

FY25 NEW YORK CITY BUDGET RECAP

I am proud to have been a part of the Council's unwavering commitment to restoring and securing funding for essential services that make our city vibrant and livable for years to come.

The Council understood the stakes for New Yorkers. We have successfully prioritized and fought for the restoration and investment of over \$2 billion since the Mayor's Preliminary Budget and over \$1 billion since the Executive Budget. This funding supports affordable housing, libraries, parks, early childhood education, student support programs, CUNY, senior services, mental healthcare, community safety, and more.

Our priorities were not crafted in isolation but in tandem with the voices of our communities. Without the Council's intervention and fight, this budget would not have put them first.

CITYWIDE BUDGET: \$112.4 BILLION



HOUSING

The Council secured a **\$2 billion increase** in capital funding over the next 2 years for the creation and preservation of more affordable rentals and homeownership opportunities, including at the deepest affordability levels, and more supportive housing.

This includes:

- The Neighborhood Pillars Program
- Open Door Homeownership
- \$500 million+ in support for NYCHA
- \$650 million+ for HPD

SUPPORTING SENIORS

The Council secured **\$16.95 million** to ensure centers can remain open and fully operational to serve the needs of NYC's nearly 1.8 million older adults with programming and services.

This includes:

- \$4.75 million for Home-Delivered Meals
- \$12.2 million restoration and replacement of federal funds for Older Adult Centers

LIBRARIES

The Council secured a **full restoration of \$58.3 million.**

\$42.6 million of the Administration's funding is baselined so funding for libraries is **no longer subjected to negotiations that lead to its loss.**

Our libraries are essential community hubs that offer access to New Yorkers of all ages in support of their success, but services have been eroded by a series of cuts **which this reverses.**

SANITATION

The Council secured **\$31.2 million** for sanitation services.

We fought to deliver a **\$25 million restoration to enhance litter basket service** that helps maintain clean communities and promote health and safety. We also ensured restoration funding for **community composting at \$6.2 million.**



PARKS

The Council secured **\$23.7 million** for parks.

This includes:

- **\$15 million** for Second shift positions to support clean parks.
- **\$8.7 million** restoration of funding to support Urban Park Rangers, Tree Stump Removal, and Green Thumb Restoration.

CULTURALS

The Council secured a **full restoration of \$60.6 million**.

This includes:

- **\$7.6 million** Preliminary PEG restoration from the Executive Budget.
- **\$53 million** at adoption with a **\$13 million baseline**.

EDUCATION

- **EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION:** The **Adopted Budget adds \$293 million to restore and invest** funding for early childhood education, including expanding Promise NYC, funding to fill empty 3-K and Pre-K Seats, increased preschool special-ed seats & more!
- **K-12 EDUCATION:** This budget added **over \$418M to support our schools and students**, with more than \$166M added after the Executive Budget through the Council's efforts, including for community schools, mental health support, arts education, and more.
- **CUNY:** The Council secured **\$64 million in restorations**.

This includes:

- **\$48 million** for critical programs like CUNY Reconnect, CUNY Accelerate, Complete, and Engage (ACE), CUNY ASAP for All.

RECIDIVISM REDUCTION

The Council secured **\$21.2 million in restorations**.

This includes:

- **\$14.8 million** to Alternatives to Incarceration and Reentry programs
- **\$6.4 million** for justice-involved supportive housing for people returning from incarceration to communities.





FY25 DISTRICT 18 BUDGET RECAP: LOCAL EXPENSE & CAPITAL

Effective local budgeting is pivotal in nurturing our communities, supporting older adults, empowering students, and bolstering local economies. By thoughtfully allocating resources, we ensure that communities receive essential services such as

- creating a safe and thriving environment for all residents
- older adults benefit from programs and services tailored to their needs
- students have access to quality education, supported by funding for schools, libraries, and youth programs
- local economies are strengthened through investments in economic development, and small businesses, fostering employment opportunities and sustainable growth

This commitment ensures that every dollar spent contributes directly to the welfare and prosperity of our diverse and vibrant community.

