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Leading up to the November election of Mayor Zohran Kwame Mamdani as New York City's second youngest, first ever South Asian and Muslim Mayor, a new and electric civic passion energized our city. At the Civic Engagement Commission (CEC), we were thrilled that the campaign mobilized over one hundred thousand electoral volunteers to knock on more than three million doors, make millions of phone calls, and canvass at events, to have direct one-on-one conversations with voters. Communities across the city were newly galvanized.

During the 2025 General Election and the June 2026 Primary Election, the CEC continued pilot partnerships with community-based organizations serving 11 language communities to deliver in-language voter engagement workshops. We also worked with volunteers to canvass in geographies with high concentrations of language speakers. This work contributed to increases in the rates of utilization for the Voter Languages Assistance Program in Russian, Haitian Creole, Polish, Bengali, and Arabic. Because changes in state law required the New York City Board of Elections to provide additional services in Chinese, Urdu, and Bengali, Commissioners approved replacing these services with Greek and Albanian as additional languages.

Through a partnership with NYC Service, another new initiative was the Civic Engagement Ambassador Academy (CEAA). The CEAA provided a seven-week series of virtual workshops to increase knowledge and civic leadership to New Yorkers. Each workshop included a presentation delivered by our staff, and assignments for participants to practice what was learned, including looking up their elected officials, designing flyers for programs using Canva, and making presentations. Graduates of the CEAA also served as ambassadors during the spring Vote phase collection for The People's Money, connecting with nearly 5,000 New York City residents to vote on their favorite borough project ideas.

Our campaigns for citywide participatory budgeting included innovative partnerships with cultural institutions and Sugar Hill Creamery, a local ice cream shop in Harlem. CEC and the People's Creative Institute began a year-round partnership strategy with a cultural institution in each borough to connect arts and civics. Through our partnership with Sugar Hill Creamery, they offered a limited-edition ice cream flavor, called "The People's Money," to draw attention to citywide participatory budgeting. They also hosted ballot boxes at their locations so that customers could vote while enjoying their ice cream. CEC also partnered with Sugar Hill to serve more than 500 middle school students ice cream as a reward for their vote collection activities.

In the past year, CEC worked to review the idea data we have been collecting over the past four years of participatory budgeting, and to move towards our longer-term goal to make this data publicly available through the City's Open Data portal. These projects included a partnership with the NYC Service Design Studio to share the ideas with city agencies, and a Datathon with NY Institute of Technology that allowed students to review ideas and categorize them through a social determinants of health framework. In addition, CEC partnered on a sense-making project with Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai and community-based organizations to begin researching whether participatory budgeting ideas and Project Implementation could be connected to more equitable health outcomes for communities.

Lastly, we continued to provide training and resources to help non-profit organizations and community boards build their capacity for democratic engagement. CEC partnered with The New School to deliver another series of workshops in project cycle management, monitoring and impact evaluation to our third cohort of organizations who are implementing participatory budgeting projects. In addition to supporting organizations through impact evaluation, the Commission secured a partnership with Fordham University's Masters in Public Media program, where graduate students work with a select group of Implementation Partners on case studies to improve unique challenges relating to their media and communications strategies. We also worked with the Center for Arts & Activism to train our organization partners on how to integrate arts-based approaches into their community engagement. Finally, community board members benefited from training in new topics such as the New York State Unified Court System and artificial intelligence, while continuing to learn about language access and parliamentary procedures.

This report provides additional information about all these activities and our programs. Our work would not be possible without the support of non-profit organizations and agency partners. Above all, we are grateful to the many volunteers, community leaders, and New York City residents who have shared with us their passion for democracy and civic engagement and are helping us to build a thriving democratic culture in our city.

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MISSION & CORE VALUES

The Civic Engagement Commission's purpose is to promote participation in civic life, enhance civic trust, and strengthen democracy in New York City. Our programs provide education and support to residents so they can take part in the decisions, actions and opportunities that affect civic life – the life of their neighborhoods, their community and the City at large.

The CEC believes that active listening is central to building relationships, understanding and trust with New Yorkers. We affirm our responsibility to lift the power and voices of underserved and underrepresented NYC communities. To build a more inclusive, fair, and just city for all New Yorkers, we ground this work in the following core values:

DIGNITY
We affirm the equal worth of all human beings regardless of identity or ability. We commit to being responsive to residents' needs and concerns, and to delivering our programs with respect and care.

ACCOUNTABILITY
We commit to being transparent and regularly sharing information with New Yorkers about our processes and decisions. We commit to welcoming feedback from the communities we serve and to include and consider that feedback as part of our decision-making processes.

COLLABORATION
We commit to working with communities and prioritizing their lived experiences. This is essential to solve our collective challenges. We commit to fostering spaces for dialogue and amplifying the voices and stories of community partners.

ACCESSIBILITY
We commit to work towards removing barriers to information and resources for our communities. We will promote justice for marginalized and underserved communities. We will communicate keeping in mind plain language, different abilities, and language access.

CREATIVITY
We believe creativity, play, and imagination are essential for a thriving democracy. We seek to honor everyone's story by using art, music, and storytelling to bring people together. We value promoting spaces filled with beauty, joy, and hope for all New Yorkers.

MANIFESTING COMMUNITY POWER
We commit to supporting community leadership. We will provide education about government systems and processes. These actions will allow communities to exercise power over decisions affecting their lives.

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COMMISSIONERS' PUBLIC MEETINGS

Across a series of bi-monthly public Commissioners' meetings, the Commission made several substantive decisions, most notably regarding Voter Language Assistance (VLA) Methodology Resolutions, CEC's Values Statement, and its annual reporting. On August 7, 2025, the Commission discussed proposed revisions to the CEC's Values Statement, which were subsequently refined and unanimously approved on October 8, 2025. At that October meeting, the Commission also unanimously approved an amended Voter Language Assistance methodology and adopted the FY2025 Annual Report, both with proposed edits. More details on these changes can be found in the Voter Langauge Assistance section.

The December 4, 2025, meeting primarily involved program updates and approval of the October minutes. On April 30, 2026, the Commission unanimously adopted an updated version of the VLA Methodology Resolution, which expanded services to include Greek and Albanian languages, corresponding to the two largest CVALEP (Citizens of Voting Age who are Limited in English Proficiency) groups in NYC not already being served.

Additionally, the CEC welcomed Joshua Ocampo as a mayoral appointee on August 5, 2025; Frank Perez as a Speaker appointee on September 24, 2025; Aicha Cisse as the Bronx Borough President appointee on November 26, 2025; DeNora Getachew as the Manhattan Borough President appointee on April 6, 2026; and Samirah Zeerah as a Speaker appointee on May 28, 2026. We thank former Commissioners Mark Diller, Lilliam Perez, and Murad Awawdeh for their service throughout FY26 and prior.

PROGRAM DATA REPORTING

THE PEOPLE'S MONEY



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The People's Money, run by the Civic Engagement Commission, is New York City's citywide participatory budgeting (PB) process. Established by a 2018 ballot initiative with over one million New Yorkers voting in favor, this Charter-mandated process completed its fourth cycle this past year, having run its first cycle in 2022. The CEC invited all New Yorkers aged 11 and older, regardless of immigration status, to decide how to spend part of the City's budget on projects to address needs in their community.

HOW IT WORKS

Each cycle of The People's Money involves four phases. The first three phases — designed to determine the winning project ideas — began with Idea Generation in October 2025, and ended with the Voting phase result announcement in August 2026. The last phase involves implementing the projects in partnership with community-based organizations, who are selected through a competitive solicitation process. Below are brief descriptions of each phase:

- **Idea Generation** invites residents to in-person workshops in the fall to learn about the city budget cycle, identify community needs, and brainstorm project ideas through interactive activities and discussion. Residents are also able to propose ideas and projects directly on The People's Money's online platform, participate.nyc.gov.
- **Borough Assemblies** occur in the winter in each of the five boroughs and engage 25 randomly selected, demographically representative volunteers per borough to review eligible ideas, hear from experts at city agencies, review data, further develop the ideas, and select which ones will be placed on each borough's ballot.
- **Voting** happens in the summer, and all New York City residents aged 11 and older can vote — either in person on a paper ballot or online — on the projects they wish to see funded and implemented in their borough.
- **Project Implementation** begins with identifying organizations to implement projects through a competitive application process. The CEC then supports these organizations in developing project plans and implementing their projects. This phase also includes monitoring & evaluation capacity-building workshops for Implementation Partners through a partnership with The New School.

Each year, while the CEC is running the current cycle of The People's Money, the previous cycle's winning projects are implemented at the same time. The next section of this report will describe the projects that were implemented after being selected in 2025 during the third cycle of The People's Money, and the following section will describe Idea Generation, Borough Assemblies, and Voting for the fourth cycle.

Cycle 3: Project Implementation (2025-2026)

Project Implementation is where The People's Money's winning ideas become real projects delivered by trusted community-based organizations throughout the city. For Cycle 3, this included a total of 20 projects being implemented with a total allocation of four million dollars across the five boroughs from October 2025 through October 2026. There were 5 projects in the Bronx, 5 in Brooklyn, 4 in Manhattan, 5 in Queens, and 1 on Staten Island.

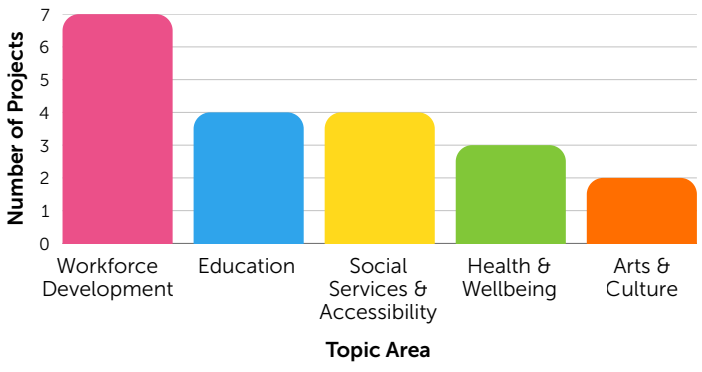
Table 1: Project Funding Allocations by Borough

Borough	# of Projects	Funding Amount (per project)
The Bronx	5	$200,000
Brooklyn	5	$235,000
Manhattan[1]	4	$165,000
Queens	5	$195,000
Staten Island	1	$190,000

The CEC has been supporting 20 organizations on the development and execution of the winning ideas from Cycle 3's 2025 Vote phase that address local challenges and improve quality of life for New Yorkers across the five boroughs. To identify these partners, the CEC held a competitive application process from July 28 through September 7 of 2025, inviting organizations to submit proposals for projects. The CEC received applications from 94 organizations to implement the projects. Staff from the Commission and other city agencies scored the applications in order to choose the final 20 Implementation Partners.

Cycle 3's projects focus on a wide range of topic areas, such as workforce development (7 projects), education (4 projects), social services & accessibility (4 projects), health & wellbeing (3 projects), and arts & culture (2 projects).

Figure 1: Projects by Topic Area



[1] One project, the Youth Entrepreneurship Program in Manhattan, is part of "The People's Designed by Community" (The People's DxC) Fellowship program and received additional time and funding to run a community-led co-design process for the project.

The People's Money implementation process is intentionally focused on Taskforce on Racial Inclusion & Equity (TRIE) Neighborhoods — 33 neighborhoods identified by the City as being historically underserved and underrepresented — ensuring that public investments are directed toward communities that have historically experienced systemic inequities and barriers to opportunity. TRIE Neighborhoods will be explained in more detail in the TRIE Neighborhood Initiative section of this report. By prioritizing both resident engagement and Project Implementation in these neighborhoods, The People's Money elevates the voices of communities that have often been underrepresented in public decision making and channels resources toward locally identified needs and priorities.

Project Outputs, Outcomes, and Highlights

Across the five boroughs, The People's Money projects have expanded access to opportunities, services, and support systems that helped residents build skills, navigate challenges, and strengthen their connection to community resources.

5,084	**223**	**53**
unique participants reached	workshops conducted	community events held

Based on a total of 89 monthly reports submitted by Implementation Partners from January to August of 2026, People's Money projects delivered 223 individual workshops covering topics such as financial literacy, arts, employment readiness, tenants' rights, nutrition, and more. These projects are still ongoing, with their implementation being from October 2025 to October 2026, so reported numbers only reflect a portion of the projects' services and impact.

> The workshop helped rebuild my confidence and renewed my motivation to pursue better job opportunities.
>
> **Participant, Job Training and Support for Employment for Single Parents in Brooklyn**

In addition to workshops, over 1,000 individuals received one-on-one support and/or case management. Partners provided individualized assistance to participants on topics such as housing advocacy, scholarship navigation, and disability accommodations paperwork.

> I didn't know there were scholarships that fit my story. Now, I feel like I have a real chance.
>
> **Participant, Pathways to a Successful College Career in Queens**

Implementation Partners also conducted a total of 53 community events. These ranged from neighborhood job fairs to literacy events, public forums, and community gardening sessions. Specifically, events helped reach new audiences and build community awareness around available services.

Table 2: Type and Frequency of Reported Project Outputs from January to August 2026

Output	Total Reported
Workshops	# of Workshops: 223 # of Workshop Participants: 3,759
Events	# of Events: 53 # of Event Participants: 1,331
One-on-One Consultations	# of People Who Received One-on-One Consultations: 1,146
Resource Distribution	# of People Who Received Resources: 1,624
Outreach and Canvassing	# of People Reached through Outreach/Canvassing: 37,096

> I learned about health resources and classes for young parents that I didn't know existed. I feel more confident knowing where to go for help now.
>
> **Participant, Young Parent Support and Classes in Brooklyn**

Project services were delivered in 9 languages[2], most commonly:

- Spanish
- Chinese
- Bengali
- French
- Arabic

[2] The 9 languages were English, Spanish, Chinese, French, Bengali, Arabic, Haitian Creole, Urdu, and Korean.

Community Impact

Reported outcomes span from workforce development to financial literacy education, housing stability, health and wellness, and community connectedness, demonstrating the broad community impact of the Cycle 3 projects. These results show the unique value of investing in solutions that are created and decided on by residents and then implemented by organizations with deep relationships in the communities they serve.

Table 3: Community Impacts by Outcome Area

Outcome Area	The People's Money Project(s)	Community Impact
Workforce Development	• Vocational Training for Middle and High School Students • Youth Employment Training and Partnerships • Youth Job Training and Employment Opportunities • Job Training and Support for Employment for Single Parents • Empowered with Opportunity	Participants are earning industry-recognized certifications, developed job-readiness skills, and advanced toward employment opportunities.
Housing Stability	• Support People with Housing Advocacy Groups • Housing Workshops for Older Adults	Partners are helping residents avoid eviction, secure emergency rental assistance, navigate housing court processes, organize around housing issues, and maintain stable housing.
Public Benefits & Resource Access	• Young Parent Support and Classes • Support for Parents and Guardians of Amazing Special Kids	Participants are reporting increased access to food assistance, healthcare, language access services, and public benefits.
Education & Postsecondary Access	• Pathways to a Successful College Career • Pathways to Professions for Youth • Saving for Your Future • Staten Island Youth Internship Program	Youth and young adults are receiving college access support, scholarship guidance, career exposure opportunities, and financial planning assistance.
Community Connection	• Community Kitchen with Classes • Learn to Grow and Cook Your Own Food • Healthy Food and Literary Nights for Families and Individuals	Participants are reporting stronger social support networks, increased awareness of community resources, and greater confidence engaging with local opportunities and services.

Project Highlights

In Manhattan, Hispanic Federation has been implementing the **Learn to Grow and Cook Your Own Food** project, which provides public housing residents in the Lower East Side and Chinatown with a series of workshops focused on health and nutrition. So far, more than 100 participants have attended culturally responsive workshops on topics including healthy eating and nutrition education, smart grocery shopping and food budgeting, understanding calorie balance and healthy lifestyle choices, hydration, stress management, local food systems, farmers markets and community food resources, and urban agriculture and sustainable food production.

Participants have demonstrated a number of positive outcomes around nutritional literacy as a result of attending the workshops. For example, according to a survey conducted by Hispanic Federation, participants have reported a greater ability to use nutrition labels when choosing food and serving sizes. Additionally, participants have learned how to identify reputable sources of health information, leading to increased confidence when grocery shopping and cooking. Participants have also demonstrated higher levels of attention not only to what they were consuming in relation to their health goals, but also to what their family and community members were consuming.

> Since I started taking this class, I have been cooking every day and I've even been feeding my neighbor. This means a lot because no one has taken this time to come to our community to talk to us about nutrition.
>
> **Participant, Learn to Grow and Cook Your Own Food in Manhattan**

In Queens, Ocean Bay Community Development Center (OBCDC) has been implementing the **Housing Workshops for Older Adults** project in Rockaway and Broad Channel, also called the H.O.P.E. (Housing Our Purposeful Elders) initiative. Through H.O.P.E., OBCDC helps older adults access housing information, financial empowerment resources, digital literacy training, and individualized support services. To date, the project has engaged 253 unique participants.

A key component of the project has been helping older adults build the knowledge and skills needed to remain informed, connected, and independent. Workshops have covered topics such as estate planning, financial wellness, affordable housing opportunities, digital literacy, internet safety, telehealth access, and technology use. Participants have reported increased confidence using smartphones, email, online portals, and other digital tools, while also

gaining a better understanding of housing resources, benefits, and future planning options. The project has also connected residents with community partners, including healthcare providers, financial counselors, and legal and housing support organizations.

