

# FY27 People's Budget Funding Priorities

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## 1. Education: Childcare to College

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### Early Childhood Education & Child Care

- Child Care Voucher Program (CCAP): Expand vouchers for low-income families with kids ages 0–12
- Clear CCAP Waitlist: Provide additional city funding to clear CCAP waitlist, supplementing state funds.
- Contribute to Childcare Workforce Fund: City must contribute to its own fund if the state does not.
- Pay Equity for CCAP Workers: Address pay disparity for CCAP providers.
- Promise NYC (ACS) — \$50M [childcare for immigrant families]
  - Restore \$25 million to Promise NYC
  - Expand Promise NYC (\$25M)

### K–12 Education | \$162.6M

- Restore key education programs<sup>1</sup> — \$76.3M
  - Learning to Work programs (\$31M)
  - Sensory Exploration, Education & Discovery (SEED) programs (\$12M)
  - Infant/toddler (0–2) child care seats in high-need communities (\$10M)
  - Restorative justice (\$6M)
  - Mental Health Continuum (\$5M)
  - Outreach on available early childhood education programs (\$5M)
  - Immigrant family communications and outreach (\$4M)
  - Student Success Centers (\$3.3M)
- 100 More Community Schools — \$60M
- Expand School-Based Restorative Justice & Mental Health Access — \$107.6M
  - New School Climate Coordinator line<sup>2</sup> and 500 school-based roles — \$80M
  - Baseline and increase Restorative Justice (RJ) funding — \$22.6M
  - Training for School Climate Coordinators on RJ practices — \$2M
  - Paid RJ school and work-based opportunities for students — \$3M

### CUNY | \$495M

- Fill Vacancies / Bring Back Full-Time Faculty and Staff — \$264M<sup>3</sup>
- Free Transit for CUNY Students — \$24M (all students) / \$14M (full-time only)<sup>4</sup>
- Protect Vital Grant-Funded Programs — \$26M<sup>5</sup>
- Fund Services that Increase Graduation Rates — \$181M
  - Restore CUNY Reconnect — \$7.8M

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<sup>1</sup> [Coalition for Equitable Education Funding - Advocates for Children of New York](#)

<sup>2</sup> School Climate Coordinators are responsible for training staff and implementing restorative justice and healing-centered programming at priority middle and high schools.

<sup>3</sup> Hire 30% of new faculty on lecture lines; 70% on assistant professor track. Convert adjuncts to full-time. Hire 2,876 new full-time community college faculty to reach a ratio of 65 FT faculty per 1,000 students.

<sup>4</sup> Expand the OMNY card program already serving K–12 students to include CUNY students.

<sup>5</sup> Bridge funding to support vital work, including public health research, that has lost federal dollars.

- Expand CUNY Reconnect — \$11.7M
- Advising: Hire 352 advisors — \$74M
- ACE — \$9.1M
- ASAP: Double current cohort — \$86M
- Mental Health: Hire 119 additional counselors at community colleges to reach a 1:500 ratio — \$22M

## 2. Affordable Housing & Transit

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### Keeping New Yorkers Housed | \$370.1M

- CityFHEPS: Resolve the ongoing legal fight and expand vouchers to shelter residents currently ineligible and households facing eviction.
- Homeless Youth Navigators — \$3.2M (restoration) Restore funding for housing specialists and peer navigators in the DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth system<sup>6</sup>
- Restorations to housing and domestic violence-related legal services — \$16.9M
- Emergency Street Homelessness Beds: Fund 166 stabilization beds to move people from subways to housing and healthcare, replacing costly arrests and outreach that shelter without housing.
- Right to Counsel — \$350M

### Gas Free NYC | \$10M

- Pilot \$10,000 subsidies for small 1–2 family homes to electrify off gas boilers, per Local Law 97.

### Free and Reduced Transit for More New Yorkers | \$330M

- Expand Fair Fares — \$330M<sup>7</sup>

## 3. Real Public Safety

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### Mental Health | \$69.2M

- Intensive Mobile Treatment (IMT) Teams — \$52M
  - Restore FY26 funding levels — \$41M
  - Fund 8 additional IMT teams (each serving 27 people)<sup>8</sup> — \$11M
- Forensic ACT (FACT) & Assertive Community Treatment (ACT)<sup>9</sup> — \$6.5M
  - Restore FY26 ACT funding (removed for FY27) — \$4.5M
  - Create 4 additional Forensic ACT (FACT) teams for people returning from incarceration — \$2M
- Outpatient Competency Restoration Pilot — \$1.7M: 50–75 people who would otherwise wait at Rikers for transfer to a state hospital.
- Residential Treatment Beds — \$3M capital: 60 new beds for people with mental illness and addictions.
- Crisis Respite Centers — \$6M: Restore cuts and, per Local Law 118, open 4 more centers.

<sup>6</sup> These navigators connect homeless teens and young adults to permanent housing, mental health counseling, and other services. More than 10,000 New Yorkers aged 14–24 slept in shelters or on the street in 2024, with hundreds routinely turned away due to lack of capacity.

<sup>7</sup> Overhaul the program with a two-tier structure: fully free transit for households under 150% FPL; half-price fares expanded to 300% FPL, covering an estimated 2.1 million New Yorkers. Add Express Bus and CityTicket access, and implement automatic enrollment to raise participation from the current ~31% of eligible riders.

<sup>8</sup> IMT waitlist was 575 people as of February 27, 2026. Combined with \$11M added in FY26, this should eliminate the waitlist.

<sup>9</sup> ACT waitlist was 312 people as of February 27, 2026. City should work with the State to eliminate the full waitlist.

