



Summary of the New York City Fiscal Year 2018 Executive Budget

Citizens' Committee for Children (CCC) appreciates the de Blasio Administration's continued investments in programs and services that will improve the lives and outcomes of the youngest New Yorkers. We applaud the administration's investment of \$16.5 million in the upcoming year to begin to create the new 3-K for All prekindergarten program for NYC three-year olds. We are also pleased to see a one year restoration of \$10.3 million to help homeless school children and new investments of \$15 million to expand anti-eviction legal services, \$16.4 million for legal services for immigrants, \$9.4 million in City funds for child welfare services including training, prevention and staff at the Children's Center, as well as the commitment of \$68 million to offset profoundly troubling State budget cuts to foster care, child welfare and child care services.

As the City's budget negotiation process gets underway, we urge the New York City Council and the Mayor to work together to build on these investments and press for greater progress for our City's children by achieving a FY18 Adopted Budget that funds universal lunch at all public schools, creates targeted initiatives to improve the well-being of homeless children living in hotels, baselines funds for summer programs for middle school students, restores funds needed to maintain elementary after-school programs, and invests additional resources to ensure that greater numbers of children benefit from infant and toddler child care and after-school programming. Finally, we hope to see a FY18 Adopted Budget that addresses the underfunding of human services contracts by increasing funding by 12% to raise salaries, support reasonable fringe benefits and cover existing under-funding of OTPS.

A more detailed list of budget proposals that impact children, youth and families is provided in the following pages.

Executive Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2018 (City Funds)

Administration for Children's Services

- Adds \$9.38 million for training, preventive referrals and the Children's Center.
- Adds \$1.9 million in FY 18 (\$3.8 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to the child care block grant.
- Adds \$22.0 in FY 18 (\$44.0 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to the foster care block grant.
- Adds \$10 million in FY 18 (\$20.0 million in the outyears) to offset the State budget cut to institutional schools (Committee on Special Education placements).

Department of Education

- Adds \$11.74 million for Prekindergarten (for 4-year olds).
- Adds \$20.09 million for EarlyLearn Transfer-Quality Enhancements for child care.
- Adds \$16.5 million in FY 18 (increasing to \$156.75 million by FY21) for 3-K (Prekindergarten for 3-year olds).
- Adds \$2.0 million for Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists (SAPIS) (FY18 only).
- Adds \$5.0 million for air conditioning in classrooms.
- Restores \$10.32 million for students in shelters (FY18 only).
- Adds \$3.0 million for lead testing and remediation (FY18 only).
- Adds \$4.57 million for State mandated assessments.

Department of Social Services (Human Resources Administration)

- Adds \$10.8 million (increasing to \$50.4 million in FY 21) for access to counsel in Housing Court.
- Adds \$18.15 million for legal defense for immigrants and expansion of Action NYC.
- Adds \$1.91 million for Homelessness Prevention Staffing.

Department of Homeless Services

- Adds \$1.3 million for Homelessness Prevention Staffing.
- Adds \$17.58 to for Homeless Shelter Rate Increase.
- Adds \$7.09 million in FY 18 (\$5.59 million in the outyears) for shelter maintenance and repair.
- Adds \$75.0 million for a shelter reestimate.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Adds \$8.2 million (increasing to \$9.76 million in FY19) for HealingNYC, to help address the opioid crisis.

Department of Probation

- Adds \$478,000 (FY18 and FY19 only) for Intensive Supervised Probation.

Department of Youth and Community Development

- Adds \$15.6 million (FY18 only) for Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) minimum wage increase.
- Adds \$10.73 million for SONYC middle school after-school expansion.
- Adds \$180,000 for Brownsville Teen Center.
- Adds \$726,000 for Beacon opening fees.

Miscellaneous:

- Adds \$1.5 million (in FY18 and FY19 only) for child trauma response team expansion.
- Adds \$3.67 million for Safe Horizon Child Advocacy Centers.

