



**Citizens' Committee
for Children** of NEW YORK



CCC Summary of Actions Taken **New York City Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget**

In the face of unprecedented challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic, New York City passed an \$88.2 billion budget on June 30, 2020, made up of \$63.7 billion in city funds with the remainder from state and federal sources. Facing a \$9 billion loss in tax revenue, the City Council and the Administration negotiated a balanced budget that includes important restorations to youth services, as well as essential funding for COVID-19 related expenses and \$800 million in investments to make up for State cost shifts. At the same time, the severity of the budget crisis contributed to a number of significant cuts across important child-serving programs and initiatives.

Among the most important restorations in the Adopted Budget was \$115.8 million in summer youth programs for Fiscal Year 2020. This will enable over 100,000 children and youth to be served this summer through COMPASS, SONYC, Beacon and Cornerstone programs as well as the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). The Budget also included a \$100 million restoration in Fair Student Funding and the restoration of funding for the Single Shepherd counseling program and social workers. However, the budget process disrupted the City's youth services sector, resulting in a significant loss of service capacity and layoffs in the workforce. The damage to these programs comes at a time when they are needed more than ever to help parents return to work and help young people through long periods of social isolation, school disruption and to prepare for an uncertain fall.

Though falling short of the reductions in NYPD funding that many advocates championed, the Adopted Budget makes an important first step in redirecting funds from the NYPD to community-based youth and social service programs. Additional functions have been shifted away from the NYPD, such as school crossing guards and homeless engagement. The Administration and the City Council have also indicated their commitment to transferring control of School Safety Agents from the NYPD to the Department of Education but did not do so in the FY21 Adopted Budget. We remain concerned about the role and funding level of School Safety Agents in schools, regardless of the agency supervising them, and urge City leaders to continue working toward an end to the policing of its students. More broadly, the City must commit to a long-term strategy to meaningfully shift resources away from policing and into Black and brown communities.

Given the severe budget strains on New York's economy, many other important programs and sectors saw reductions in their funding. Hiring freezes have been instituted across most agencies, and City Council initiatives saw an average 15%-20% reduction in funding. Education services saw substantial cuts to community school contracts, central office expenses, and teacher compensation outside school hours. The scope of the budget crisis has left few areas untouched.

The sober reality of this budget underscores the pressing need to seek authority for City borrowing from the State of New York and to secure greater federal stimulus relief. We stand



ready to work with the Administration and City Council to secure the resources needed to tackle the inequities exacerbated by COVID-19, and build a better future for our city, its children, families and communities.

Below is an analysis of the Fiscal Year 2021 Adopted Budget. This analysis examines restorations made by the Administration and new cuts and cost shifts in the Adopted Budget, as well as cuts and cost shifts initially proposed in the Executive Budget and included at adoption. Funding of City Council initiatives is also examined. For more detail on what was proposed in the Fiscal Year 2021 Preliminary and Executive Budget, visit our analysis [here](#).

Restorations and Investments Funded by the Administration in the FY21 Adopted Budget

- Restores \$76.334 million in FY21 for Summer Youth Programs.
 - This includes funding for approximately 80,000 slots across COMPASS, SONYC, Beacon and Cornerstone summer programs for middle school and elementary school students.
 - An additional 35,000 slots for teens in a partial SYEP program were restored through a combination of public and private funds for a total restoration of \$115 million.
- Restores \$100 million of a proposed reduction in the Fair Student Funding formula, the main source of funding for individual school budgets, in FY21.
- Restores \$11.6 million in FY21 for the Single Shepherd program, preventing the elimination of counselors assigned to students in Districts 7 and 23 schools in the Bronx and Brooklyn.
- Restores \$4.8 million in FY21 for 38 social workers in schools, some of which were part of the Bridging the Gap initiative to support students in temporary housing.
- Restores \$1 million in FY21 to support curriculum that is inclusive of the LGBTQ community at the Department of Education.
- Restores \$2.7 million in FY21 for Fair Futures and the Foster Care Task Force (the full amount needed was \$10 million for Fair Futures and \$2.8 million to fully fund the Task Force's recommendations).
- Restores \$4 million in FY21 for childcare vouchers for low-income working families with children (the full amount needed was \$19.7 million for 2,600 new child care vouchers).
- Adds \$10 million in FY21 for CBO Social Distancing.
- Adds \$1.687 million in FY21 for CMS Social Distancing Ambassadors.
- Adds and baselines \$11.970 million for CMS/Cure Violence Expansion.

