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Fiscal 2017 Preliminary Mayor's Management Report for the  
**Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice**

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## Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice Overview

The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ or the office) facilitates cooperation and partnerships among the agencies and actors involved in crime-fighting and criminal justice in New York City. MOCJ serves as a liaison between the Police Department (NYPD), the Departments of Correction (DOC) and Probation (DOP), the five District Attorneys' offices, the Office of the Special Narcotics Prosecutor, the courts, and other agencies to help coordinate consistent citywide policy on criminal justice issues. MOCJ also advises the Mayor on criminal justice matters and is responsible for developing and implementing policies, legislation, and strategies in the fields of public safety and criminal justice.

This report provides a review of MOCJ's Preliminary Budget for Fiscal 2018. It should be noted that the cure violence indicators for the Crisis Management System are no longer presented in the Preliminary Mayor's Management Report (PMMR), because management of this initiative has transitioned to MOCJ. MOCJ's budget is within the Mayor's budget (Agency 002). In the section below, the Fiscal 2018 Budget is presented in a chart which details MOCJ's spending by Personal Services (PS), Other Than Personal Services (OTPS), and headcount. The second section discusses broad multi-agency initiatives that MOCJ oversees. The third section of the report includes a section on the City Council initiatives that are procured through MOCJ with an overview of funding for Fiscal 2017 and a brief description of each initiative.

## Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget Highlights

<b>Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice - Expense Budget (002)</b>				
	<b>2017</b>	<b>Preliminary Plan</b>		<b>*Difference</b>
<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	<b>Adopted</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017-2018</b>
Personal Services	\$3,087	\$4,958	\$2,886	(\$201)
Other Than Personal Services	3,326	5,368	3,337	11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,413</b>	<b>\$10,326</b>	<b>\$6,223</b>	<b>(\$190)</b>
<b>Budgeted Headcount</b>				
Full-Time Positions – Civilian	35	69	31	(4)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>(4)</b>

*\*The difference of Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget compared to Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget.*

The operating budget for the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice is part of the Mayor's budget in units of appropriation (050 and 051) for criminal justice programs. The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget for MOCJ totals \$6.2 million with a budgeted headcount of 31 positions. MOCJ's Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget decreases slightly by \$189,561, which represents a minimal decrease of less than one percent, when compared to the Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget. The decrease in funding can be attributed to one-time consultant expenses no longer represented in MOCJ's budget.

## MOCJ Contracted Services Funding Summary

<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	2016	Preliminary Plan		*Difference
		2017	2018	2016 - 2018
<b>Indigent Defense</b>	\$250,567	\$249,915	\$249,915	(\$652)
<b>Sub-total, Indigent Defense</b>	<b>\$250,567</b>	<b>\$249,915</b>	<b>\$249,915</b>	<b>(\$652)</b>
<b>Criminal Justice Programs</b>				
Pretrial Screening, ATI and ATD Programs	\$38,882	\$45,753	\$47,190	\$8,308
Crime Victims	15,071	15,042	14,969	(102)
Court Operations	1,793	3,276	2,756	963
Mediation	1,300	1,116	1,100	(200)
Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety	2,739	2,742	2,357	(382)
Anti-Gun Violence	315	1,187	825	510
Federal Asset Forfeiture	595	460	0	(595)
Other Programs	1,633	9,376	5,061	3,428
<b>Sub-total, Criminal Justice Programs</b>	<b>\$62,329</b>	<b>\$78,951</b>	<b>\$74,256</b>	<b>\$11,928</b>
<b>City Council Initiatives</b>				
<b>Sub-total, City Council Initiatives</b>	<b>\$16,897</b>	<b>\$20,721</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>(\$16,897)</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$329,793</b>	<b>\$349,588</b>	<b>\$324,172</b>	<b>(\$5,621)</b>
<b>Funding</b>				
City Funds	\$285,419	\$305,815	\$280,859	(\$4,560)
State	43,779	43,313	43,313	(466)
Federal	595	460	0	(595)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$329,793</b>	<b>\$349,588</b>	<b>\$324,172</b>	<b>(\$5,621)</b>

