FY 2028 Borough Budget Consultations

Manhattan - Department of Youth and Community Development

Meeting Date:

AGENDA ITEM [1]: Impact of Measures to Close Budget Gaps and Threatened Funding Cuts on the Budget For FY 2028 and Beyond

Mayor Mamdani's Administration took office while facing a reported $5.4 Billion budget gap for Fiscal Years 2026 and projected FY 2027. While the current Fiscal Year budget gap is reported to have been closed, the Mayor's Administration continues to prioritize finding savings and efficiencies in a variety of agency operations and is convening a charter revision commission to expedite certain efforts to secure and implement those savings and efficiencies.

There are potential severe cuts to or elimination of funding and other resources from the federal government for a host of programs and initiatives. These are exacerbated by actual or virtual elimination of certain federal agencies that supported services for the most underserved.

With these developments in mind, please answer the following questions:

1. Has the funding for any programs or initiatives at your Agency allocated for FY 2026 or projected FY 2027 been cut or reduced as a result of the efforts to close City Budget gaps in FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?
    a. If yes:
        i. Please identify the program or initiative, and
        ii. Please provide an estimate of the amount of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.
2. Has the funding for any programs or initiatives at your Agency allocated for FY 2026 or projected FY 2027 been cut or reduced as a result of actual or threatened cuts to or reductions in funding or subsidies directly or indirectly attributable to the federal government for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?
    a. If yes:
        i. Please identify the program or initiative, and
        ii. Please provide an estimate of the amount of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.
3. Has any State or federal funding streams previously earmarked or allocated for programs or initiatives at your Agency been redirected or re-allocated to other uses in order to:
    a. Close the City Budget Gap for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?
        i. If yes, please provide an estimate of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.
    b. Prepare for or respond to actual or threatened cuts to or reductions in funding or subsidies directly or indirectly attributable to the federal government for FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?

        i. If yes, please provide an estimate of the funding cut or reduction in both absolute and percentage amounts.

4. Have any programs or initiatives, including scheduled or planned expansions of existing programs or initiatives, at your Agency been frozen, postponed, suspended or abandoned as a result, directly or indirectly, of measures taken to address either the City Budget Gap or the threats to cut or reduce federal funding in FY 2026, FY 2027 or projected FY 2028?
    a. If yes:
        i. Please identify such programs or initiatives, and
        ii. Please provide an estimate of the funding needed to restore or continue those programs and initiatives as planned.
5. What other measures is your Agency taking in connection with:
    a. The calls for greater efficiency in City government operations, or
    b. Actual or threatened cuts to or elimination of federal funding?
6. What is the current vacancy rate for positions in your agency?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DYCD's budget in FY27 is projected to be $1.8B, which is an increase from $1.5B in FY26. The largest increase is in the COMPASS program. DYCD's savings proposals do not include reductions to program services. Budgeted headcount in FY27 is about 700, with about 10% currently vacant.
DYCD's main federal funding sources are the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Federal appropriations have been steady for these programs, but we continually monitor federal actions to prepare for any changes.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [2]: Summer Rising

The announcements surrounding the adoption of the City FY 2027 budget included an allocation of $19.6M in DYCD funding for the Summer Rising program.

Please explain the connection between DYCD programming and the NYCPS Summer Rising program.

Please indicate:

- In what programs or initiatives the highlighted funding will be used, including the number of children/students served and the manner in which they will participate.
- Whether the allocated funding is sufficient to serve all otherwise eligible students, or an estimate of the number of otherwise eligible students not served at these funding levels and the additional funding needed to serve all such students.
- Whether the funding for the uses to which these funds will be put is baselined for FY 2028 and

future years.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Summer Rising is a partnership between DYCD and New York City Public Schools. The program model includes academics and enrichment. The academic portion is provided by NYCPS, and the enrichment portion is supervised by DYCD and delivered by our nonprofit partners. The enrichment activities include arts, sports, STEM, and field trips.

Every public school is linked with a Summer Rising site. For summer 2026, we made 130,000 offers to fill approximately 110,000 slots.

The budget baselined $19.6M for middle school services until 6:00 PM every program day.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [3]: Updates on Beacon, Compass, SONYC and Cornerstone Programs

Please provide a list of school-based and community-center-based afterschool programs in Manhattan funded in whole or in part by DYCD, with approximate funding levels where available.

