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**To:** Councilmember Coleman A. Young II  
**From:** Julianne Pastula, Director of Department of Appeals and Hearings  
**Date:** March 24, 2025  
**Re:** **Responses to 2025-2026 DAH Budget Analysis**

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Please find below responses to your questions sent on March 21, 2025, regarding the Fiscal Year 2026 Proposed Budget for the Department of Appeals and Hearings (DAH).

- 1. Please explain the use of professional and contractual services, for which \$3,000 is proposed for FY2026.**
  - a. Does this include any services that help Detroit residents understand and respond to blight tickets or the hearing process?**

The professional and contractual services expenditure covers the costs of armored car services and printer services. The armored car services facilitate the weekly pick up of check/money order payments made directly to DAH (in contrast to those made online or at a kiosk), while the printer services pertain to the printer hardware and supplies used in DAH offices. Both are City-wide contracts in which DAH participates.

- 2. Please explain the "Other Expenses." I'm curious about this category because the \$4,300 proposed for FY2026 in contrast with the \$3,000 proposed for professional and contractual services.**

The proposed increase in the "Other Expenses" expenditure would support staff training and enable the expansion of our ongoing training initiatives. These expenses are distinct from the citywide contracts for services noted in our response to Question #1.

- 3. What, if any, impact will the loss of the 1.0 FTE that was covered by ARPA funds in FY2025 have on the Department in FY2026?**

DAH currently has three employees funded through ARPA (two Administrative Hearings Officers and one Head Clerk). These positions will continue to be funded via ARPA in FY26.

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Date: March 25, 2025