\*Fiscal 2016 Actual vs Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget  
Source: MOCJ

MOCJ's Contracted Services Funding Summary table provides the total contract value for indigent defense, criminal justice programs, and City Council Initiatives by funding source. MOCJ is responsible for managing the City's Indigent Defense System, which includes procuring contracts with legal service organizations and improving the efficiency, accountability, and quality of representation that indigent New Yorkers receive. MOCJ also contracts with community-based organizations to provide services related to criminal justice programs. The total contract value for Fiscal 2017 is approximately \$349.6 million (including City and non-city funding.) Of this amount, \$305.8 million, or 87 percent, is funded with City tax-levy dollars with 71 percent, or \$249.9 million, exclusively dedicated to funding indigent defense. For the year-over-year changes to the indigent defense see page 13. Of note, as mentioned above funding for City Council Initiatives are not included in the Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget. Additional details about indigent defense services and contracts can be found in the Courts and Legal Services Committee Report on the Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget on the City Council's website at <http://council.nyc.gov/budget/>.

Below are relevant budget actions for MOCJ that can be found in the City's miscellaneous budget.

- **Criminal Justice Agency Language Access.** The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget includes \$108,750 in Fiscal 2018 and \$142,500 in the outyears to enable Criminal Justice Agency (CJA) to provide language access services to defendants who are deaf or who have limited English proficiency. The funding will fund phone lines, instruments, software, and in-person interpretation for CJA clients. According to MOCJ, in Fiscal 2016, 2,145 cases required interpretation.
- **Criminal Justice Reform Act Evaluation.** In May 2016, the Council passed the Criminal Justice Reform Act, aimed at creating more proportional penalties for certain low-level, nonviolent offenses. The November Plan included \$719,000 over three fiscal years for a contract with John Jay College to examine the issuance and the disposition of civil and criminal summonses in New York City from 2003 to present and after the implementation of the Criminal Justice Reform Act.
- **Office of Special Enforcement Public Awareness Campaign.** The November Plan includes \$1.7 million in Fiscal 2019, to enable the Office of Special Enforcement (OSE) to conduct an advertising based outreach and education campaign related to the issue of illegal short-term renting. OSE is in the process of finalizing the planning process to design and implement this campaign.

## Multi-Agency Initiatives

In its role as liaison between law enforcement and criminal justice agencies, MOCJ's work shapes and funds strategies at the various stages of the criminal justice process. The Office's work has broad impacts on other agencies' budgets. Below are some of the multi-agency initiatives coordinated and managed by MOCJ that involve agencies beyond law enforcement and criminal justice organizations.

### Mayor's Action Plan (MAP) for Neighborhood Safety

In July 2014, the Administration announced a comprehensive multi-agency effort to address public safety and community development in 15 New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) developments. With MOCJ's oversight, the Department for the Aging (DFTA), Department of Probation (DOP), Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD), Human Resources Administration (HRA), New York Police Department (NYPD), Center for Economic Opportunity (CEO), Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence (OCDV), and NYCHA provide multiple services in an effort to bring neighborhood residents and government together to reduce crime at the 15 NYCHA developments. The 15 NYCHA developments are Boulevard, Brownsville, Bushwick, Butler; Castle Hill, Ingersoll; Patterson, Polo Grounds, Queensbridge, Red Hook, St. Nicholas, Stapleton, Tompkins, Van Dyke, and Wagner.

The Administration initially invested \$210.5 million in expense funding for a variety of programs and service enhancements. The total funding for this initiative is captured in the budgets of multiple City agencies including MOCJ. Part of the total \$210.5 million in funding supports broad programs in MOCJ's budget like a neighborhood stat program, crime prevention through environmental design work and behavioral change work, and evaluation

of the initiative. In Fiscal 2016, the City baselined \$102 million for the expense-funded programs within the initiative at the agencies involved in the initiative. The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Plan adds additional support to the MAP programs as described below:

- **Brownsville Teen Center.** The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget includes \$65,275 in Fiscal 2017 and \$180,001 in the outyears to provide programming, such as homework assistance, mentorship activities, recreational activities, and creative and media arts at the Brownsville Housing Development.