Beyond the numbers, the project has helped strengthen trust, reduce social isolation, and increase participants' willingness to seek assistance when needed. Older adults who initially expressed discomfort with technology have become more confident navigating digital platforms, while residents facing housing challenges have received guidance, referrals, and individualized support. Partners have observed growing participation throughout the year, with residents returning for additional workshops, sharing resources with neighbors, and becoming more engaged in community activities and local support networks.

> We play games, we talk. A lot of people come here and talk about seniors and food, everything. Health issues, if we need counseling, [if] we need help with apartments – any problems.
>
> **Participant, Housing Workshops for Older Adults in Queens**

In The Bronx, Bronx Health REACH has been implementing the **Healthy Food and Literary Nights for Families and Individuals** project in Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park, Williamsbridge, Norwood, Olinville, Edenwald, and Wakefield. For this project, Bronx Health REACH partnered with the Literary Freedom Project to design a series of community events centered around books that incorporate themes of Bronx history and culture. So far, the events, each of which center around a different book, have been attended by 128 Bronxites.

The Healthy Food and Literary Nights are held in accessible locations such as schools, faith institutions, and parks. Each participant is given a copy of that event's book to take home and read. The project not only increases participants' interest in reading and eating healthy, but these events also create important spaces for community dialogue about topics ranging from identity to immigration, gentrification, and more.

In addition to the focus on literacy, Bronx Health REACH has been working with a local chef who prepares healthy foods that are directly related to each book's themes or author. By demonstrating that books can directly relate to participants' lived experiences or shared cultural backgrounds, this project increases literacy in the Bronx and encourages reading at home.

> Conversation is something we are losing in a lot of ways. We don't get to have face-to-face conversations as much as maybe communities in the past. This brought together people that maybe otherwise wouldn't have connected.
>
> **Participant, Healthy Food and Literary Nights for Families and Individuals in the Bronx**

In Brooklyn, the Women's Empowerment Coalition of NYC has been implementing the **Young Parent Support and Classes** project in Sunset Park. This initiative has established a community resource hub where immigrant parents can access career guidance, educational support, healthcare information, and benefits navigation services. To reduce participation barriers, childcare is available during workshops and classes. Program offerings include sessions on health and wellness, healthcare access, legal rights, small business development, and English as a second language (ESL).

Participants have reported increased knowledge of healthcare options, preventive services, legal protections, and economic opportunities. Through exposure to available resources and support systems, parents have gained confidence navigating services for themselves and their families. Many participants have described feeling more connected to their communities and better prepared to engage in educational, civic, and economic opportunities. For example, one participant shared that enrolling in ESL classes after living in New York City for a decade has provided an opportunity to pursue stronger employment prospects while also supporting her child's education at home. Collectively, these outcomes have strengthened community awareness, expanded access to family-focused resources, and fostered greater civic participation.

> For the first time in a long time, I feel like I can breathe. I'm working, I'm in school, and my children are okay. I feel stronger.
>
> **Participant, Young Parent Support and Classes in Brooklyn**

On Staten Island, the **Staten Island Youth Internship Program** being implemented by United Activities Unlimited provides high school students with opportunities to explore careers in the healthcare field through hands-on internship experiences. Because healthcare careers can often feel inaccessible to young people, the program prepares participants through a series of workshops before internship placement.

Students receive training in resume development, workplace professionalism, patient confidentiality, and pathways to healthcare careers and certifications. Through placements with local healthcare organizations, participants gain exposure to a variety of fields, ranging from community health to behavioral health services. The internships also create valuable opportunities for networking and mentorship with healthcare professionals.

Participants have consistently reported that the experience has influenced their educational and career aspirations and has helped them make more informed decisions about future studies and professional pathways.

> My internship is going very well. This week I laminated programs, cut programs, and shadowed techs to see how they deal with their kids. I'm able to see how big of an impact my presence makes at my internship site!
>
> **Participant, Youth Internship Program in Staten Island**

Lessons Learned

Implementation during Cycle 3 also provided valuable insights into effective community-based service delivery and strategies for sustaining impact:

- **Resident voice strengthens public investment outcomes.** The results of Cycle 3 demonstrate that when residents have a meaningful role in shaping public investments, communities are better positioned to identify and address their own challenges. The People's Money creates a model where government resources are informed by resident priorities and implemented through organizations with the trust and expertise necessary to create lasting impact.
- **Trust and relationships drive participation and outcomes.** Partners have consistently reported that trusted relationships and community credibility are among the most important factors influencing participant engagement. Specifically, organizations with deep roots in the communities have been able to reach residents who may not otherwise engage with traditional institutions or services. Building trust has required sustained outreach, consistent communication, and culturally responsive approaches.
- **Flexibility improves program effectiveness.** Community needs have evolved throughout implementation, requiring partners to adapt outreach strategies, service delivery methods, and programming approaches. Partners that have maintained flexibility are often better positioned to respond to participant needs, address barriers to participation, and maximize project impact. This experience highlights the importance of allowing community-based organizations sufficient flexibility to tailor implementation strategies to local contexts.

- **Partnerships strengthen impact.** Collaboration among community-based organizations, public agencies, educational institutions, and local stakeholders has expanded project reach and improved participant outcomes. Partners have frequently leveraged referrals, shared resources, and coordinated services to provide more comprehensive support. Continued investment in partnership building can increase efficiency, reduce duplication of effort, and strengthen community impact.
- **Sustainable impact requires long-term investment.** Many partners have reported that meaningful community change requires sustained engagement beyond a single program year. While significant progress is being achieved, organizations have noted that ongoing funding, continued relationship building, and long-term capacity support are essential for maintaining momentum and deepening impact.

Cycle 4: Participatory Budgeting

Phase 1: Idea Generation

In October 2025, the CEC launched the fourth cycle of The People's Money with Idea Generation Workshops, awarding 78 community-based organizations funding to host in-person Workshops for residents to learn about the city budget cycle, identify community needs, and pitch ideas. From October 14 through November 20 of 2025, the CEC and its community partners hosted 460 Workshops across the City, engaging 9,355 residents.

Workshop Flow and Interactive Activities

During each Idea Generation Workshop, partners walked participants through a series of interactive activities designed to educate and prompt discussion with the goal of preparing participants to submit a viable idea to The People's Money. First, participants learned about the City's budget allocations and played a trivia game to guess how much of the City's budget was allocated to various topic areas such as education, health & wellbeing, workforce development, and more identified by the CEC.

Major City budget spending categories were highlighted during a budget poster activity that invited residents to place "CEC dollar" stickers on the budget category which they felt should get more City funding. This activity was followed by a group discussion about why participants chose those categories, and served as a sorting mechanism allowing participants to gather in groups that wanted to discuss a particular topic area.

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Based on recommendations from research conducted with behavioral design firm ideas42 in 2024, participants were then guided through a Brainstorm Board activity. Rather than asking participants to identify a specific problem and solution, as had been done in years past, the Brainstorm Board activity asked participants to collectively identify a specific issue and then brainstorm different project-based ways of addressing that issue. For example, if the group that gathered around the Education topic area chose to focus on the issue of feelings of loneliness and isolation among older adults, possible solutions could be a program pairing youth with neighboring seniors for a cooking program, or a monthly speaker series at senior centers. Groups were then tasked with deciding which of the proposed projects would best address the issue within their community.

To wrap up this section of the Workshop, each group was given an Idea Worksheet where they recorded the issue and chosen project idea to address it — this documented the idea that the group was submitting to The People's Money. At the end of the Workshop, facilitators explained the next steps in the process including the Borough Assembly phase and offered participants a chance to apply. Finally, facilitators administered an exit survey to each participant to assess their experience of the workshop. Organizations and individual Community Facilitators hosting these workshops then uploaded the submitted ideas to participate.nyc.gov to be displayed publicly on the website. Participants were also given a palm card with a QR code that allowed them to go to the Participate website to track the progress of their idea.

While partners and Community Facilitators prioritized idea submissions on paper during in-person sessions, New Yorkers were also able to submit ideas online through the Participate platform, regardless of if they attended an Idea Generation Workshop or not. Ideas submitted online were generally longer and more detailed given that there were no time constraints to online idea submission.





Brainstorm Board activity at Cycle 4 Idea Generation Workshops.

Idea Generation Outcomes

This cycle, 11,479 New York City residents attended Idea Generation Workshops across the five boroughs. Of the 473 workshops held citywide, 186 were held in the 33 TRIE Neighborhoods. Trained individual Community Facilitators held 42 of these sessions. Overall, New Yorkers submitted 2,213 ideas to the process this cycle.

After every Idea Generation Workshop, participants were asked to fill out post-event surveys, and 5,098 people responded, a 44% response rate. Of the respondents, 35% identified as Black or African American, 16% as Asian, and 13% as white. 36% of participants identified as Hispanic or Latino, and 61% identified as women, 33% as men, and 1% as non-binary. 81% of respondents reported that it was their first time participating in The People's Money. The average age of participants was 38.

A majority of participants (89%) found the facilitation of the Workshops to be very or extremely effective, highlighting the success of partner organizations and Community Facilitators. 85% of respondents found the education on City budget allocation and participatory budgeting very or extremely effective.

Phase 2: Borough Assemblies

The CEC has continued to integrate deliberative democracy and democratic innovations into its participatory budgeting process. Borough Assemblies — the second phase of a People's Money cycle — bring randomly selected New Yorkers together to review boroughwide data, discuss program ideas with local experts, and decide which of the submitted ideas should appear on their borough's ballot.

To create representative groups for the Assemblies, CEC uses an application and random selection process. First, the Commission recruits participants, primarily through Idea Generation Workshops, social media, and the CEC newsletter. This year, the Commission received 1,163 Assembly Member applications. CEC worked with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to then randomly select a representative group for each borough using the following selection criteria: education attainment, language spoken at home other than English, housing status, age, and annual household income. Data for borough recruitment targets was based on the U.S. Census Bureau 2019-2022 American Community Survey. Although the CEC aimed for 25 residents per borough, 107 assembly members ultimately agreed to participate across all boroughs.

First, CEC staff reviewed the ideas to make sure they were expense projects and fit the criteria outlined in the idea submission process, then staff sorted the ideas based on topic area. From the eligible ideas, a representative selection was made for the Assemblies to consider, taking into account their specificity and the number of similar ideas that had been submitted in that topic area. Of the 2,213 total ideas submitted, 413 were shared with the Borough Assemblies, including 82 ideas for the Bronx, 75 ideas for Brooklyn, 79 ideas for Manhattan, 86 ideas for Queens, and 91 ideas for Staten Island.



Cycle 4 Borough Assembly launch with Yahoteh Kokayi on the drums (top left), Senior Director of Neighborhood Strategies at the Department of Youth & Community Development Kadidja Diallo presenting on Workforce Connect programs (top right), and the Borough Assembly group photo (bottom).

Assembly Session #1
Assembly Members met to hear presentations from five NYC agencies, including the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Youth and Community Development, the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Mayor's Office of Food Policy, and the Department of Small Business Services, to gain insight into existing city services. Members then split into borough-specific groups led by CEC staff to review redesigned idea packets. Each idea was also tagged by topic area, subcategory, and idea type.

Assembly Session #2
The second session equipped Assembly Members with district profiles showing demographics about the different neighborhoods in each borough. The session also highlighted projects recommended by local TRIE coalitions to inform Members' deliberations. Using new scoring criteria and score sheets, Members evaluated the proposals to build consensus and determine which ideas would advance to the next session.

Assembly Session #3
Assembly Members heard directly from TRIE Neighborhood Administrators who were invited to present on the community needs. Assembly Members then used this information from nonprofits about on-the-ground experiences, combined with their own lived experiences, to make more informed decisions about which projects best fit the needs of the borough.

Assembly Session #4
The Assemblies used the final session to select a final 10 projects per borough — with the exception of six in Staten Island — to go on the final ballots, thereby advancing to the Voting phase. Assembly Members were then briefed on the next steps in the process, including the ballot design and the CEC's plans to collect votes with help from non-profit partners. Participants then handed off the final ideas to the CEC to then review them, editing for grammar, punctuation, and clarity.

During the final Borough Assembly session, Members were surveyed on their experience. 100% of participants reported believing that the Assemblies as a whole reflected a broad range of perspectives and lived experiences, 89% agreed or strongly agreed that the CEC is trustworthy, and 100% agreed or strongly agreed that its is important for government to provide residents opportunities to be directly involved in decisions that affect them. Furthermore, 97% of respondents agreed or strongly agree that participatory budgeting can help all New Yorkers lead healthier lives.

Borough Assembly Staff & Facilitator Trainings with Michael Rohd

The success of the Borough Assemblies is due in part to the facilitation of each session. This year, in response to a need for increased facilitator skill and capacity building, the CEC collaborated with professional facilitator trainer Michael Rohd to hold half-day training sessions for 15 internal CEC facilitation teams and the team of 25 Table Facilitators. Rohd is the founder of the Co-Lab for Civic Imagination at the University of Montana and has been working at the intersection of culture, community development, and local government for 30 years. He led trainees through a series of interactive partner and role-play-based learning exercises designed to build capacity to facilitate productive dialogue, sharing various strategies to build their facilitator toolkit. Trainees learned how to hold space for complexities in conversation, manage difficult moments between participants, and how to leverage community agreements to refocus the group towards its goals of selecting ideas for the borough ballots.

Phase 3: Voting

From May 6 through June 21 of 2026, all New York residents 11 and older, regardless of immigration status, could vote for the ideas they wanted to see implemented in their boroughs. Residents could cast a single ballot for the borough in which they live. The number of winning ideas and the funding provided was based on borough population size and poverty level.

The People's Money Voter Engagement

Residents were able to vote online or in person on paper ballots at voting sites and events across the five boroughs, with ballots available in 13 languages. The CEC worked with 81 paid partners, including 49 community-based organizations and 32 TRIE Partners and their coalitions, to conduct in-person and digital outreach. Partners and volunteers launched a citywide get out the vote campaign to encourage as many eligible New Yorkers as possible to participate.

In increasing efforts to meet New Yorkers where they are, the CEC also partnered with hundreds of sites to host physical ballot boxes as in years past. This year, the Commission created unified visual branding for the boxes, using vivid colors, logos, and photos. An important decision made this year was to feature photos of implemented projects from last year, hoping that showing New Yorkers images of people who looked like them would draw their attention and show them the tangible results of voting in participatory budgeting.

The CEC also partnered with the City's three public library systems to host ballot boxes and table-top QR codes to facilitate voting at 82 library branches across the City. In addition to libraries, partners and volunteers also engaged 134 public schools, 37 older adult centers, 49 houses of worship, 47 NYCHA campuses, and 11 elected official offices in The People's Money Vote phase! This cycle, the CEC newly collaborated with five cultural institutions to reach new audiences within the city's civic spaces, including BRIC Arts Media in Brooklyn, Bronx Museum of the Arts, Museo Del Barrio in Manhattan, Flushing Town Hall in Queens, and Snug Harbor in Staten Island. These institutions hosted their own vote events and promoted the process through digital outreach.

Paid partners hosted ballot boxes, voting drives, pop-up community events, and neighborhood canvasses to support this citywide engagement effort. Across the city, partners hosted 155 ballot boxes and reported 292 voting events, up from 183 events in Cycle 3. Partners reported engaging over 25,000 voters in a language other than English as compared with the 134,418 voters total. The CEC also recruited volunteers as Participatory Budgeting Vote Ambassadors, who were each responsible for collecting a targeted number of ballots. Their work and contributions are described further in the Outreach & Community Engagement section of this report.

The CEC also participated in five flagship voting events — one per borough — to spread awareness of The People's Money and collect votes. This year, staff attended the Brooklyn Pride Parade, Bronx Week Parade and Festival, Museum Mile Festival in Manhattan, Queens Pride Parade, and Staten Island Family Fun Day.



Commissioner DeNora Getachew handing out palm cards at Brooklyn Pride (left), CEC and People's Creative Institute staff tabling at Bronx Week (top right), and CEC staff and volunteers engaging residents at Museum Mile (bottom right).

These live vote-getting efforts were bolstered by a digital and out-of-home advertising campaign that placed ads across the MTA system in train station platforms and on bus shelters at over 50 locations citywide, including both TRIE neighborhoods and high-traffic areas. The multilingual advertising strategy also included Meta advertisements on Instagram and Facebook that yielded over 2.7 million impressions and over 36,000 clicks. In an effort to expand the campaign's reach, the Public Affairs Team collaborated with various organizations, including Food Bank NYC, NYC Health and Hospitals, and Callen-Lorde to promote the voting process online, and also partnered with Sugar Hill Creamery, a local ice cream shop in Harlem, that served as additional ballot box locations and even created a limited-edition flavor called "The People's Money." The campaign also received media attention from various outlets, including Columbia World Projects, WNYC, and El Diario. More details on this campaign can be found in the Strategic Communications section of this report.



Dr. Sarah Sayeed giving remarks at The People's Money Vote launch event (top) and CEC staff and volunteers engaging voters at Bronx Week Parade and Festival (bottom left) and Museum Mile Festival in Manhattan (bottom right).

Participation Data

NYC residents cast a total of 134,418 votes in The People's Money this cycle — an increase from the previous cycle's vote total. 91% of ballots (122,380) were cast in-person on paper ballots, while 9% of votes (12,038) were cast online. Ballots were translated into a total of 12 languages other than English: Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), French, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Spanish, Urdu, and Yiddish. Voters were able to choose their preferred language on paper ballots where available, and could also select their chosen language on the digital ballot. In total, 26,115 ballots were cast in a language other than English — 19% of the total votes. 14% were cast in Spanish, followed by 2% in Chinese and 1% in Korean and Bengali.