Savings achieved through cuts, reductions, delays or shifts in resources in the Adopted Budget:

- \$1 billion in unspecified labor savings, to be further detailed through ongoing negotiations with unions.
- \$40.6 million in FY21 and outyears from the DOE's Central Office budget through the elimination of travel and reductions in temporary workers.
- \$50 million in FY21 from summer busing expenses.



- \$10.4 million in FY21 from the Teacher's Choice Program, which reimburses teachers for the purchase of supplies.
- \$20 million in FY21 and outyears from reductions in the DOE Borough Field Offices' budgets.
- \$21 million in FY21 from Per Session pay for teachers, or compensation for work done outside of the school day.
- \$4 million in FY21 from the Teaching Fellows Program.
- \$6 million in FY21 and outyears from a Community Schools contract reduction.
 - An additional \$3 million was lost in state Community Schools Grant Initiatives impacting a total of 34 schools and 20,000 students.
- \$65 million in FY21 from reduction to MTA's Fair Fares program.
- \$15.4 million from Rental Assistance in FY21 and outyears.
- \$5.0 million from Employment Programs in FY21 and outyears.
- Permanently transfers \$4.482 million from NYPD to Department of Homeless Services for the Homeless Outreach function and Shelter Security.
- Transfers \$250,000 for Cure Violence in FY21 from ACS to MOCJ.

Cuts, Reductions, and Cost Shifts initially proposed in the Executive Budget and included in the Adopted Budget:

Early Childhood Education/Child Care

- \$43.8 million in FY21 from a delay in the expansion of 3K to districts 1, 12, 14, and 29.

Education

- \$67 million in FY21 and outyears from a reduction in professional development for teachers and staff.
- \$46.6 million in FY21 and outyears from a department-wide hiring freeze.
- \$42.4 million in FY21 and outyears from the reduction and elimination of the Mayor's Equity & Excellence agenda, including College Access for All and Computer Science for All.
- \$9.6 million in FY21 and outyears for a reduction in the school food budget.
- \$15.5 million in FY21 and outyears from the reduction of contracts and supplies associated with arts programming in middle and high schools.
- \$3.8 million in FY21 and outyears from a reduction in spending for the Civics for All program.
- \$10 million in FY21 and \$8.3 million in outyears from the delay of installation of air conditioners in classrooms.
- \$40 million in FY21 from the reduction of a temporary School Allocation Memoranda, another funding stream for individual schools.
- \$1.8 million in FY21 and outyears from scaling down contracts, technology curriculum, and teacher certification programming for health education in schools.

Health & Mental Health Services



- \$300,000 in FY20 from hiring freeze savings at the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- \$5 million in FY20 and FY21 from reduction to the Crisis Prevention and Response Task Force.
- \$1.2 million in FY20 and outyears from reduction to School Mental Health Consultants.
- \$2.389 million in FY20 and outyears from vacancy reductions at DOHMH.

Parks

- \$12 million in FY21 for reduction due to closure of outdoor pools for the 2020 season (late June to Labor Day) given COVID-19.
- \$12.7 million in FY21 for a reduction in other parks expenses including trees and sidewalks maintenance, tree stump removal, and tree pruning.

Social Services

- \$11.5 million in FY20 and \$8.5M in FY21 from reduction to Access to Counsel (provides legal services to low-income New Yorkers facing eviction).
- \$2.2 million in FY20 for subsidized job underspending.
- \$1 million in FY20 and \$6 million in FY21 and outyears from reduction to Job Training Program.
- \$65.5 million in FY20 from reduction to Fair Fares.