In the first year of the MAP initiative, agencies focused on making physical improvements to NYCHA buildings and grounds, providing residents with additional opportunities for work and play, and creating forums for police/resident joint problem solving. The second year, the MAP initiative continued programs and services, but put an emphasis on targeted strategies at each of the 15 developments. Finally, in year three, the MAP initiative aims to concentrate on the employment of youth, the installation of layered access and closed circuit television, and rolling out NeighborhoodStat at each Development.

The Fiscal 2017 PMMR report includes indicators relevant to the Mayor's Action Plan on Neighborhood Safety, which can be found on page 31 of the PMMR. Below are the relevant indicators for Fiscal 2017:

Crime Statistics in the 15 MAP Developments			
	July 1- October 31		
	FY16	FY17	% Change
<b>Violent crime</b>	231	212	(8.2%)
<b>Total index crimes</b>	322	296	(8.1%)
<b>Shootings</b>	13	9	(30.8%)

Source: PMMR

The crime statistics reflect NYPD's role in the MAP initiative. Violent crimes include murder, rape, robbery and felony assault. Total index crime represents the seven major index crimes, which are murder, rape, felony assault, burglary, grand larceny, and grand larceny auto. Although the indicators are not included for each of the 15 developments, there is a decrease of 8.1 percent for total index crimes and a decrease of 8.2 percent for violent crime in the 15 MAP developments. Finally, shootings decreased by 30.8 percent to 9 incidences during the reporting period in Fiscal 2017. Crime statistics for each of the 15 developments would offer a complete view of whether these crime reductions strategies were effective.

Below are additional indicators for MAP that reflects the indicators related to improved infrastructure/environmental design and community engagement and programming.

Agency/Office	Indicators Name	FY16 Actuals	July-Oct 2016(FY17) Actuals	FY17 Target
<b>Improved Infrastructure/Environmental Design</b>				
NYCHA	Temporary light fixtures placed	149	184	*
NYCHA	Permanent lights installed	1,412	1,603	2,500
NYCHA	Layered access projects completed (repairing and adding additional security to development entry and access points)	0	22	45
NYCHA	Cameras installed (closed circuit television)	988	0	800
NYCHA	Non-construction scaffolding and shedding removed (feet)	7,104	223	6,931
<b>Community Engagement and Programming</b>				
DPR	Kids in Motion participants across MAP sites	53,597	58,002	50,000
DPR	Shape-Up participants across MAP sites	3,781	731	3,000
DYCD	MAP Summer Youth Employment (SYEP) participants	1,706	1,816	850
Center for Economic Opportunity	Youth enrolled in Work Progress Program (WPP)	380	71	*
DOP	New participants enrolled in the NextSTEPS youth mentorship program	208	172	200
DOP	Total participants enrolled in the NextSTEPS youth mentorship program	208	279	200
DOP	Participants who positively exited NextSTEPS program	153	52	80
OCDV	Clients linked to DVRT specialist and Family Justice Centers	65	N/A	N/A
OCDV	Community outreach events	486	139	400
HRA	Appointments to connect individuals to HRA services	2,378	695	1,500
HRA	Individuals connected to HRA services	1,459	425	1,000
HRA	Percentage of clients seeking SNAP and Emergency Assistance benefits enrollment who are successfully enrolled in those benefits	N/A	53%	30%
DFTA	Grandparent support participation	923	117	1,200
DFTA	Seniors engaged at public events	8,971	1,983	5,500
DFTA	Program intakes	79	34	250

Source: PMMR

- During this reporting period, 223 feet of non-construction sidewalk shedding was removed. In Fiscal 2016, 7,104 feet of shedding and scaffolding was removed.
- The number of total participants in NextSTEPS program increased to 279 during the reporting period in Fiscal 2017.
- The number of temporary light fixtures placed increased to 184 during the reporting period in Fiscal 2017.