## **Diversion & Reentry | \$48.5M<sup>10</sup>**

- Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) & Reentry
  - Restore cuts to ATI programs — \$1.3M
  - Restore cuts to Reentry Services — \$3.3M
  - Additional scale funding for ATI programs — \$10M
  - Additional scale funding for Reentry Services — \$10M
- Court-Involved Youth: Expand programs for court-involved youth with mental health needs — \$6.89M
- Transitional Housing: 150+ units of low-barrier housing for people with court-involvement and mental health diagnoses — \$20.3M<sup>11</sup>

## **Hate Violence Prevention | \$26M**

- Community-based violence prevention infrastructure<sup>12</sup> within DCS or OPHC and with organizations.

## **Office of Community Safety**

- Office of Community Safety — Significantly fund and staff the new office to design a crisis response system, align public safety policy across city agencies, and develop new triage and dispatch practices.

# **4. Trump-Proof NYC: Immigrant & LGBTQ+ Protections**

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## **Protect Immigrants from ICE & Impacts of Federal Cuts | \$542.5M**

- Immigrant Defense & Legal Services | \$188M
  - Immigration Legal Services — \$85M
  - Rapid Response Legal Collaborative (baseline) — \$4.5M
  - Immigrant Opportunity Initiative (baseline) — \$40M
  - NY Immigrant Family Unity Program — \$40M
  - Unaccompanied Minor and Families Initiative — \$18.5M
- Immigrant Health & Food Access
  - Access Health NYC: Expand funding to educate communities about health— \$4.5M
  - NYC Care: Strengthen so all immigrants—particularly those losing Essential Plan coverage in 2026 and ACA coverage in 2027—can access health services — \$200M
  - Increase funding for Community Food Connection to ensure access to healthy produce - \$100M
- Invest \$50M in Adult Literacy and Workforce Development Programs, including:
  - Maintain DYCD Adult Literacy RFP contracts - \$12M
  - Create the new Education for Integration and Equity program - \$20M
  - Increase and consolidate funds on the Adult Literacy Forward Initiative - \$18M

## **Bodily Autonomy, Gender-Affirming Care, & Protecting LGBTQ+ New Yorkers | \$125M**

- Expand and Protect Abortion Access — \$60M
  - \$58M to abortion providers: NYC DOHMH Sexual Health Clinics, H+H, and PPGNY
  - \$2M to pilot contraceptive vending machines, particularly in access deserts in five boroughs
- Expand Gender Affirming Care

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<sup>10</sup> As recommended by the ATI/Reentry Coalition.

<sup>11</sup> ~\$135,000 per unit, based on Safe Haven models. OCJ should publish a full analysis of transitional reentry housing need and update eligibility list for Justice Impacted Supportive Housing (JISH).

<sup>12</sup> [NYC Against Hate Violence report and policy proposal](#)

- Expand GAC Access and Prescription Delivery — \$8M<sup>13</sup>
- Gender Affirming Care Fund — Increase from \$3.5M to \$15M (total GAC investment: \$32.5M)
- Gender-Affirming Care (GAC) Services<sup>14</sup> — \$57M<sup>15</sup>
- Trans Equity Programs Initiative — \$10M (increase by \$3.55M to reach full amount)
- Persons Involved in the Sex Trades Fund — Increase from \$3.48M to \$10M
- LGBTQ+ Immigrant Legal and Justice Fund — \$15M annually (\$50M over 5 years)<sup>16</sup>

## 5. Make ‘Em Pay: Make Landlords & Corporate Actors Pay Their Fines

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### Increased Enforcement Staffing | \$185M

- Double the budget of the Dept. of Consumer and Worker Protection (DCWP) and add 400 enforcement staff (inspectors and lawyers) — \$135M
- Increase enforcement staff at:
  - Department of Buildings (DOB) and Dept. of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)
  - City Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) — \$25M
- Modernize systems at HPD — \$25M

### Adjudication & Legal Capacity | \$43M

- Increase adjudication staff at the Office of Administrative Trials and Hearings (OATH)
- Hire 50 additional auditors at the Dept. of Finance (DOF) — \$5M
- Increase corporate litigation staff and add 200 attorneys at the Law Department — \$38M

## 6. Protect Public Spaces & Internet Access

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### Parks, Libraries, and Cultural Institutions | \$93.7M

- Restorations to NYC Parks — \$33M | Restore \$33 million in parks funding cut from last year's adopted budget and baseline 276 parks worker positions set to disappear in July 2026.<sup>17</sup>
- Restorations to Three library systems — \$30.7M
- Restorations to cultural institutions — \$30M

### Digital Equity | \$26.5M

- Expand Neighborhood Internet (formerly Liberty Link) with \$25M in capital funds, growing the municipal broadband pilot from 2,200 to 38,000 households across all five boroughs.
- Baseline Neighborhood Tech Help — which provides digital support to get New Yorkers online and using digital services — at \$1.5M/year, up from its current \$1M pilot budget.

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<sup>13</sup> NYC DOHMH to run a GAC Access Hub directing patients to accessible providers.

<sup>14</sup> Primary care, hormone therapy, sexual health, and surgical procedures via DOHMH-H+H MOU.

<sup>15</sup> \$57M to NYC H+H (via DOHMH MOU), FQHCs, and nonprofits for GAC services including primary care, hormone therapy, sexual health, and surgical procedures — replacing lost federal funding and serving an expected influx of out-of-state patients as bans spread nationally

<sup>16</sup> Addresses critical gaps for LGBTQ+ immigrants, particularly transgender immigrants facing targeted violence. Recommended allocation to Caribbean Equality Project and similar organizations.

<sup>17</sup> Parks has lost over 700 staffing lines since 2023, leaving neighborhoods — disproportionately low-income communities of color — without adequate maintenance, programming, and safety staffing in their parks and recreation centers.