Youth Services

- \$5 million in FY21 and outyears from an underspending adjustment to the Dept. of Education's contribution to SONYC afterschool programming for middle school students.
- \$634,000 in FY21 from the suspension of 1,000 Parks Department summer camp slots.

Multiple Agencies

- \$20M in FY20 only from reductions to non-profit contracts associated with indirect costs, across ACS, DSS, DHS, Dept. for the Aging, DYCD, DOHMH, HPD, DOE, Dept. of Probation, and Dept. of Small Business Services.

City Council Initiatives FY 2021

Child Welfare and Domestic Violence

- Restores \$9.805 million (level funding) for Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative.
- Restores \$2.45 million (level funding) for Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE), which included \$600,000 for Project CONNECT at ACS.

Community Development and Libraries

- Restores \$0 of \$14 million (eliminates funding) from Census outreach from community-based organizations



- Restores \$3.166 million of \$3.725 million (\$559,000 reduction) for LGBT Community Services.
- Restores \$11.9 million of \$14 million (\$2.1 million reduction) for NYC's three library systems (in FY20 administration also increased and baselined \$16 million and restored \$2.5 million).

Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice

- Restores \$11.879 million of \$13.487 million (\$1.61 million reduction) for Alternatives to Incarceration programs.
- Restores \$3.21 million (level funding) for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers.
- Restores \$1.2 million (level funding) for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking.
- Restores \$2.16 million of \$2.53 million (\$37,000 reduction) for Diversion Programs.
- Restores \$1.83 million of \$3.04 million (\$1.21 million) for Innovative Criminal Justice Programs.

Early Childhood Education/Child Care

- Restores \$4.9 million of \$5.405 million (\$504,334 reduction) for Discretionary Child Care programs.
- Restores \$3.9 million of \$5.194 million (\$1.289 million reduction) for the City's First Readers Initiative (DYCD).

Education

- Restores \$777,000 (level funding) for the Child Mind Institute.
- Restores \$3.45 million of \$3.75 million (\$300,000 reduction) for community schools.
- Restores \$1.198 million of \$1.78 million (\$580,000 reduction) for College and Career Readiness and \$1.827 million of \$1.87 million (\$43,000 reduction) for Social and Emotional Supports for Students. These programs supported providers previously funded through the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiatives.
- Restores \$8.328 million of \$8.503 million (\$174,200 reduction) for Educational Programs for Students, which included programs such as Chess in the Schools, CUNY STEM Institute, and the Middle School Quality Initiative.
- Restores \$250,000 (level funding) for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children.
- Restores \$800,000 (level funding) for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum.
- Restores \$1.675 million of \$2.175 million (\$500,000 reduction) for Physical Education and Fitness.
- Restores \$4.150 million of \$4.56 million (\$409,500 reduction) for Support for Educators, which included a teacher's center, professional development and nutrition education.

Economic Security

- Restores \$2.8 million (level funding) for the Anti-Poverty Initiative.



- Restores \$3.067 million of \$3.609 million (\$541,350 reduction) for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative.

Food Initiatives

- Restores \$2.259 million (level funding) for Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education, which included a pilot program at the City University of New York to increase food access for food insecure college students.
- Restores \$725,000 (level funding) for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative (HRA).
- Restores \$5.659 million (level funding) for food pantries (DYCD).

Health Services

- Restores \$2.55 million of \$3.0 million (\$450,000 reduction) for Access Health NYC.
- Restores \$175,000 of \$350,000 (\$175,000 reduction) for Beating Hearts (automated external defibrillators for non-profits serving youth and the elderly).
- Restores \$549,100 of \$646,000 (\$96,900 reduction) for Child Health and Wellness, which included various programs such as obesity prevention, asthma programs and oral health services.
- Restores \$1.863 million of \$2.193 million (\$328,923 reduction) for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative.
- Restores \$378,070 of \$594,788 (\$216,718 reduction) for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services.
- Restores \$1.934 million of \$2.275 million (\$341,250 reduction) for Trans Equity Programs.
- \$390,000 for transgender healthcare training at Health + Hospitals.
- Restores \$3.968 million of \$6.0 million (\$2.03 million reduction) for the Article 6 Public Health Funding Backfill.