## Crisis Management System

The Crisis Management System, piloted by the City Council in Fiscal 2013 and 2014, delivers a multi-agency approach to reduce gun violence in New York City. In Fiscal 2017, the Administration and the Council committed a total of \$22.6 million in funding to continue providing a comprehensive community-based approach to addressing gun violence in 18 catchment areas within 17 police precincts. In February 2016, the Mayor announced the creation of the Mayor's Office to Prevent Gun Violence, the new office will oversee an expansion of violence intervention strategies. To coincide with the launch of the office, Mayor announced an expansion to the cure violence in the Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget.

- **Cure Violence Expansion.** The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget includes \$4.5 million for the expansion of cure violence. The \$4.5 million will provide an additional \$250,000 to 18 providers each fiscal year. Of the \$4.5 million in Fiscal 2018, \$1.4 million is funding from the State, however in the outyears funding is solely City funding. It should be noted that this budget action can be found in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's budget.

Below are the Fiscal 2017 allocations related to the Crisis Management System:

- **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH).** DOHMH receives a total of \$12.9 million for Cure Violence, professional mental health, and community therapeutic services. Of the \$12.9 million, the Council allocated \$5.3 million in Fiscal 2017 to support DOHMH funded programs.
- **Department of Education.** DOE receives a total of \$3.7 million for school-based conflict mediation and youth programming. Of the \$3.7 million, the Council allocated \$1.2 million in Fiscal 2017 to support DOE funded programs.
- **Department of Probation.** DOP receives a total of \$2.6 million for a justice plus, job readiness training program. Of the \$2.6 million, the Council allocated \$1.6 million in Fiscal 2017 to support these programs.
- **Department of Youth and Community Development.** DYCD received a total of \$1.6 million youth employment program and other conflict mediation and youth programming. Of the \$1.6 million, the Council allocated \$1.5 million primarily for the City Council Youth Employment Program in Fiscal 2017.
- **Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice.** MOCJ received a total of \$1.3 million for legal services, a peer leadership committee and leadership training. Of the \$1.3 million, the Council allocated \$1.3 million in Fiscal 2017 to support these programs.
- **Administration of Children Services.** The Council allocated \$450,000 in Fiscal 2017 to bring violence interrupters to non-secure placement and detention sites across the City.



## Mayor's Taskforce on Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice

During his first year in office, Mayor de Blasio convened a Taskforce on Behavioral Health and Criminal Justice and in December 2014, MOCJ released the taskforce's first report. The report lays out an action plan that involves several City agencies, such as New York Health + Hospitals (H+H), DOHMH, DOC, NYPD, DOP, and MOCJ, to reduce crime and reduce the number of people with behavioral issues cycling through the criminal justice system. The action plan outlined a spending plan over a four-year period, \$40 million of which will be supported with asset forfeiture funds provided by DANY. The Administration has begun implementing the recommendations of the Task Force. Below listed are the planned allocations for programs offering interventions at each of the various points a person would enter and exit the criminal justice system.

Mayor's Taskforce on Behavioral Health ( <i>\$ in Thousands</i> )				
	Agency Partner	Programs and Services	FY15-18 Funding*	
			City	DANY
<b>Before Arrest</b>	NYPD; DOHMH	NYPD Mental Health Training; Public Health Diversion Centers	\$3,500	\$13,000
<b>From Arrest to Disposition</b>	DOHMH; MOCJ	Pre-arrest screening; matching people to services	2,200	15,100
<b>Inside DOC</b>	DOHMH; DOC	Reduce staff to inmate ratio in adolescent housing; crisis intervention teams; training for DOHMH and DOC; camera system expansion at DOC; capital upgrades to Rikers School	52,600	0
<b>Release and Re-entry</b>	DOC; HRA; DOHMH	Connecting inmates to Medicaid; ICAN programming expansion	38,200	0
<b>In the Community</b>	DHS	Permanent Supportive Housing	0	9,000
<b>Other Services</b>	DOP; MOCJ	Health Services Team; Evaluation; Training; Data sharing and Technology	4,200	2,900
<b>Subtotal</b>			<b>\$100,700</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>\$140,700</b>	

\*Includes capital expenditures added in Fiscal 2016.

