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Life Sciences Center announces \$24.4 million job creation incentives for 43 Massachusetts companies

Incentives expected to create nearly 1,600 life sciences jobs throughout Massachusetts; Since MLSC's inception, Tax Incentive Program has helped create more than 11,000 jobs.

“During an event at Moderna’s clinical manufacturing facility in Norwood, the Healey-Driscoll Administration and Massachusetts Life Sciences Center (MLSC) announced \$24.4 million in tax incentive awards to 43 life sciences companies. The awards, provided through the MLSC’s Tax Incentive Program, are expected to create 1,584 new life sciences industry jobs in the Commonwealth.

The MLSC Tax Incentive program is offered to companies engaged in life sciences research and development, commercialization, and manufacturing in Massachusetts, providing incentives to companies of all sizes looking to expand their efforts by creating new, long-term jobs in the state.

“Massachusetts is a global leader in the life sciences sector thanks to companies like Moderna and the dozens of others that will benefit from these tax incentive awards,” said Governor Maura Healey. “This funding will support cutting-edge research, advance the manufacturing of life-changing therapies, create thousands of jobs for companies across the state, and strengthen our position as the best place in the world to grow a life sciences company.”

“Our administration works every day to help companies start, grow, and stay here in Massachusetts,” said Economic Development Secretary Yvonne Hao, who also serves as co-chair

of the MLSC Board of Directors. “We are excited to see how today’s investments help life sciences companies expand their operations across the state and are grateful to Governor Healey and Lt. Governor Driscoll for their commitment to lengthening our lead as a life sciences hub through this funding.”

Out of the 43 companies receiving tax incentive awards, 26 companies—accounting for 69 percent of the new jobs—are expanding outside of Boston and Cambridge. Since the MLSC’s reauthorization in 2018, 78 percent of jobs committed through the MLSC’s Tax Incentive program are located outside of Boston and Cambridge. Since the Center’s inception, life sciences companies expanding across Massachusetts have committed to the creation of more than 11,000 jobs through this program.

“The Life Sciences Center will continue to deploy every resource necessary to support life science companies of all sizes and sub-sectors,” said MLSC President and CEO Kenn Turner. “I am grateful for the support of the Healey Administration and legislative leaders who understand the power of public-private partnership to drive economic and workforce development. I am equally excited for the growth of our companies being celebrated today as they work to produce life-saving therapies and products for patients on a global scale.”

This year’s Tax Incentive Program award recipients represent a diverse cohort of companies working on drug discovery and development, medical devices, diagnostics, and manufacturing. A full list of the the town and cities that will be recipients can be seen [here](#).

The MLSC jointly administers the Tax Incentive Program with the Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR), which oversees the technical administration of the incentives. Awardees are required to maintain job commitments over a five-year period. The program includes regular reporting requirements for

awardees to document jobs created as a result of the incentive. MLSC has continued to use the Tax Incentive Program to leverage diverse life sciences assets across Massachusetts and encourage growth and expansion on a statewide basis.

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About the Massachusetts Life Sciences Center

The Massachusetts Life Science Center (MLSC) is an economic development investment agency dedicated to supporting the growth and development of the life sciences in Massachusetts, home to the most verdant and productive life sciences ecosystem in the world.

Through public-private funding initiatives, the MLSC supports innovation, research and development, commercialization, and manufacturing activities in the fields of biopharma, medical device, diagnostics and digital health. Since its creation in 2007, the MLSC has strategically deployed more than \$900 million in Massachusetts, through a combination of grants, loans, capital infrastructure investments, tax incentives and workforce programs.

These investments have created thousands of jobs and propelled the development of new therapies, devices and scientific advancements that are improving patient health and well-being in Massachusetts and beyond.”

New Bedford's Fort Taber-Fort

Rodman Military Museum is looking for volunteers

The Fort Taber-Fort Rodman Military Museum is looking for volunteers. If you would like to be involved celebrating the veteran and military history of New Bedford and surrounding towns, please consider volunteering a few hours of your time at the museum.

Please come by the museum and fill out an application form. The museum is located at 1000c Rodney French Blvd. New Bedford. The phone number is 508-994-3939.

Facebook Group and Images:

facebook.com/groups/FortTaberFortRodmanMilitaryMuseum/.

Mayor Mitchell presents New Bedford's FY 2024 Budget, healthcare reform to manage tax burden

"New Bedford, Massachusetts – Mayor Jon Mitchell presented his Fiscal Year 2024 City Budget to the New Bedford City Council on Wednesday, May 17, 2022. In total, the Fiscal Year 2024 budget totals \$513,169,319, of which the General Fund is the largest component at \$458,910,392.

