camera Program, over 15,000 high-quality private security cameras have been deployed citywide.



## 250 Returning Citizens Assisted

Since opening in February 2019, the new READY Center has connected more than 250 formerly incarcerated residents to critical post-release services.

DC Government will help residents, businesses, and nonprofits pay for a private security camera. Learn more at: [bit.ly/dccameras](https://bit.ly/dccameras)

# Providing residents with meaningful second chances

More than **40**

residents have been promoted in the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement's Pathways Program.

In 2018, **390**

returning citizens were able to gain employment through Project Empowerment.



## DeVaughn B.

### Project Empowerment Graduate

“Poor decisions on my part led me to the justice system...In 2015, I decided that I would do everything needed to break that cycle... A friend of mine told me about a program called Project Empowerment. ...I would like to thank Pivot, the Mayor, Prequel, and everybody for giving people like me the opportunity to overcome the mistakes that we made.”



## SAFE CANNABIS DC

“For far too long the possession of marijuana has been a pipeline to prison, especially for black men in DC and across the nation. Together, we are taking a bold step to replace that pipeline with a pathway to prosperity.” – Mayor Bowser



## A LOOK AHEAD

Together, we will advance equity, provide clarity, and enhance health and safety by passing the **Safe Cannabis Sales Act of 2019** – legislation that allows for the sale of recreational cannabis in Washington, DC.





# RESILIENT DC

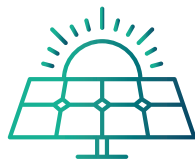
Washington, DC is more than 700,000 residents strong. We function as a city, county, and a state. We are proud to be an international leader on global issues like climate change and sustainability, driven by our commitment to continuously upgrading our policies and infrastructure so that they work for both our community and the environment.



## \$7M in Relief

In January 2019, Mayor Bowser launched a \$7 million relief program to assist eligible residents and nonprofit organizations with paying their DC Water Clean Rivers Impervious Area Charge.

Learn more at [bit.ly/waterbillrelief](https://bit.ly/waterbillrelief)



## 100 Homes Equipped with Solar

Celebrated the 100th rooftop solar installation under Solar Works DC, a clean energy and job training program that installs solar panels on the homes of low- to moderate-income residents.



## 94% Fewer Outages

Broke ground on the DC Power Line Undergrounding Project (PLUG), a joint \$500 million, multi-year project to underground power lines and decrease storm-related outages by 94%.

# SMALL CHANGES, BIG IMPACT



Expanded **eCycle DC** to allow residents to recycle electronics at neighborhood libraries.



Kicked off DC Government's first citywide **Food Waste Drop-Off Program**. Through this new free service, residents will be able to drop off food waste at designated farmers markets, one in each ward, on Saturdays.



Launched a pilot project to test the impact of high-visibility, **bus-only lanes** along H and I Streets, NW during peak rush hours.



**Sydelle M.**

Carver Langston Resident

“DPW’s anti-littering signs made a significant impact in my neighborhood. A simple idea like cleaning up and posting signs really helped people take more pride in our community.”



## A LOOK AHEAD



Together, we will make DC an international leader in clean energy by implementing the **Clean Energy Omnibus Amendment Act of 2018** which sets a mandate of 100% renewable electricity by 2032.

# AMENITIES

## IN ALL EIGHT WARDS

By ensuring residents across all eight wards have access to high-quality resources and amenities – amenities that set our families and neighborhoods up for long-term success – we can increase access to opportunity and make our city’s prosperity more inclusive.



### **Entertainment and Sports Arena (Ward 8)**

Cut the ribbon on the new home of the Washington Mystics and the Capital City Go-Go.



### **Lidl at Skyland (Ward 7)**

Announced plans to bring the first internationally recognized full-service supermarket to Wards 7 and 8 since 2007.



### **Audi Field (Ward 6)**

Cut the ribbon on the new 20,000-seat stadium that is expected to spur over \$1.6 billion in economic activity.





### **Bryant Street (Ward 5)**

Broke ground on Phase I of Bryant Street, a 13-acre mixed-use development that will deliver nearly 500 homes, retail, and a new cinema.



### **Walter Reed (Ward 4)**

Opened Engine 22 and two schools and broke ground on housing for seniors and formerly homeless veterans.



### **Two Birds (Ward 3)**

Cut the ribbon on an innovative new child care and co-working facility that will add 72 new high-quality childcare seats for working DC families.



### **Stevens School (Ward 2)**

Started renovations at Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School to transform a historic landmark into new childcare and preschool seats.



### **Local Businesses (Ward 1)**

Awarded \$1.6 million in grants to more than a dozen Ward 1 small and local businesses, including a new grocer, through the 2019 Great Streets grant program.

## **A LOOK AHEAD**

- In 2017, we opened phase 1 of **The Wharf**, now a world-class waterfront destination with hotels, homes, restaurants, retail, and more. **Phase 2** will bring more homes, retail, and green space to Southwest DC.
- In early 2020, the **Residences at St. Elizabeths East**, a 252-unit apartment community with 202 affordable housing units, will open adjacent to the ESA.



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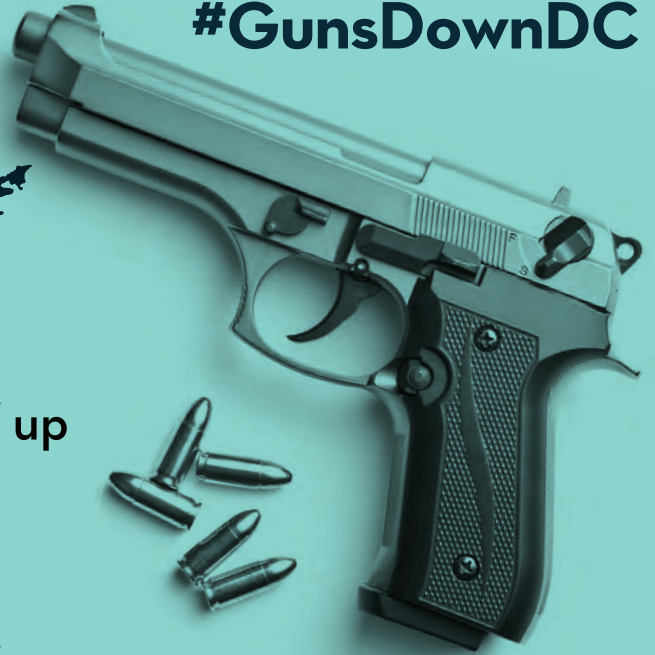
**We can prevent tragedy by reporting an illegal gun.**

**GOT GUNS?**

You will be eligible for a cash reward of up to **\$2,500** for a tip leading to an arrest and a seizure of an illegal gun.

You will be eligible for a cash reward of up to **\$10,000** for a tip leading to an arrest and conviction in a shooting.

**#GunsDownDC**



Call **(202) 727-9099** or anonymously text **50411** if you know someone who has an illegal gun or you know where illegal guns are being hidden. You'll do the right thing and help take another illegal gun off the street.

*Funding for this program is provided by a grant from Crime Solvers of Washington, DC.*

**#SaferStrongerDC**



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