



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

On April 16, 2020, Mayor de Blasio released his \$89.3 billion Executive Budget for City Fiscal Year 2021, which begins July 1, 2020 and runs through June 30, 2021.

The City's Executive Budget was released amid unprecedented challenges facing our city and our state due to COVID-19. We appreciate the actions taken by Mayor de Blasio to prioritize the health, safety, and food access of all New Yorkers during this crisis, all while confronting a \$6 billion budget deficit and a projected \$7.4 billion loss in tax revenue. This deficit is addressed through a combination of City reserve funds, as well as \$2 billion in reductions in FY21. In spite of this deficit, the Mayor has committed to spending over \$3.5 billion to support COVID-19-related expenses, as well as approximately \$800 million to cover cost-shifts from the state in areas of public health, child welfare, and education.

Proposed reductions in the Executive Budget include over \$470 million in cuts to the Department of Education's (DOE) budget in FY21, with the largest single cut coming to the Fair Student Funding Formula, the funding stream that comprises the majority of individual school budgets. In addition, the Executive Budget rolls back arts, health education, and college access programming, while also instituting a system-wide hiring freeze. These cuts will make it harder for the DOE to support students who will fall behind during this period of remote learning.

The budget also proposes to cancel all summer programs, including the Summer Youth Employment Program, summer COMPASS and SONYC programs, and summer programs run through Beacons and Cornerstones, leaving *at least* 140,000 children across the City with no options for this summer. Youth services may present a challenge if social distancing guidelines are still in effect this summer, but these programs will be vital to the City's COVID-19 recovery plan, to help address children's trauma, to help parents get back to work, and to help recoup learning loss from the fragmented school year.

Additionally, the State's decision to cut reimbursement for NYC's Article 6 public health program leaves the city's public health infrastructure in jeopardy if the city does not once again fill this budget hole for community-based providers. The city budget also includes reductions to nonprofit contracts, which may make it harder for - programs to remain open and serve communities most in need.

The Executive budget adds new funding for initiatives that impact children and families, including a \$3.8 million expansion in the current year for NYC Well, the city's 24/7 hotline that provides free, confidential mental health supports. The other primary areas of added investments are to cover cuts and cost-shifts resulting from the state budget, for schools and TANF-related services such as shelters and preventive services. Mayor de Blasio has also committed to funding an additional \$170 million to combat food insecurity.



We recognize the enormous challenge facing the City in light of COVID -19 pandemic and the economic downturn, as well as due to inadequate investments from the State and the federal government. We stand ready to support the City in advocating with State and Federal leaders to ensure New York City and our families and communities receive the supports so desperately needed. Those families hardest hit by COVID-19 are the same families that will suffer the most from cuts to city programs. We look forward to working with the Mayor and City Council to strengthen the educational, youth, housing, health and behavioral health services that will be the foundation for recovery.

A detailed summary of the City's FY 2021 executive budget proposals that impact children and families can be found below.

The Executive Budget for FY 2021 Adds Funding for the Following Initiatives:

- \$3.8 million in FY20 to expand NYCWell, NYC's 24/7 mental health hotline.
- \$381.5 million in FY21 to cover cost-shifts from the State in overall education funding.
- \$68.5 million in FY21 and \$82.5 million in FY22 and outyears to cover cuts in the state's contribution to TANF-funded initiatives such as shelter services and child welfare preventive services across ACS, DSS and DHS budgets.

The Executive Budget for FY 2021 includes the following cuts, reductions and delays:

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.
- \$100 million in FY21 from a reduction in the Fair Student Funding formula; the funding source that comprises the majority of individual school budgets.
- \$54 million in FY21 and outyears from the reduction and elimination of the Mayor's Equity & Excellence agenda, including College Access for All and Single Shepherd, programs designed to help students get to college and provide individual counseling for middle school students.
- \$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

- \$8 million in FY20 and \$116M in FY21 from the suspension of the Summer Youth Employment Program.
 - This cut is on top of the exclusion of \$11.9 million for 5,000 additional SYEP slots that were one-time funded in the FY20 Adopted Budget.
- \$8.5 million in FY21 from the suspension of Beacon summer programming.
- \$36.5 million in FY21 from the suspension of COMPASS summer programming for elementary school students.
- \$8.5 million in FY21 from the suspension of Cornerstone summer programming.
- \$5.7 million in FY21 from the suspension of SONYC summer programming for middle school students.
 - This cut is on top of the exclusion of \$20.35 million for 34,000 additional middle school summer slots that were one-time funded in the FY20 Adopted Budget.



- \$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.

The Executive Budget for FY 2021 Fails to Fund Key Initiatives:

Initiatives funded in the Adopted Budget for City Fiscal Year 2020 by the administration for one year only that were not funded in the FY21 Preliminary or Executive Budgets

- \$19.7 million for Work, Learn, & Grow year-round youth employment program.
- \$10 million to fund the Fair Futures program for comprehensive supports for foster youth in middle school through age 26, and \$2.8 million to fully fund recommendations from the Foster Care Taskforce.
- Approximately \$6 million for community based providers to backfill State cuts to NYC's Article 6 General Public Health Work program.
- \$19.7 million to provide 2,600 new childcare vouchers for low-income working families with children.
- \$2.2 million to support diversity and inclusion initiatives at the Department of Education.
- \$1.0 million to support curriculum that is inclusive of the LGBTQ community at the Department of Education.
- \$1.3 million for Restorative justice programs in schools and \$3.5 million for Urban Advantage Science Education curricula (previously jointly funded by Council and Administration).
- \$1.0 million for Halal and Kosher meals at DOE schools.
- \$2.6 million to support community school sustainability.
- \$4.5 million for support of child care providers previously supported by the Council (FY20 budget included one-year additions bringing the total allocation to \$10.1 million).
- \$500,000 for the Youth Health Initiative.



