

Key FY 2020 NYC Budget Highlights for Women and Girls, and Transgender and Gender Non-Binary New Yorkers



Mayor Bill de Blasio's Fiscal Year 2020 Budget, passed in partnership with Speaker Corey Johnson and the New York City Council, went into effect on July 1, 2019. The City remains committed to gender and racial equity, reflected in our policy, legislation, budget, and leadership. The following summary identifies key Fiscal Year 2020 Budget items that demonstrate this commitment, with a focus on new and expanded efforts, as they relate to CGE's three areas of focus: Economic Mobility and Opportunity, Health and Reproductive Justice, and Safety.

Economic Mobility & Opportunity

- **Expanded 3-K for All**
\$25,000,000 toward the expansion of 3-K for All into two new school districts in the Bronx and Brooklyn. The City is now serving the 10 highest-need districts, providing high quality early education to 20,000 3-year-olds and a critical childcare support for their families. By FY2021, the City will provide 3-K for All in 14 districts.
- **Childcare Voucher Expansion**
\$19,700,000 increase in funding for childcare vouchers will provide an additional 2,600 childcare vouchers for low-income working families.
- **Discretionary Child Care**
\$10,000,000 to support childcare programs and add childcare slots, critical to supporting the economic mobility of women and families.
- **LGBTQ Inclusive Curriculum**
\$2,000,000 toward the creation of LGBTQ inclusive and intersectional curriculum in literacy and history classes, as well as professional development for teachers in New York City public schools. This also includes \$200K to support LGBTQ Family Outreach.
- **Census**
\$40,000,000 to ensure that all communities across the five boroughs are reached and accounted for in the upcoming 2020 Census, which is necessary for the City to deliver critical services that New Yorkers rely on, which is particularly important for women, girls, and transgender and gender non-binary individuals and their families.
- **CUNY Citizenship NOW! Program**
\$3,250,000 to the CUNY Citizenship NOW! Program, which provides free immigration law services to assist immigrants on their path to U.S. Citizenship, ensuring that immigrant families have access to the resources they need to stay together, continue their education, and remain on the path to economic mobility.
- **Pay Parity for Early Childcare Educators**
New York City's Pre-K and 3K initiatives depend on our early childhood educators, the majority of whom are women and women of color. The City made a commitment to establish a pathway to pay parity to address recruitment and retention issues in this sector. The recent settlements between first Local 205 and now Local 95 and their employers are a model of how this will be accomplished. Funding will be added by the City as part of the budget process.

Health & Reproductive Justice

- **New York City Abortion Access Fund**
\$250,000 to the New York City Abortion Access Fund, as spearheaded by the New York City Council, is the Nation's first city-government funded abortion fund and will help cover the cost of abortion for about 400 low-income people.
- **LGBTQ Community Services**
\$3,725,000 to LGBT Community Services, an increase of \$2,200,000 from the prior fiscal year, which will support coordinated health and human services for LGBTQ individuals and their families.
- **Maternal and Child Health Services**
\$2,200,000 toward a range of maternal and child health services and coordination efforts, including doula care and home-visiting programs, to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, particular in community districts with high infant mortality rates.
- **Reproductive and Sexual Health Services**
\$595,000 toward a range of reproductive and sexual health services, including the \$250K for the NYC Abortion Access Fund, for a variety of high-risk populations including youth of color, LGBTQ individuals, and the uninsured, with the goal of empowering patients by supporting their sexual healthcare and education.
- **Healthy Aging Initiative**
\$2,040,000 to the Healthy Aging Initiative, which promotes healthy behaviors and detects chronic diseases among aging New Yorkers, which is of particular importance for senior women, who face increasing health challenges as they age.
- **LGBTQ Healthcare Outreach Workers**
\$390,000 to NYC Health + Hospitals for LGBTQ healthcare training and three new community outreach workers, which will improve healthcare access and quality for LGBTQ and gender non-binary New Yorkers.
- **LGBTQ Senior Services in Every Borough**
\$1,500,000 towards a variety of LGBTQ culturally competent services for seniors in all five boroughs of New York City.

Safety

- **Title IX Coordinators in NYC Public Schools**
\$803,000 toward the hiring of seven new Title IX coordinators, which will help ensure that all Department of Education schools are inclusive, supportive, and free from gender-based harassment and discrimination.
- **Supportive Alternatives to Violence Encounters (SAVE)**
\$2,450,000 toward the SAVE Program, which provides wrap-around services for domestic violence victims including prevention, community training, legal representation, counseling and referrals, and expanding the scope and scale of services provided to victims.
- **Domestic and Other Violence Emergencies (DoVE)**
\$9,805,000 toward the DoVE Initiative, administered by Safe Horizon, which supports a range of services including case management, crisis intervention, empowerment workshops, and legal advocacy, combatting the domestic violence crisis by expanding a range of services to ensure comprehensive access across New York City.

- **Elder Abuse Prevention Services**

\$335,000 toward Elder Abuse Prevention Services to provide services to victims of elder abuse, particularly immigrant seniors who have been subjected to financial, physical, or emotional abuse or neglect, which is particularly important for senior women, who are especially vulnerable to abuse.

- **Young Women's Initiative**

\$5,500,000 to the Young Women's Initiative, which invests in young women, transgender, and gender non-binary youth of color. The \$1,300,000 increase in funding from the prior fiscal year includes greater support for the Dedicated Contraceptive Fund, Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence, Prevent Sexual Assault Initiative for Young Adults, Bystander Intervention, Wrap-Around Support for Transitional-Aged Foster Youth, and the Young Women's Leadership Development Initiative.

- **Trans Equity Programs**

\$2,275,000 towards a range of services to support and empower the transgender and gender non-binary community, including educational programs, employment services, workforce development, and legal guidance.

The leadership of advocates, and the many perspectives they brought to the table, was critical in securing these budget victories. A budget is a reflection of values and the New York City Commission on Gender Equity looks forward to partnering with all New Yorkers to uphold the values of inclusion, equity, and justice in the new fiscal year as we work to advance gender equity in New York City

For more information about the gender impact of NYC's FY20 budget please contact the Commission on Gender Equity at genderequity@cityhall.nyc.gov or **212.346.0058**.