Here is a breakdown of votes per borough:

- **Bronx:** 35,067 votes
- **Brooklyn:** 31,952 votes
- **Manhattan:** 18,626 votes
- **Queens:** 35,585 votes
- **Staten Island:** 13,188 votes

Winning Ideas

The ideas that received the most votes and will become implemented projects in the following year were as follows:

- **Bronx:** The five winning ideas were Inclusive Programming for Children on the Autism Spectrum, Money Management Workshops for Youth, The Bronx Mobile Health Clinic, Wellness Workshops for Bronx Residents, and Working Together to Make Your Block Better. Each will be funded $200,000.
- **Brooklyn:** The five winning ideas were Accessible Health Screenings for All, Community Choice Food and Supplies Pantry Pop-up, Financial Education Workshops, Wellness Support Program for Families of Special Needs Youth, and Youth Services Hub. Each will be funded $235,000.
- **Queens:** The five winning ideas were Connecting Tech-Savvy Youth with Seniors, Creative Workshops for Youth, Healthy Hot Meals Program, Helping Older Adults with Lease Renewals, and Job Training Program for Immigrants. Each will be funded $195,000.
- **Manhattan:** The four winning ideas were Help Searching for Housing, Helping Youth Find Housing After Foster Care, Life Skills Workshops for Young Adults, and Youth Internship and Leadership Program for Civics and Careers. Each will be funded $165,000.
- **Staten Island:** The winning idea was the Staten Island Food Recovery and Delivery Program. It will be funded $190,000.

Exit Survey

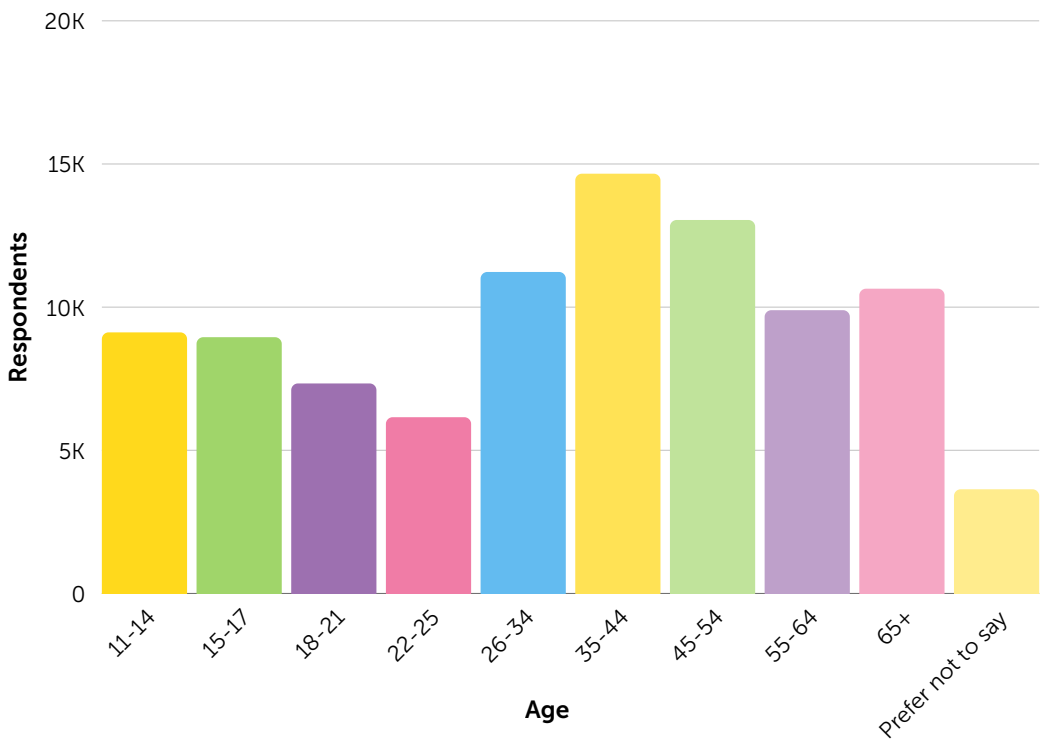
The CEC and its partnering organizations and volunteers administered an optional anonymous voter demographic survey located on the back of the paper ballot and as a prompt at the end of the digital ballot. This survey — which helps ensure the CEC is reaching its Charter-mandated priority populations — garnered a very high response rate of 75% for a total of 104,665 survey responses.

The following analysis and associated percentages for each question's categories were determined by analyzing the total number of respondents who answered that particular question on the exit survey, rather than the total number of respondents to the survey as a whole. Citywide demographic data is drawn from the US Census Bureau website.

Age

Of the 94,665 respondents to the age question, 9,118 (10%) were 11-14 years old, 8,950 (9%) were 15-17, 7,334 (8%) were 18-21, 6,155 (7%) were 22-25, 11,228 (12%) were 26-34, 14,661 (15%) were 35-44, 13,044 (14%) were 45-54, 9,893 (10%) were 55-64, and 10,644 (11%) were 65 or older. Another 3,638 (4%) preferred not to say. Two findings stand out: adults aged 55 and older made up around 22% of respondents, and youth aged 11-14 and 15-17 made up around 19%. This is on par with youth engagement in the previous cycle where 18% of votes cast were from these age groups.

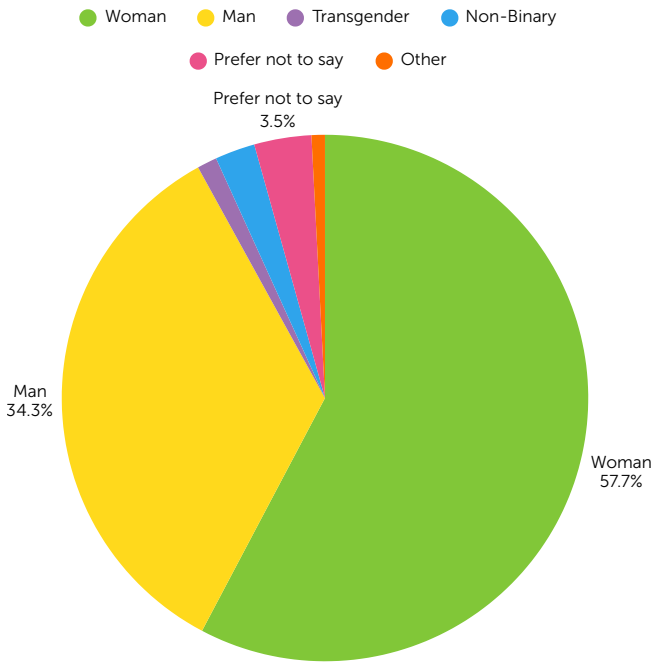
Figure 2: Survey Respondents by Age



Gender Identity

Of the 94,644 respondents to the gender identity question, 55,591 (58%) identified as women, 32,986 (34%) identified as men, 2,365 (2%) identified as non-binary and 1,172 (1%) identified as transgender. As has been the case in past years, women — who make up 52% of New York City's population — are slightly overrepresented in The People's Money process. This has generally been shown to be the case across measures of civic engagement including volunteering, membership in community associations, and voting.

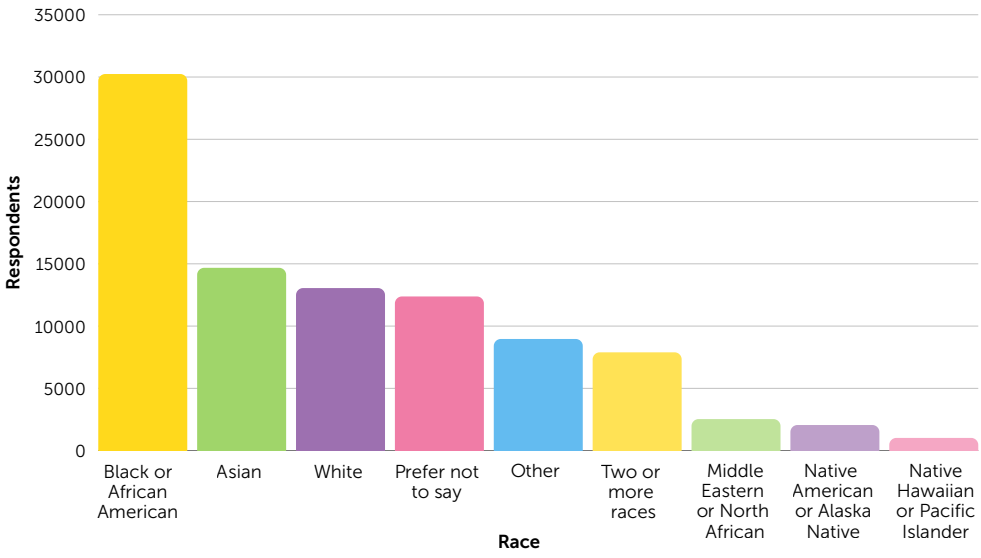
Figure 3: Survey Respondents by Gender



Race

For this question, respondents were able to select all options that applied. Of the 87,761 respondents to the question on race, 30,242 (33%) identified as Black or African American, compared with 22% of the City's population. 14,679 (16%) respondents identified as Asian, compared with 5% of the City's population. Finally 13,053 (14%) identified as White, compared with 34% of the City's population. 33% of respondents to the question belonged to two or more races. 3% identified as Middle Eastern or North African.

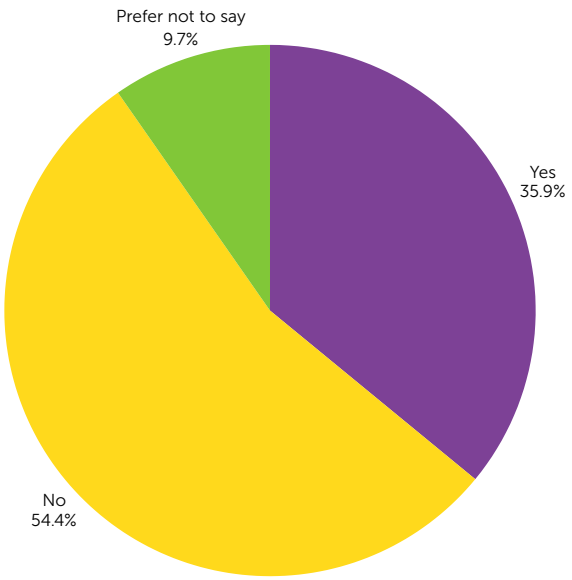
Figure 4: Survey Respondents by Race



Ethnicity: "Do you identify as Hispanic or Latino?"

Of the 90,022 respondents to the ethnicity question, 32,431 (36%) identified as Hispanic or Latino compared with 29% of the City's population.

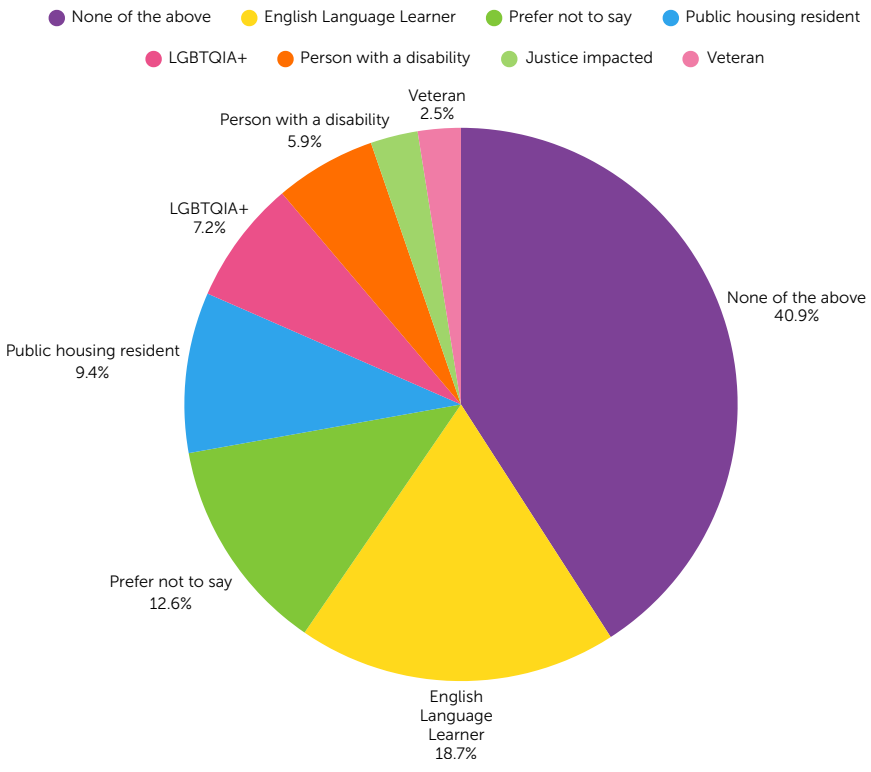
Figure 5: Survey Respondents by Ethnicity



Priority Population Reach

For this question, respondents were able to select all options that applied. Of the 90,545 respondents to the priority population question, 18,341 (19%) identified as English Language Learners, 9,213 (9%) as Public Housing Residents, and 7,120 (7%) as LGBTQIA+. It is also worth noting that 5,810 (6%) identified as a person with a disability, 2,467 (3%) identified as veterans, and 2,718 (3%) identified as a person impacted by the criminal justice system. This is roughly equal to the previous cycle's reach.

Figure 6: Survey Respondents by Priority Population



TRIE NEIGHBORHOOD INITIATIVE



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Program Goals

The Taskforce for Racial Inclusions & Equity (TRIE) was established in 2020, and convened City agency leaders to understand and address the disproportionate impacts of COVID-19 on communities of color across New York City. Using socioeconomic and pandemic health data, the Taskforce identified 33 TRIE Neighborhoods, which accounted for 50% of New York City's COVID cases at the time. These geographies became an important framework for City agencies to target resources and reinforce the resilience of impacted communities — laying the foundation for the TRIE Neighborhood Initiative.

Since 2021, the Civic Engagement Commission's TRIE Neighborhood Initiative has invested over $8 million in community-based organizations (CBOs) to strengthen local civic infrastructures across historically underserved NYC neighborhoods. Through coalition building, community engagement, and civic education, the Initiative connects organizations with tools, capacity building, and resources. These efforts strengthen collaboration between local government and community, while helping develop strategic outreach plans to promote broad participation in civic life and decision making at the neighborhood level.

Increasing Organizational Capacity through Cross-Sector Coalition Building

This past year, 32 CBOs served as TRIE Neighborhood Administrators (TNAs) to strengthen cross-sector coalitions across the 33 TRIE Neighborhoods. These coalitions regularly convened over 320 members — including organizations, small businesses, faith-based groups, local elected offices, schools, and individual volunteers — with a central mission: to co-create a more inclusive and diverse democracy where residents feel empowered to participate in their communities. TNAs held a total of 137 meetings and redistributed $420,000 to their coalition members to help them expand their reach across the TRIE neighborhoods.

100% of TNAs reported that working in coalition increased their capacity to not only meet program deliverables, but also meet the needs of their community. Beyond promoting The People's Money, coalitions furthered the mission of deepening civic engagement in several ways, from co-creating wellness initiatives to expanding direct services, developing youth leadership, and supporting neighborhood organizing efforts — reflecting the unique needs and strengths of each neighborhood.

> On Wednesday, November 5, 2025, four adults were found dead inside Castle Hill Houses following a triple homicide-suicide... Jeanette Salcedo, the Tenant Association President at the time, reached out to Kips Bay and TRIE partners for support... The Office of Neighborhood Safety, the Department of Health, Stand Up to Violence, and Release the Grip were activated to provide services to Castle Hill residents. Mental health services included victim services, crisis management, grief counseling, and family support... we all have a role to play.
>
> **Rodny Carvajal, Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club, inc., Bronx TRIE Partner**

Fostering Equity in The People's Money Process

As a result of cultivating strong neighborhood partnerships, TNAs have been able to reach and mobilize thousands of TRIE Neighborhood residents. Their leadership across the CEC's priority neighborhoods has ensured The People's Money process is representative of historically underserved communities.

During Idea Generation, TNAs successfully engaged nearly 4,000 New Yorkers across 186 workshops in TRIE Neighborhoods. Participants at these sessions generated over 780 ideas for projects to solve local issues, and expressed interest in staying involved — 220 individuals participating in these sessions opted to stay involved by applying to their respective Borough Assemblies.

TNAs contributed to the Borough Assembly phase by providing Assembly Members with community data to inform their deliberation and produce final borough ballots that considered equity neighborhood needs. They first convened their coalition to review and provide comments on the Borough Assembly idea packets. Based on this activity, Education was highlighted as the top topic area for TRIE Neighborhood stakeholders within the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and Queens. In Staten Island, Social Services and Accessibility was the top topic area. Second, representatives from each TRIE coalition attended the third Borough Assembly meeting to discuss how the ideas might address local priorities.

By the conclusion of the Vote phase, TNAs collected an impressive 68,168 votes — over 50% of the citywide total count. Partners engaged residents through multiple channels, tapping into public schools, tabling in busy areas, hosting friendly competitions, and more. Their thoughtfulness and creativity not only moved New Yorkers to action, but also strengthened their own neighborhood presence and partnerships. Almost 90% of TNAs reported that their outreach throughout this phase enabled them to engage new audiences.