A Careful, Conservative Spending Blueprint

Mayor Mitchell expressed optimism regarding the City's continued economic progress, while also acknowledging global,

national, and regional trends which could have impacts on the City in the future, and which demand “the same careful, conservative approach to budgeting that has served us so well in the past.”

Mitchell cited several reasons for local optimism, including the City’s substantial decline in unemployment since the pandemic, saying, “The local economy has demonstrated remarkable resilience and remains on a firm footing following the COVID-19 pandemic. The City’s unemployment rate for the first six months of Fiscal Year 2023 has averaged 5%, having fallen from an average of nearly 17% during the first six months of the pandemic three years ago.”

The Mayor also highlighted the positive impact of the development of offshore wind energy and the role of federal ARPA funding, saying, “After more than a decade of work to establish New Bedford as a leader in offshore wind energy, this month the first turbine components are arriving in our port from Europe in support of the first industrial-scale offshore wind project in America. In the months and years ahead, we can expect the economic impact of Vineyard Wind and successor projects to become increasingly evident, as New Bedford continues to be a focus of both public and industry investment.”

“Additionally, the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding from the federal government has allowed us to direct critical resources toward a range of local needs from housing to small business assistance, and helped the City pay for one-time costs and other budgetary expenses that we would have otherwise gone unfunded.”

Concern About Erosion In Key Services Without New Spending Reforms

The Mayor made clear that new budget tactics were needed in key areas, like healthcare, saying, “It has become clear that there are limits to our strategy of lean budgeting. Over many

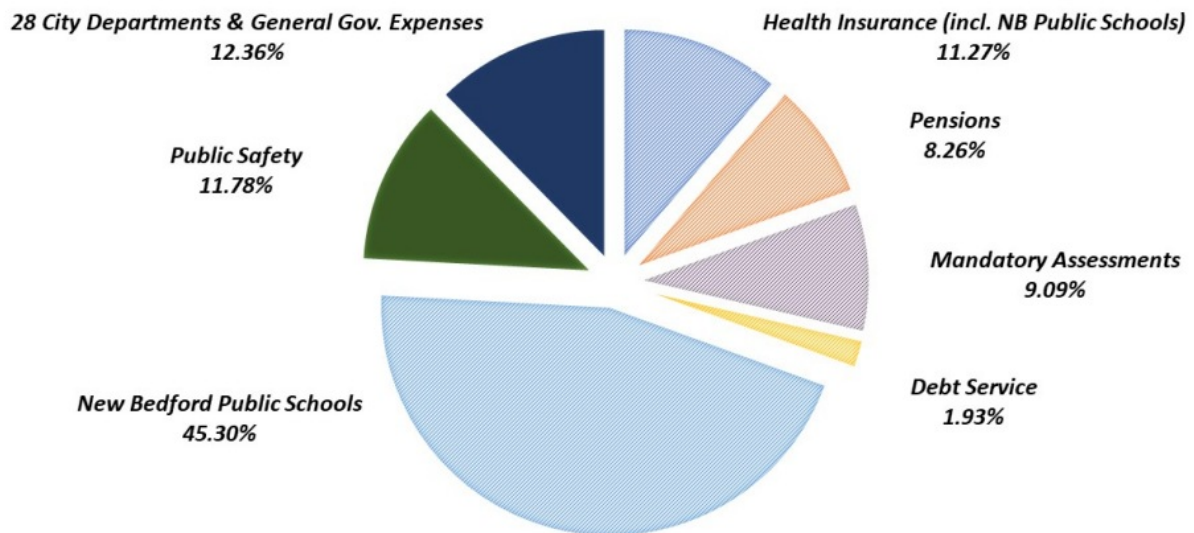
years the City has pursued multiple rounds of budgetary belt-tightening. As a consequence, we are at, or nearly at, the point where we risk just not having the bodies to perform the necessary work.

When I took office in 2012, there were 1,136 full-time municipal (i.e. non-school department) employees on the payroll of the City of New Bedford. Fast-forwarding ten years later, in 2022, that figure was 1,029, or about 10% fewer full-time employees. In 2023, the figure likely fell further still.”