Source: MOCJ

## PMMR Highlights

Performance Indicators	Actual	4-month Actual (July-Oct)	Target		Cumulative		End Date
	FY16	FY17	FY17	FY18	Actual	Target	
NYPD officers who completed crisis intervention training	3,947	671	*	*	4,618	5,500	6/30/2018
Participants enrolled in supervised release slots	911	1,014	*	*	1,925	3,048	6/30/2018
Individuals provided substance use disorder treatment services	2,246	1,017	*	*	3,263	4,000	6/30/2018
Individuals placed in DOHMH permanent supportive housing slots	65	20	↑	↑	85	267	TDB

Source: PMMR

In the first four months of Fiscal 2017, the taskforce has achieved the following according to the Fiscal 2017 PMMR:

- NYPD trained 671 officers to recognize behaviors and symptoms of mental illness and substance abuse;
- Pre-Arrest Screening Unit served 3,847 clients at arraignments in Manhattan Criminal Court;
- DOC and H+H have collectively trained 93 correctional and H+H staff members in Crisis Intervention Training and DOC has trained 2,449 correction officers in mental health first aid (MHFA) training to help de-escalate situations.
- Substance use disorder at discharge from DOC has served 1,017 individuals leaving Rikers Island
- H+H created three specialized units to provide services to inmates with behavioral issues. They have served nearly 70 unique people.

### Supervised Release

In July 2015, the Administration announced the expansion of supervised release as part of its strategy to cut unnecessary pretrial detention and reduce reliance on money bail. Through a competitive procurement process MOCJ selected providers to work with identified individuals in ensuring they return to court dates and connecting them to supportive services, such as mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment. The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget recognizes one action related to supervise release.

- **Enhancement of Supervise Release.** The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget includes \$1.8 million in Fiscal 2017 and \$2.3 million in Fiscal 2018 and the outyears to enhance the supervise release program. The additional funding will enable MOCJ to address specific needs of clients with behavioral health issues across the five boroughs. The enhancement of funding brings the total value of the contracts to \$21 million over three fiscal years. The providers contracted for these services by borough include CASES in Manhattan; CCI in the Bronx, Brooklyn, and Staten Island; and the Criminal Justice Agency (CJA) in Queens. MOCJ expects the caseloads to reach approximately 3,400 in Fiscal 2018.

### City Council Initiatives

The Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget includes \$24.5 million in City Council discretionary funding to support the work of community-based organizations within the criminal justice, domestic violence, legal service, and public safety program areas. The allocation is \$8 million or 49 percent more than the Fiscal 2016 amount of \$16.5 million. MOCJ is the contracting agency for these services which are provided by more than 80 community-based organizations. Many of the Council's initiatives supplement the Mayoral contracts that organizations have with MOCJ such as the Alternative to Incarceration (ATI) programs, Center for Court Innovation (CCI), and the Child Advocacy Centers (CAC) which are discussed later in the report. Below is a chart that provides an overview of funding for Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2017, followed by a description of each initiative that was funded in Fiscal 2016. Of note, funding for these initiatives are not included in the Fiscal 2017 Preliminary Budget, but for more than ten years have been supported by the Council at budget adoption.

<b>FY 2017 Council Initiatives</b>			
<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>	<b>FY16 Amount</b>	<b>FY17 Amount</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Anti-Gun Violence Initiative – Legal Aid Society	\$1,175	\$1,000	\$0
Alternative-to-Incarceration Programs	4,100	4,432	332
Bail Fund	0	1,400	1,400
Center for Court Innovation	400	500	100
Child Advocacy Centers	500	748	248
Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative	4,000	4,680	680
Immigrant Battered Women's Initiative	1,000	1,000	0
Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT) family court legal information services	485	485	0
Prisoner's Rights Project	0	750	750
Sexual Assault Initiative	300	600	300
Support for Victims of Human Trafficking	0	750	750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,960</b>	<b>\$16,345</b>	<b>\$4,385</b>

\* Initiative was Consolidated with Child Advocacy Centers and Initiative to Address Sexual Assault.