Strengthening Access through Neighborhood Collaboration

In addition to bringing residents into the process of generating and voting for community project ideas, TNAs collaborated with The People's Money Implementation Partners to expand access to the winning projects. Partnership across the two CEC programs accounted for 32 additional People's Money project activities across TRIE equity neighborhoods, including resource fairs, workshops, pop-up events, and town halls. TNAs supported project recruitment, co-hosted informational sessions, and brought together program participants for performances.

> For Practical Knowledge, Inc., the collaboration strengthened relationships with community partners and created opportunities for continued impact. One parent who attended the workshop was the PTA President at Martin Van Buren High School. After experiencing the workshop firsthand, she referred Practical Knowledge, Inc. to the school, which subsequently contracted our organization, as an approved New York City Department of Education vendor, to facilitate a Scholarship Strategy Workshop for Martin Van Buren High School students and families. This outcome demonstrates how strategic community partnerships can generate lasting benefits that extend well beyond a single event, increasing our capacity to serve more students and families throughout New York City.
>
> **Practical Knowledge, Inc., Queens TRIE Partner**

Working together created opportunities for both groups of organizations to develop innovative solutions to engage residents, reach broader audiences, and explore pathways to sustain partnership beyond the program year.

Promoting Civic Education and Inspiring Civic Action

Civic engagement, or people taking action to build, protect, and sustain their communities, goes beyond just voting in elections. The CEC's reocurring workshop, "Civic Engagement is People Power," guides participants through conversation, activities, and resources to understand the spectrum of civic engagement while celebrating being part of the amazing work already taking place in their neighborhoods.

TNAs have expanded on this work by customizing the workshop to include hyperlocal examples of civic leaders and opportunities to get involved with volunteering, free programming and community events. Across 37 workshops, TNAs have engaged over 800 New Yorkers.

> The workshop effectively inspired civic action by helping participants see themselves as advocates. Incorporating photos from their recent Advocacy Day in Albany allowed youth to recognize that they were already engaging in civic action, making the content more personal and empowering. Participants actively engaged in discussions, connected advocacy concepts to their own experiences, and left with greater confidence in their ability to organize, speak up, and create change in their communities.
>
> **Bronx Leadership & Organizing Center/Bronx Defenders, Bronx TRIE Partner**

Strengthening Civic Infrastructure through Capacity Building

The reality for many nonprofit staff, particularly at smaller grassroots organizations, is that constant and newly emergent needs require them to wear multiple hats, stretching their capacity in order to deliver responsive programs and services. By providing a host of capacity-building offerings, the CEC aims to equip staff with the information and experience needed to better serve their neighborhoods.

In the fall, the CEC partnered with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to host a workshop for TRIE coalition members on emergency preparedness communications. The curriculum reviewed community mapping and relationship-building strategies to identify key resources like shelter, food, and public safety. It also guided participants through role-play scenarios to practice disseminating critical information using provided communication templates. Overall, attendees left more confident in how to respond and alert their community members of safety protocols swiftly in times of emergency.

This year, the CEC also piloted a Project Cycle Management TRIE cohort, providing TNAs access to the Commission's intensive project cycle management and monitoring and evaluation curriculum through The New School. Typically, the CEC offers these workshops to partners who are selected to implement The People's Money winning projects, but feedback from the TNAs revealed a need for deeper support with program and project planning to foster sustainability of their work over time. Six TNAs met in person, bi-weekly, over the course of 13 workshops facilitated by Mark Johnson, Associate Professor of Practice Emeritus at The New School. Throughout the course, workshops covered topics such as stakeholder mapping, logical frameworks, survey design, and monitoring and evaluation. Most importantly, participants overwhelmingly reported that the skills developed through these workshops would not only strengthen their program design, but would also allow them to be better, more strategic organizers within the community.

> The collaborative learning environment, peer exchange, and real-world application made this experience especially meaningful. Thank you for investing in the growth of community leaders, and I hope future cohorts continue to benefit from this outstanding program.
>
> **Eliana Gibbs, formerly Jacob A Riis Neighborhood Settlement, Queens TNA**

Finally, in the spring, the CEC hosted "Winning with Creativity," a three-part workshop series facilitated by the Center for Artistic Activism. These sessions pushed partners to thoughtfully plan for getting out the PB vote and consider exciting ways to incorporate the arts to inspire curiosity and action among voters. One participant shared:

> The workshop also influenced how we facilitated events and public activations. We focused on creating experiences that invited curiosity and participation, helping people see themselves as active contributors to the democratic process rather than passive observers. In fact, many of the facilitation techniques and creative organizing strategies we learned have continued to shape our work beyond the People's Money campaign and will inform future YVote programming as well. One tangible example is that, after implementing ideas from the workshop, our team more than tripled the number of votes we had originally projected, demonstrating just how effective creative, youth centered engagement can be.
>
> **Patricia Foy, YVote, Workshop Participant**

These offerings are just a few examples of how the CEC invests in civic infrastructure beyond the partnership grant. Year-round, the CEC also facilitates virtual monthly borough convenings during which organizations connect, discuss and work through various challenges, and amplify opportunities to participate in local programming.

VOTER LANGUAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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The Voter Language Assistance Program improves the civic and electoral participation of New Yorkers with limited English proficiency by providing interpretation services at select poll sites citywide based on a publicly vetted methodology. The CEC provides services in the following languages: Albanian, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin), French, Greek, Haitian Creole, Italian, Korean, Polish, Russian, Urdu, and Yiddish. The language assistance provided through the program is supplemental to the language assistance already provided by the NYC Board of Elections.



VLA interpreters at a poll site.

Since 2019, the CEC has convened a Language Assistance Advisory Committee (LAAC) as part of the VLA Program. The LAAC has continued to provide recommendations on the implementation of the Program, conducted its own outreach to VLA communities, and assisted with the development of outreach strategies, vetting of outreach materials, and recruitment of interpreters. Several LAAC members held their own outreach efforts, including tabling, canvassing, and information sessions.

The Voter Language Assistance Program provided language assistance at select poll sites for two general elections and one special election in the past year:

- November 2025 General Election
- February 2026 Assembly District 36 Special Election
- June 2026 Primary Election

Using the approved methodology and based on available resources, poll sites ranking highest in terms of the number of limited English proficient citizens of voting age were served in each of these elections.

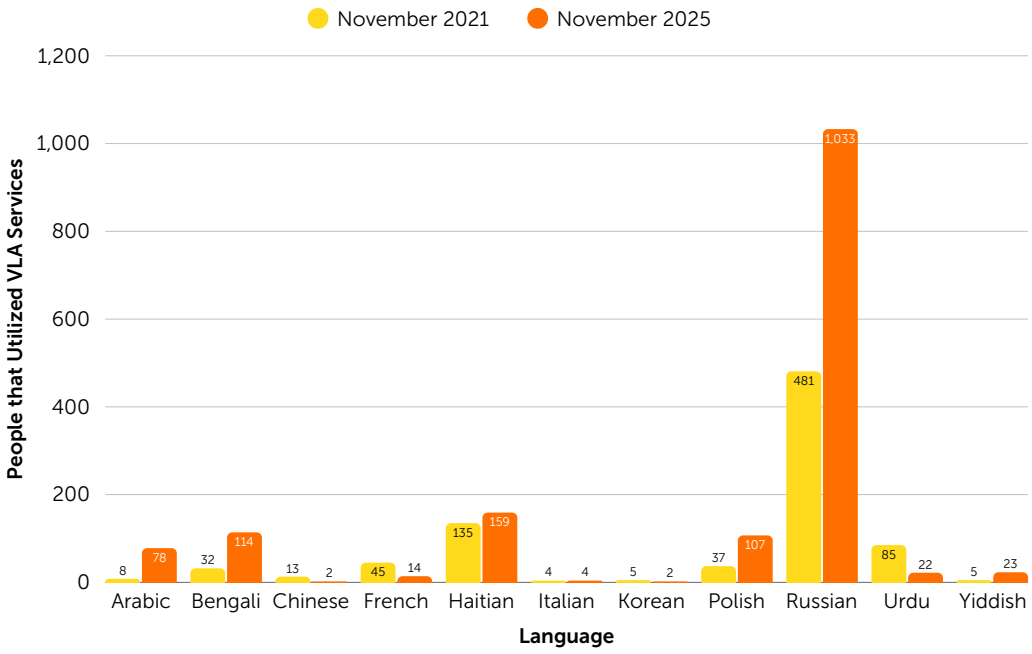
Methodology Updates

On October 8, 2025, CEC Commissioners voted to update the Citizens of Voting Age who are Limited in English Proficiency (CVALEP) population eligible for VLA Program services to reflect that CEC could no longer provide Chinese in Staten Island or Urdu in Brooklyn, after the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act of New York took effect, effectively transferring language access mandates for these two populations to the Board of Elections. The Commissioners also passed provisions allowing for additional language services to be added to early voting poll sites, selected based on the publicly vetted methodology, to allow for maximization of resources. On April 30, 2026, the Commissioners passed an amendment to the methodology allowing for Albanian and Greek to be added to the VLA Program's language offerings, as the two largest CVALEP groups in New York City outside the language communities that were already being served. Additionally, Commissioners voted to approve the updated data of CVALEP population counts and percentage shares (see Appendix E) and to update the dataset every three years based on the most recent U.S. Census American Community Survey five-year estimates.

Utilization of VLA Services

For the November 2025 General Election, the Commission provided language services at 42 unique early voting sites with a total of 63 language services. On Election Day, the Commission served 88 unique poll sites with a total of 90 language services, providing language assistance to a total of 1,559 limited English proficient voters while dozens more received general assistance or engaged with interpreters to obtain information about voting. The program's utilization rate was nearly double that of the 2021 General Election, demonstrating a significant increase in voter demand for language assistance. See Figure 7 below for a language-by-language comparison.

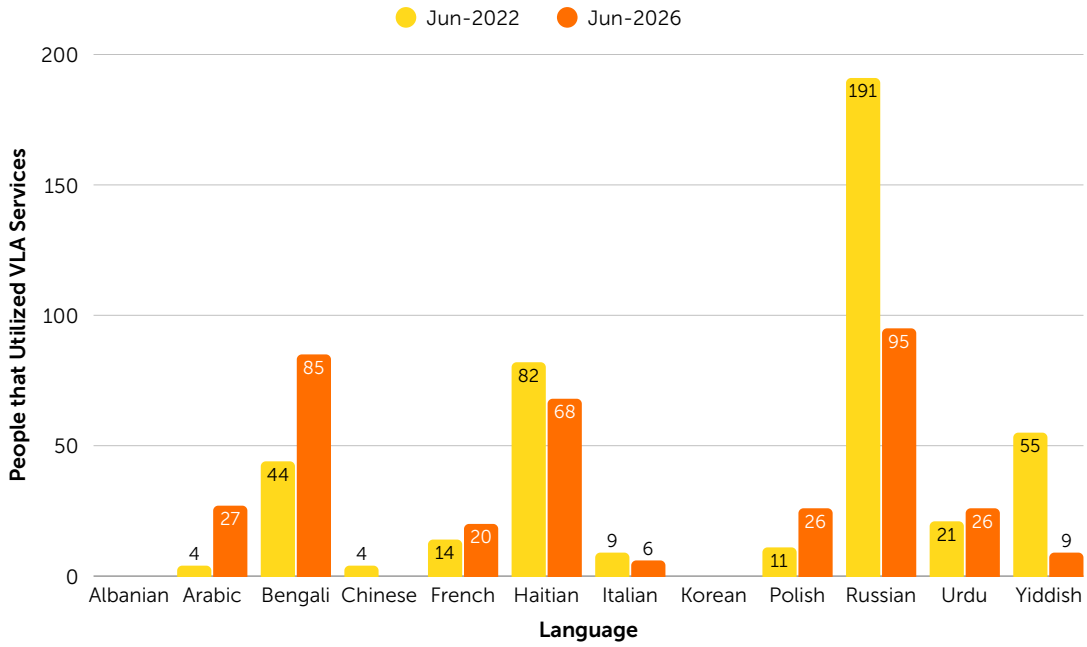
Figure 7: Utilization of VLA Services, November 2021 General Election vs. November 2025 General Election



The November 2025 General Election included races for the NYC mayor and other citywide offices, such as the public advocate and comptroller, 51 city council seats, borough presidents and district attorneys, as well as six state and city ballot proposals. See Appendix C for a detailed breakdown of poll sites served and utilization at each site.

For the June 2026 Primary, the Commission served 50 unique early voting sites with a total of 86 language services, the highest number of early voting services the Program has ever provided. On Election Day, the Commission served 100 unique poll sites with a total of 103 language services. The Commission provided language assistance to a total of 365 voters, which represents a 16% drop compared to the June 2022 Primary Election. However, for some languages — Arabic, Bengali, French, Polish, and Urdu — the rate of utilization grew between the 2022 and 2026 Primaries. See Figure 8 below for a language-by-language comparison. The June 2026 Primary included contests for some state and federal legislative seats, as well as some local judicial seats. Not all parties and election districts had primaries. See Appendix D for a detailed breakdown of poll sites served and utilization at each site.

Figure 8: Utilization of VLA Services, June 2022 Primary vs. June 2026 Primary



*No Albanian and Greek services were provided in the June 2022 Primary

The CEC continued to raise awareness of voter language services and voting rights, including the right to bring an interpreter of choice to the polls, among language communities eligible for VLA services. The Program employed a number of tactics, including canvassing and tabling at community events with the help of volunteers who speak VLA languages, outreach to community-based organizations, collaboration with other city agencies, and a citywide digital advertising campaign.

Paid advertising campaigns that included placements in ethnic print and digital media outlets and geo-targeted social media ads were implemented for both the November 2025 General

Election and the June 2026 Primary Election. A new multilingual ad in English and all VLA languages ran on LinkNYC kiosks for several weeks ahead of Election Day.

CBO Partnerships

The Commission continued to partner with community-based organizations that serve VLA communities through a public Request for Interest. Ahead of the November 2025 General Election, 13 community-based organizations conducted 14 in-language voter info sessions citywide, with the overwhelming majority of these workshops held in Brooklyn. For the June 2026 Primary, 14 organizations, including a Brooklyn Public Library branch, held 15 in-language voter information sessions in 10 languages.

In total, over 1,100 voters with limited English proficiency received information in their language on voting rights, including the right to bring an interpreter of their choice to the polls, the voting process and key election dates, and CEC's voter interpretation services. The VLA Team provided in-language content and trained facilitators.



Voter info session hosted by Korean Community Services for the Korean-speaking community of Staten Island.

Building Civic Power Across Languages Convening

On May 18, 2026, the VLA Team hosted "Building Civic Power Across Languages: Centering Language Communities in NYC's Civic Life," the first ever civic engagement conference focused on key NYC language and immigrant communities. The event brought together nearly 100 representatives from community-based organizations, ethnic media, and city agencies.

Participants identified barriers affecting immigrant and limited English proficient communities — including inadequate language access, distrust of government, immigration concerns, socioeconomic challenges, and limited awareness of civic processes and engagement opportunities — and explored community-informed solutions.

The convening also featured panelists Faiza Ali of the NYC Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Jerry Vattamala of the New York State Attorney General's Office, Christina Ozual of the New York Immigration Coalition, Orlando T. Ovalles of NALEO Educational Fund, Mia Lewis of Common Cause New York, Leah Wong of AALDEF, and CEC Chair and Executive Director Dr. Sarah Sayeed.



"Building Civic Power Across Languages: Centering Language Communities in NYC's Civic Life" convening with panelists Christina Ozual, Faiza Ali, Dr. Sarah Sayeed, and Jerry Vattamala.

To better meet the needs of limited English proficient voters, additional resources are needed to expand both the scope of language assistance services and year-round, in-person and digital outreach to the language communities served by the Voter Language Assistance Program. The Commission continues to receive requests from elected officials and members of the public to add more languages and expand services to additional poll sites, reflecting both growing awareness of the Program and increasing demand for interpreter assistance.

Because the Program's services are limited by available resources and its allotment methodology, the Commission cannot provide interpretation in every Program-eligible language at every poll site. Accordingly, CEC continues to educate voters about their right to bring an interpreter of their choice to the polls.

COMMUNITY BOARDS



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Community Boards: Serving Members and Staff

Under the New York City Charter, the Civic Engagement Commission is mandated to deliver training programs for community board members and staff in collaboration with the Department of City Planning, Borough Presidents' offices, and partner agencies. Over the past year, the CEC expanded its training curriculum, updated its needs assessment survey, and broadened outreach directly to individual board members and staff. To maximize accessibility, training sessions were offered across both daytime and evening schedules. Key innovations, legislative shifts, and operational updates during the 2025–2026 programming cycle included:

Targeted & Emerging Topics

The CEC introduced specialized workshops focusing on priority communities and broader public application, including Disability Voter Rights, NYS Unified Court System, and Community Land Trusts. Based on direct board member feedback, new interactive topics were introduced, such as Expanding Your Engagement and Artificial Intelligence: How to Use It and How Not To.

In-Person Skill Building & Legislative Alignment

Practical in-person sessions continued with Parliamentary Procedure in 2025 and De-Escalation in 2026. Following 2026 legislation requiring Borough Presidents' offices to administer parliamentary procedure training, the CEC provided advisory support to the Borough Presidents and transitioned out of direct session delivery. The Commission maintained core instruction on fundamental municipal topics, including Language Access, Affordable Housing, and NYC Open Data.

National Civic League Collaboration

In January 2026, the CEC executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Civic League under a Luce Foundation Better Public Meetings Research grant. The initiative conducted surveys, staff interviews, and public meeting observations, culminating in a preliminary findings event attended by over 90 participants at Columbia University’s Forum. More information on this collaboration will be provided in the Strategic Partnerships section of this report.