Now a reduction in the size of the organization is not necessarily a bad thing. After a decade of modernization and reform, city government today is more efficient in many service areas than it has ever been, despite the elimination of positions. But it is also true that city government is now at risk of an erosion in its basic capacity to deliver effective services when the overwhelming share of the operating budget remains comprised of fast-growing, legally-mandated spending—while state aid and revenue growth fail to keep up. We have acted responsibly, but we also need to do more and consider reform in the key places in the budget that can deliver savings at a scale that can make a difference.”

The Mayor noted that fixed costs and mandated assessments now account for \$110 million of General Fund expenditures in Fiscal Year 2024, while Net School Spending requirements account for another \$238 million. These total \$348 million in a \$458 million General Fund spending plan, which means 75% of the spending in the budget cannot be reduced, with the remaining 25% shared among more than two dozen city departments.

Fiscal Year 2024 General Fund Appropriations by Category



Note: Cross-hatched sections indicate mandated expense categories.

City of New Bedford photo.

Key To Managing Spending Is Reform of Healthcare

The Mayor argued that, with so much of the budget beyond the City's ability to control, the path forward must include strategic action in the areas that remain within its capacity to change, saying, "Without a doubt, healthcare reform is the area of the budget that would have the most positive impact on municipal finances.

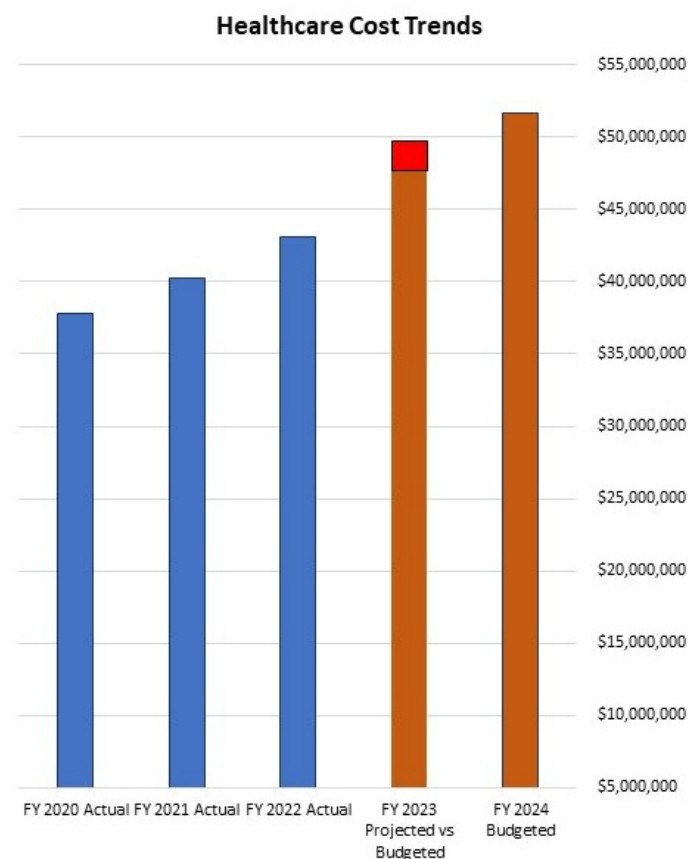
That is why I intend to refile my previous request for the City Council to vote to adopt Sections 21-23 of Chapter 32B of Massachusetts General Law, as so many other localities have done to better manage spiraling upward healthcare costs."

He added, "There is nothing particularly earth-shattering about these sections of state law. The Administration and public employee unions will continue to negotiate health insurance benefits as they have always done. The adoption of the state law will simply restore a level-playing field and equalize the negotiating positions of the two sides by allowing an independent, neutral arbiter to resolve differences when an impasse arises during negotiations."

"It is hard to understate how much healthcare spending

contributes to the property tax burden on our residents. Between 2012 and 2023, employee health insurance costs rose from approximately \$35 million to \$46 million, or nearly \$1 million per year every year.

“Worse yet, the rate of spending increase is growing fast this year, and there is good reason to believe healthcare spending may increase faster still in future years. It’s a problem that is not going away, and could get a whole lot worse. We are already long overdue in taking action on this issue. This budget includes \$51.7 million to cover healthcare costs, a full 10% increase over last year’s budget.”

