

About the Department of Building Inspection

Mission

The Department of Building Inspection protects our community by ensuring code-compliant construction, building safety, resilience, and habitability, and by supporting economic development in San Francisco.

Vision

Our dedicated and knowledgeable staff will provide professional, effective customer service using clear processes and consistent standards to build trust, provide accountability, and safeguard the public.

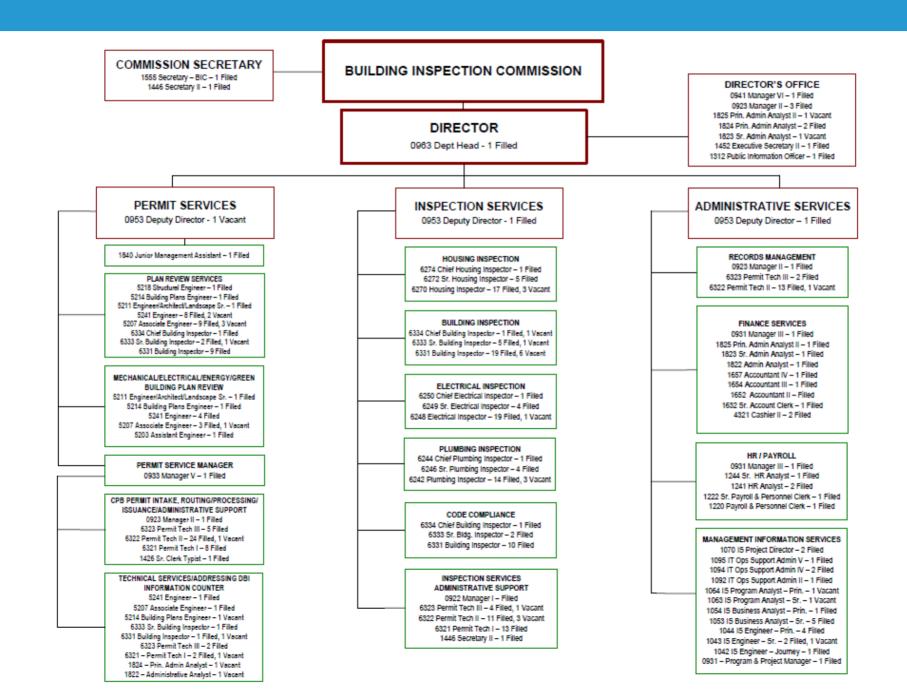
Core Values

Customer Focus Professionalism

Integrity Supportive Work Environment

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Transparency and Accountability

Org Chart



DBI Performance

Some of DBI's mid-year performance highlights include:

Plan Review

- Exceeding 60% target for over-the-counter plans issued in 2 business days or less (over 90% of building permits are over-the-counter)
- Continued growth in the percentage of in-house permits hitting benchmarks for first review time

Inspection Services

 Building, electrical, and plumbing divisions are all exceeding benchmarks for number of inspections per inspector day (13-16)

Administrative Practices

Nearly 100% of 3R reports are produced within 7 business days

FY25-26 and FY26-27 Budget Highlights

- Mayor's total proposed budget is \$88.3M in FY 2025-26 and \$92.1M in FY 2026-27
- \$12.6M increase in license and charges for services revenues in FY 2025-26 and an additional \$15.7M in FY 2026-27 reflect proposed fee increases
- \$5.5M increase in salaries & fringes in FY 2025-26 and an additional \$3.5M in FY 2026-27 reflect COLAs, position changes, and attrition

