



## **FY 2019 CAFR Summary**

Despite a particularly slow start due to the 35-day federal government shutdown that ended January 25, 2019, FY 2019 produced robust financial results, as outlined below.

- **Clean Audit Opinion (23rd Consecutive)**
- **No Material Weaknesses or Significant Deficiencies (5<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year of No YELLOW BOOK Findings)**
- **General Obligation Bond and Income Tax Bond ratings remain strong (AAA-rated)**
- **Pension and Retiree Health Care Trust funds remain fully funded (above 100%)**
- **Net Position (Total Assets minus Total Liabilities) increased by 17.1% over FY 2018 greatly increasing the District's financial resiliency**
- **Total General Fund Balance increased by \$476.9 million over FY 2018**
- **Federally and locally mandated reserves (working capital/liquidity) reached best practice level of 60 days of operating expenses (\$1.43 billion) for the first time in District history**
- **Additional surplus revenue of \$323.6 million was equally distributed to the housing production trust fund for affordable housing (\$161.8 million) and the paygo (cash) capital fund for infrastructure (\$161.8 million)**
- **FY 2019 Local revenues grew by 9.14% and expenditures increased by 4.19% over FY 2018**
- **Income taxes increased 11.2%, business income taxes increased 16.4%, and deed and recordation (real estate transfer taxes) taxes increased 15.5%. Sales taxes grew 7% and real property taxes grew 6.1% (*Approximately one-half of the sales and real property revenue growth relates to tax increases in those areas in FY 2019 to provide dedicated funding for METRO*)**

***NOTE: For more information, the DC Council will hold a public roundtable on the FY 2019 CAFR on Wednesday, February 5, 2020, at 1:30 pm.***