Homeless and Housing Services

- Restores \$1.148 million of \$1.35 million (\$202,500 reduction) for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System.
- Restores \$697,000 of \$820,000 (123,000 reduction) for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund.
- Restores \$3.103 million of \$3.65 million (\$547,650 reduction) for Community Housing Preservation Strategies.
- Restores \$382,500 of \$450,000 (\$67,500 reduction) for Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters.
- Restores \$650,000 (level funding) for Housing Court Answers.
- Restores \$3.25 million (level funding) for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.
- Restores \$2.55 million of \$3 million (\$450,000 reduction) for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing.

Immigration Services

- Restores \$16.6 million (level funding) for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project.



- Restores \$3.982 million (level funding) for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative.

Legal Services

- Restores \$4.93 million of \$5.8 million (\$870,000 reduction) for Legal Services for Low income New Yorkers, which included citywide legal services and the SSI advocacy project.
- Restored \$412,250 of \$485,000 (\$72,750 reduction) for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT).
- Restores \$2.724 million of \$3.205 million (\$480,750 reduction) for Legal Services for the Working Poor.
- Restores \$1.0 million of \$1.5 million (\$500,000 reduction) of Family Advocacy and Guardianship Support

Mental Health Services

- Restores \$3.247 million (level funding) for the Autism Awareness Initiative.
- Restores \$851,700 of \$1.002 million (\$150,300 reduction) for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 Initiative.
- Restores \$2.89 million of \$3.4 million (\$510,000 reduction) for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative.
- Restores \$1.917 million of \$2.256 million (\$338,324 reduction) for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services
- Restores \$1.02 million of \$1.2 million (\$180,000 reduction) for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative.
- Restores \$0 of \$500,000 (eliminates funding) from Medicaid Redesign Transition.
- Restores \$1.987 million of \$2.318 million (\$330,700 reduction) for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which included the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline.
- Restores \$2.975 million of \$3.5 million (\$525,000 reduction) for Opioid Prevention and Treatment.

Youth Services

- Restores \$5.868 million of \$6.780 million (\$911,485 reduction) for Afterschool Enrichment Initiatives.
- Restores \$1.87 million of \$2.052 million (\$181,552 reduction) for COMPASS elementary after-school.
- Restores \$1.02 million of \$1.2 million (\$180,000 reduction) for Big Brothers and Big Sister of New York City.
- Restores \$467,500 of \$550,000 (\$82,500 reduction) for Civic Education in New York City Schools.
- Restores \$1.251 million of \$1.45 million (\$198,800 reduction) for Sports Training and Role Models for Success Initiative (STARS).
- Restores \$1.715 million of \$2.1 million (\$385,000 reduction) for Youth Build Project Initiative.



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- Restores \$14.28 million of \$17.34 million (\$30.6 million reduction) for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA).

Young Women's Initiative

- Restores \$702,900 of \$781,000 (\$78,100 reduction) for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund.
- Restores \$477,000 of \$530,000 (\$53,000 reduction) for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence (\$530,000 total).
- Restores \$225,000 of \$250,000 (\$25,000 reduction) for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement.
- Restores \$315,000 of \$350,000 (\$35,000 reduction) for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.
- Restores \$156,600 of \$174,000 (\$17,400 reduction) for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention.
- Restores \$600,000 (level funding) for Work-Based Learning Internships.
- Restores \$1.039 million of \$1.23 million (\$191,500 reduction) for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth.
- Restores \$1.445 million of \$1.606 million (\$160,550 reduction) for Young Women's Leadership Development.