LOCAL BUDGET: \$26.3 MILLION



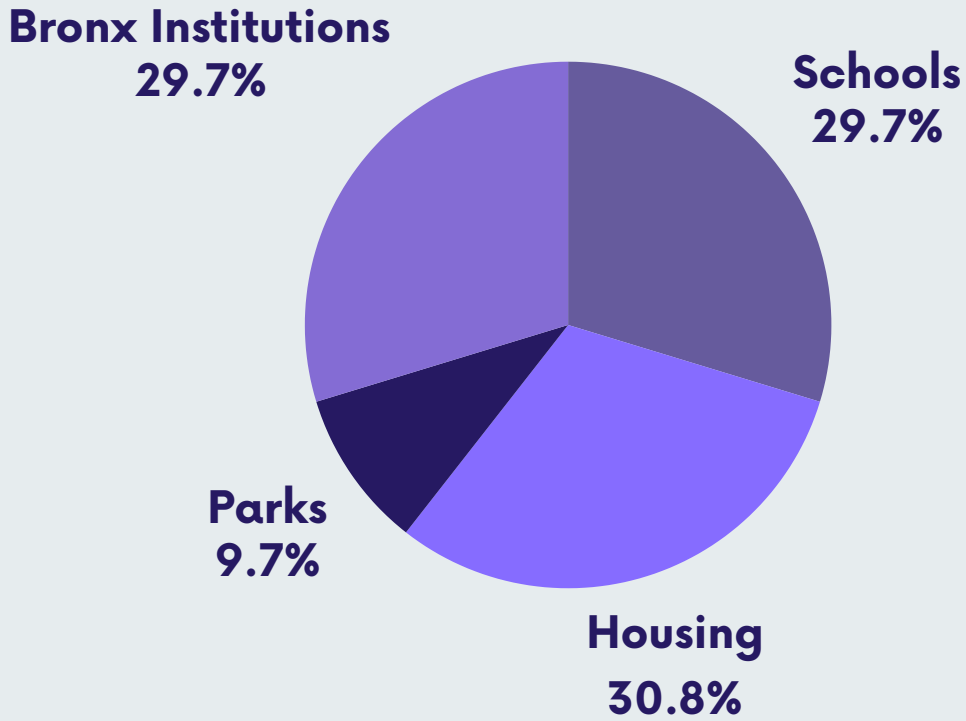
EXPENSE ALLOCATION



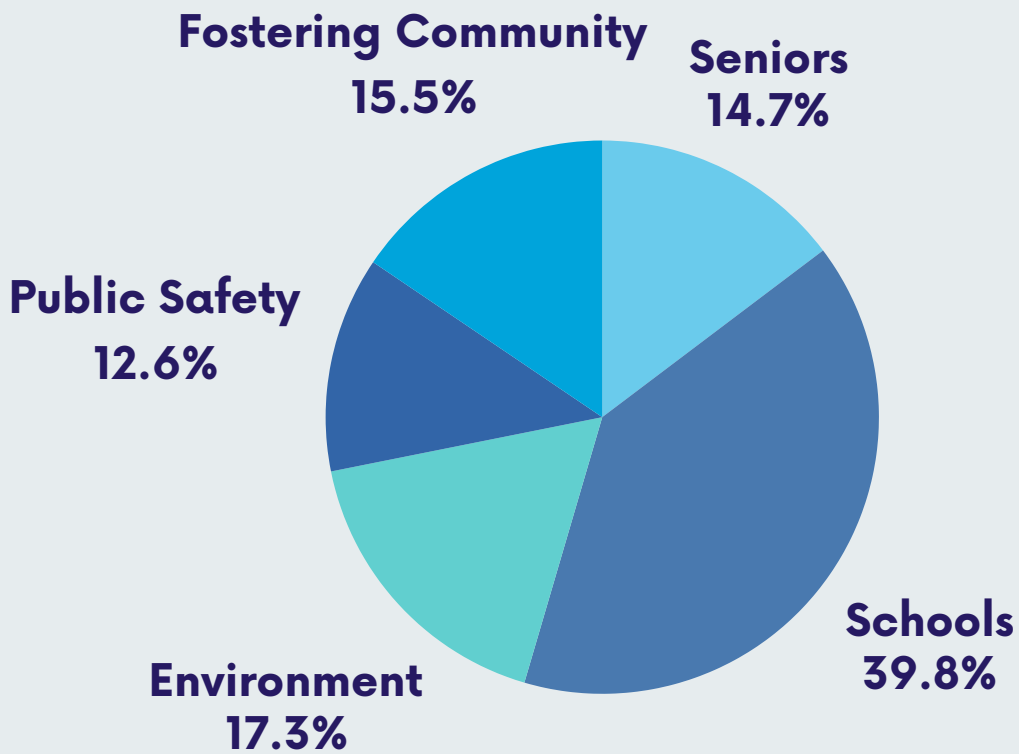
CAPITAL ALLOCATION



Capital Breakdown



Expense Breakdown





SENIORS \$480,000

Programming includes:

- **\$150K** for Mechler Hall
- **\$80K** for Glebe Senior Center
- **\$30K** for supporting NORCs
- **\$20K** for Castle Hill Senior Center & more programming throughout the community!



HOUSING \$6.5 MILLION

Projects include:

- Jamie Towers Elevator Modernization - **\$2 million** (additional)
- Rosedale Garden Roof Project - **\$3 million**
- Tower Gardens Upgrades - **\$1.5 million**



SCHOOLS \$6.26 MILLION

Projects include:

- Stevenson Campus Library Renovation - **\$4 million**
- Lab and Tech Upgrades in 10 Public Schools - **\$1.385 million**
- MS 127 & Linden Tree Air Conditioning Upgrades - **\$500,000**



\$1.3 MILLION

Programming includes:

- **\$829K for In-School Education** including field trips, arts, music, chess, STEAM, and more.
- **\$480K for after-school** in every school including sports, transition services, and community centers.



PARKS \$1.95 MILLION

Projects include:

- Soundview Skatepark - **\$1.5 million**
- Waterfront Community Garden Water System Upgrades - **\$450,000**





ENVIRONMENT \$565,000

Programming includes:

- **\$310K for Climate Justice** including community gardens, cleaning the Bronx River, and more.
- **\$255K for Sanitation** including additional staff to clean streets daily, creation of murals, maintenance of planters, and more!



FOSTERING COMMUNITY \$507,277

Programming includes:

- **\$273K** for Small Business Services
- **\$75K** for Free & Fun Family Events
- **\$56K** for Food Insecurity Services, & more programming throughout the community!



PUBLIC SAFETY \$411,500

Programming includes:

- **\$215K** for support for survivors of domestic violence
- **\$126K** for violence prevention
- **\$70K** for free legal services, & more programming throughout the community!



BRONX INSTITUTIONS \$6.26 MILLION

Projects include:

- Bronx Museum of the Arts - **\$4.5 million**
- New York Botanical Garden - **\$2 million**
- Bronx Community College Track & Field - **\$1.5 million**

Read more at www.council.nyc.gov



REVIEW OF NEW TAX LIEN SALE

The city's previous lien sale to collect unpaid property taxes and municipal charges historically had disparate impacts on small homeowners in communities of color and left rental tenants in larger buildings vulnerable to deteriorating housing conditions.

That's why the Council has sought to reform the process to shift the focus from solely debt collection towards a model of debt resolution, building strong protections for those who need it while having a tool to compel those who can afford to pay to resolve their debts.

NEW PROCESS AND SAFEGUARDS:

- **Past-Due Notices** - Requires Department of Finance to send 45-day past due notices to homeowners behind on their payments, instead of only sending outstanding balance on their next bill, so they can avoid becoming at risk of aggressive debt collection.
- **Ending Fast-Track of Subsequent Debt Purchasing** - Resets the clock for any newly accrued debt qualifying for inclusion in the most aggressive debt collection process for Class 1, co-op, and condo properties that previously had unresolved debt that entered the collection process.
- **Estate Planning Initiative** - Provides funding for community-based organizations to help seniors conduct estate planning and maintain their properties, as well as address tangled titles that arise when a prior owner dies without a will.
- **Increase Income Threshold for Hardship Plans** - Changes the threshold for plans that allow people to defer some taxes and access lower repayment amounts from current income of \$58,399 to the Enhanced STAR level (currently \$98,700 and updated each year pursuant to state law)
- **Making Surcharges Forgivable** - Under previous system, properties have been subject to a 5% surcharge after a lien is sold, but the reform would allow target homeowners with under \$100K in annual income to have surcharge fees waived after resolving other debt.

If you have questions about the lien sale or need assistance,
**please contact the Tax Lien Ombudsman by
calling (212) 291-4414 or emailing
taxlien@finance.nyc.gov.**