For each of the Compass, Beacon, SONYC and Cornerstone programs, please provide the following information:

- The Budget allocation for FY2027 and projected FY2028 for each program.
- The Number of youth/young people who can be served by each program at that funding level.
- Whether there is a waiting list or excess demand in Manhattan for any of these programs that cannot be met at these funding levels?
    - If there is a waiting list at some Manhattan service locations, and excess demand at other Manhattan locations, is there a mechanism or procedure for the service providers to network and refer children/families to alternate locations?
    - Is funding required for the creation or operation of such a mechanism?

Specifically with respect to children and youth in Shelters or Temporary Housing, has any funding been allocated in FY 2027 and projected FY2028 to increase the number of COMPASS, SONYC, Beacon and any other afterschool slots available to youth residing in Manhattan shelters or temporary housing?

- What is DYCD's estimate of the unmet needs among this population?
- Are there plans to expand provider contracts in Manhattan neighborhoods?

- What funding would be required to expand to meet these needs among Manhattan service providers?

What funding is included in FY 2027 and projected FY2028 to expand mobile, shelter-based, or hotel-based youth programming?

- Is DYCD working with ACS and DHS to co-locate services for youth in Shelters or temporary housing?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The adopted FY27 budget included $703M million in funds for COMPASS and SONYC. This level will fund about 113,000 slots citywide. Beacon Programs are budgeted at $78M in FY27 for about 115,000 slots. The budget includes $70M for Cornerstone programs.

COMPASS

New contracts for COMPASS programs have just begun. The expanded program now includes nearly 1,000 programs, covering more than 100,000 seats in public schools and 11,000 in community-based sites across all 59 Community Districts.

72 new elementary schools will benefit from free afterschool services in communities with the greatest barriers to access. 64 new organizations are joining the COMPASS provider network this year, including providers entering school-based programs, center-based programs, or both. These new providers represent a diverse mix of smaller, midsize, and larger community-based organizations. Many of the expanded programs are located in communities with demonstrated need, including NYCHA developments and other neighborhoods where community-based organizations serve as trusted anchors for children and families. The new program model includes requirements for Social Emotional Learning (SEL), career exploration & future readiness, and inclusion. In order to increase stability, the contract includes an increase to the rate paid to provider organizations.

These programs, along with more than 150 other school-based programs, are included in the attached list of all DYCD program sites organized by Community District.

Beacon Community Centers

Beacon Community Centers provide afterschool, evening and weekend services to youth, families and adults within the school and surrounding community. Beacons are contracted to serve 1,200 youth and adults year-round as follows:

- 600 Youth under 21 years of age
- 100 Adults
- 500 Community Event

In Manhattan there are a total of 15 Beacon Community Centers servicing 18,000 youth, families and adults.

Groundswell Community Mural Project collaborated with the Office of the Mayor, NYC Department of Cultural Affairs, and NYC Parks Department this summer to create 12 community murals across all five boroughs as part of the World Cup Activation Events. The plan was to transform public spaces into vibrant works of art created by young people, artists and community members. The Community

Association of Progressive Dominicans (ACDP) Beacon located at Community Math Science Prep 401 West 164th Street participated in this Summers mural project.

Cornerstone Community Centers
Cornerstone Community Centers provide afterschool, evening and weekend services to youth, families and adults within the school and surrounding community. We have a total of 100 Cornerstone Community Centers servicing over 19,200 youth, families and community members. There are 18 Cornerstones in Manhattan providing services to the following population: Elem: 1,218, MS: 914, HS: 886 and Adults: 628.

There were 3 Cornerstones that participated in the Groundswell Community Mural Project: Children's Village Drew Hamilton and Grand Street Settlement Rutgers.

This year we enhanced the Summer Safety initiative designed to increase enrichment support services at Community Centers during evenings and weekends. The goal was to enhance the quality of activities, offering positive opportunities as an alternative to community violence for youth ages 13 - 24. Below is the list of participating centers.

Police Precinct	Provider	Program Site	Program Site Address	Borough
23	SCAN-HARBOR INC	**Johnson Community Center**	1820 Lexington Ave.	Manhattan
23	SCAN-HARBOR INC	**Lehman Community Center**	1589 Madison Ave	Manhattan
25	SCAN-HARBOR INC	**Wagner Community Center**	435 East 120th Street	Manhattan
26	Graham Windham	**Manhattanville Community Center**	530 West 133 Street	Manhattan
28	SCAN-HARBOR INC	**Kings Towers Community Center**	2 West 115th Street	Manhattan
32	Police Athletic League, Inc.	**Polo Grounds Community Center**	3005 8th Avenue	Manhattan
32	The Children's Village	**Drew Hamilton Community Center**	220 West 143 Street	Manhattan
34	Childrens Arts & Science Workshops, Inc.	**Dyckman Community Center**	3782 Tenth Avenue	Manhattan

We encourage programs and families to use Discover DYCD to make referrals to other afterschool programs.