Workshop Statistics

For 2025/2026, the CEC hosted 33 trainings on 11 topics with 11 partners for community boards. Data about training attendance is included in Appendix F. These trainings were determined by a previous Needs Assessment survey and an interest in serving boards on a more individual basis. Topics and their descriptions as appeared are below:

- **Disability Voter Rights** - Everybody has the right to cast their vote regardless of physical differences and capabilities. Learn the most up-to-date equipment and your rights in using it.
- **Social Media for Community Boards** - Reaching your constituents is easier than ever with the numerous online social media platforms. Join us to learn how to improve your posts and the idiosyncrasies of the different platforms
- **Language Access** - In NYC, 47% of households speak a language other than English at home. In this workshop, learn about the best practices for translations and interpretation.
- **Parliamentary Procedure** - Join us to learn about Robert's Rules of Order and how to more effectively run your meetings.
- **Affordable Housing** - The phrase "affordable housing" seems plain enough, but it doesn't always mean what people think it does. It actually has a technical definition, which can determine what housing gets built and who gets to live there.
- **NYS Unified Court System** - Join Zenith T. Taylor, Esq., the Statewide Civic Engagement Coordinator for the New York State Unified Court System, for a presentation on how the courts are strengthening democracy by promoting transparency, accessibility, and community involvement through civic programming.
- **Expanding your Engagement** - The CEC is offering a workshop that will explore how to deepen and expand democratic engagement through three proven methods — civic assemblies, legislative theater, and participatory budgeting.
- **Artificial Intelligence: How to use it and how not to use it, Community Board Edition** - BetaNYC will provide an AI 101 training designed to build a practical, confident understanding of today's artificial intelligence tools. Many New Yorkers are unclear about how it works and how it can be integrated responsibly into public service spaces.
- **Discovering NYC Open Data** - NYC Open Data is free information about nearly every area of life in New York City. Every time a street is cleaned, a tree is planted, a building is constructed, or a restaurant is inspected, there is a corresponding data point created.
- **Bring the Temperature Down: De-Escalating Conflicts** - De-escalation is a process of building communication and rapport with someone who is agitated, upset, or angry. Conversations get heated and take on speed. It can be scary to jump in to de-escalate.
- **Community Land Trusts - Expanding Community Ownership in NYC** - Learn how CLTs protect and expand affordable rental housing and homeownership, commercial and community facilities, cultural and green spaces, and more.

> This was a very informative workshop. I learned new information that I can share with my church and residents in my community.
>
> **Participant, NYS Unified Court System Workshop**

> I appreciate the aspirations and innovation. I am hamstrung by the disconnect between the potential for Community involvement and the reality we experience of lack of emotional support and lack of resources.
>
> **Participant, Expanding Your Engagement Workshop**

Satisfaction Survey Results

Following training workshops, satisfaction surveys are distributed to attendees to gather feedback and evaluate instructional quality. Across eight surveys, the agency received 74 total responses, reflecting high participant engagement and strong curriculum satisfaction. Key performance metrics from attendee evaluations include:

- **Curriculum Relevance**: When assessing practical applicability to community board operations, 73 of 74 respondents rated the usefulness of the information at 4 out of 5 (with 5 indicating "very useful").
- **Instructional Quality**: Presenters earned an average rating of 4.4 out of 5 for delivering engaging and informative content, with 97% of surveyed attendees reporting overall satisfaction with the workshop experience.
- **Participant Retention & Reach**: Demonstrating strong audience retention alongside expanded outreach, 62% of respondents indicated attendance at prior CEC workshops, while 38% were first-time participants.

DIGITAL EQUITY & PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY

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The fundamental notion behind participatory democracy is that all people should have a say in the government decisions that impact their communities on a regular basis — not only on electing the government officials during electoral cycles. The pathway to a more representative and participatory democracy requires all government agencies to radically rethink how they operate. Decisions that used to be made in closed-door meetings by a handful of people now must be brought to the streets at such a scale that all New Yorkers can meaningfully engage in transforming their city.

All of it in the context of a city with more than 8.5 million people, 40% of which are foreign born. A city with such cultural diversity that more than 500 languages are spoken every day across the five boroughs. A city where the infrastructure available, the access to green spaces, the design of the highways, the resources in the schools, and the access of quality food or affordable housing reflects a painful history of redlining and geographic segregation. In other words, a city where inequality across communities continues to limit opportunities for many New Yorkers.

The CEC's approach was to develop a dual strategy:

1. **Tech-enabled in-person outreach:** Identify and implement technologies to support in-person engagements regardless of individuals' digital literacy at scale through facilitated events with community partners.
2. **Digital outreach through public commons:** Identify and implement technologies to support digital engagement while developing digital services that are owned and managed by the Civic Engagement Commission.

About the CEC's Digital Equity Team

The CEC's Digital Equity Team (DET) was created in the Fall of 2024 to engage New Yorkers in participatory democracy by leveraging technology and innovation in ways that are transparent, inclusive, accessible, and sustainable. The Team works together to not only enhance the technical capacity of the CEC, but to expand data-driven decision making on program delivery and improve visual and user experience (UX) design across digital platforms. The DET consists of four key departments to facilitate this work: UX Design & Research, Technology & Development, Public Affairs, and Data Analytics.

Technology and Digital Access

In order to manage, visualize, store, process, and communicate content related to The People's Money, the Civic Engagement Commission selected a combination of technology vendors and tools. The main tool is Decidim, an open-source platform, which powers the CEC's interactive platform for The People's Money, participate.nyc.gov. Decidim is a framework that allows anybody to create and configure a website platform to be used in the form of a political network for democratic participation. The platform allows any organization to create mass processes for strategic planning, participatory budgeting, collaborative design for regulations, urban spaces, and election processes. Decidim is not only open-source, it is also governed through a model of democratic contribution where implementers around the world can propose and help decide what features will be implemented. Work and resources invested in the platform are shared back to practitioners of participatory budgeting and other forms of direct democracy in a global arena, facilitating a space for conversations around process and methodologies.

The CEC uses Decidim to host the online experience for The People's Money, allowing New Yorkers to engage in the process in various ways. They can submit ideas through a proposal form to be considered alongside the ideas that were generated by participants in Idea Generation Workshops. Then, they can track the progress of their ideas throughout each phase of the process, from the initial Idea Generation phase through Borough Assemblies, and finally to the Vote phase. They can also view the progression of winning ideas as they become implemented projects throughout the city. New Yorkers are also able to see the ideas submitted in previous cycles of The People's Money and see details on the projects that were completed as a result of those processes.

For more information on the CEC's partnership with the Decidim Association, see the Strategic Partnerships section of this report.

The Decidim platform does not currently offer the functionality needed for online voting, so the CEC also works with Blueberry PoP s.r.o., a digital agency specializing in voting platforms for participatory budgeting processes, to deliver voting and sccanning technologies for the Vote phase of The People's Money. New Yorkers can vote online using Blueberry PoP's custom platform, linked on Participate, to decide which projects will be implemented in their borough. Paper ballots are also available to allow New Yorkers at any level of digital literacy to vote. The paper ballots are then scanned and counted by Blueberry PoP and combined with the digital votes. The voting results are then displayed on Participate, where New Yorkers can connect them to the full process and see how proposed ideas make the full journey from Assemblies to the ballots.

UX Design & Research

With the ongoing goal of improving the digital experience for the public to easily and meaningfully engage with The People's Money, the Design Team led a redesign of the homepage and overall user UX improvements of Participate, focusing on information hierarchy, navigation, and content.

The design approach began with a UX audit and current-state site mapping exercise to identify gaps in information and navigation, inconsistencies, repetition, errors, and other key UX pain points. Based on this, the Team defined the most impactful areas to improve, then researched other participatory budgeting sites for comparison. From there, the Team prototyped improved ways to communicate The People's Money's purpose, guide users through the phases, and balance visual design with accessibility — ultimately defining a clear story flow that guides users from curiosity to understanding to participation.

Building on that story flow, the user experience updates included redesigned components and call-to-action sequences to help people quickly and intuitively understand what The People's Money is and draw them in to get involved easily. The Team also developed a global navigation that links users to evergreen information about the participatory budgeting process and concepts, so they can gain full context without information overload. Finally, the Team developed the visual language in alignment with the CEC's overall visual identity.

Alongside these UX updates, the Team also made content design updates, including updating inaccurate or missing information, which brought more clarity and transparency to the site. Updates included a CEC Glossary for consistent terminology throughout different pages to improve search engine optimization (SEO) and user understanding. To support this work going forward, the Team created a template for project overviews to serve as a consistent and informative summary of implemented projects and developed a copy library to serve as templates to draft website updates.

Public Affairs & Strategic Communications

During the 2026 Vote phase of The People's Money, the CEC's Public Affairs Team implemented a multifaceted communications strategy to connect with New Yorkers across the five boroughs. Informed by community research, the campaign combined strategic partnerships and advertising with engaging digital content to reach New Yorkers through the channels, platforms, and messengers they already engage with and trust.

Focus Group Research and Campaign Strategy

In collaboration with Blue Ridge Labs, the Public Affairs Team conducted focus group research in the fall of 2025 to better understand how New Yorkers engage with the CEC and what motivates them to participate. Through five focus group sessions with a total sample of 33 New Yorkers — none of whom had engaged with The People's Money before — recruited from demographic groups that have shown lower participation in previous People's Money cycles, the Team tested past campaigns alongside new concepts developed for the 2026 Vote phase to identify which messages, visuals, and approaches resonated most with participants.

The research revealed a clear preference for campaign materials featuring real people and images of the projects themselves, as participants wanted to tangibly understand the impact of the action they were being asked to take: voting in a participatory budgeting process. While previous People's Money campaigns relied heavily on animated visuals and the Sunny characters, participants responded more positively to designs that showed the people that benefit from The People's Money and the projects their votes would help fund. In response, the Team shifted the visual strategy for the 2026 Vote campaign to incorporate photography of New Yorkers participating in current People's Money projects, bringing the impact of participatory budgeting and the result of voting into clearer focus. The integration of participant feedback in the overall campaign strategy led to a total of 9,080,610 impressions across all social platforms (Instagram, Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and Youtube), a significant increase from the previous year's campaign which had a total of 3,376,507 impressions.

Expanding Campaign Reach Through Partnerships and Advertising

Building on findings from the focus group research, the Public Affairs Team launched a paid advertising campaign across all five boroughs during the Vote phase. Campaign advertisements appeared on bus shelters and subway liveboards, as well as on Instagram and Facebook in English, Spanish, and Chinese, bringing The People's Money to New Yorkers both online and throughout the city.

The Team also developed partnerships to introduce The People's Money to new audiences through trusted messengers, established community networks,and local businesses throughout the Vote phase. The Team collaborated with five NYC-based influencers whose content focuses on reaching New Yorkers in their everyday lives, rather than on politics or civic engagement, helping bring information about the vote to new audiences through voices they already follow and trust.

The Team also partnered with Sugar Hill Creamery, a Black-owned and woman-led ice cream shop based in Harlem, to create a limited-edition "The People's Money" flavor featuring matcha, mango, and mochi. Inspired by the program's green branding, the collaboration brought The People's Money into a familiar, joyful neighborhood setting, while Sugar Hill's stores also served as ballot box locations. Additional communications collaborations with Callen-Lorde, YVote, Food Bank for New York City, and NYC Health + Hospitals helped extend Vote phase outreach through established networks across the city. Social media collaborations with these organizations collectively reached over 19,000 users and garnered over 200 shares on Instagram, while influencer collaborations collectively reached over 44,000 users and garnered over 190 shares on Instagram.

Social Media Strategy and Trend-Based Content

The Public Affairs Team also expanded its social media strategy by incorporating more Reels, trend-based content, and pop culture references across the CEC's platforms. Building further on focus group feedback that showed a preference for content featuring real people over static graphics, the Team used short-form video to bring more diverse and engaging content to its social media channels. By adapting popular trends and cultural moments, from Love Island to the Knicks NBA championship, the Team created responsive content that connected with audiences through humor and familiar formats while raising awareness about the CEC and its work. Trend-based Reels highlighted opportunities to vote in The People's Money, the implementation of winning ideas, and the CEC's broader work across all of its programs. This approach allowed the Team to share civic information in ways that felt relatable and engaging while reaching audiences who may not otherwise engage with traditional government content. One of the most popular posts on social platforms was a graphic created to invite folks to apply to join their community board, allowing the CEC to amplify and increase applications for all community boards.

Data Analytics and Reporting

In an effort to improve reporting and data analytics from year to year, the Data Analyst worked diligently to develop dashboards that provide an overview of the data collected from various program components. These dashboards allow program leads to review deliverables and disaggregate data to better understand local engagement by language, demographics, and more. Additionally, the Analyst performed an audit of past programmatic data to ensure consistency throughout the years while establishing frameworks for data collection. In collaboration with both the Public Affairs and Technology and Development Teams, they integrated UTM (Urchin Tracking Module) tags during the Vote phase of The People's Money to improve tracking for website engagement and paid advertisements across social platforms.

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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During the past year, the Outreach Team provided targeted support to the Voter Language Assistance Program, The People's Money, and the TRIE Neighborhood Initiative. In addition to program-specific work, the Outreach Team was able to attend 148 events and held a total of 61 Civic 101 workshops throughout the city. The Engagement Specialists have implemented strategies to engage key priority communities, including active outreach to schools, houses of worship, and older adult centers, as they are community hubs for various of the CEC's priority populations, such as people with disabilities, people experiencing homelessness, justice-impacted individuals, and more.

This year, the Engagement Specialists took a new approach to providing Civic 101 workshops. In their redesign, the Team adapted presentations to be borough-specific with a focus on civic identity, community engagement, and advocacy. By focusing on the local community instead of the city as a whole, workshop participants were more connected to the content provided. Engagement Specialists also highlighted civic engagement history rooted in the boroughs; for example, in Manhattan, they incorporated the history of Stonewall and its influence in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights. This allowed community members to not see civic engagement as something abstract, but as it connects to their daily lives.

Civic Engagement Ambassador Academy (CEAA)

With funding support from an NYC Service grant, the Outreach Team established a new initiative, the Community Engagement Ambassador Academy (CEAA). The initiative aims to equip individuals with limited community engagement experience with the skills to become advocates for their neighborhoods and local causes.

The program successfully concluded its inaugural year, delivering two cohorts and fulfilling its core objective of developing community leaders. Following the coursework, participants served as volunteers with the Civic Engagement Commission for six months to apply their training in practical settings. Instruction and facilitation were led by Outreach Director, Barbara Williams, and Engagement Specialists, Anthony Carrion, Catherine Gao, Justin Usher, and Samira Z., alongside Volunteer Coordinators Randall Toure and Lynn Spivey. Building on the success of its inaugural year, the program will launch its second year in October 2026.

The weekly online curriculum covered foundational topics including Your Civic Identity, Participatory Budgeting & VLA, Messaging, Storytelling and Public Narrative, Levels of Government, Community Organizing and Local Power, and Technology, culminating in a final capstone project presentation. An additional course, How a Bill Becomes a Law, was integrated into Cohort 2. During the final session, participants presented their individual projects, with topics including advocacy for additional traffic lights to increase safety at a busy intersection, voter education and outreach day, and education to connect residents to immigration resources.

> Graduating from the Civic Engagement Ambassador Academy is not the end of my journey — it is the beginning of a greater commitment to serving my community. I am grateful for the knowledge, mentorship, and opportunities the Academy provided. I will continue using the skills I have gained to educate, empower, and encourage others to become active participants in strengthening our communities through civic engagement.
>
> **Anette Manigault, Queens CEAA graduate**



2025 Community Engagement Ambassador Academy Ceremony with Community Engagement Specialist Catherine Gao, CEAA graduate Kavish Batra, Dr. Sarah Sayeed, Volunteer Coordinator Lynn Spivey, and Director of Outreach and Volunteer Programs Barbara Williams.

Participatory Budgeting Vote Ambassadors

The Participatory Budgeting (PB) Vote Ambassadors comprised a dedicated cohort of volunteers recruited to engage New Yorkers and facilitate voting during the PB Vote phase across their respective boroughs. This year, Ambassadors expanded outreach beyond immediate networks to focus on five targeted population groups: District 75 schools, houses of worship, veterans and their families, food pantries, and older adult centers.

In total, PB Vote Ambassadors collected 4,468 digital and paper votes citywide. Borough-level performance and key operational outcomes include:

- **The Bronx**: Seven PB Vote Ambassadors were recruited, collecting 1,010 total votes. Four Ambassadors secured over 100 votes each, led by Sandra Dejesus, who accounted for over a third of the borough's total (380 votes) through targeted canvassing in the West Farms community.
- **Brooklyn**: Seven PB Vote Ambassadors were recruited, collectively securing 600 votes. Outreach focused on designated priority population locations, with Dr. Marcia Stewart collecting 167 votes through engagement at local churches and schools.
- **Manhattan**: Seven PB Vote Ambassadors were recruited, generating the highest borough total with 1,679 votes. Ambassador Liya Aklilu achieved the highest individual total in Manhattan (259 votes) by conducting canvassing across food pantries, veteran services, and outreach sites.
- **Queens**: Seven PB Vote Ambassadors were recruited, collecting 873 votes. Engagement efforts included intergenerational volunteering, such as a mother-and-son team where a 16-year-old participant gained public speaking experience through community canvassing.
- **Staten Island**: Three PB Vote Ambassadors collected 306 votes. Following feedback from a veteran family participant regarding ballot representation, the agency identified opportunities to enhance specialized outreach, incorporating annual volunteer communication training focused on veteran engagement and initiating earlier program promotion tailored to veterans and their families.

Voter Language Assistance Ambassadors

The Outreach Team executed its second year supporting the VLA program, transitioning to an agency-wide staff involvement model for volunteer recruitment. By expanding participation across all outreach staff, the program enhanced volunteer management and broadened its reach among limited English proficient New Yorkers. Under the direction of Language Director Anila Cobo, the initiative provided language access in Haitian Creole, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, French, and newly added languages Chinese and Greek. Volunteers received specialized training in street canvassing, public engagement techniques, and voter rights education regarding language assistance and poll site locations.

Engagement strategies across the past year included:

- **Borough Partner & Technical Support:** In Fall 2025, the team provided Brooklyn LAAC members with VLA toolkits and specialized training to canvas and engage LEP New Yorkers, repeating this technical assistance in Summer 2026 for partners serving Haitian Creole, Arabic, and Russian LEP populations.
- **Digital Campaigns:** Digital outreach was aligned with on-the-ground efforts through coordinated social media days of action, expanding coverage across key language communities including Haitian Creole, Russian, Arabic, Urdu, Chinese, Greek, French, and Bangla.
- **In-Person Engagement & Impact:** Program impact was measured through palm card distribution during structured interactions. Over the past year, VLA volunteers conducted 1,400 documented conversations with the public, comprising 800 interactions during the November election and 600 during the June election.



CEC staff, including Community Engagement Specialist Anthony Carrion, collecting votes for The People's Money at the Yankees' 2026 Bronx Boroughwide STEM Expo and Science Fair (left) and Community Engagement Specialist Justin Usher collecting votes for The People's Money at a Knicks watch party (right).

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Decidim

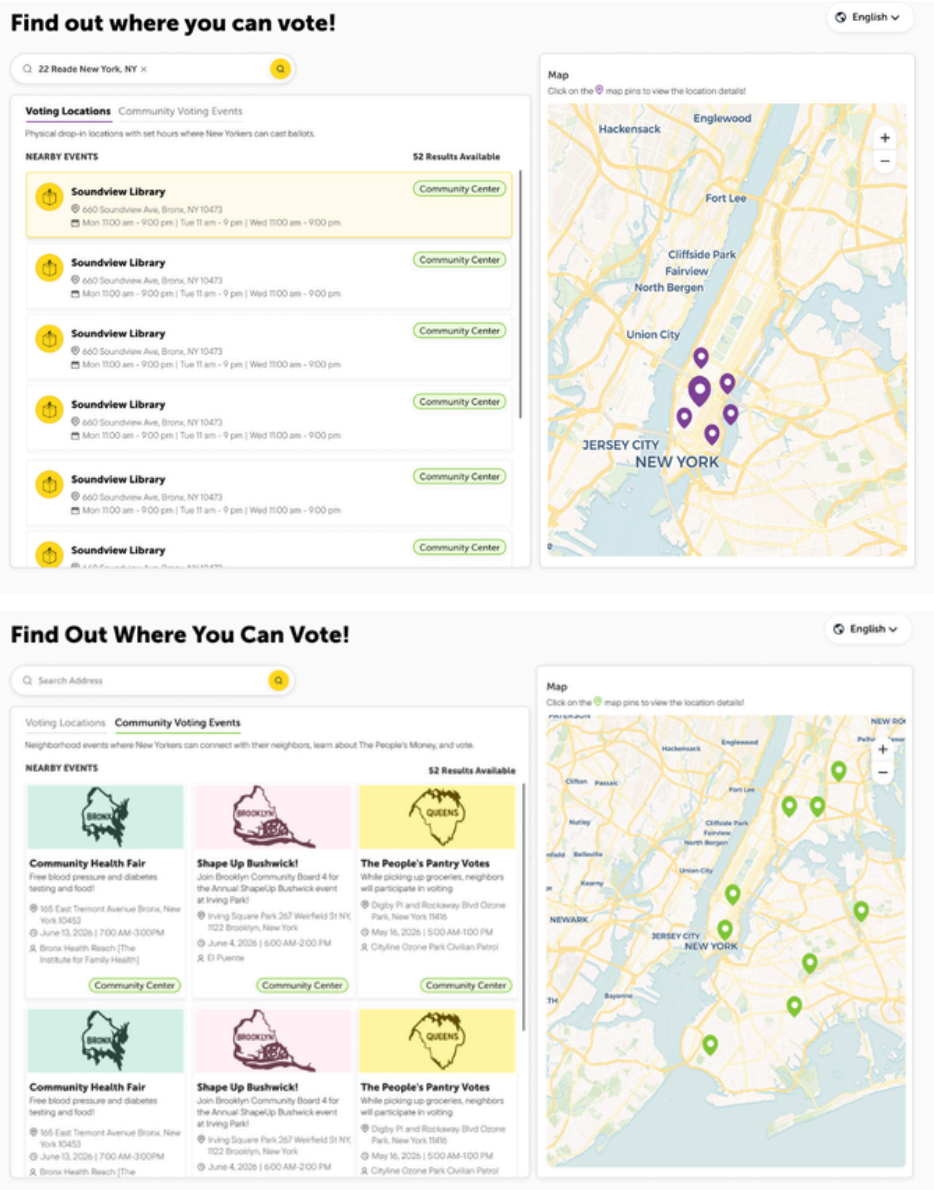
This year, the CEC was proud to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Decidim Association, affirming the Commission's commitment to supporting free and open-source technologies in the public sphere as well as actively participating in their development. Decidim is an open-source platform collaboratively built and maintained by a global community of volunteers. It offers powerful tools for participatory democracy, including participatory budgeting processes like The People's Money.

In signing this Memorandum, the Commission joined with the City Hall of Barcelona, Generalitat of Catalonia, Provincial Council of Barcelona, Localret Consortium, and the Federal Government of Brazil in launching the Decidim Public Institutions Committee. This institutional alliance reinforced the CEC's commitment to a democratic, public, transparent, and collaborative digital infrastructure at a time when various indicators warn of a regression in democratic quality on a global scale. This milestone is part of a new global trend, a new multilateralism that finds in Digital Public Goods a concrete example of how to put global cooperation into practice in the development of digital technologies." The Commission looks forward to collaborating closely with the Decidim Association to support the development and shape the future of this shared participatory platform. From the Decidim Association: "

America on Tech

This year, the Civic Engagement Commission partnered with America on Tech and the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) to improve The People's Money's online participation platform, participate.nyc.gov.

America on Tech Fellow Kendric Terry created an application that enables New Yorkers to find out where they can vote in The People's Money using a single search form that displays accessible results in both map and list formats. This replaced a more fragmented, less accessible interface that required users to search separate systems for voting sites and events. Subsequently, NYIT Fellow Justin Tamay worked hand in hand with the rest of the CEC's Digital Equity Team to test and improve the application's user experience and user interface (UI), enhancing the map search functionality, separating community events and voting sites into two sections for easier access, improving the responsive mobile layout, and adapting visuals to reflect CEC branding.



Images of the voting location application created by Kendric Terry.

The application was embedded on Participate in May 2026, offering users an improved tool for finding voting sites and events during the spring Vote phase of The People's Money.

New York Institute of Technology Fellows

Another NYIT fellow, Deborah (Rori) Olaniyi, made significant improvements to an existing data visualization application that lets New Yorkers see which ideas submitted during The People's Money's Idea Generation phase made it to the subsequent phases (Borough Assemblies, Voting, and Project Implementation), allowing them to trace the journey of their ideas. Rori reworked the application to become mobile-first and fully compliant to accessibility standards. She also adapted the application's visuals to be more intuitive and reflect CEC branding. The CEC hopes to integrate this newly improved version of the application into Participate in the coming year.

Civic Design Forum & the Service Design Studio

In spring 2026, the CEC hosted The People's Money Data Design Sprint, an installment of the Service Design Studio's Civic Design Forum (CDF). The CDF is a yearly event that brings together individuals across the New York City human services ecosystem to share knowledge, skills, and experiences. Forums are built on the concept of a "community of practice," where participants collectively learn and share ways of working to make public service delivery more effective, accessible, and dignified. Over nine years, the Service Design Studio has facilitated the CDF with the goal of providing hands-on learning for NYC agencies and staff to learn new design skills.

The CEC approached the Service Design Studio about the opportunity to collaborate and focus this year's CDF on The People's Money, specifically the 12,199 challenges and solutions shared by New Yorkers over the last four years through Idea Generation. The proposal was to use this community of practice to:

1. Spread awareness of The People's Money program across city agencies
2. Have cross-functional NYC employee teams participate in sense-making of this rich dataset and develop actionable proposals
3. Better understand what participatory governance means

The larger goal was to ensure that New Yorkers' voices are not only heard but acted upon, demonstrating the power and efficacy of participatory decision making. The ideas spanned across topics, scope, and needs. That is why the CDF was the perfect incubator for beginning to process these ideas, since participants came from various agencies and held diverse roles — from data analysts to direct service providers to strategic planners.

Participants took part in a hands-on design sprint centered on four topic areas drawn from People's Money submissions: arts and culture, outdoor spaces, support for older New Yorkers, and support for immigrant communities. Using qualitative research and synthesis techniques, attendees identified patterns in community feedback, framed key challenges, and developed concepts responsive to residents' expressed needs for implementation and agency engagement.

The forum also trained participants in data and thematic analysis, rapid brainstorming, storytelling, validation methods, and strategies for getting internal buy-in for community-informed initiatives. Select concepts generated during the forum may receive additional project scoping support from the Service Design Studio.

New York Institute of Technology Whole Community Health Datathon

The CEC partnered with the New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) for the Whole Community Health Datathon, which took place on March 27, 2026. This project was spearheaded by Jennifer Griffiths, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Programs at the NYIT College of Arts & Sciences, and Oscar Romero, Chief information Officer at the CEC. The collaboration kicked off with two mixers that brought together students, civic leaders, and partners ahead of the Datathon, setting the stage for a weekend focused on data, equity, and impact.

As part of NYC Open Data Week, students analyzed more than 9,000 ideas submitted by New Yorkers during Idea Generation for The People's Money. Their goal was to explore how community-driven investments can address the Social Determinants of Health across the five boroughs. Throughout the Datathon, students transformed raw data into accessible insights — creating data stories, interactive maps, and policy briefs to elevate community priorities and help inform public decision making.

After the Datathon, on March 28, the CEC participated in a panel during the NYC School of Data conference to discuss the Datathon, continuing the conversation about how participatory data and community input can shape healthier, more equitable neighborhoods.

Together, these events highlighted what data-driven civic engagement can look like at its best: grounded in community voices and focused on building healthier, more equitable neighborhoods across New York City. This partnership highlighted the CEC's commitment to increasing awareness of public interest technology, developing strong university pipelines, and finding solutions to administering participatory budgeting.

The New School

In partnership with the New School, the CEC integrates an impact assessment framework focused on capacity building. As part of this partnership, the CEC supports the delivery of an extensive Project Cycle Management (PCM) workshop-based curriculum to its partners each year.

The workshops are designed and facilitated by Mark Johnson, Associate Professor of Practice Emeritus at The New School, who specializes in monitoring and evaluation. Professor Johnson has worked in numerous development spaces such as emergency relief, refugee resettlement, and humanitarian aid for organizations like the International Rescue Committee, the Center for International Rehabilitation, the United Nations, and the Human Rights Watch.

This year, each organization was required to have at least one staff member attend a series of 12 workshops and then apply the PCM framework to the implementation of their project by producing specific assignments, including stakeholder mapping, a logical framework, and pre- and post-surveys for the project.

> [The workshops] were helpful in helping us feel supported and learning how to build out a project from start to finish, giving us a better understanding of how to measure and evaluate impact in the work we do.
>
> **The People's Money Implementation Partner**

Project Cycle Management Workshop Goals:

1. Support in defining clear objectives and outcomes for each project
2. Establish baseline and endline data and metrics
3. Assist organizations with creating and employing both qualitative and quantitative evaluation methods in the impact assessment of the project
4. Integrate ways to directly involve stakeholders in design and implementation through surveys, interviews, and focus groups
5. Prepare organizations to produce reports that track progress, highlight project successes, identify areas for improvement, and provide recommendations for the future

> The workshops have positively impacted my project, giving me the tools to properly pivot where necessary — a lot of the data collected helped with this particular thing!
>
> **The People's Money Implementation Partner**

The People's Designed by Community Fellowship in Partnership with the Service Design Studio

The People's Money: Designed by Community ("The People's DxC") is a fellowship and project funding opportunity created through The People's Money and the CEC in partnership with the Service Design Studio ("the Studio") at the Mayor's Office for Economic Opportunity.

DxC is a community-led approach to designing local services. The Studio partners with one community-based organization and six community fellows — residents with deep roots in the neighborhood and shared lived experience with those the project serves — to create hyper-local solutions using community-centered service design.

This past year, the selected host organization, Cambio Labs, received $80,000 to administer the DxC Fellowship. This budget supported administrative overhead fees, CBO staff assigned to serve as Design Champs, Fellow stipends, research incentives, and training for the development of project deliverables.

The overarching goals of The People's DxC Fellowship are to conduct community-led design research to develop outcomes, strengthen community partnerships, enhance "designed by" methods for community-led project initiatives, and support professional development and capacity goals with outcomes that support the Fellows' professional development in communication skills, project management, stakeholder engagement, critical and analytical thinking, developing a personal growth mindset, and developing an emergent strategy mindset.

In total, the program spans one year and 10 months:

- October 2025-September 2026: The Peoples DxC Fellowship
- September 2026-September 2027: Implementing the Youth Entrepreneurship Program, according to the implementation plan created by the DxC Fellows.

Before the Fellows were hired, the Studio and Cambio Labs co-designed the program model, outreach, and Fellow selection process. Once Fellows were onboarded, they were trained and coached in community-centered service design methods to conduct participatory activities with community members and create a responsive project implementation plan.

The Fellowship follows the following service design framework to develop community-researched and defined outcomes:

- Set the Stage: Framing and scoping complex problems
- Talk to People: Developing and leading research
- Connect the Dots: Finding key themes and patterns
- Try It Out: Testing ideas before fully launching them
- Plan It Out: Strategically planning for the future

After the fellowship, the host organization is expected to participate in retrospective activities to improve the DxC program model. The People's DxC will serve as a pilot to inform how future People's Money projects may incorporate community-led planning during future People's Money implementation phases, at scale.

National Civic League & Institute for Health Equity Research

During the past year, the CEC expanded its institutional reach through two major research partnerships designed to evaluate and enhance municipal engagement strategies. Starting in October 2025, the CEC partnered with the Institute for Health Equity Research at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai on a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation–funded study titled "Participatory Budgeting for Health Equity: A Unified, Multisectoral Approach." This project examines the relationship between civic participation and public health by surveying 200 residents, conducting 40 in-depth interviews, and analyzing 12,000 community-submitted ideas from The People's Money participatory budgeting initiative, with final deliverables — including a public report, online dashboard, and design toolkit — scheduled for release in November 2026.

Concurrently, in January 2026, the CEC executed a Memorandum of Understanding with the National Civic League and Perfect City to launch the Better Public Meetings NYC initiative under a Luce Family Foundation grant. Following a July 2026 public presentation at Columbia University detailing initial survey and interview findings on inclusive meeting structures, the initiative will move into a second phase featuring a peer-to-peer learning cohort for community board members and staff in October 2026, culminating in a citywide summit in early 2027. Together, these interdisciplinary collaborations advance evidence-based civic policy while highlighting the Commission's engagement models on a national scale.

People's Creative Institute

Infusing creativity and interactive public art into civic outreach remains a priority for the Commission. Over the past year, the agency maintained its long-standing partnership with The People's Creative Institute, led by artist Yazmany Arboleda alongside a team of local artists and craftsmen, to support The People's Money initiative through creative asset development and event management. The Commission's signature mobile community center, The People's Bus, continued citywide operations by showcasing its physical transformation from a former Department of Correction vehicle into an interactive civic hub. Featuring an interior design adorned with 8.8 million ceiling beads — symbolizing each resident of New York City — the bus hosted live performances, art installations, and participatory budgeting engagement across local neighborhoods. Building on the agency's iconic "Sunny" mascots, the Commission deployed "Civic" and "Engagement," two larger-than-life puppet installations that animated public parades and community gatherings throughout the city. Additionally, to support on-the-ground voting and event activation, the team introduced custom CEC-branded cornhole games alongside whimsical, New York-themed portable ballot boxes, supplementing appearances by "Mama Sunny," the Commission's 15-foot inflatable ballot box asset.

ROADMAP FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

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In the coming year, the Commission is looking forward to launching its fifth cycle of The People's Money participatory budgeting process, with Idea Generation Workshops launching in October. This fall, the CEC will be working with 72 non-profit organizations who will convene multiple Idea Generation Workshops around the city, managed by the Participatory Budgeting Coordinators. This includes 32 organizations serving as coalition organizers in the TRIE neighborhoods.

In addition, the Outreach Team will manage partners who want to convene a single session as they may not have capacity to organize multiple sessions. These "single-session partners" will also receive help from a CEC-trained facilitator who will lead the Idea Generation Workshop. The single-session partnership will allow the CEC to cultivate new partnerships with organizations, as well as build the facilitation skills of community leaders to support Idea Generation.

The CEC is looking forward to piloting a new voting interface on the Participate platform in the coming year. The goal is to have a fully developed one-stop platform that will allow residents to submit, track, and vote on ideas, then stay in touch with winning projects that are implemented. The team will continue to develop user-tested interfaces that help New Yorkers navigate the site to strengthen online engagement and bridge digital equity gaps. To help New Yorkers better understand the impact of their own participation, the Commission's communications strategies will continue to draw connections between the process of participating in The People's Money and the outcomes from implemented projects.

The Commission will close out its first year of the participatory service design partnership with the NYC Service Design Studio and Cambio Labs to implement the Youth Entrepreneurship Program. In the coming year, the Service Design Studio will partner with the CEC to support an organization that will implement the Brooklyn Community Supplies and Pantry Pop-Up, a winning project from the most recent People's Money Vote.

To build stronger relationships with city agencies, CEC staff will prepare and launch a road show that explains our programs and highlight key accomplishments. The team will tailor these presentations for each agency audience, analyzing its existing datasets to present information about its past and current engagement practices. The CEC will aim to meet directly with agency leaders, beginning first with agencies that work with populations the Commission is mandated to work with, such as older adults, youth, veterans, people with disabilities and immigrants.

This year, the Commission also plans to strengthen relationships with organizations serving language communities, in support of voter interpretation services and civic engagement generally. This will include Albanian and Greek as newly added languages for the Voter Language Assistance Program. Many of the CEC's 20 organization partners who will provide workshops leading up to the General Election in November 2026 will remain as partners for the June 2027 Primary. They will also provide general civic engagement workshops in the winter, delivered in a variety of languages in neighborhoods across the city.

Finally, to strengthen and support community board engagement, the CEC plans to expand beyond its usual virtual trainings. Building off the Better Public Meetings NYC research, the CEC will convene a peer-to-peer learning group with board members and staff to build on best practices for public meetings. The Commission is also collaborating with the CUNY Graduate Center on a proposed citywide summit for boards to convene in person to help prepare for the new members coming in due to term limits.

We hope this annual report has provided readers with a better understanding of the breadth of work carried out by the Civic Engagement Commission and our innovative efforts to deepen democratic participation. We continue to be inspired most by the New Yorkers who are passionate about their communities, and curious about learning new pathways to engagement.

APPENDIX

Appendix A: The People's Money Cycle 3 Projects Implementing Organizations, and Neighborhoods

Borough	Project	Implementing Organization	Neighborhoods
Bronx	Youth-Led Performing Arts Program	DreamYard Project	Morrisania, Crotona, Soundview, Clason Point, Castle Hill and Unionport
	Healthy Food and Literary Nights for Families and Individuals	Bronx Health REACH	Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, Bedford Park, Williamsbridge, Norwood, Olinville, Edenwald, and Wakefield
	STEAM Enrichment for Bronx Youth	Bronx River Art Center	Fordham, University Heights, Belmont, and East Tremont
	Support People with Housing Advocacy Groups	The Bronx Defenders	Mott Haven, Melrose, Hunts Point and Longwood
	Support for Parents and Guardians of Amazing Special Kids	INCLUDEnyc	Highbridge, Concourse, and Mt. Eden
Brooklyn	Youth Job Training and Employment Opportunities	Bridge Street Development Corporation	Bushwick, Bedford Stuyvesant
	Youth Employment Training and Partnerships	Haitian American Caucus-US	Flatbush, Midwood, East Flatbush, Canarsie, and Flatlands
	Job Training and Support for Employment for Single Parents	CAMBA, Inc.	Brownsville, East New York, Starrett City, and Cypress Hills
	Community Kitchen with Classes	NIA Community Services Network	Coney Island and Brighton Beach
	Young Parent Support and Classes	Women's Empowerment Coalition of NYC	Sunset Park

Borough	Project	Implementing Organization	Neighborhoods
Manhattan	**Youth Entrepreneurship Program + "The People's Designed by Community" Fellowship**	Cambio Labs	Morningside Heights, Hamilton Heights, and Central Harlem
	Learn to Grow and Cook Your Own Food	Hispanic Federation	Lower East Side and Chinatown
	Everyone Should be Able to Swim	Scan Harbor	East Harlem
	Vocational Training for Middle and High School Students	New Harlem Renaissance	Washington Heights and Inwood
Queens	**Pathways to Professions for Youth**	Commonpoint	Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis, St Albans, Rochdale, and Springfield Gardens,Briarwood
	Saving for Your Future	South Queens Women's March	Woodhaven, Kew Gardens, Richmond Hill, and South Ozone Park
	Housing Workshops for Older Adults	Ocean Bay Community Development Corporation	Rockaway and Broad Channel
	Pathways to a Successful College Career	Center for the Integration & Advancement of New Americans	Corona, Elmhurst ,East Elmhurst, Queensbridge, and Dutch Kills
	Empowered with Opportunity	Korean Community Services of Metropolitan New York	Queens Village
Staten Island	**Staten Island Youth Internship Program**	United Activities Unlimited	St. George, Stapleton, Port Richmond, Tompkinsville and Mariner's Harbor

Appendix B: 2025-2026 TRIE Neighborhood Administrators by Borough, Neighborhood, and Zip Code

TRIE Neighborhood Administrator	Borough	TRIE Neighborhood	ZIP Codes
Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Inc.	The Bronx	Kingsbridge, Kingsbridge Heights, and Bedford Park	10463, 10468
Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation	The Bronx	Belmont and East Tremont	10457, 10458
African International Collaborative Center (AICC)	The Bronx	Williamsbridge, Norwood, Olinville, Edenwald, and Wakefield	10475, 10466, 10467, 10469
Fordham in Community	The Bronx	Highbridge, Concourse, and Mt. Eden	10452
BronxWorks	The Bronx	Morrisania and Crotona	10460, 10459
Bronx Defenders / BLOC	The Bronx	Mott Haven and Melrose,	10451, 10454, 10455, 10456,
		Hunts Point, and Longwood	10455, 10459, 10474
Kips Bay Boys & Girls Club	The Bronx	Soundview, Clason Point, Castle Hill and Unionport	10472, 10473, 10461, 10462
The Institute for Family Health - Bronx Health REACH	The Bronx	Fordham and University Heights	10458, 10453
El Puente	Brooklyn	Bushwick	11206, 11207, 11221, 11237
Council of Peoples Organization (COPO)	Brooklyn	Flatbush and Midwood	11226
APNA Community Services	Brooklyn	Coney Island and Brighton Beach	11224, 11235

TRIE Neighborhood Administrator	Borough	TRIE Neighborhood	ZIP Codes
East New York Restoration Local Development Corporation	Brooklyn	East New York, Starrett City, and Cypress Hills	11207, 11208, 11239
Brooklyn Level Up	Brooklyn	East Flatbush	11203, 11210, 11225, 11226
The Flossy Organization	Brooklyn	Canarsie and Flatlands	11236
The Brooklyn Club NANBPWC	Brooklyn	Bedford Stuyvesant	11238, 11205, 11216, 11206, 11221, 11233
Central Brooklyn Economic Development Center	Brooklyn	Brownsville	11212, 11233
The Circle Keepers	Brooklyn	Sunset Park	11220, 11232
Children's Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.	Manhattan	Washington Heights and Inwood	10032, 10034, 10033, 10040
Multi Assistance Resource Center (MARC)	Manhattan	Central Harlem	10026, 10027, 10030, 10037, 10039
Little Sisters of the Assumption Family Health Service (LSA)	Manhattan	East Harlem	10029, 10035
New Harlem Renaissance	Manhattan	Morningside Heights and Hamilton Heights	10025, 10027, 10031, 10032
Good Old Lower East Side (GOLES)	Manhattan	Lower East Side and Chinatown	10002, 10003, 10009, 10013

TRIE Neighborhood Administrator	Borough	TRIE Neighborhood	ZIP Codes
Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement	Queens	Queensbridge and Dutch Kills	11101
Unidad y Fe	Queens	Woodhaven and Kew Gardens	11421, 11419
Cityline Ozone Park Civilian Patrol	Queens	Richmond Hill and South Ozone Park	11419, 11420
Practical Knowledge, Inc.	Queens	Jamaica, South Jamaica, Hollis, St Albans, Rochdale, and Springfield Gardens	11412, 11423, 11432, 11433, 11434, 11435, 11436
Autism Society Habilitation Organization (ASHO)	Queens	Briarwood	11435
Community Mediation Services	Queens	Jackson Heights and East Elmhurst	11369, 11368
Fund for the City of NY/ Far Rockaway/Arverne Nonprofit Coalition	Queens	Rockaway and Broad Channel	11691, 11692, 11693, 11694
DSI INTERNATIONAL INC	Queens	Queens Village	11429
Commonpoint	Queens	Elmhurst and Corona	11368
Nonprofit Staten Island	Staten Island	St. George, Stapleton, Port Richmond, Tompkinsville and Mariner’s Harbor	10310, 10303, 10301, 10304

Appendix C: VLA November 2025 General Election Poll Site List with Utilization

Voter Language Assistance Program Utilization
November 2025 General Election

EARLY VOTING

Bronx				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Bengali	JHS 127 The Castle Hill School	1551 Castle Hill Avenue	10462	15
Bengali	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	14
Chinese*	JHS 127 The Castle Hill School	1551 Castle Hill Avenue	10462	2
French	MS 390 (PS 26)	1930 Andrews Avenue South	10453	0
Brooklyn				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Arabic	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Arabic	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Arabic	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	1
Arabic	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	4
Arabic	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	2
Haitian	5201 Avenue N	5201 Avenue N	11234	4
Haitian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	1
Haitian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	5
Haitian	Flatbush YMCA	1401 Flatbush Avenue	11210	8
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	3
Italian	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	0
Italian	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	1
Italian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	1
Polish	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	5
Russian	5201 Avenue N	5201 Avenue N	11234	10
Russian	Boro Park Center Rehab	4915 10 Avenue	11219	0
Russian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	0
Russian	Carey Gardens Community Ctr.	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	3
Russian	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	13
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	19
Russian	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	3
Russian	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	1
Russian	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	1
Russian	Kensington Building	202 Caton Avenue	11218	2
Russian	Knights Of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	22
Russian	Neshama Community Services	301 Seabreeze Avenue	11224	37
Russian	Sirico's Catering	8023 13 Avenue	11228	1
Russian	Spring Creek Educational Campus	1065 Elton Street	11208	4
Russian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	13
Russian	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	13
Yiddish	Boro Park Center Rehab	4915 10 Avenue	11219	2
Yiddish	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	0
Yiddish	IS 33	70 Tompkins Avenue	11206	0
Yiddish	Kensington Building	202 Caton Avenue	11218	1
Yiddish	Taylor Wythe Comm Ctr	80 Clymer Street	11249	1
Yiddish	Williamsburg Comm Ctr	195 Graham Avenue	11206	2

Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Arabic	Museum of the Moving Image	36-01 35 Avenue	11106	1
French	Rochdale Village Community Center	169-65 137 Avenue	11434	0
Haitian	Antun's	96-43 Springfield Boulevard	11429	10
Haitian	Rochdale Village Community Center	169-65 137 Avenue	11434	1
Italian	Gottscheer Hall	657 Fairview Avenue	11385	0
Polish	Frank Kowalinski Post #4	61-57 Maspeth Avenue	11378	16
Polish	Gottscheer Hall	657 Fairview Avenue	11385	19
Polish	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hal	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	0
Polish	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	0
Russian	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hal	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	7
Russian	Queens College, City University of New York	65-30 Kissena Boulevard	11367	13
Russian	Queens Public Library at Jackson Heights	35-51 81 Street	11372	1
Russian	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	21
Russian	St John's University, School of Law	80-00 Utopia Parkway	11432	6
Urdu	Creedmoor Hospital	79-25 Winchester Boulevard	11427	10
Urdu	Queens Public Library at Jackson Heights	35-51 81 Street	11372	0

Staten Island				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Italian	Staten Island Tech HS	485 Clawson Street	10306	0
Korean	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	0
Russian	Holy Rosary Par. Ctr	44 Bionia Avenue	10305	13
Russian	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	0
Russian	PS 8 Shirlee Solomon	112 Lindenwood Road	10308	1
Russian	Staten Island Tech HS	485 Clawson Street	10306	0

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Bronx				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Bengali	Parkchester South Condominium 2059 McGraw Avenue	2059 McGraw Avenue	10462	60
Bengali	PS 119	1075 Pugsley Avenue	10472	12
Bengali	PS 47 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street	10472	13
Chinese*	PS 108 Philip J. Abinanti	1166 Neill Avenue	10461	0
French	Bronx County Supreme Court House	851 Grand Concourse	10451	4
French	Hostos Community College	120 East 149 Street	10451	1
French	IS 232	1700 Macombs Road	10453	0
French	IS 74 The Hunts Point School	730 Bryant Avenue	10474	4
French	William H. Taft High School	240 East 172 Street	10457	4

Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Arabic	Christ Church Bay Ridge	7301 Ridge Boulevard	11209	7
Arabic	PS 170	619 72nd Street	11209	18
Arabic	PS 185	8601 Ridge Boulevard	11209	18
Arabic	PS 264	371 89th Street	11209	9
Arabic	PS 331	7002 4th Avenue	11209	3
Arabic	Telecommunications HS	350 67th Street	11220	3
Haitian	Brooklyn College Roosevelt Hall	2900 Bedford Avenue	11210	10
Haitian	Flatbush YMCA	1401 Flatbush Avenue	11210	9
Haitian	IS 395/PS 109	1001 East 45 Street	11203	6
Haitian	PS 115	1500 East 92nd Street	11236	2
Haitian	PS 152/PS 315	725 East 23 Street	11210	2
Haitian	PS 249	18 Marlborough Road	11226	16
Haitian	PS 269	1957 Nostrand Avenue	11210	52
Haitian	PS 6	43 Snyder Avenue	11226	11
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	13

Italian	Muslim American Society Youth Center	1933 Bath Avenue	11214	0
Italian	PS 186	7601 19th Avenue	11214	0
Italian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	0
Italian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	2
Korean	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	0
Polish	JHS 126	424 Leonard Street	11222	7
Polish	McGuiness Sr Ctr	715 Leonard Street	11222	18
Russian	Bay Academy-IS 98	1401 Emmons Avenue	11235	6
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	32
Russian	James Madison HS	3787 Bedford Avenue	11229	25
Russian	Kings Bay Public Library	3650 Nostrand Avenue	11229	9
Russian	Marlboro Memorial Post	300 Avenue X	11223	64
Russian	Neshama Community Services	301 Seabreeze Avenue	11224	19
Russian	PS 101	2360 Benson Avenue	11214	13
Russian	PS 128	2075 84th Street	11214	41
Russian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	6
Russian	PS 188	3314 Neptune Avenue	11224	39
Russian	PS 195	131 Irwin Street	11235	0
Russian	PS 197	1599 East 22 Street	11210	21
Russian	PS 206	2200 Gravesend Neck Road	11229	1
Russian	PS 209	2609 East 7th Street	11235	32
Russian	PS 216	350 Avenue X	11223	29
Russian	PS 226	6006 23rd Avenue	11204	12
Russian	PS 234 IS	1875 East 17 Street	11229	21
Russian	PS 238	1633 East 8th Street	11223	16
Russian	PS 254	1801 Avenue Y	11235	8
Russian	PS 286	2525 Haring Street	11235	17
Russian	PS 329	2929 West 30th Street	11224	21
Russian	PS 52	2675 East 29th Street	11235	13
Russian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	18
Russian	PS 90	2840 West 12th Street	11224	32
Russian	PS 99	1120 East 10 Street	11230	5
Russian	Seacoast Towers	1311 Brightwater Avenue	11235	11
Russian	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	74
Russian	St. Brendan Senior Apartments L.P.	1215 Avenue O	11230	27
Russian	St. Edmund Preparatory HS	2474 Ocean Avenue	11229	14
Russian	St. Marks School	2602 East 19th Street	11235	24
Russian	Temple Sholom of Flatbush	2075 East 68th Street	11234	2
Russian	Trump Village Bldg 3A	444 Neptune Avenue	11224	21
Russian	Warbasse Bldg 4	2770 West 5th Street	11224	31
Russian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	4
Russian	William E. Grady CTE High School	25 Brighton 4th Road	11235	28
Yiddish	Boro Park YM-YWHA	4912 14 Avenue	11219	5
Yiddish	Community Board 12	5910 13th Avenue	11219	4
Yiddish	IS 71 -Juan Morel Campos	215 Heyward Street	11206	1
Yiddish	PS 131	4305 Ft Hamilton Parkway	11219	1
Yiddish	PS 157	850 Kent Avenue	11205	0
Yiddish	PS 192	4715 18 Avenue	11204	0
Yiddish	PS 223 IS	4200 16th Avenue	11204	2
Yiddish	PS 48	6015 18 Avenue	11204	4

Queens				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Arabic	PS 122-Mamie Fay	21-21 Ditmars Boulevard	11105	8
Haitian	PS 34-John Harvard	104-12 Springfield Boulevard	11429	6
Italian	JHS 226-Virgil I. Grissom	121-10 Rockaway Boulevard	11420	0
Italian	PS 20-John Bowne	142-30 Barclay Avenue	11355	0
Polish	Holy Cross RC Church	61-21 56 Road	11378	12
Polish	IS 93-Ridgewood	66-56 Forest Avenue	11385	5
Polish	PS 153 - Maspeth Elementary School	60-02 60 Lane	11378	3
Polish	PS 49-Dorothy Bonawit Kole	63-60 80 Street	11379	22
Russian	JHS 157-Stephen A Halsey	63-55 102 Street	11374	9
Russian	PS 117-J.Keld / Briarwood School	85-15 143 Street	11435	3
Russian	PS 175-Lynn Gross Discovery School	64-35 102 Street	11374	75
Russian	PS 206-Horace Harding School	61-02 98 Street	11374	7
Urdu	PS 115-Glen Oaks	80-51 261 Street	11004	6
Urdu	PS 191-Mayflower	85-15 258 Street	11001	6
Staten Island				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Arabic	PS 4 Maurice Wollin	200 Nedra Lane	10312	4
Korean	PS 58 Space Shuttle Columbia School	77 Marsh Avenue	10314	2

***Note: Chinese (Incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)**

Above is a list of poll sites served by the Voter Language Assistance Program during the November 2025 General Election.

Appendix D: VLA June 2026 Primary Election Poll Site List with Utilization

Voter Language Assistance Program Utilization
June 2026 Primary Election

EARLY VOTING

Bronx

Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Albanian	Columbus High School	925 Astor Avenue	10469	0
Bengali	JHS 127 The Castle Hill School	1551 Castle Hill Avenue	10462	2
Bengali	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	14
Chinese*	JHS 127 The Castle Hill School	1551 Castle Hill Avenue	10462	0
French	Bronx County Supreme Court House	851 Grand Concourse	10451	4
French	Justice Sonia Sotomayor Community Center	1000 Rosedale Avenue	10472	0
French	MS 390 (PS 26)	1930 Andrews Avenue South	10453	2
French	William H. Taft High School	240 East 172 Street	10457	0
Italian	Columbus High School	925 Astor Avenue	10469	0

Brooklyn

Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Albanian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	0
Arabic	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Arabic	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Arabic	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	5
Arabic	New Utrecht High School	1601 80th Street	11214	0
Arabic	Spring Creek Educational Campus	1065 Elton Street	11208	0
Arabic	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	0
French	Shirley Chisolm Recreation Center	3105 Farragut Place	11210	0
Haitian	5201 Avenue N	5201 Avenue N	11234	2
Haitian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	9
Haitian	Erasmus Hall HS	911 Flatbush Avenue	11226	0
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	4
Haitian	Shirley Chisolm Recreation Center	3105 Farragut Place	11210	5
Italian	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	4
Italian	New Utrecht High School	1601 80th Street	11214	0
Italian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	0
Korean	Spring Creek Educational Campus	1065 Elton Street	11208	0
Polish	McCarren Play Center	776 Lorimer Street	11222	0
Polish	Williamsburg Comm Ctr	195 Graham Avenue	11206	0
Russian	5201 Avenue N	5201 Avenue N	11234	2
Russian	BPJCC Community Center	5102 13th Avenue	11219	0
Russian	Brooklyn College- West Quad	2946 Bedford Avenue	11210	15
Russian	Carey Gardens Community Ctr.	2315 Surf Avenue	11224	0
Russian	Council Center for Senior Citizens	1001 Quentin Road	11223	0
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	0
Russian	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	0
Russian	Fort Hamilton HS	8301 Shore Road	11209	0
Russian	Harway Youth Center Gym.	2739 Harway Avenue	11214	6
Russian	Kensington Building	202 Caton Avenue	11218	0
Russian	Knights Of Baron De Kalb Inc	3000 Emmons Avenue	11235	2
Russian	Neshama Community Services	301 Seabreeze Avenue	11224	3
Russian	New Utrecht High School	1601 80th Street	11214	0
Russian	Spring Creek Educational Campus	1065 Elton Street	11208	0
Russian	St. Dominic R.C. Church	2001 Bay Ridge Parkway	11204	0
Russian	Yeshiva Lev Bais Yaakov	3574 Nostrand Avenue	11229	0
Yiddish	BPJCC Community Center	5102 13th Avenue	11219	0
Yiddish	FDR. High School	5800 20 AVENUE	11204	1
Yiddish	IS 33	70 Tompkins Avenue	11206	0
Yiddish	Kensington Building	202 Caton Avenue	11218	0
Yiddish	Taylor Wythe Comm Ctr	80 Clymer Street	11249	3
Yiddish	Williamsburg Comm Ctr	195 Graham Avenue	11206	0

Queens				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Arabic	Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York	22-51 29 Street	11105	0
Arabic	Museum of the Moving Image	36-01 35 Avenue	11106	0
Arabic	St John's University, School of Law	80-00 Utopia Parkway	11432	0
Greek	Federation of Hellenic Societies of Greater New York	22-51 29 Street	11105	0
Greek	Museum of the Moving Image	36-01 35 Avenue	11106	0
Greek	The Boys' Club of New York - Abbe Clubhouse	133-01 41 Road	11355	0
Haitian	American Legion Post 0483	240-08 135 Avenue	11422	2
Haitian	Antun's	96-43 Springfield Boulevard	11429	4
Italian	Gottscheer Hall	657 Fairview Avenue	11385	0
Italian	Resorts World Casino New York City	110-00 Rockaway Boulevard	11420	0
Italian	The Boys' Club of New York - Abbe Clubhouse	133-01 41 Road	11355	0
Polish	Frank Kowalinski Post #4	61-57 Maspeth Avenue	11378	1
Polish	Gottscheer Hall	657 Fairview Avenue	11385	0
Polish	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	2
Polish	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	0
Polish	Rockaway YMCA	207 Beach 73 Street	11692	9
Polish	The Shops at Atlas Park	80-00 Cooper Avenue	11385	0
Russian	Helen Marshall Cultural Center at Queens Borough Hall	120-55 Queens Boulevard	11424	2
Russian	Queens College, City University of New York	65-30 Kissena Boulevard	11367	0
Russian	Queens Public Library at Jackson Heights	35-51 81 Street	11372	0
Russian	Rego Center Community Room	61-00 97 Street	11374	0
Russian	Rockaway YMCA	207 Beach 73 Street	11692	5
Russian	St John's University, School of Law	80-00 Utopia Parkway	11432	0
Urdu	Antun's	96-43 Springfield Boulevard	11429	0
Urdu	Creedmoor Hospital	79-25 Winchester Boulevard	11427	11
Urdu	Queens Public Library at Jackson Heights	35-51 81 Street	11372	6
Urdu	St John's University, School of Law	80-00 Utopia Parkway	11432	0

Staten Island				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Albanian	Holy Rosary Par. Ctr	44 Bionia Avenue	10305	0
Albanian	Port Richmond High School	85 St Josephs Avenue	10302	0
Arabic	Port Richmond High School	85 St Josephs Avenue	10302	0
Italian	Staten Island Tech HS	485 Clawson Street	10306	0
Korean	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	0
Russian	Holy Rosary Par. Ctr	44 Bionia Avenue	10305	0
Russian	Our Lady of Pity	1616 Richmond Avenue	10314	0
Russian	PS 8 Shirlee Solomon	112 Lindenwood Road	10308	0
Russian	Staten Island Tech HS	485 Clawson Street	10306	0

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Bronx				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Albanian	Columbus High School	925 Astor Avenue	10469	0
Albanian	PS 105 Sen Abraham Bernstein	725 Brady Avenue	10462	0
Albanian	PS 96 Richard Rodgers	2385 Olinville Avenue	10467	0
Bengali	Parkchester South Condominium 2059 McGraw Avenue	2059 McGraw Avenue	10462	67
Bengali	PS 119	1075 Pugsley Avenue	10472	1
Bengali	PS 47 John Randolph	1794 East 172 Street	10472	1
Chinese*	PS 108 Philip J. Abinanti	1964 Yates Avenue	10461	0
French	Bronx County Supreme Court House	851 Grand Concourse	10451	0
French	Hostos Community College	120 East 149 Street	10451	4
French	IS 232	1700 Macombs Road	10453	2
French	PS 64 Pura Belpre	1425 Walton Avenue	10452	1
French	William H. Taft High School	240 East 172 Street	10457	7

Brooklyn				
Language	Site Name	Site Address	Zipcode	Voters Served
Arabic	Christ Church Bay Ridge	7301 Ridge Boulevard	11209	0
Arabic	PS 214	2944 Pitkin Avenue	11208	12
Arabic	PS 170	619 72nd Street	11209	1
Arabic	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	5
Arabic	PS 185	8601 Ridge Boulevard	11209	0
Arabic	PS 264	371 89th Street	11209	0
Arabic	PS 331	7002 4th Avenue	11209	2
Haitian	Brooklyn College Roosevelt Hall	2900 Bedford Avenue	11210	5
Haitian	Flatbush YMCA	1401 Flatbush Avenue	11210	3
Haitian	IS 395/PS 109	1001 East 45 Street	11203	3
Haitian	PS 115	1500 East 92nd Street	11236	0
Haitian	PS 152/PS 315	725 East 23 Street	11210	3
Haitian	PS 249	18 Marlborough Road	11226	1
Haitian	PS 269	1957 Nostrand Avenue	11210	13
Haitian	PS 6	43 Snyder Avenue	11226	2
Haitian	PS 68 JHS	956 East 82 Street	11236	5
Italian	Muslim American Society Youth Center	1933 Bath Avenue	11214	0
Italian	PS 186	7601 19th Avenue	11214	0
Italian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	0
Italian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	0
Korean	PS 346	1400 Pennsylvania Avenue	11239	0
Polish	JHS 126	424 Leonard Street	11222	2
Polish	McGuiness Sr Ctr	715 Leonard Street	11222	3
Polish	St. Cecilia	24 North Henry Street	11222	1
Russian	Bay Academy-IS 98	1401 Emmons Avenue	11235	2
Russian	Ed R Murrow HS	1600 Avenue L	11230	0
Russian	James Madison HS	3787 Bedford Avenue	11229	0
Russian	Kings Bay Public Library	3650 Nostrand Avenue	11229	2
Russian	Marlboro Memorial Post	300 Avenue X	11223	1
Russian	Neshama Community Services	301 Seabreeze Avenue	11224	3
Russian	O'Dwyer Community Center	2945 West 33 Street	11224	2
Russian	PS 101	2360 Benson Avenue	11214	5
Russian	PS 128	2075 84th Street	11214	0
Russian	PS 177	346 Avenue P	11204	2
Russian	PS 188	3314 Neptune Avenue	11224	2
Russian	PS 195	131 Irwin Street	11235	0
Russian	PS 197	1599 East 22 Street	11210	1
Russian	PS 206	2200 Gravesend Neck Road	11229	2
Russian	PS 209	2609 East 7th Street	11235	0
Russian	PS 216	350 Avenue X	11223	1
Russian	PS 226	6006 23rd Avenue	11204	1
Russian	PS 234 IS	1875 East 17 Street	11229	5
Russian	PS 238	1633 East 8th Street	11223	2
Russian	PS 254	1801 Avenue Y	11235	5
Russian	PS 286	2525 Haring Street	11235	3
Russian	PS 329	2929 West 30th Street	11224	0
Russian	PS 52	2675 East 29th Street	11235	0
Russian	PS 682	50 Avenue P	11204	0
Russian	PS 90	2840 West 12th Street	11224	0
Russian	PS 99	1120 East 10 Street	11230	0
Russian	Seacoast Towers	1311 Brightwater Avenue	11235	1
Russian	Shorefront YM-YWHA	3300 Coney Island Avenue	11235	0
Russian	St. Brendan Senior Apartments L.P.	1215 Avenue O	11230	5
Russian	St. Edmund Preparatory HS	2474 Ocean Avenue	11229	0
Russian	St. Marks School	2602 East 19th Street	11235	3
Russian	Temple Sholom of Flatbush	2075 East 68th Street	11234	5
Russian	Trump Village Bldg 3A	444 Neptune Avenue	11224	0

Russian	Trump Village Bldg 5B1	2925 West 5th Street	11224	0
Russian	Warbasse Bldg 4	2770 West 5th Street	11224	0
Russian	Water View Tower	2630 Cropsey Avenue	11214	2
Russian	William E. Grady CTE High School	25 Brighton 4th Road	11235	3
Yiddish	Boro Park YM-YWHA	4912 14 Avenue	11219	1
Yiddish	Community Board 12	5910 13th Avenue	11219	0
Yiddish	IS 71 -Juan Morel Campos	215 Heyward Street	11206	2
Yiddish	PS 131	4305 Ft Hamilton Parkway	11219	1
Yiddish	PS 157	850 Kent Avenue	11205	0
Yiddish	PS 164	4211 14th Avenue	11219	0
Yiddish	PS 192	4715 18 Avenue	11204	0
Yiddish	PS 223 IS	4200 16th Avenue	11204	0
Yiddish	PS 48	6015 18 Avenue	11204	0
Yiddish	PS/IS 180	5601 16th Avenue	11204	1
Queens				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Arabic	PS 122-Mamie Fay	21-21 Ditmars Boulevard	11105	2
Greek	Frank Sinatra HS	35-12 35 Avenue	11106	0
Greek	PS 84-Steinway	22-45 41 Street	11105	2
Greek	PS 85-Judge Charles Vallone	23-70 31 Street	11105	1
Greek	St Joseph Catholic Academy	28-46 44 Street	11103	0
Haitian	PS 34-John Harvard	104-12 Springfield Boulevard	11429	7
Italian	JHS 226-Virgil I. Grissom	121-10 Rockaway Boulevard	11420	0
Italian	PS 20-John Bowne	142-30 Barclay Avenue	11355	2
Polish	Holy Cross RC Church	61-21 56 Road	11378	6
Polish	IS 93-Ridgewood	66-56 Forest Avenue	11385	2
Polish	PS 153 - Maspeth Elementary School	60-02 60 Lane	11378	0
Polish	PS 49-Dorothy Bonawit Kole	63-60 80 Street	11379	0
Russian	JHS 157-Stephen A Halsey	63-55 102 Street	11374	2
Russian	PS 117-J.Keld / Briarwood School	85-15 143 Street	11435	0
Russian	PS 206-Horace Harding School	61-02 98 Street	11374	0
Urdu	PS 115-Glen Oaks	80-51 261 Street	11004	4
Urdu	PS 191-Mayflower	85-15 258 Street	11001	5
Urdu	PS 398	69-01 34 Avenue	11377	0
Staten Island				
Language	**Site Name**	**Site Address**	**Zipcode**	**Voters Served**
Albanian	PS 22 Graniteville	1860 Forest Avenue	10303	0
Korean	PS 58 Space Shuttle Columbia School	77 Marsh Avenue	10314	0

***Note: Chinese (Incl. Mandarin, Cantonese)**

Above is a list of poll sites served by the Voter Language Assistance Program during the June 2026 Primary Election.

Appendix E: VLA Percentage Shares of Citizens of Voting Age with Limited English Proficiency

Program Eligible Language	CVALEP Population [1]	Percentage Share
Albanian	7572	3.5%
Arabic	17576	8.0%
Bengali	6409	2.9%
Chinese (Cantonese, Mandarin)	2005	0.9%
French	10772	4.9%
Greek	8244	3.8%
Haitian Creole	21,518	9.8%
Italian	14,698	6.7%
Korean	4,858	2.2%
Polish	13,774	6.3%
Russian	84,308	38.6%
Urdu	6,493	3.0%
Yiddish	20,317	9.3%

Appendix F: Community Boards Attendance by Borough

Workshop Topic	Date	Number of Participants					
		BX	BK	MN	QN	SI	Total
Disability Voter Rights	10/15/2025	0	2	1	0	1	4
	10/21/2025	0	0	1	1	0	2
	10/23/2025	0	0	1	1	0	2
Social Media for Community Boards	10/29/2025	1	2	4	7	0	14
	10/29/2025	0	2	1	1	1	5
	11/13/2025	0	2	0	3	0	5
Language Access	11/12/2025	0	4	0	3	1	8
	11/20/2024	3	1	1	1	0	6
Parliamentary Procedure (Bronx 4)	10/29/2025	14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	14
Parliamentary Procedure (Manhattan 5)	11/12/2025	N/A	N/A	8	N/A	N/A	8
Parliamentary Procedure (Brooklyn 9)	11/18/2025	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	7
Parliamentary Procedure (Bronx 7)	11/24/2025	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Parliamentary Procedure (Brooklyn 1)	12/8/2025	N/A	12	N/A	N/A	N/A	12
Parliamentary Procedure (Brooklyn 15)	12/8/2025	N/A	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	11
Parliamentary Procedure (Brooklyn 14)	1/17/2026	N/A	7	N/A	N/A	N/A	7

Workshop Topic	Date	Number of Participants					
		BX	BK	MN	QN	SI	Total
Affordable Housing	3/4/2026	4	5	2	0	0	11
	3/10/2026	4	4	1	2	0	11
	3/12/2026	1	2	7	0	3	13
NYS Unified Court System	3/24/2026	1	4	2	2	0	9
	3/26/2026	1	2	1	0	0	4
	4/7/2026	3	0	4	2	0	9
Expanding your Engagement	4/8/2026	3	3	2	3	0	11
	4/14/2026	6	3	4	1	1	15
	4/15/2026	4	0	0	1	2	7
Artificial Intelligence: How to use it and how not to use it, Community Board Edition	4/21/2026	8	6	10	2	0	26
	4/23/2026	2	2	1	0	1	6
	4/28/2026	3	7	3	3	0	16
Discovering NYC Open Data	6/12/2026	1	5	10	4	0	20
	6/24/2026	2	3	2	0	1	8
	6/26/2026	3	3	2	1	0	9
Bring the Temperature Down: De-Escalating Conflicts	4/22/2026	14	0	0	0	0	14
	6/2/2026	0	0	19	0	0	19
Community Land Trusts - Expanding Community Ownership in NYC	6/23/2026	5	10	13	6	2	36
Totals		**94**	**109**	**100**	**44**	**13**	**360**