\* Initiative was Renamed. Former Name - Immigrant Battered Women's Initiative.

\*\*\* Initiative was Consolidated with Citywide Civil Legal Services and Unemployment Insurance/Supplemental Security Income.

\*\*\*\* Young Women's Initiatives that were funded in Fiscal 2017 for the first time.

- Alternatives to Incarceration.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$5.632 million for ATI programs. This allocation represents a restoration of \$4.432 million and an enhancement of \$1.2 million. Alternative-to-Incarceration (ATI) programs provide intermediate sanctions, such as community service and substance abuse counseling that offer judges an alternative to pre-trial detention, a sentence in jail, or prison for eligible defendants. In addition, ATI programs provide a range of rehabilitative services for defendants and allow jail beds to be made available for more violent offenders who pose an immediate threat to the community.
- Bail Fund.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$1.4 million to support the operation and administrative costs for a new charitable bail fund that will allow bail to be posted for low-level misdemeanor offenders.
- Center for Court Innovation.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes a restoration of \$500,000 to support CCI's overall operations, as well as its Family and Youth Initiative Center. The Center for Court Innovation operates a variety of community courts, drug courts, mental health courts, domestic violence courts, school justice centers, and youth programs throughout the City.
- Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault (Initiative was Consolidated with Child Advocacy Centers and Initiative to Address Sexual Assault).** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$1.348 million that will support a portion of the operating costs at the four existing Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) (Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island). CACs work hand-in-hand with law enforcement and child protective services to coordinate and expedite the investigation and prosecution of cases of child sexual abuse. Working with specially trained physicians, representatives from the ACS,

detectives from the NYPD, and members of the District Attorney's Office, the CACs help sexually abused children and their families navigate the criminal justice and social services systems. The CACs also provide short-term counseling, information, and referrals for children and families not involved in current investigations.

- **Support for Victims of Human Trafficking.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$750,000 that will support community-based organizations that provide services to victims in the City's five human trafficking courts. Defendants in the human trafficking court parts receive counseling and assistance by participating in mental health, educational, immigration and employment programs as an alternative to jail.
- **Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$6.305 million for the DoVE Initiative. This allocation represents a restoration of \$4.68 million and an enhancement of \$1.625 million. The allocation for the DoVE initiative supports the neighborhood-based provision of domestic violence services in New York City. The funds support more than 70 community-based organizations that provide prevention and empowerment workshops, comprehensive service referrals and legal advocacy to victims of domestic violence. Safe Horizon is the administrator for this program and provides technical assistance to the organizations.
- **Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE) (formerly named Immigrant Battered Women's Initiative).** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$1.125 million for Sanctuary for Families Immigrant Battered Women's program. Funding supports the operating cost of the program and expands the reach and scope of services provided to domestic violence victims and their families.
- **Legal Services for Low-Income New Yorkers (Consolidated Citywide Civil Legal Services and Unemployment Insurance/Supplemental Security Income).** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$4.75 million to support direct client representation. Services include representation in class action cases, legal advice, community legal education presentations, pro-bono lawyer programs and other telephone based legal services. Legal areas included but not limited to: unemployment insurance, supplemental security income, consumer/finance, education, employment, family, juvenile, health, housing, income maintenance, individual rights and miscellaneous benefits.
- **Legal Information for Families Today (LIFT).** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$485,000 to provide LIFT with the resources necessary to operate its Family Court legal information and support programs that serve over 30,000 New Yorkers annually. LIFT's supported programs include its Education and Information sites; LIFT's Family Legal Center located in the Family Court buildings in each of the five boroughs; and the telephone, email, and live chat hotlines.
- **Prisoners' Rights Project.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$750,000 to support Legal Aids Prisoners' Right Project. Fiscal 2016 is the first year of funding for this initiative. Funding will support the costs associated with providing legal representation for prisoners and their families at Rikers' Island. In addition, it will allow LAS to hire a dedicated staff person to answer the Prisoners' Rights Project

hotline. This new staff person will ensure that during business hours, prisoners and their families are able to reach legal help in real time. This will allow for a more effective response to emergency situations especially medical, which can be life threatening.