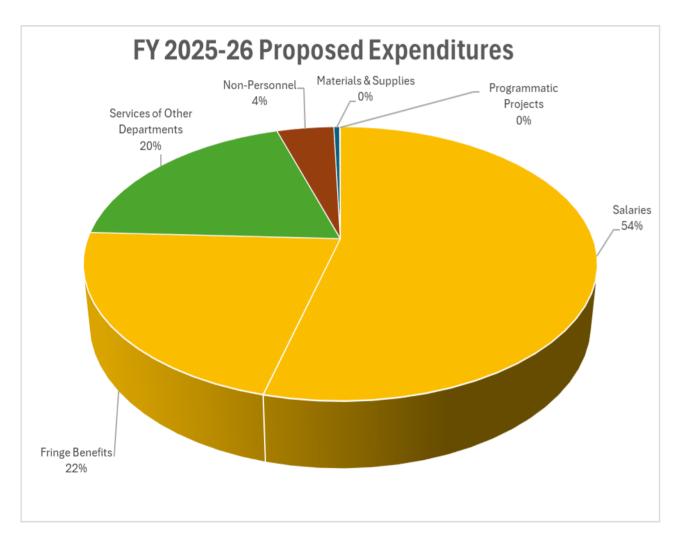
FY 2025-26 Budget

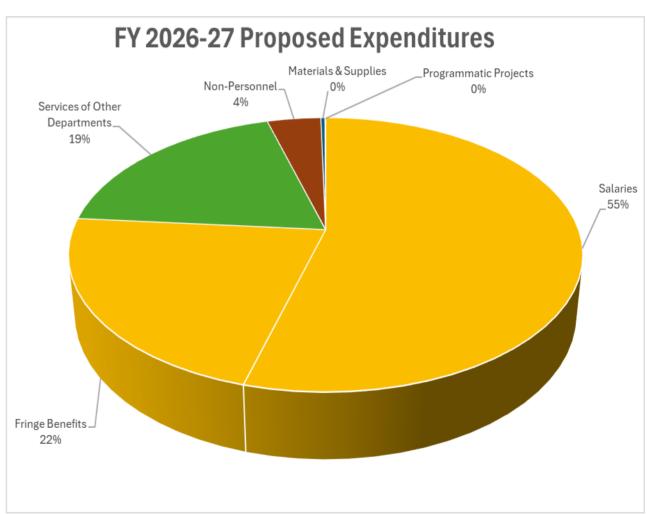
	Account	FY 2024-25 Original	Department Change	FY 2025-26 Department	Mayor Change	FY 2025-26 Mayor
Revenue	Apartment / Hotel License Fees	12,083,145	713,650	12,796,795	(68,745)	12,728,050
	Charges for Services	48,737,361	12,693,676	61,431,037	(748,492)	60,682,545
	General Fund Transfer (for CBO Grants)	5,000,000	(1,328,000)	3,672,000	(3,672,000)	-
	Use of Reserves	19,105,742	(2,439,647)	16,666,095	(5,448,664)	11,217,431
	Special and Other Revenue	3,414,708	151,083	3,565,791	(62,547)	3,503,244
Revenue Total		88,340,956	9,790,762	98,131,718	(10,000,448)	88,131,270
Expenditure	Salaries and Benefits	61,282,606	8,148,811	69,431,417	(2,670,048)	66,761,369
	Materials and Professional Services	4,158,165	(50,165)	4,108,000	-	4,108,000
	City Grant Program	4,800,000	(1,128,000)	3,672,000	(3,672,000)	-
	Services of Other Departments	17,352,660	20,116	17,372,776	(200,875)	17,171,901
	Special and Other Expenditure	747,525	2,800,000	3,547,525	(3,457,525)	90,000
Expenditure Total		88,340,956	9,790,762	98,131,718	(10,000,448)	88,131,270

FY 2026-27 Budget

	Account	FY 2025-26 Department	Department Change	FY 2026-27 Department	Mayor Change	FY 2026-27 Mayor
Revenue	Apartment / Hotel License Fees	12,796,795	895,046	13,691,841	(350,066)	13,341,775
	Charges for Services	61,431,037	21,578,518	83,009,555	(7,210,059)	75,799,496
	General Fund Transfer (for CBO Grants)	3,672,000	-	3,672,000	(3,672,000)	-
	Use of Reserves	16,666,095	(16,666,095)	-	-	-
	Special and Other Revenue	3,565,791	(638,680)	2,927,111	(13,407)	2,913,704
Revenue Total		98,131,718	5,168,789	103,300,507	(11,245,532)	92,054,975
Expenditure	Salaries and Benefits	69,431,417	3,906,706	73,338,123	(3,040,148)	70,297,975
	Materials and Professional Services	4,108,000	(165,000)	3,943,000	-	3,943,000
	City Grant Program	3,672,000	-	3,672,000	(3,672,000)	-
	Services of Other Departments	17,372,776	3,602	17,376,378	347,622	17,724,000
	Special and Other Expenditure	3,547,525	1,423,481	4,971,006	(4,881,006)	90,000
Expenditure Total		98,131,718	5,168,789	103,300,507	(11,245,532)	92,054,975

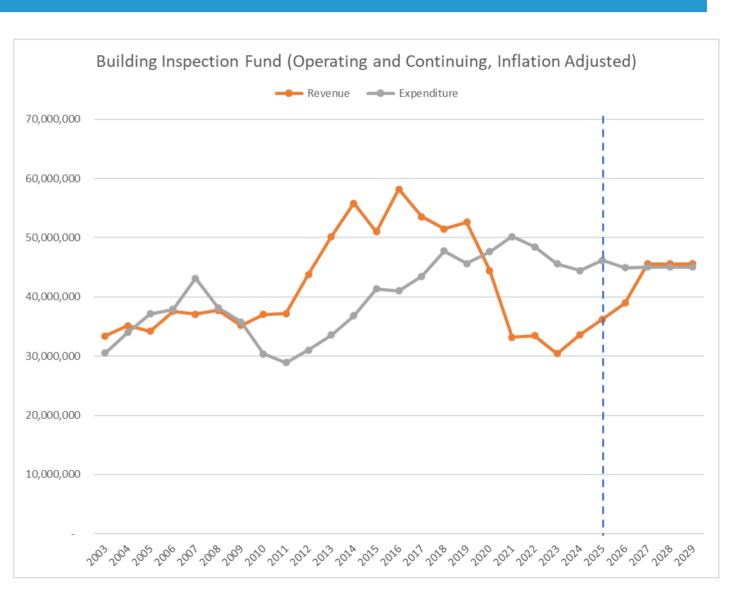
FY 2025-26 and FY 2026-27 Expenditures





Revenue

- Fee history
 - FY08 increase (fee study)
 - FY15 decrease (fee study)
 - FY24 increase (15% to all)
 - FY25 increase (18.4% revenue increase, phase one of three)
- 42% revenue decrease from FY19 to FY23
- DBI hired a consultant to do a fee study, completed in January 2024
- Plan is to phase in fee increase over three years, reach full cost recovery by FY27



Staffing

	Actual FTE					Budget FTE			
							FY25	FY26	FY27
Division Description	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25	Original	Mayor	Mayor
DBI Administration	68	67	66	62	60	62	61	64	64
DBI Inspection Services	122	122	132	135	129	132	128	135	135
DBI Permit Services	70	73	81	86	92	88	89	93	93
Grand Total	259	263	278	283	281	282	279	291	292

- One new position added for a new legislative mandate, the concrete building screening program
- Three vacant positions deleted



THANK YOU