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## **UNH State Fiscal Year 2018-19 Budget & Policy Priorities** **Settlement Houses**

### **Settlement House Program – Fund at \$5.0 million (\$2.45m restoration; \$2.55m expansion)**

#### **Funding History:**

Executive FY2018-19: \$0

Enacted FY 2017-18: \$2.45 million

Enacted FY 2016-17: \$2.45 million

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Enacted FY 2009-10: \$7m

#### **Services Funded:**

The Settlement House Program provides flexible funding for innovative community-based child, youth, immigrant and older adult services in settlement houses across the state, including in Albany, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Westchester, Utica, and New York City. Services in NYC are provided through the United Neighborhood House (UNH) network of 38 non-profit member organization that collectively serve over 750,000 New Yorkers annually across the five boroughs. Sample activities and services include:

- Job training and placement programs for the unemployed.
- A paratransit driver for adult day program serving seniors with dementia and Alzheimer's disease.
- Treatment and counseling services for sexually abused children under the age of five.
- Culturally competent anti-domestic violence services and counseling for immigrant communities.
- Intake and referral services for youth requiring medical services, HIV information, mental health counseling, and drug prevention education.

#### **Challenge/Opportunity:**

The Settlement House Program remains one of the few sources of flexible funding for community-based organizations serving their communities. With this support, each settlement house is able to respond to the unique needs of its neighborhoods. At a time of diminishing local, state and federal resources, the Settlement House Program is the critical glue that holds together the holistic service model of settlement houses. An investment of \$5 million will allow settlement houses across the state to respond to evolving needs in their communities.

**UNH recommendation: Invest \$5 million to allow settlement houses across the State to creatively respond to evolving needs in their communities.**

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