- **Young Women's Initiative - Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence.** The Fiscal 2017 Budget includes \$250,000 to provide young immigrant survivors of domestic violence, adults ages 16-24, particularly cisgender and transgendered women with resources for access to interpreters, referrals and counseling for U Visas and T Visas. Fiscal 2017 is the first year of funding for this initiative.
- **Young Women's Initiative - Power Action Change Empowerment (P.A.C.E.) Initiative for Young Adults.** The Fiscal 2017 includes \$250,000 to provide young adults aged 16-24. Funding will support programs that teach young victims empowering and preventive measures to deal with all forms of violence. Fiscal 2017 is the first year of funding for this initiative.
- **Young Women's Initiative - Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults.** The Fiscal 2017 includes \$250,000 to provide young adults aged 16-24. Funding will support prevention and intervention services to end sexual exploitation of young women, transgender and LGBTQ youth survivors. Programming will give access to a plan for safety, referrals, justice and counseling. Fiscal 2017 is the first year of funding for this initiative.
- **Young Women's Initiative - Step In and Stop It to Address Bystander Intervention.** The Fiscal 2017 includes \$250,000 to provide young adults aged 16-24, particularly cisgender and transgendered women. Funding will support mediation, peer support, counseling and violence prevention for young women participating in bystander intervention programs.

## Indigent Defense Services

State law requires New York City to assume sole responsibility for funding legal representation for indigent criminal defendants. New York City manages the Assigned Counsel Program (18-B or 18-B Program) and contracts with several community-based legal service providers that will represent indigent criminal defendants. The Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (MOCJ) is the contracting agency responsible for managing the indigent defense services contracts. The City's indigent defense program ensures that all individuals charged with crimes will have fair, just and effective counsel at both the trial and appellate levels.

The City's primary indigent criminal defense provider in State courts at both the trial and appellate levels is The Legal Aid Society (LAS). LAS is the sole institutional provider for Richmond County and on Riker's Island for indigent parole revocation defense. There are five additional indigent defense providers: New York County Defenders (NYCD), Brooklyn Defender Services (BDS), Bronx Defenders (BXD), Queens Law Associates, P.C. (QLA) and the Neighborhood Defender Service (NDS). Lawyers appointed to the 18-B Program represent indigent defendants in all five boroughs.

In the Appellate Courts, LAS, 18-B Attorneys and three other alternative contractors: Appellate Advocates (AA), Center for Appellate Litigation (CAL), and the Office of the Appellate Defender (OAD) handle cases. On a limited basis, the City provides legal representation to indigent parents or guardians in Family Court for Article 10 cases (abuse and neglect). The providers are the Center for Family Representation (CFR), which handles cases in Manhattan and Queens; BDS in Kings County; BXDS in Bronx County; and NDS, which represents defendants from northern Manhattan. The chart on the next page provides an overview of indigent defense funding by provider, followed by a brief overview of the year-over-year changes.

<b>Indigent Defense Funding Summary</b>				
<i>Dollars in Thousands</i>				
	<b>Adopted 2017</b>	<b>Preliminary Plan 2017 2018</b>		<b>*Difference 2017-2018</b>
18-B Assigned Counsel Program	\$12,644	\$12,644	\$12,644	\$0
18-B Assigned Counsel Program	39,751	39,751	39,751	0
<b>Total 18-B Assigned Counsel Program - Sub-total</b>	<b>\$52,395</b>	<b>\$52,395</b>	<b>\$52,395</b>	<b>\$0</b>
Legal Aid Society	\$92,127	\$92,127	\$92,127	\$0
Legal Aid Society - Appellate	9,481	9,481	9,481	0
Legal Aid Society - Conflict	5,643	5,643	5,643	0
<b>Legal Aid Society - Sub-total</b>	<b>\$107,251</b>	<b>\$107,251</b>	<b>\$107,251</b>	<b>\$0</b>
NY County Defenders	\$7,467	\$7,467	\$7,467	\$0
Bronx Defenders	11,915	11,915	11,915	0
Brooklyn Defender Services	14,623	15,975	15,975	1,352
Neighborhood Defender Services	4,933	4,933	4,933	0
Queens Law Associates, P.C.	9,335	9,335	9,335	0
<b>Alternative Providers – Trial Level Sub-total</b>	<b>\$48,273</b>	<b>\$49,625</b>	<b>\$49,625</b>	<b>\$1,352</b>
Appellate Advocates	\$5,448	\$5,448	\$5,448	\$0
Center for Appellate Litigation	5,505	5,505	5,505	0
Office of the Appellate Defender	2,586	2,586	2,054	(532)
<b>Alternative Providers – Appellate Level Sub-total</b>	<b>\$13,538</b>	<b>\$13,538</b>	<b>\$13,006</b>	<b>(\$532)</b>
Bronx Family Defense Practice - Bronx Defenders	\$6,143	\$7,273	\$7,153	\$1,010
Brooklyn Family Defense Project - Brooklyn Defender Services	6,150	6,917	6,860	710
Center for Family Representation	5,838	5,838	5,838	0
Neighborhood Defender Services - CA Harlem	1,890	2,354	2,551	661
<b>Family Court Providers - Sub-total</b>	<b>\$20,021</b>	<b>\$22,382</b>	<b>\$22,403</b>	<b>\$2,382</b>
Bronx Defenders	\$1,767	\$1,767	\$1,767	\$0
New York County Defenders Services	1,470	1,470	1,470	0
Brooklyn Defender Services	2,575	2,575	2,575	0
Queens Law Associates	1,933	1,933	1,933	0
<b>Conflict Case Providers - Subtotal</b>	<b>\$7,745</b>	<b>\$7,745</b>	<b>\$7,745</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>Indigent Defense Contract Total:</b>	<b>\$249,223</b>	<b>\$252,935</b>	<b>\$252,424</b>	<b>\$3,201</b>
State Regional Immigration Centers	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$0
State Office of Indigent Defense Funding - Know Your Rights Campaign	127	127	0	(127)
Wage Adjustment	1,342	1,345	1,358	16
Prisoner's Rights Project	750	0	0	(750)
Miscellaneous	3,617	3,367	3,899	282
<b>Other Subtotal:</b>	<b>\$6,286</b>	<b>\$5,289</b>	<b>\$5,707</b>	<b>(\$579)</b>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$255,509</b>	<b>\$258,224</b>	<b>\$258,131</b>	<b>\$2,622</b>
<b>Funding source</b>				<b>0</b>
<b>City</b>	\$214,488	\$217,203	\$217,237	\$2,749
<b>State</b>	41,021	41,021	40,894	(127)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$255,509</b>	<b>\$258,224</b>	<b>\$258,131</b>	<b>\$2,622</b>

\*The difference of Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget compared to Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget.

The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget for the indigent defense is \$258.1 million, \$2.6 million more than the Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget of \$255.5 million and \$92,759 less than the current Fiscal 2017 budget of \$258.2 million. Funding for indigent defense is scheduled in the Miscellaneous Budget and is managed by MOCJ. City tax-levy funding accounts for \$217.2 million or 84.2 percent of the budget, with the remaining \$41 million (or 15.8 percent) funded by the State. In the Fiscal 2017 Adopted Budget, the projected Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget for indigent defense was \$254.3 million. The Fiscal 2017 Budget for indigent defense as presented in the Preliminary Financial Plan for Fiscal 2017-2021 (the Preliminary Plan) is \$2.7 million more than the Adopted Budget.

The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget for the indigent defense contracts total \$252.4 million, an increase of \$3.2 million compared to the Fiscal 2017 Adopted amount of \$249.2 million.

Below are the financial plan changes relevant to indigent defense.

### **New Needs**

- **Trial Level Alternate Providers.** The November Plan added \$1.3 million to the criminal trials contract for Brooklyn Defender Services to support additional staff lines.
- **Family Court Providers.** The Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget added \$2.4 million for three of the four family court providers to support additional staff lines and one-time Other Than Personal Service (OTPS) costs.