Preliminary Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2018 (City Funds)

Education

- Adds \$8.4 million for upgrades to internet speeds at schools and data backup.
- Adds \$14.83 million for the SESIS System upgrade (special education data reporting system).
- Adds \$1.4 million to baseline funding for the SESIS/Medicaid Strategy Group.
- Adds \$14.26 million to expand the Summer in the City program to serve additional at-risk second graders, and expand STEM programming and summer school hours from 4 to 6 hours a day.
- Adds \$4.57 million for per session costs for services to special education students.
- Adds \$495 million capital in FY 20-24 to fully fund the creation of 38,487 new seats in schools.
- Adds \$6.26 million for an additional 200 part-time school crossing guards and 100 full-time school crossing guard supervisors to ensure 100% coverage. (NYPD)

Health and Mental Health

- Adds \$3.1 million (increasing to \$4.5 million in the outyears) to expand Cure Violence.

Food and Economic Security

- Adds \$1.37 million for a Job Training Program that converts unpaid WEP positions into paid transitional Job Training Program positions at DCAS.
- Adds \$1.64 million for a Job Training Program at NYPD that converts unpaid WEP positions into paid Job Training Program positions at NYPD.
- Adds \$13.84 million for the Public Engagement Unit for outreach for health insurance coverage and participation in City rent protection and rent freeze programs.
- Adds \$658,000 for Domestic Violence Services Expansion.
- Adds \$761,000 for outreach to increase access to mental health services (ThriveNYC).

Housing and Homelessness

- Adds \$1 billion over 10 years for capital investments in NYCHA public housing.
- Adds \$3.87 million for Shelter Intake staffing.
- Adds \$20.0 million to maintain shelter security at current levels.
- Adds \$3.2 million for an NYPD Management Team to oversee management of security at homeless shelters.
- Adds \$2.49 million for new recruit and in-service training to all peace officers in the Department of Homeless Services (NYPD).
- Adds \$402,000 for 421-a Enforcement Staffing to establish a 421-enforcement unit (HPD).
- Adds \$299,000 for 421-a Temporary Staffing to handle increased 421-a inquiries (HPD) (FY 18 only).

Juvenile Justice

- Adds \$1.13 million for the Credible Messenger Institute to add mentoring hours and training.
- Adds \$660,000 for the Next STEPS contract increase, to increase programming sites and hours.

Youth Services

- Adds \$6.17 million for 10 new Beacon centers.
- Restores \$15 million for SONYC Summer program for 22,800 middle school students (FY 18 only).
- Adds \$9.32 million for 5,000 additional Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) slots, bringing total to 65,000.

In the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget, the City Council and the Administration negotiated a budget that led to the Administration funding several important initiatives in FY17 that no longer have funding in FY18. We urge the Administration and the City Council to restore and baseline funding for these initiatives in the Adopted Budget.

- \$4.9 million for the Emergency Food Assistance Program (EFAP) (DSS)
- \$1.7 million to keep the pools and beaches open one additional week (Parks)
- \$8.0 million for COMPASS elementary after-school programs (DYCD) (note the City Council also added \$8.0 million, together serving 9,000 additional children)
- \$17.5 million for summer programs for 26,000 middle school students (the administration restores \$15.0 million for 22,800 children in the Preliminary Budget for one year only.)

In the Fiscal Year 2017 Adopted Budget, the City Council both restored funding and added funding for initiatives that have been critical for children and families. The Executive Budget failed to restore and/or baseline the following initiatives funded by the City Council in FY17. We urge the Administration and the City Council to restore and baseline the following initiatives in the FY 18 adopted budget:

Community Safety and Child Welfare

- \$6.305 million total for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative.
- \$1.95 million for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which includes \$600,000 for Project CONNECT.
- \$8.84 million total for the Anti-Gun Violence Initiatives.
- \$5.23 million total for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project.
- \$500,000 for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative.

Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice

- \$5.632 million total for Alternatives to Incarceration Programs.
- \$1.4 million for a Bail Fund.
- \$500,000 for the Center for Court Innovation.
- \$1.35 million for an Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault for child victims of physical and sexual abuse, which includes child advocacy centers.
- \$750,000 for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Early Childhood Education/Child Care:

- \$9.35 million for 11 child care programs.
- \$2.792 million total for the City's First Readers Initiative.
- \$3.0 million for special child care funding vouchers for low-income families with school-aged children.

Education:

- \$2.975 million for Educational Programs for Students, which includes \$400,000 for Chess in the Schools, \$275,000 for MOUSE, \$1.55 million for Expanded Schools, Inc., and \$750,000 for the Middle School Quality Initiative in DOE.
- \$500,000 for Child Mind Institute.
- \$1.23 million total for Community Schools.
- \$1.595 million for the Dropout Prevention and Intervention initiative.
- \$245,000 total for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children.
- \$155,000 for LGBTQ-Inclusive Curriculum.
- \$1.925 million for Physical Education and Fitness, which includes \$250,000 for C.H.A.M.P.S., \$800,000 for New York Junior Tennis League, and \$1.0 million for the Small Schools Athletic League.
- \$1.3 million for the Restorative Justice Program.
- \$12.74 million for Support for Educators, which includes funding for STEM Teachers' College and Teacher's Choice school supplies.
- \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage.

Food and Economic Security

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative.
- \$930,000 for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which includes funding for EBTs in Farmers' Markets and expanding Farmers' Markets.
- \$725,000 for Food Access and Benefits, which includes \$250,000 for the EITC Assistance Program and \$475,000 for Food Pantries and Technical Assistance
- \$4.0 million for food pantries.
- \$2.248 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative.

Health

- \$1.07 million for Access Health NYC.
- \$350,000 for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators for non-profits serving youth and the elderly).
- \$646,000 for Child Health and Wellness, which includes the NYU Dental Van and Pediatric Dental Clinic, the asthma initiative and the obesity prevention initiative.
- \$1.43 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative, which includes the Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative.
- \$2.0 million for Nurse-Family Partnership.
- \$260,000 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services, which includes funding for Family Planning.

Mental Health

- \$3.325 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative.
- \$1.0 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 initiative.
- \$1.9 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative.
- \$2.219 million for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services.
- \$1.0 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative.
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition.
- \$1.093 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which includes the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline.

Housing and Homeless Services

- \$1.0 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System.
- \$820,000 total for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund.
- \$5.65 million for Anti-Eviction and Housing Court Resources, which includes \$650,000 for Housing Court Answers and \$5 million for anti-eviction legal services.
- \$3.65 million for Community Housing Preservation Strategies.
- \$450,000 for Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters.
- \$1.0 million total for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.
- \$2.0 million total for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing.

Legal Services

- \$5.0 million for Legal Services for Low-income New Yorkers, which includes citywide civil legal services and the SSI advocacy project.
- \$485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT).
- \$2.405 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor.
- \$750,000 for the Prisoner's Rights Project for Rikers Island.

Parks and Recreation

- \$2.54 million for the Parks Equity Initiative.

Youth Services:

- \$8.0 million for COMPASS elementary after-school programs (note the administration also added \$8.0 million, together serving 9,000 additional children).
- \$5.425 million for the After-School Enrichment Initiative, which includes \$4.0 million for Expanded Schools and \$1.0 million for Sports and Arts in Schools Foundation.
- \$250,000 for Anti-Violence Youth Programs.
- \$11.0 million for a Year-Round Youth Employment Program.
- \$11.22 million for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA).
- \$500,000 for Civic Education in New York City Schools.
- \$1.2 million for Big Brothers Big Sisters of New York City.
- \$1.2 million for Sports Training and Role models for Success Initiative (STARS).
- \$400,000 for the Student Voter Registration Day Initiative.
- \$2.1 million for the NYC Youth Build Project Initiative.

Young Women's Initiative

- The Fiscal Year 2017 Budget included \$5 million to fund 13 key YWI recommendations that need to be restored in FY18. These include:
 - \$500,000 for the ACS Youth Health Initiative.
 - \$500,000 for Gender Equity Liaisons at DOE, DOHMH, DYCD, HPD and HRA.
 - \$400,000 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund.
 - \$250,000 to Expand Transgender Specific Healthcare Training.
 - \$250,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence.
 - \$250,000 for P.A.C.E. Initiative for Young Adults, which are programs that teach young victims empowering and preventive measures to deal with violence.
 - \$250,000 for a Post-Arrest Diversion Program for Young Adults.
 - \$250,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.
 - \$250,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention.
 - \$175,000 for Warrant Reduction Events.
 - \$600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships.
 - \$500,000 for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth (through HRA).