There are no shelter-based afterschool programs however, our services are open and available to anyone in the community.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [4]: SYEP - Summer Youth Employment Program

A relatively recent report from an equivalent program in Philadelphia concluded that youth who participate in SYEP programs actually live longer lives.

With respect to this vital program in FY 2027 (Summer of 2026) and projected for FY 2028 (Summer 2027), please provide:

- The total budget for the program (please quote separately the amount if any that is baselined for future fiscal years).
- The total number of youth who applied for a placement in FY 2027 (Summer 2026) and were not placed.
- The total number of youth who participated/are participating in FY 2027 (Summer 2026).
- To the extent that otherwise eligible applicants were not offered a placement, please indicate whether the shortfall is due to budget constraints, lack of available sponsors, or other factors.
- The number of youth who were offered placement in FY 2027 (Summer 2026) and for whatever reason did not enroll.

What funding and number of placements does DYCD expect for SYEP in FY2028 (Summer 2027)?

How is DYCD using its FY 2027 and projected FY2028 budget to ensure equitable access to SYEP opportunities for high-need youth, including those in shelter or temporary housing?

- Are there specific outreach and engagement initiatives for SYEP for youth in Shelter or temporary housing?
- Are funds available to expand placement sites in Manhattan and to work with local employers?
- Are there limitations other than funding that constrain the effectiveness of outreach for SYEP?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The 2026 New York City Summer Youth Employment Program placed over 100,000 New Yorkers into paid opportunities for six weeks. The $246 million budget supported participants at more than 11,000 worksites who received life-changing paid career exploration and work experiences, with benefits extending well beyond the summer. See attached list of program providers.

With respect to developing placement sites, DYCD's Employer Engagement team works both with SYEP providers to help them develop thousands of worksites across the City and recruits employers directly as well to provide diverse and enriching experiences to all participants. DYCD welcomes the recommendations of the Community Board on local businesses that could be work sites so we can follow up directly with them.

As with previous summers, SYEP prioritized opportunities for NYCHA residents, and other slots were dedicated to vulnerable youth with involvement in the juvenile justice or foster care systems or those experiencing homelessness. DYCD works closely with our sister agencies, including ACS, DHS, NYCPS, NYCHA, Probation, as well as other DYCD programs such as RHY to ensure we have robust outreach and awareness of the application period, and to recruit youth for slots set aside for vulnerable populations, including unhoused young people.

DYCD feels that outreach for SYEP is very effective, as evidenced by the record number of applications received for the 2026 program. More than 231,000 young people applied for SYEP last summer. Of this group, about 25,000 were offered placement but did not enroll.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [5]: Mental Health and Wellness Program

Are there new or expanded mental health and wellness components in DYCD's FY 2027 and projected FY2028 funded programs serving Manhattan youth?

- Will DYCD fund trauma-informed staff training or peer-led wellness initiatives?
- Is the current level of funding for these programs sufficient to meet the needs of youth known to be in need of such services?
    - What additional funding would be needed to address or serve those youth and needs?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The COMPASS model embeds mental health and wellness as core elements of youth development, and these components are increasingly emphasized across programs serving Manhattan youth in FY2027 and into FY2028. COMPASS requires providers to integrate trauma-informed practices, wellness and social emotional learning (SEL) supports aligned with ECFIK (Every Child and Family is Known), youth-voice structures such as peer circles, and intentional family engagement around wellness. These expectations reflect a broader shift toward whole-child supports within COMPASS rather than isolated mental health activities.

Within the COMPASS model, providers are expected to budget for trauma-informed staff training and peer-led wellness initiatives. While DYCD does not operate a standalone mental health training fund, the COMPASS structure allows these costs as part of program operations, including SEL-aligned professional development, restorative approaches, and youth leadership-based wellness programming.

