

FPWA's NYC Adopted Budget Summary, June 2009

On June 15, 2009, Mayor Michael Bloomberg and City Council Speaker Christine Quinn announced an agreement on the New York City's FY 2009 operating budget, totaling \$59.4 billion. The budget was adopted by the City Council at its meeting on June 19, 2009.

Fortunately, the City Council did restore many budget items and initiatives. Below are some highlights. The New York State Senate must still enact the city's tax revenue package.

Thank you all for joining our efforts with city budget advocacy activities this year. Your phone calls, emails, legislative visits and standing on the steps of City Hall with us really made a difference!

Child Welfare

- Child Safety Initiative was fully restored at \$3.7 million
- Child Welfare personnel *Program to Eliminate the Gap* (PEG) restoration partially restored by \$3 million

Early Childhood Education

- \$8 million was restored to keep 31 classrooms open at ACS funded child care centers that were at risk of closing due to the ACS shift of 5 year olds to public school kindergarten classrooms. The Mayor had restored funding to the other 93 targeted classrooms.

Elderly Welfare

- Senior Centers PEG Restoration - \$5 million of the proposed \$5.27 million reduction was restored to support senior centers.
- Senior Centers - \$4.5 million was restored to senior centers whose budgets were adversely impacted by the DFTA home delivered meals RFP.
- Raw Food - \$4.55 million was restored for raw food costs for the congregate and home delivered meals programs. This allows for an increase in raw food costs of \$.35 per meal.
- Borough President's PEG Restoration - \$6.1 million of the proposed \$7.1 million reduction was restored to support senior centers, meals, case management, homecare, transportation and other senior services. We are hearing that the \$1 million cut will be done through a 20% across the board cut.
- Social Adult Day Services PEG Restoration - \$2 million was restored from the Mayor's proposed \$2.36 million cut to eliminate the program for providers serving less than 200 clients.

HIV/AIDS

- \$1.876 million PEG restoration for HIV/AIDS Contracted Case Management Staff. This restores funding to case management contracts in HASA Scatter Site I and permanent congregate supportive housing programs.
- \$491,000 PEG restoration for HIV/AIDS Nutrition Contract. This restores funds for the city's contract with Momentum Project which provides food and counseling to HIV/AIDS clients.
- \$1.664 million full restoration for HIV Communities of Color (Prevention and Education). This funding bolsters the capacity of existing services, supporting creative programs that target communities with high HIV incidence or emerging needs. Funds will be distributed through an RFA administered by NYC Public Health Works.
- \$640,000 full restoration for HIV prevention and health literacy education initiative. This funding is designated to go to the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America to develop tailored HIV prevention and education messages that target the older adult population, aging service providers and health care providers.

Income Security

- Funding for emergency food programs was restored at \$1.5 Million for HRA's Emergency Food Assistance Program and \$505,000 for DYCD's Food Pantries.

Workforce Development

- Adult Literacy Services was restored to \$1.5 million.
- Immigrant Opportunity Initiative was restored to \$5 million.
- CUNY-Jobs to Build On was restored to \$5 million.
- The Consortium for Worker Education was restored to almost \$2.3 million.

Youth Services

- Out of School Time Option II PEG Restoration - \$4.57 million was restored out of a \$6 million proposed reduction for Option II slots.
- Runaway and Homeless Youth - \$5.42 million was restored and enhanced from \$4.7 million in FY'09 to support beds in crisis shelters and transitional independent living facilities.
- Beacon Programs - \$3.55 million was restored and enhanced from \$3.0 million in FY'09 that supports out-of-school hour services.

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