



Summary of New York City FY 2019 Preliminary Budget

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On Thursday February 1st, Mayor de Blasio released his FY 2019 Budget Proposal, an \$88.67 billion spending plan for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2018. The Preliminary Budget proposal came at a time when both Federal and State funding to the City are at risk. At the publication date of this summary, a federal budget has been enacted that continues significant funding to the City but funding has not been appropriated yet. The State Budget is expected to be adopted by the end of March.

The Preliminary Budget is the first of two budget proposals that the Mayor releases. The second budget proposal—called the Executive Budget – will be released in early spring after, the City Council, Borough Presidents and community boards have reviewed the Preliminary Budget. The Executive Budget is typically released after the State adopts their budget giving City policymakers a clearer view of how much funding the City will receive from the State for funding streams such as school aid, child welfare block grant and child care block grant.

In previous budgets, Executive Budget proposals have rarely contained cuts not included in the Preliminary Budget. This year may be different as the Mayor and the New York City Office of Management and Budget have asked all City agencies to submit savings plans with budget reductions with the goal of achieving \$500 million in savings citywide.

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| Administration for Children’s Service (ACS) Early Childhood Education | |
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| <p>Discretionary Child Care Centers The Preliminary Budget eliminates \$9.86 million which supports 12 child care centers including Conselyea Street Block Association which is run by UNH member agency St. Nick’s Alliance. Restoration of these programs will require increased funding to cover the costs of salary increases mandated by the DC 1707 / Day Care Council of New York collective bargaining agreement.</p> | <p>\$9.86 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Low-Income Child Care Vouchers The Preliminary Budget eliminates \$3 million for Low-income child care vouchers.</p> | <p>\$3 million Eliminated</p> |

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| Department of Education (DOE) | |
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| <p>School Use Waiver The Preliminary Budget proposes \$2 million for a pilot waiver program for one year only to support community based organizations using school space after hours.</p> | <p>\$2 million New Initiative</p> |
| <p>Dropout Prevention and Intervention Initiative The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding to support a range of student support, school restructuring, and professional development services aimed at supporting dropout prevention and intervention.</p> | <p>\$1.6 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>3-K For All The Preliminary Budget proposed expanding 3-K for All programs in the districts listed below. We are awaiting more information on how these programs will be funded.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2018-19: District 5 (Harlem) and District 16 (Bedford-Stuyvesant) ○ 2019-20: District 6 (Washington Heights and Inwood) ○ 2020-21: District 12 (Central Bronx) | |

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| Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) After-School and Summer Programs | |
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| <p>SONYC Middle School Summer Programming The Preliminary Budget does not include funding for a summer component for at least 34,000 SONYC after-school slots for middle school students. In FY 2018, the Preliminary Budget included \$15 million for 22,800 slots. In prior years, the City provided funding for 34,000 slots. Providing a summer component for every after-school slot would cost \$20.35 million.</p> | <p>\$15 million Cut</p> |
| <p>COMPASS The Preliminary Budget eliminated \$8 million for 3,400 COMPASS elementary school after-school slots. UNH members previously funded through these dollars include BronxWorks, CAMBA, Chinese-American Planning Council, Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, East Side House, Henry Street Settlement, Hudson Guild, Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement, Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, New Settlement Apartments, Queens Community House, SCAN, Southeast Bronx Neighborhood Centers, Union Settlement Association and Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation.</p> | <p>\$8 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>After-School Enrichment The Preliminary Budget eliminates four investments to enrich after-school programs including the restoration and expansion of the After-School Corporation Funding. These include \$75,000 in funding to UNH member agency Educational Alliance to continue programming at a teen center as well as restorations of funding for ExpandEd, Sports & Arts in Schools Foundation and YMCA of Greater New York. All four investments total \$5.725 million.</p> <p>Prior to FY 2018, \$4 million for ExpandEd After-School Enrichment funds were supported through a separate initiative called “That After-Three Corporation”. In FY 2018, this funding which is used by UNH members CAMBA, Educational Alliance, Henry Street Settlement, Stanley Isaacs Neighborhood Center, Women’s Housing and Economic Development Corporation, St. Nicks Alliance, and University Settlement was lined out as part of After-School Enrichment.</p> | <p>\$5.725 million Eliminated</p> |

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| Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Youth Employment Programs | |
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| <p>Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) The Preliminary Budget maintains \$68.7 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program. In the summer of calendar year 2017, this investment funded approximately 70,000 SYEP jobs. However, the minimum wage in New York City increased from \$11.00 - \$13.00 on December 31, 2017 which will result in fewer jobs in 2018 without new investment.</p> | <p>\$68.7 million Maintained</p> |
| <p>Year-Round Youth Employment Program (Work, Learn, & Grow) The Preliminary Budget eliminates the Year-Round Youth Employment Program, also known as Work Learn Grow. The program was funded by Council at \$16.2 million with \$8 million in one year funding from the City Council in FY 18 and was projected to provide jobs for more than 6,000 youth.</p> | <p>\$8 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>YouthBuild Project Initiative The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding to support organizations that provide YouthBuild, a comprehensive education, training, service and leadership development program that gives young adults who have left high school without a diploma opportunity to transform their life prospects and employment outlook.</p> | <p>\$2,100,000 Eliminated</p> |

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| Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) Literacy and Legal Services | |
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| <p>Adult Literacy Expansion The Preliminary budget eliminates the \$12 million adult literacy investment bfrom last year. In FY 2018, \$6m of the funding came from the Mayor and the other \$6m came from City Council. None of the funding was baselined, putting at risk English language and High School Equivalency classes for thousands of adult learners.</p> | <p>\$12 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Adult Literacy Program The Preliminary Budget maintains \$2.5 million for DYCD’s core adult literacy program, which supports Adult Basic Education (ABE), English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) and High School Equivalency preparation (HSE) classes. This funding stream was created in FY15 through the combined baselining of the former \$1.5m council adult literacy initiative and a recurring \$1m PEG restoration. A further \$1m in baselined community based adult literacy services (ESOL) is administered by HRA via their Immigrant Opportunities Initiative, which was also a former council initiative baselined in FY15</p> | <p>\$3.5 million Maintained</p> |

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| Department for the Aging (DFTA) | |
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| <p>LGBT Senior Services in Every Borough The Preliminary Budget eliminated this City Council Initiative, which provided funding to ensure that LGBT seniors will have access to full services at SAGE sites located in the Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan and Staten Island and access to LGBT senior services in Queens provided by Queens Community House.</p> | <p>\$1.5 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs) The Preliminary Budget eliminated this City Council Initiative, which enhances supportive services for NORCs and Neighborhood NORCs (NNORCs).</p> | <p>\$3.85 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>NYC Support Our Seniors The Preliminary Budget eliminates this City Council initiative, which provided funding for any organization funded through a city agency that administers senior services and programming. This initiative was enhanced in the Adopted Budget by \$1.02m (was funded at \$2.04m in FY17).</p> | <p>\$3.06 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Healthy Aging Initiative The Preliminary Budget eliminates this City Council initiative, which provided funding for health promotion services to prevent chronic disease, prevent falls, and promote good nutrition and exercise at senior centers and other sites.</p> | <p>\$1.8 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Senior Centers for Immigrant Populations The Preliminary Budget eliminates this City Council initiative for senior centers serving immigrant populations.</p> | <p>\$1.5 million Eliminated</p> |

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| <p>Several mental health initiatives—including Geriatric Mental Health, Children Under 5, and Autism Awareness—were baselined in the November Plan in FY 2014. After providers and the City Council raised objections to the procurement methods which would have reduced the number of providers, the administration and the City Council came to an agreement where the Mayor would cut these funding streams from the baselined budget for one year only, allowing the City Council to fund them and select their providers, and allowing a more thoughtful procurement process. These funds are included in baselined budget projections for FY 2019 and future years, and were procured via Requests for Proposals from Public Health Solutions. Because of substantial changes in the ways these programs were procured, the Council continued its support for these initiatives in FY 2017 and FY 2018. They were not included in the FY 2019 Preliminary Budget.</p> | |
| <p>Geriatric Mental Health Initiative The Preliminary Budget eliminates this Council initiative of \$1.9 million. This initiative strengthens the infrastructure of senior service programs to assess and provide mental health services in non-stigmatizing ways to older adults.</p> | <p>\$1.905 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Children Under 5 Mental Health Initiative The Preliminary Budget eliminates this Council initiative of \$1,002,000. This initiative provides mental health services to young children who have experienced trauma.</p> | <p>\$1.002 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Autism Awareness The Preliminary Budget eliminates this Council initiative at \$3,236,846. This initiative supports wraparound services to children with autism in after school, summer programs, and during school closings. The program also provides forums and training to teach coping skills to families affected by autism. This Initiative was enhanced by \$2 million by the City Council in FY17.</p> | <p>\$3.236 million Eliminated</p> |

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| Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) | |
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| <p>Community Housing Preservation Strategies The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding for this initiative, which supports organizations that work on a neighborhood level to combat the loss of affordable housing, including, but not limited to: tenant organizing, code enforcement advocacy, housing court assistance, apartment repossession, and other housing-related public education.</p> | <p>\$3.65 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Housing Court Information Services The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding of \$650,000 for Housing Court Information Services, operated by Housing Court Answers, formerly known as the City-Wide Task Force on Housing Court. Housing Court Information Services provides information services for tenants and small landlords at tables located in the City’s housing courts. Services available at the tables include information on Housing Court procedures and referrals to legal service providers and other organizations which assist in eviction prevention.</p> | <p>\$650,000 Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Anti-Eviction and SRO Legal Services The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding of \$5 million in the HPD budget for Anti-Eviction and SRO Legal Services which support programs providing free legal services to low- and moderate-income people faced with illegal eviction from their homes, as well as services for low-income SRO tenants.</p> | <p>\$5 million Eliminated</p> |

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| <p>Anti-Poverty Initiatives The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding, provided by City Council, of \$2.8 million for anti-poverty initiatives which support a diverse array of programs. The City Council used poverty indicators from the American Community Survey to determine what amounts were allocated to Council districts. UNH member agencies receiving funding in FY18 were Arab-American Family Support Center, BronxWorks, Broadway Housing Communities, CAMBA, Chinese-American Planning Council, Goddard Riverside Community Center, Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement House, Project Hospitality, and SCAN New York.</p> | <p>\$2.8 million Eliminated</p> |
| <p>Borough-Wide Needs The Preliminary Budget eliminates funding, provided by City Council Borough Delegations, of \$2 million to non-profits for borough wide needs. UNH member agencies receiving funding in FY18 were Broadway Housing Communities, BronxWorks, Goddard Riverside Community Center, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, Lenox Hill Neighborhood House, Mosholu Montefiore Community Center, Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation, Sunnyside Community Services.</p> | <p>\$2 million Eliminated</p> |