The SCAN Wagner Cornerstone center, through the Case Management Engagement (CME) provided a range of youth development, wellness, career readiness, and community engagement experiences, including healing circles, leadership and workshop facilitation, SYEP and employment connections, driver's permit preparation, violence prevention discussions, civic engagement, intergenerational programming, and recreational and community-building events. These efforts created opportunities for youth and residents to build skills, strengthen relationships, access resources, and foster a stronger sense of community.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [6]: Learn and Earn Programs (Work-Learn-Grow; Train-and-Earn)

Please provide updates on these programs for FY 2027 and projected FY 2028, including without limitation:

- The overall budget allocation for each program.
  - What portion of these amounts is baselined?
- The number of qualified students / youths who applied for placement in these programs in FY2026 and projected FY 2027 and FY 2028.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Work, Learn & Grow

We are pleased that $30M in funding to support 7800 slots is included in DYCD's FY27 budget for the Work, Learn & Grow Employment Program. There were 10,348 applicants last year, applications for the FY27 program will launch in September. WLG is designed to build off the experiences gained in SYEP. WLG provides SYEP participants who are between the ages of 16-19 and currently in-school with career readiness training and paid employment opportunities for up to 25 weeks from October to March. Participants work in a variety of entry-level jobs including:

- Government Agencies
- Hospitals
- Non-Profits
- Small Businesses
- Law Firms
- Museums
- Sports Enterprises
- Retail Organizations

WLG career readiness training will focus on such topics as career exploration, financial literacy, conflict resolution, resume/cover letter development and opportunities to continue education and social growth.

Programs are located in community-based organizations in all five boroughs of New York City. Youth can apply for the program online or at a community-based organization during the application period. Participants are selected by lottery for the program.
To be eligible for the Work, Learn and Grow Employment Program, a young person must be:
- an SYEP participant in SYEP CareerReady or Special Initiatives
- between the ages of 16-20 years old
- currently in school

DYCD also offers other year-round programs. Advance & Earn, funded at $22M, is a workforce development program (similar to Train & Earn) serving out-of-school young adults with academic remediation, high school equivalency attainment, and advanced occupational training. Advance & Earn also offers supportive services, job and postsecondary placement, and follow up services.

Learn & Earn is an $11M federally funded program for in-school youth specific to juniors and seniors with a focus on high school graduation and college enrollment. Because Learn & Earn is funded through WIOA, participants must be low-income and have a barrier to employment such as being foster-involved, homeless, justice-involved, disability, pregnant or parenting.

The Community Resources for Employment and Development (CRED) program serves NYC adults aged 18-40 who are impacted by gun violence or have justice system involvement. CRED offers work readiness training, occupational training, and internships for in-demand, emerging sectors for up to 24 weeks, as well as job placement within a three-month follow-up period. CRED offers holistic support to participants, providing access to mental health counseling, housing, academic support, and health care access.

Train & Earn (formerly the Out-of-School Youth Program) is a $23M Federally-funded career pathways program that provides comprehensive job training and employment services, along with support services needed by participants to find a permanent job, obtain their high school equivalency if applicable, and access postsecondary education and training. Placement services are also provided as well as follow up services for one year. There were 1,378 participants for Train & Earn in FY26.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [7]: Serving Immigrant Youth and Families

How is DYCD allocating FY 2027 and projected FY2028 funding to support immigrant youth?

Is there separate or earmarked funding for separate or dedicated programming to meet the needs of immigrant youth?

- Please describe the program(s) that serve these populations, if separate from traditional programs or initiative supported by DYCD.

- Please estimate the number of youth (with a breakdown by age groups if available) served through these programs.
- Please estimate the number of otherwise eligible youth that are not able to be served by such programs, and estimate the additional funding needed to serve all such youth.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Like many other City agencies, DYCD has seen increased demand for services with little additional funding available from state and federal sources. DYCD Runaway and Homeless Youth programs have seen major increases in demand. Before the closure of the HERRC locations during FY25, DYCD provided ESOL services at selected locations around the City, in addition to the portfolio of RFP literacy programs. New arrivals are served in many COMPASS afterschool programs and community centers. DYCD's budget for the Services for Immigrant Families program is about $3M. The services include legal services for immigrant youth and comprehensive services for immigrant families.
The Legal Services for Immigrant Youth program is funded to serve 191 youth. The program assists youth with legal affairs and addresses their needs for housing, education, health, and mental health and other social services and benefits for which they qualify.

Comprehensive Services for Immigrant Families is projected to serve 302 families. The program's goal is to identify the complex and multiple needs of recently arrived immigrant families with limited English, and in partnership with other community-based organizations ensure their access to the services and benefits that help them thrive and become self-sufficient.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [8]: Programs and Services for Homeless and Runaway Youth

Previous DYCD responses to Budget Consultation Questions noted $52MM baselined for the multiple and overlapping offers of services to runaway and homeless youth.