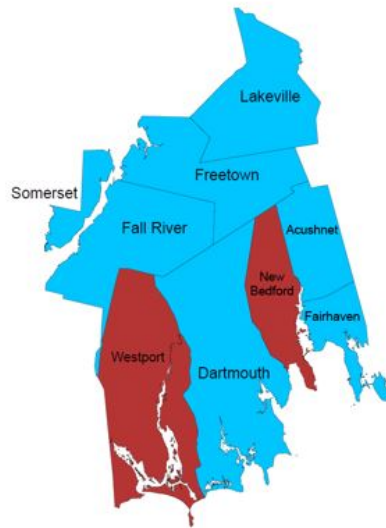


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The Mayor also noted that virtually every local government in Southeastern Massachusetts has now adopted Sections 21-23, saying, “New Bedford taxpayers deserve relief from the outsized budget pressure caused by the current health

insurance program, every bit as much as their neighbors in other communities.”

Cities & Towns That Allow A Neutral Arbiter in Local Government Healthcare Negotiations



City of New Bedford photo.

Other Sources of Fiscal Pressure

Mitchell noted that pension costs are another major budget item contributing to the burden on taxpayers, noting that both the Retirement Board and the City Council both possess a measure of local control that they could exercise to reduce the impact of rising pension costs on taxpayers—and, equally important, help ensure the future solvency of the pension system for today’s active employees who are counting on it to be there for them when they retire.

The Mayor cited the troubling unfunded liability of the City’s pension fund, which is only 52% funded. Out of 104 government retirement systems in Massachusetts, only six other systems are less funded than New Bedford’s. Taken together, health insurance, pension payments, and other insurance programs are increasing in FY 2024 by more than \$8 million.

The Mayor said, “New Bedford is near the very bottom of the list because we have been chronically unrealistic about the

affordability of pension benefit expansions in the past, and that needs to change.

He added, "The notion that we can successfully restrain overall spending by trimming elsewhere in the budget, but doing nothing on these key budget drivers, is simply ignoring the elephant in the room."

Funding for the School Department is projected to increase by \$23.1 million, or 10.5% to comply with the Commonwealth's minimum Net School Spending requirements. Likewise, mandatory assessments, which consist of funding for charter schools, continue to consume a larger share of the City's resources. The City's contribution to Charter School Sending Tuition has risen from approximately \$27 million in FY 2023 to \$30 million in FY 2024.

Concluding Remarks

The Mayor summarized the FY 2024 budget exercise, saying. "The preparation of any budget proposal is always a complex undertaking, and the current proposal has presented its fair share of challenges. Mandated expenses, recovering local receipts, cost pressures from inflation, and an uncertain economic environment are all significant considerations this year.

But we will meet these challenges by relying on the same cautious, deliberative approach and the effective partnership between the Administration and the City Council that has served us well in the past."-City of New Bedford.

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Massachusetts residents lost \$525 Million via competitive electric supply contracts in last 6 Years

"New Report Finds Consumers Continue to Lose Millions of Dollars from Contracts with Suppliers and That Consumers in Low-Income Communities, Communities of Color and Gateway Communities Are Disproportionately Harmed."

Massachusetts Attorney General Andrea Joy Campbell released a report that found that in the last six years, individual residential customers who received their electric supply from competitive suppliers paid \$525 million more on their electric bills than they would have paid if they stayed with their utility companies.

This is the fourth report from the AG's Office that shows that residents who enroll with these companies continue to overpay for electric supply by tens of millions of dollars each year.

Overall, the approximately 430,000 individual residential customers in the state who are currently enrolled with competitive suppliers on average lost \$231 a year – the highest average annual loss reported by the AG's Office to date.

"This report once again sounds the alarm on competitive electric supply companies that pitch consumers on the idea of cheaper electricity bills, while they charge higher rates that drain millions from our communities," said AG Campbell. "We know this injustice hits communities of color and low-income communities the hardest, and my office will continue to draw attention to these predatory actions and advocate for legislation that will protect our residents."

Today's report highlights the urgent need to pass legislation that AG Campbell, Senator Brendan Crighton and Representative Frank Moran filed earlier this year that will ban these companies from signing up new individual residential customers in Massachusetts.

Key findings in this report include:

- Low-income customers in Massachusetts are nearly twice as likely to sign up with individual competitive electric suppliers and that they are also charged higher rates than non-low-income customers.
- Assuming 600 kWh/month usage, an average non-low-income customer lost \$222 per year while the average low-income customer lost \$254 per year, during the study period.
- Low-income customers collectively lost over \$20 million on net in higher rates and monthly fees, during the study period
- The continuation of consumer losses is disproportionately borne by residents in zip codes with a higher concentration of low-income and residents of color in many of the state's Gateway Cities, including Springfield, Worcester, Fall River and Lowell.
- Any resident with concerns about these deceptive marketing

practices should file a complaint with the AG's Office or call the consumer hotline at (617) 727-8400. Residents with questions can also contact the Consumer Division of the Department of Public Utilities at (877) 886-5066.

This matter is being handled by Division Chief Nathan Forster, Deputy Division Chief Elizabeth Anderson, and all of AG Campbell's Energy and Telecommunications Division."-Mass.gov.

Dartmouth father seeks to fill two RN/LPN positions for his son Brayden

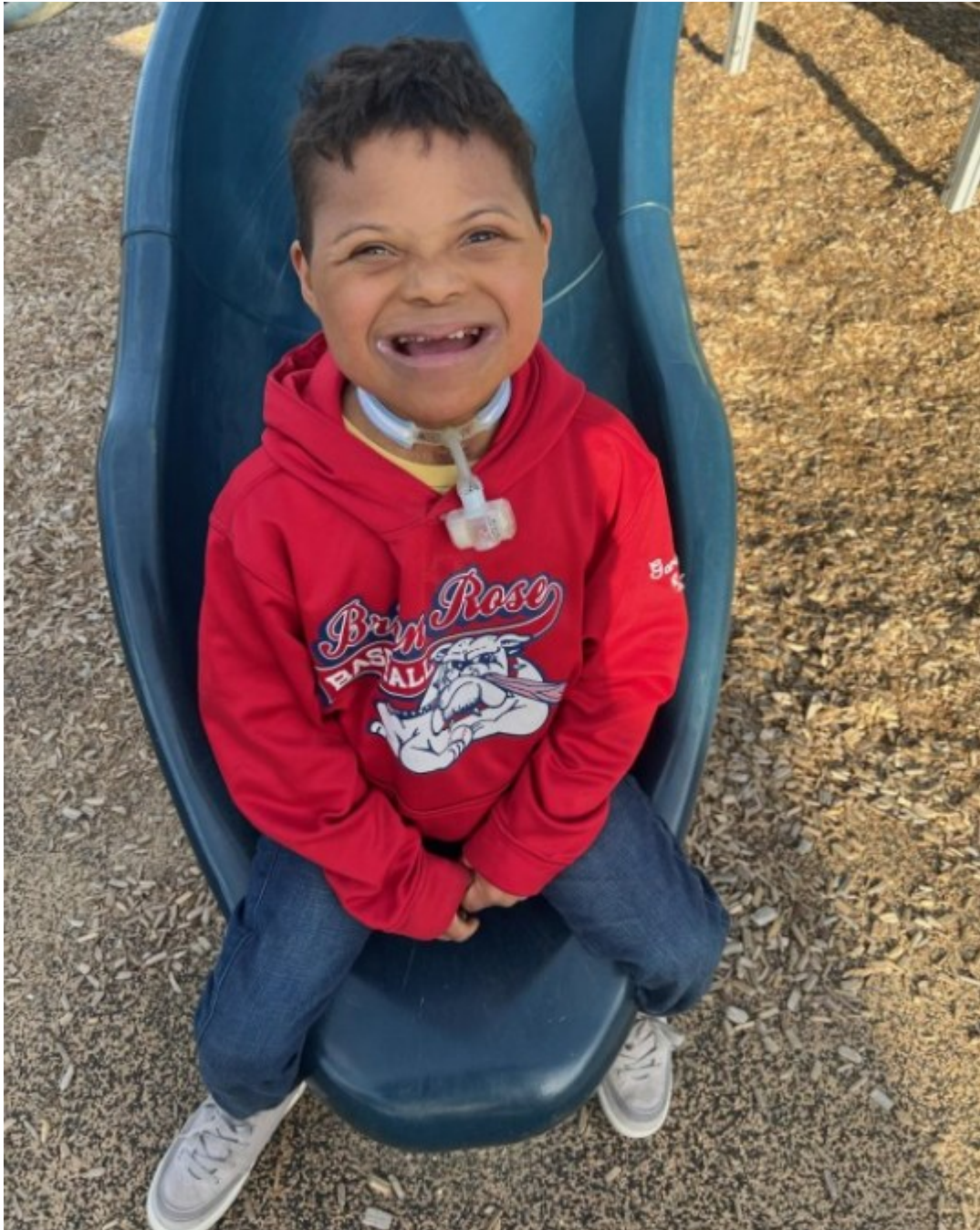
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The 2 positions we have are:

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- Thursdays-Sundays 11pm-7amm

Brayden has a trach, Gtube, and uses a vent to sleep but don't let that scare you we will train (experience not necessary). Location is in Dartmouth.

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