The Executive Budget for FY21 Does Not Fund City Council Initiatives from FY20:

Each year the City Council appropriates discretionary funding for programs and services that are largely community-based. Given the current crisis, it is uncertain if any of these initiatives will be funded in FY21, putting in doubt a wide range of programs children and families rely on.

The following are City Council initiatives funded in the City Fiscal Year 2020 Adopted Budget for one year only that were not included in the FY 21 Preliminary or Executive Budgets.

Child Welfare and Domestic Violence

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

Community Development and Libraries

- \$14 million to support Census outreach from community-based organizations (the FY20 Executive Budget included \$26 million, for a total of \$40 million).
- \$3.725 million for LGBT Community Services.
- \$14 million for NYC's three library systems (in FY20 administration also increased and baselined \$16 million and restored \$2.5 million).
- \$8.6 million for additional trash pickup of corner litter baskets.

Criminal Justice Services/Juvenile Justice

- \$13.487 million for Alternatives to Incarceration programs.
- \$2.095 million for the Center for Court Innovation for their operations in courts, school justice centers and youth programs as part of a new Innovative Criminal Justice Programs initiative.
- \$3.21 million for the Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault, which includes child advocacy centers.
- \$1.2 million for Support for Victims of Human Trafficking.

Early Childhood Education/Child Care

- \$5.405 million for Discretionary Child Care programs.
- \$5.194 million for the City's First Readers Initiative (DYCD).

Education

- \$777,000 for the Child Mind Institute.
- \$3.75 million for community schools.



- \$1.78 million for College and Career Readiness and \$1.87 million for Social and Emotional Supports for Students. These programs supported providers previously funded through the Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiatives.
- \$8 million for Educational Programs for Students, which included programs such as Chess in the Schools, CUNY STEM Institute, and the Middle School Quality Initiative.
- \$250,000 for the Jill Chaifetz Helpline operated by Advocates for Children.
- \$800,000 for LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum.
- \$2.175 million for Physical Education and Fitness.
- \$4.56 million for Support for Educators, which included a teacher's center, professional development and nutrition education.

Economic Security

- \$2.8 million for the Anti-Poverty Initiative.
- \$3.609 million for Worker Cooperative and Business Development Initiative.

Food Initiatives

- \$2.259 million 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.
- \$725,000 for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative (HRA).
- \$5.659 million for food pantries (DYCD).

Health Services

- \$3.0 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 included various programs such as obesity prevention, asthma programs and oral health services.
- \$2.193 million for Maternal and Child Health Services initiative.
- \$594,788 for Reproductive and Sexual Health Services.
- \$2.275 million for Trans Equity Programs.
- \$390,000 for transgender healthcare training at Health + Hospitals.

Homeless and Housing Services

- \$1.35 million for Children and Families in the NYC Homeless System.
- \$820,000 total for the Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund.
- \$3.65 million for Community Housing Preservation Strategies.
- \$450,000 for Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters.
- \$650,000 for Housing Court Answers.
- \$3.25 million for the Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program.
- \$3 million total for Stabilizing NYC, a citywide coalition to prevent the loss of affordable housing.



Immigration Services

- \$16.6 million for the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project.
- \$3.982 million for the Unaccompanied Minors and Families Initiative.

Legal Services

- \$5.8 million for Legal Services for Low income New Yorkers, which included citywide legal services and the SSI advocacy project.
- \$485,000 for Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT).
- \$3.205 million for Legal Services for the Working Poor.

Mental Health Services

- \$3.247 million for the Autism Awareness Initiative.
- \$1.002 million for the Mental Health Services for Children Under 5 Initiative.
- \$3.4 million for the Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative.
- \$2.256 million for Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services
- \$1.2 million for the LGBTQ Youth All-Borough Mental Health Initiative.
- \$500,000 for Medicaid Redesign Transition.
- \$2.318 million for Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations, which included the Samaritans Suicide Prevention hotline.
- \$3.5 million for Opioid Prevention and Treatment.

Youth Services

- \$6.780 million for Afterschool Enrichment Initiatives.
- \$2.052 million for COMPASS elementary after-school.
- \$1.2 million for Big Brothers and Big Sister of New York City.
- \$550,000 for Civic Education in New York City Schools.
- \$1.45 million for Sports Training and Role Models for Success Initiative (STARS).
- \$2.1 million for Youth Build Project Initiative.
- \$17.34 million total for Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA) (DCLA).

Young Women's Initiative

- \$781,000 for a Dedicated Contraceptive Fund.
- \$530,000 for an Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence (\$530,000 total).
- \$250,000 for HRA Teen RAPP Enhancement.
- \$350,000 for the Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.
- \$174,000 for Step in and Stop it Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention.
- \$600,000 for Work-Based Learning Internships.
- \$1.23 million for Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth.
- \$1.606 million for Young Women's Leadership Development.