The responses included details of the significant programs such as:

- Residential Services
- Drop-In Centers
- Outreach

Please provide an update on any changes to these essential services, including with respect to:

- The budget allocation for FY2027 and projected FY2028 - including any changes in baselined funding amounts.
- The numbers of youth able to be served based on those budget allocations.

- Whether there are additional needs for services that cannot be accommodated given the level of funding available.
- The program goals for service in FY 2027 and projected FY 2028.

Please state the number of shelter beds available for youth accepting services in any of these programs. Please include the cost of providing such shelter beds to the vulnerable youth, and the anticipated cost of providing shelter beds for all youth in need of these residential services. Are capital funds allocated and spent for these purposes?

Please also identify the criteria used to determine whether shelter beds to these populations should be provided by DYCD and its contracting partners, and how many should be provided by traditional DHS shelters.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DYCD's Runaway and Homeless Youth programs are designed to serve youth holistically, enabling them to obtain the services needed to place them on a path to independent living and stability. We are committed to helping young New Yorkers build new skills and flourish. RHY services were funded at $63M in FY26 and are budgeted at $65M in FY27. We expanded homeless young adult services with 100 new beds in FY26. Most RHY providers lease their space, and those costs are included within their contracts.

DYCD funds an integrated portfolio of runaway and homeless youth services that are delivered by community-based providers through contracts. The three types of services include residential services, drop-in centers, and street outreach. Combined, they reach more than 20,000 young people annually.

Residential services include crisis services programs and transitional independent living support programs. The New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) regulates all residential services provided by Youth Bureaus across New York State. DYCD is the designated Youth Bureau for New York City.

In recent years, we have tripled the number of beds in residential programs for young people ages 16-20, for a total of 753 beds. We implemented two key program policies: increasing the time young people may stay in residential programs up to 120 days in Crisis Services programs and 24 months in Transitional Independent Living programs. Following these state and city legislative changes, we also created residential services for youth up to age 24, and we now have six programs with a total of 160 beds for homeless young adults.

Crisis Services Programs provide emergency shelter and crisis intervention services. Youth have their basic needs met while developing a service plan with short-term and long-term goals. In cases where family reunification is not possible, provider staff work with youth to identify appropriate transitional and long-term housing placements.

Transitional Independent Living (TIL) Support Programs are a longer-term housing option that provide support as youth establish an independent life through educational and career development services, health services and mental health care, counseling, and basic life skills training.

Drop-in centers in each borough serve youth ages 14 through 24. At our eight centers, youth are provided with basic needs such as food and clothing, and supportive services such as recreational activities, health and educational workshops, financial literacy workshops, counseling, and referrals to additional services, including shelter as needed. At least one center in each borough is open 24 hours a day, every day of the week.

Street outreach focuses on locations in the city where runaway and homeless youth tend to congregate, offering on-the-spot information and referrals. The goal is to develop a rapport with the youth and connect them to services, including shelter.

Counselors in RHY programs work with youth to develop Individualized Service Plans to outline short-term and long-term goals. They can receive a range of supportive services both directly and through referrals, which include medical and mental health care services, intensive counseling, family mediation, education, substance abuse prevention, violence intervention and prevention counseling, and housing assistance. When appropriate, staff members assist young people in reuniting with their families or with moving to transitional and longer-term programs.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [9]: Programs and Services for LGBTQIA+ Youth

The FY 2026 adopted budget included a $5MM allocation for LGBTQIA+ youth housing support services.

- Has that funding been renewed for FY 2027? What funding is projected for FY 2028 or beyond?
- How will that funding be employed?
- How many youth will such an allocation serve? How does that compare with estimates of unmet needs?

Is there funding in the FY 2027 and projected FY2028 DYCD budget to expand services for LGBTQIA+ youth, such as drop-in centers, mental health support, or targeted workforce programs?

Please also state the number of shelter beds available for youth accepting services in any of these programs. Please include the cost of providing such shelter beds to the vulnerable youth, and the anticipated cost of providing shelter beds for all youth in need of these residential services.

Please also identify the criteria used to determine whether shelter beds to these populations should be provided by DYCD and its contracting partners, and how many should be provided by traditional DHS shelters.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The housing support services are part of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. Housing navigators and peer navigators work with young people at RHY drop in centers in every borough. This is an enhancement of services.

DYCD has added 100 residential beds for young adults ages 21 through 24, a $6M expansion. Although all RHY beds are open and welcoming for LGBTQIA+ young people, there will be 45 new beds reserved for the population.

Another area where DYCD has increased programming is through the special initiative SYEP Pride. SYEP participants are invited to opt into the program, which seeks to connect participants to supportive and welcoming early career opportunities with employers specifically committed to LGBTQ+ youth through their organizational missions and/or employee resource groups. DYCD works with the NYC Unity Project to provide training and programming to SYEP providers, worksite supervisors, and participants through SYEP Pride.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [10]: Adult and Family Literacy Programs Through DYCD

Please provide an update for FY 2027 and projected FY 2028 on adult literacy programs.

- Please update the funding and number of seats able to be offered in FY 2026 and projected FY 2027 and FY 2028.
- Has any of this funding been baselined?
- With respect to DYCD's identification of barriers to effectiveness from adults whose work and other obligations make regular attendance difficult, what efforts have been made to address these barriers? Is funding needed specifically for such efforts?

Are these programs available to anyone regardless of citizenship status?

Please also indicate what funding is included either in these programs or others for related needs such as:

- Support services such as counseling and case management.
- Civics education as part of the ESOL, ABE or HSE programs.

A service provider reported to a Community Board that smaller class sizes work better for these programs - especially for new immigrants and asylum seekers.

- Will funding and programming be structured to allow for or prioritize this approach?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

The FY27 budget includes $26M for adult literacy programs and $890K for adolescent literacy programs, covering about 9,000 slots. There are 2,444 slots for Adult Basic Education and High School Equivalency, 6,258 slots for ESOL/BENL. Additionally, City Council discretionary funds cover 3,800 more slots.

In general, consistent attendance is a challenge for adult participants who work and have other family obligations. Our programs' ability to provide instruction remotely under the new RFP should help mitigate the problem. Classes sizes must maintain an average daily attendance of 12-15 students.

Case management services include working with each participant to develop an individual Service Plan, referrals to supportive services and benefits, skill development, and other counseling services. These services must be documented in DYCD's participant tracking system.

Programs are available to participants of any citizenship status.

Civics education is not a required part of literacy programs, but classes may include curriculum that touches on it. DYCD also offers an Immigrant Services program in through participating Neighborhood Development Areas on the topic of ESOL/Civics, which is funded at 1,216 slots.

MEETING NOTES:

NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [11]: Service Provider List (Manhattan)

Please provide an updated list of contracts awarded to service providers and partner groups in Manhattan, if possible broken out by Community District. Please include the length of the remaining term for such contracts, and whether new RFPs will be required for any current service provider agency.

How is DYCD's FY 2027 and projected FY2028 budget addressing funding stability for CBOs serving youth? Are there plans to increase baseline funding, streamline contract renewals, or prioritize existing providers in new RFPs?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

Please see attached list of program locations in Manhattan, organized by Community District. this includes new COMPASS contracts that began this fall.

In addition to increases in cost per participant that are incorporated in new RFP's, DYCD participates in citywide initiatives such as COLA's for service providers. We work closely with the Mayor's Office of Nonprofit Services to increase stability for providers. One recent change increased the portion of a contract that may be issued as an advance.

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NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [12]: Capital Projects

What if any Capital Projects has DYCD initiated or does DYCD contemplate initiating at any point in FY 2027 or projected FY 2028? Please provide details of the project goals and the funding allocated (and still needed) for each such project.

AGENCY RESPONSE:

DYCD does not have a capital budget for center construction and renovation. Our budget includes some expense funding for repairs in Cornerstone community centers. We recommend additional funding through NYCHA to build and/or renovate centers.

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FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS:

AGENDA ITEM [13]: Wish List

For community board advocacy, we need to know which important programs or projects are most in need of funding. If your agency were given a large amount of money, to which staffing need, program, or capital project would you assign it?

AGENCY RESPONSE:

We are grateful that our expense budget has almost tripled in recent years, allowing us to greatly increase capacity for afterschool programs, youth employment, runaway and homeless youth programs, and other agency priorities. However, most of our funds are from City Tax Levy, and we ask for your support in requesting increased or maintained state funding for runaway and homeless youth programs, SYEP, and other youth services. We appreciate the continued support of Community Boards that have advocated for increasing youth and community services.

Additionally, as mentioned previously, Cornerstone Community Centers that are located in NYCHA developments could benefit from funding for repairs. New York State introduced a new capital program for renovation and construction of community centers, but public housing authorities are not eligible, and only the government entity that owns the center may apply.

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NEW INFORMATION:

FOLLOW-UP COMMITMENTS: