

Queens Borough President Expense and Capital Priorities Fiscal Year 2025



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For reasons that get to the heart of who we are as a city and for reasons that defy human decency, New York City has found itself in the throes of an asylum seeker crisis. More than 175,000 migrants have arrived in our city since Spring 2022, and The World's Borough has welcomed tens of thousands of our newest neighbors with open arms. But it is clear that Queens needs additional city resources to ensure that all our residents can lead productive lives.

First and foremost, the inability for hard-working New Yorkers to find affordable housing has had dire impacts on our borough. Housing costs continue to climb, as the average rent in Queens has risen to \$2,781 as January 2024, according to MNS Real Estate. In growing neighborhoods like Long Island City, the average cost of monthly rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is an unacceptable \$5,615. The need to rapidly build more affordable housing in our city has never been more apparent, and Queens needs a Department of Housing Preservation and Development that is committed to not only expanding new affordable housing construction, but cultivating innovative solutions like community land trusts.

A growing borough population also means our ability to educate our children in and out of the classroom must grow as well. When it comes to schools, Queens has the highest number of K-12 students enrolled in our school system and second-highest number of Pre-K students enrolled, but we struggle to produce enough school seats to accommodate them. There is a clear and obvious need for elementary and middle school seats, especially in school districts across West and Southeast Queens, where significant residential development is ongoing. Additionally, our libraries are the anchors of our communities, serving as lifelines for children, families, seniors and everyone in between. But the cuts facing the Queens Public Library system, as well as the other two systems, endanger weekend service, badly-needed programming and more. We call on these cuts to be reversed and for funding to both be fully restored and baselined at last fiscal year's levels.

Lastly, the disastrous COVID-19 pandemic made clear that our healthcare system, especially in Queens, needs significant financial reinforcement. Unfortunately, hospital closures have created healthcare deserts, and for years, Queens' nine remaining hospital campuses, have been forced to perform monumental feats of care with little in the way of support. Progress is being made, as we are grateful to NYC Health + Hospitals for its partnership in planning to construct a badly-needed Gotham Health clinic in Far Rockaway. But Queens remains the most underbedded and overburdened borough in New York City. Our borough has just 1.60 hospital beds per 1,000 residents, a far cry from Manhattan's 5.52 beds per 1,000 residents, an injustice that must be rectified immediately.

Pursuant to Section 241 of the New York City Charter, the Queens Borough President submits its expense and capital priorities for Fiscal Year 2025 Executive Budget.

Sincerely,

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Summary

Office of the Queens Borough President

- Increase the agency budget to better serve the Borough of Queens
- Restore and increase the agency budget line Other Than Personal Service to at FY22 amount

Community Boards

- Fully Restore and enhance funding to Queens Community Boards
- Fund the top budget priorities of each Community Board
- Provide funding for live broadcasting services of each Community Board

NYC Department of Education

- Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of elementary and middle schools
- Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of high schools
- Increase and enhance expense funding for Queens Schools
- Increase access to technology for students
- Create a budget initiative for schools to invest in the creation of Hydroponic Labs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department for the Aging

- Restore and enhance funding for senior services
- Restore Senior Services – Borough President Discretionary Funding
- Increase funding for Home Delivered Meals to award organizations that provide culturally appropriate meals
- Increase funding to ensure senior centers are open at least 6 days a week
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Administration for Children's Services

- Restore funding for Foster Care Services
- Increase the number of Child Protective Specialists
- Increase funding for Child Care Vouchers
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

- Restore and enhance funding for Community Development Programs
- Fund Universal After School for Elementary Schools
- Restore and enhance funding for Out-of-School Time and Out-of-School Youth Programs in Queens
- Increase funding for additional staff tasked with executing discretionary funding contracts
- Restore funding for Adult Literacy
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

- Increase Expense and Capital funding support for Queens' HHC Hospitals
- Funding for HHC operated Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities
- Funding for a new trauma center
- Funding for more prenatal and birthing centers
- Funding for food pantries within H+H locations
- Restore and enhance Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, MentalHygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health funding
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Fire Department

- Increase funding for FDNY personnel
- Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island
- Reopen Engine 261 in Western Queens
- Create a Rockaway Peninsula Ladder Company
- Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island
- Expand the number of EMT's
- Funding for Generators

NYC Police Department

- Increase the number of Neighborhood Coordination Officers
- Build a new precinct to help reduce the coverage area of the 109th Precinct
- Increase the number of School Safety Crossing Guards

NYC Department of Sanitation

- Increase cleanup of major commercial corridors
- Increase garbage and recycling pickup throughout the borough
- Restore and Increase funding for Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling
- Increase e-waste recycling
- Increase funding to expand community composting programs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development

- Create and preserve more affordable housing in Queens
- Continue housing support services to residents in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Ida, and tropical storms
- Allocate funding for eviction prevention programs
- Enhance funding for foreclosure prevention programs
- Increase funds for supportive housing
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Transportation

- Increase the number of slow zones, install more pedestrian countdown crosswalk signals, and increase police presence
- Expedite the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens
- Create more open streets
- Increase capital funds to resurface streets, sidewalks and curb cuts
- Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads

- Invest capital funding to create and improve protected bike lanes
- Increase funding for traffic studies
- Continue City Council Initiatives

Queens Public Library

- Restore and Increase expense funding support to provide expanded seven-day service
- Increase programmatic funding for ESL courses
- Increase capital funding support for Queens Borough Public Library

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

- Restore and enhance funding for Queens CIGs
- Restore and enhance funding for cultural organizations in Queens
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

- Increase the number of personnel in Queens
- Increase funds for street tree pruning
- Increase funding for more trees
- Increase funding for sidewalk repairs
- Increase capital funding support for Queens parks
- Increase capital funding for the creation, preservation and adaptation of open space and new parks
- Provide capital funds to create bioswales and other solutions to address flooding problems throughout Queens
- Implement revenue opportunities to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Small Business Services

- Expand resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19
- Restore funding for Agency Administration and Operations
- Restore funding for Business, Workforce and Neighborhood Development
- Enhance funding for Storefront grant programs
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Buildings

- Increase the number of Building Inspectors for Queens
- Funding to help small- to medium-sized houses of worship and non-profit organizations

City University of New York

- Increase capital budget for City University of New York, Queens Campuses
- Restore and Enhance funding for City University of New York Queens Campuses
- Continue City Council Initiatives

NYC Department of Environmental Protection

- Increase the amount of workers to clean catch basins
- Increase capital funds for sewer improvements and expense funding for maintenance
- Invest in more solar programs and green infrastructure
- Address groundwater contamination issues.

- Invest in noise pollution mitigation efforts
- Continue City Council Initiatives

Department of Social Services

- Fully restore and enhance funding for Department of Social Services

NYC Department of Homelessness Services

- Restore funding for Outreach, Drop-in, and Reception Services
- Restore funding for Family Shelter Operations
- Fund the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens
- Resources for transgender and gender non-conforming people
- Continue City Council Oversight and Initiatives

The Office of the Queens Borough President

The Office of the Queens Borough President is tasked with the following duties: make recommendations on the expense and capital budgets on behalf of the people of Queens, appoint members of the Community Boards, comment on land use issues affecting the borough, participate in site selection of city facilities and re-allocations of service delivery throughout Queens, appoints one member to the City Planning Commission and maintains a topographical bureau.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$4,537	\$4,651	\$4,913	\$376
Other Than Personal Service	\$1,613	\$767	\$1,607	(\$6)
TOTAL	\$6,150	\$5,418	\$6,520	\$370

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$6.5 million budget for the Office of the Queens Borough President, a \$370 thousand increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Personal Service is budgeted \$376 thousand more than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, while Other Than Personal Service is budgeted \$6 thousand less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Adopted Budget Per Year and Percentages Comparison (\$ In Thousands)										
	FY21 Adopted Budget		FY22 Adopted Budget		FY23 Adopted Budget		FY24 Adopted Budget		FY25 Executive Budget	
Personal Service	\$4,293	72%	\$4,297	65%	\$4,305	73%	\$4,537	74%	\$4,913	75%
Other Than Personal Service	\$1,659	28%	\$2,360	35%	\$1,602	27%	\$1,613	26%	\$1,607	25%
TOTAL	\$5,952	100%	\$6,657	100%	\$5,907	100%	\$6,150	100%	\$6,520	100%

Borough President Expense Budget Awards per Borough FY 2025 Executive Budget (\$ in thousands)			
Borough	Population ¹	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Per Capita Support
Queens	2,405,464	\$6,520	\$0.27
Bronx	1,472,654	\$6,094	\$0.47
Brooklyn	2,736,074	\$6,654	\$0.28
Manhattan	1,694,251	\$5,170	\$0.35
Staten Island	495,747	\$4,726	\$1.03

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget allocates the least per capita funding to Queens among the five Borough President offices; \$0.27 in funding per person, as opposed to \$1.03 for Staten Island and \$0.47 for the Bronx.

Recommendations

Increase the agency budget to better serve the Borough of Queens – Queens is the most ethnically diverse county in the continental United States with 47.2% of the population not having been born in the United States². This diversity necessitates the office to provide multi-faceted and culturally aware services in their native language in most cases.

Restore and increase the agency budget line Other Than Personal Services - To better serve the residents of the Borough of Queens, our agency needs to be able to produce outreach materials in a variety of languages, intentionally create opportunities for our communities to come together and to receive critical information on services, opportunities and general resources in their mother language, and to effectively run a mid-size agency. Additionally, this will allow our agency to continue to run our free immigration law services to our immigrant communities and provide expense funding opportunities to our community based organizations.

In order to adequately serve the borough, which is still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic effects and currently is becoming the home of more asylum seekers at a faster pace than other

¹<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/richmondcountynyork,bronxcountynyork,kingscountynyork,newyorkcountynyork,queenscountynyork,US/PST040222#PST040222>

² <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/queenscountynyork,US/PST045221>

boroughs, the Queens Borough President recommends an increase in the expense budget to FY22 adopted budget levels in order to expand the scope of services.

Community Boards

Queens’ 14 Community Boards are the eyes and ears of local government. Community Boards assist and advise public agencies and public offices on matters which relate to the welfare of the district and its residents. Duties include submitting recommendations to the Mayor, Borough President and various other city officials in the best interests of the community and evaluating the quantity and quality of agency provided services. The Community Boards conduct public hearings and submit recommendations and priorities to the capital and expense budgets, allocations and use of funds for community development and on development or improvements of land.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$3,460	\$3,482	\$3,693	\$233
Other Than Personal Service	\$270	\$268	\$273	\$3
TOTAL	\$3,790	\$3,750	\$3,966	\$176

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$16.7 million budget for the Community Boards citywide and Community Boards in Queens are budgeted at \$3.75 million.

The 14 Community Boards in Queens serve an increasingly multiethnic and multilingual community. Yet, the Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget estimates that Queens’ Community Boards receive the lowest per capita support among the five boroughs. Additionally, the 14 Queens Community Boards serve, on average, the most residents per community district: 171,819 individuals, compared to 122,721 in the Bronx and 152,004 in Brooklyn.

Community Board Expense Budget Awards per Borough FY 2025 Executive Budget				
Borough	Population	FY 2025 Executive Borough Total	Per Capita Support	Average Residents served per Community Board
Queens	2,405,464	3,965,907	\$1.6	171,819
Bronx	1,472,654	3,413,684	\$2.3	122,721
Brooklyn	2,736,074	5,068,850	\$1.9	152,004
Manhattan	1,694,251	3,416,786	\$2.0	141,187
Staten Island	495,747	800,342	\$1.6	165,249

Recommendations

Fully Restore and enhance funding to Queens Community Boards – The Community Boards are pivotal to the governance of the City since they serve as frontline service for the residents and allows our city agencies to effectively coordinate city agencies and address hyperlocal issues that otherwise would be difficult to respond to. The Queens Borough President recommends increasing the budget allocations to Community Boards to FY22’s adopted budget levels in order to increase per capita support which will allow the 14 Community Boards to maintain services.

Fund the top budget priorities of each Community Board – Each Community Board has outlined budget priorities for their districts through the Register of Community Board Budget Requests. These priorities range from park improvements to infrastructure upgrades. The Queens Borough President recommends funding support for the budget priorities outlined in the FY 2025 Register of Community Board Budget Requests.

Provide funding for live broadcasting services of each Community Board - To continue to engage with its constituents and expand their reach, it is crucial that community boards are able to provide multiple ways to access their meetings. Therefore, the borough board recommends the creation of a budget line within the community boards budget to hire contracted services to live broadcast their meetings to their constituency.

NYC Department of Education

The NYC Department of Education is the largest municipal public school system in the United States, in 2022-23, there were 1,047,895 students across 1,867 schools in the NYC school system.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$18,528,330	\$19,022,910	\$19,093,507	\$565,177
Other Than Personal Service	\$12,970,670	\$12,451,600	\$13,126,016	\$155,346
TOTAL	\$31,499,000	\$31,474,503	\$32,219,523	\$720,523

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$32.2 billion budget for the NYC Department of Education, a \$720.5 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

School Year 2022 - 2023 Projected Enrollment and Demographics ³						
Borough	K-12 Enrollment	Pre-K Enrollment	Preschool Special Ed Enrollment	K-12 FRPL Count	K-12 ELL Count	K-12 SWD Count
Queens	236,692	9,432	997	170,779	43,460	45,583
Bronx	150,845	5,925	637	131,458	29,570	39,521
Brooklyn	228,819	10,478	1,028	170,844	36,657	49,464
Manhattan	115,800	5,054	568	73,847	13,180	26,693
Staten Island	56,221	2,655	341	34,409	4,731	15,304
Total	788,377	33,544	3,571	581,337	127,598	176,565

³<https://infohub.nyced.org/reports/financial/financial-data-and-reports/new-york-state-school-funding-transparency-forms>

Seats To Open Through The Capacity Program ⁴					
School District	September 2024	September 2025	September 2026	September 2027	Total
24	0	0	451	0	451
25	973	0	547	0	1,520
26	473	399	463	0	1,335
27	145	229	0	0	374
28	403	454	0	0	857
29	0	0	554	0	554
30	451	0	547	547	1,545
78Q	0	3,066	876	1,229	5,171
Total	2,445	4,148	3,438	1,776	11,807

Queens continues to grow its population at a faster pace than other boroughs, additionally in recent months, our borough has been made home by thousands of asylum seekers. Queens currently continues to have the second highest number of Pre-K Enrollment, Preschool Special Education Enrollment, K-12 Free or Reduced Priced Lunch and Students with Disabilities Count. Queens has the highest number of K-12 Enrollment and K-12 English Language Learners which corresponds to Queen’s high immigrant population.

Recommendations

Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of elementary and middle schools – The Queens Borough President recommends increased capital investments in order to acquire and build new elementary and middle school seats to address the overcrowding of schools in Queens, particularly in School Districts with new and planned residential development.

Dedicate capital funds for the construction and expansion of high schools – The Queens Borough President recommends increased capital investments in order to acquire and build new high school

⁴ The DOE and SCA Fiscal Year 2025-2029 Five Year Capital Plan, https://dnnhh5cc1.blob.core.windows.net/portals/0/Capital_Plan/Capital_plans/02012024_25_29_CapitalPlan.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=ExyJ25yWw4Gt5zwwG%2F%2F9rdA14929cO%2Ba%2FMb0vAWq7Gw%3D, page 15.

seats to address the overcrowding of high schools in Queens, particularly in School Districts with new and planned residential development.

Increase and enhance expense funding for Queens Schools – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing funding to Queens schools with an emphasis on Career and Technical Education (CTE) and District 75 schools as currently the Borough has limited District 75 seats.

Increase access to technology for students - The Queens Borough President recommends that we ensure that each student has access to the proper technology to allow for remote learning.

Create a budget line for schools to invest in the creation of Hydroponic Labs - The Queens Borough President recommends the creation of a budget line for the Department of Education and School Construction Authority for the creation of hydroponic labs to build this infrastructure and use hydroponic technology to educate students and teachers about the science of sustainability and bring quality STEM education through the lens of urban farming. With this, we can create a generation of environmental innovators, empowered to create solutions to global climate challenges.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department for the Aging

The Department for the Aging serves to support the growing and increasingly diverse, older adult population in New York City. The Department for the Aging promotes, administers, and coordinates services for older adults to help them maintain their independence and quality of life in addition to participating in their communities.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Administration and Contract Agency Support	\$51,435	\$55,768	\$63,876	\$12,441
Case Management	\$45,564	\$45,564	\$45,488	(\$76)
Homecare	\$34,483	\$34,483	\$34,483	\$0
Senior Centers and Meals	\$251,132	\$225,167	\$225,756	(\$25,376)
Senior Employment and Benefits	\$10,729	\$10,728	\$10,575	(\$154)
Senior Services	\$128,449	\$113,382	\$113,800	(\$14,649)
TOTAL	\$521,791	\$485,091	\$493,977	(\$27,814)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$494 million budget for the NYC Department for the Aging; this represents a \$27.8 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

The senior population in Queens accounts for 17.4%⁵ of the borough. Queens currently has over 418,550 adults over the age of 65, second only to Brooklyn’s population of 413,147. Queens’ older population represents over a fourth of New York City’s older population.

⁵ <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/queenscountynyork/PST045221>

Senior Population Breakdown		
Borough	Population Aged 65 and older	Percentage
Queens	418,550.74	30%
Bronx	206,171.60	14%
Brooklyn	413,147.17	29%
Manhattan	310,047.93	21%
Staten Island	84,277	6%
TOTAL	1,432,194.4	100%

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Senior Services- The Queens Borough President recommends increased investment for senior services. Seniors require access to a wide range of services to ensure a dignified life for those deciding to age in place. These provide support in key areas of the day to day living of this demographic.

Restore and enhance for Senior Services – Borough President Discretionary Funding – In years past with the exception of FY21, the five Borough Presidents received \$1.13 million in discretionary funding through the City Council to support senior centers throughout New York City. In FY 2024 These funds historically totaled \$324,904 for senior programs in Queens. The Queens Borough President recommends that the City Council restore and enhance these funds in FY 2025.

Increase funding for Home Delivered Meals to award organizations that provide culturally appropriate meals – The aging population in Queens has deep ties to their cultural origin and religion, and providing meals that respond to these needs are critical. In addition, seniors are especially vulnerable to COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses, and should not risk their lives for basic necessities. The Queens Borough President recommends increasing funding for Home Delivered Meals that will directly fund local organizations that provide specific culturally humble home delivered meals.

Increase funding to ensure senior centers are open at least 6 days a week – Senior Centers are a critical tool to improve the quality of life of seniors and ensure they are able to age in place with health, dignity and access to social and physical activities. The Queens Borough President recommends the increase of programmatic funding for senior centers to increase their days of operation to up to at least 6 days a week.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President urges the continuation of key City Council discretionary funds and initiatives for senior services.

NYC Administration for Children’s Services

The Administration for Children’s Services helps protect and advance the interests of children. The Agency investigates allegations of child abuse, supports preventative services to families and children, provides foster care and adoption services for the children, and administers early childhood education programs and administers subsidized childcare programs for low-income families.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Adoption Services	\$226,970	\$227,030	\$227,092	\$122
Alternatives to Detention	\$4,062	\$4,360	\$4,360	\$298
Child Care Services	\$487,476	\$471,325	\$471,663	(\$15,813)
Child Welfare Support	\$54,033	\$53,201	\$53,310	(\$723)
Dept. of Ed. Residential Care	\$93,260	\$86,593	\$86,593	(\$6,667)
Foster Care Services	\$634,180	\$616,835	\$606,861	(\$27,319)
Foster Care Support	\$51,783	\$51,783	\$51,783	\$0
General Administration	\$237,633	\$263,571	\$266,582	\$28,949
Juvenile Justice Support	\$16,030	\$16,030	\$16,030	\$0
Non-Secure Detention	\$19,007	\$19,007	\$19,007	\$0
Placements	\$117,969	\$110,412	\$114,412	(\$3,557)

Preventative Homemaking Services	\$27,231	\$24,204	\$24,755	(\$2,476)
Preventative Services	\$331,037	\$322,535	\$331,060	\$23
Protective Services	\$376,628	\$386,166	\$396,075	\$19,447
Secure Detention	\$58,991	\$58,836	\$58,889	(\$102)
TOTAL	\$2,736,290	\$2,711,886	\$2,728,472	(\$7,818)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$2.72 billion budget for the NYC Administration for Children’s Services, a \$7.8 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Persons Under 18 Years ⁶		
Borough	Persons Under 18 Years	Percentage
Queens	432,826	19%
Bronx	331,187	24%
Brooklyn	569,914	22%
Manhattan	223,478	14%
Staten Island	103,137	21%
TOTAL	1,660,541	100%

⁶<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/newyorkcitynewyork,newyorkcountynewyork,richmondcountynewyork,bronxcountynewyork,kingscountynewyork,queenscountynewyork/PST045221#PST045221>, Population Estimates, July 1 2021.

Borough Overview

19% of the Borough's population consists of persons under 18 years of age. The Administration for Children's Services has three offices located in Queens. Brooklyn (22%) has six offices while the Bronx (24%) also has three offices.

Recommendations

Restore funding for Foster Care Services – The Queens Borough President recommends that funding for Foster Care Services be restored to at least to FY 2023 Adopted levels.

Increase the number of Child Protective Specialists – The Queens Borough President recommends increased funding to not only hire more personnel, but experienced specialists, and institute programs to retain and train new specialists.

Restore funding for Child Care Vouchers – The Queens Borough President recommends that funding for Child Care Vouchers be increased to avoid waiting lists.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Youth and Community Development

The Department of Youth and Community Development is designed to meet the needs of youth and communities. The Department of Youth and Community Development implements contracts for youth programs in areas including afterschool programs, youth employment, community economic development and immigration assistance.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Adult Literacy	\$43,396	\$21,720	\$11,442	(\$31,954)
Beacon Community Centers	\$128,123	\$128,147	\$128,061	(\$62)
Community Development Programs	\$102,073	\$30,321	\$29,306	(\$72,767)
General Administration	\$81,321	\$125,690	\$127,977	\$46,656
In-School Youth Programs	\$4,031	\$3,896	\$6,866	\$2,835
Office of Neighborhood Safety	\$216,156	\$125,519	\$153,574	(\$62,582)
Other Youth Programs	\$55,726	\$5,241	\$7,284	(\$48,442)
Out-of-School Time (OST)	\$422,101	\$392,703	\$392,592	(\$29,509)
Out-of-School Youth Programs (OSY)	\$18,327	\$18,032	\$16,857	(\$1,470)
Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY)	\$50,800	\$51,627	\$51,710	\$910
Summer Youth Employment (SYEP)	\$240,396	\$225,027	\$254,254	\$13,858
TOTAL	\$1,362,449	\$1,127,924	\$1,179,923	(\$182,526)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.18 billion budget for the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development, a \$182.5 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Programmatic funds for Adult Literacy budgeted at \$11.44 million, \$31.9 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, Community Development Programs is budgeted at \$29.3 million, a \$72.7 decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

Queens is home to more than 466,000 residents under the age of 18⁷. The after-school and personal development programs that the City provides are crucial to the development of social, leadership, and professional skills. The primary after-school programs offered by the City are the Comprehensive Afterschool System of NYC (COMPASS), which includes the middle school after-school program School's Out NYC (SONYC), and the Beacon Program.

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Community Development Programs – The Queens Borough President recommends continuing the Community Development Programs at the FY 2024 Adopted levels.

Fund Universal After School for Elementary Schools – Queens Borough President recommends that the City funds a universal after school program for all elementary schools.

Restore and enhance funding for Out-of-School Youth Programs in Queens – The Queens Borough President recommends restoring and enhancing out-of-school youth program funding to ensure that every community has access to programs like COMPASS and SONYC.

Increase funding for additional staff tasked with executing discretionary funding contracts – The Borough President recommends an increase in funding for additional staff to be able to execute discretionary contracts more timely.

Restore funding for Adult Literacy – The Borough President recommends that the funding levels for Adult Literacy meet the funding level to match the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

⁷<https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/queenscountynynewyork,kingscountynynewyork,bronxcountynynewyork,newyorkcountynynewyork,richmondcountynynewyork/AGE295219#AGE295219>

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is charged with providing adequate health care services. Services include maternal and child health, school health, communicable disease prevention and the sanitary supervision of water and food. The Department of Health and Mental Health also administers and plans the provision of mental health, developmental disabilities, chemical dependency, alcoholism and substance abuse services.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Administration – General	\$151,411	\$147,685	\$149,649	(\$1,762)
Center for Health Equity	\$111,695	\$74,758	\$77,526	(\$34,169)
Disease Prevention & Treatment	\$301,105	\$250,205	\$302,853	\$1,748
Emergency Preparedness and Response	\$23,585	\$28,699	\$28,921	\$5,336
Environmental Health	\$135,011	\$131,247	\$132,140	(\$2,871)
Epidemiology	\$18,609	\$18,102	\$30,673	\$12,064
Family & Child Health	\$495,695	\$461,809	\$466,291	(\$29,404)
Mental Hygiene	\$768,431	\$748,372	\$756,792	(\$11,639)
Office of Chief Medical Examiner	\$97,067	\$100,097	\$104,335	\$7,268
Prevention & Primary Care	\$0	0	0	\$0
World Trade Center Related Programs	\$99,212	\$103,864	\$103,838	\$4,626
Total	\$2,201,819	\$2,064,838	\$2,153,018	(\$48,801)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$2.15 billion budget for the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, a \$48.8 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

One of the most significant challenges facing Queens is access to healthcare. Queens was already under-bedded and underserved, but previous year’s closures have further strained an already overburdened system. The Borough’s overburdened system was made clearly evident when Queens became the epicenter of the COVID-19 pandemic and hospitals did not have enough beds to serve our patients.

Queens currently has nine acute care hospitals throughout the borough responsible for serving over 2.4 million residents. The borough has two municipal hospitals: Elmhurst Hospital Center and Queens Hospital Center. The other seven hospitals are voluntary and are part of major, multi-facility health systems. They are Jamaica Hospital and Flushing Hospital, part of the Medisys Health Network, Forest Hills Hospital and Long Island Jewish Medical Center, part of the Northwell Health System, Mount Sinai Hospital of Queens, New York Presbyterian – Queens, and St. John’s Episcopal Hospital South Shore.

Summary Status of Hospitals ⁸				
Borough	Population	Number of Hospitals with beds	Total Number of Beds	Beds per 1000 Residents
Queens	2,405,464	9	3,851	1.60
Bronx	1,472,654	10	3,797	2.58
Brooklyn	2,736,074	16	5,522	2.02
Manhattan	1,694,251	23	9,350	5.52
Staten Island	495,747	4	1,158	2.34

Together, these nine hospital campuses serve the entire borough. However, Queens remains the most under-bedded borough in New York City. There are only 1.61 beds per 1,000 patients in Queens, compared to 5.53 in Manhattan and 2.58 in the Bronx. Out of the 3,851 beds in Queens, only 269 of them are maternity beds.

⁸ New York State, NYS Department of Health NYS Health Profiles, <https://profiles.health.ny.gov/hospital/>

Wyckoff Heights Medical Center accounts for 324 seats in Brooklyn and although residents of South- West Queens do utilize the hospital, there is no way to track how many residents are from Queens.

Recommendations

Increase Expense and Capital funding support for Queens' H+H Hospitals – The Queens Borough President recommends increased expense and capital funding support to Elmhurst Hospital and Queens Hospital Center in expanding their capacity.

Funding for HHC operated Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing partnerships with community-based Article 28 free standing healthcare facilities in order to alleviate emergency department burdens in Queens hospitals.

Funding for new municipal hospital- The Queens Borough President supports the need for a healthcare facility on the Rockaway peninsula.

Funding for more prenatal and birthing centers- The Queens Borough President recommends increased funding for more prenatal care and birthing centers throughout Queens.

Funding for food pantries- The Queens Borough President supports enhanced funding for permanent food pantries at Queens' H+H Hospitals.

Restore and enhance Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health funding- The Queens Borough President recommends restoration & enhancement of funding for Disease Prevention & Treatment, Center for Health Equity, Mental Hygiene, Environmental Health, and Family and Child Health programs.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Fire Department

The New York Fire Department serves as the city’s first responders to fires, public safety and medical emergencies, disasters and terrorist acts. The Department advances safety through its fire prevention, extinguishment of fires, investigation, education programs and pre-hospital medical services. The timely delivery of these services enables the Department to make significant contributions to the safety of New York City and homeland security efforts.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$2,030,911	\$2,284,922	\$2,311,580	\$280,669
Other Than Personal Service	\$268,503	\$240,817	\$259,348	(\$9,155)
TOTAL	\$2,299,414	\$2,525,739	\$2,570,928	\$271,514

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$2.57 billion budget for the Fire Department, a \$271.5 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Recommendations

Increase funding for FDNY Personnel - Given the importance of the life saving services FDNY provides, it is necessary to increase the funding to hire more personnel and meet the demand of the services needed provided by this department.

Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island – Currently, when fires occur on the island, other ladder companies are oftentimes relocated to cover the area. The Queens Borough President recommends that funding be allocated to expand the first response station to make sure it is fully equipped to respond to fire emergencies on Roosevelt Island

Reopen Engine 261 in Western Queens – The population of western Queens is increasing rapidly with thousands of new apartments, new business centers and major attractions. The addition of so many new residents, workers, and visitors to the area requires the proportional increase in services. However, Engine 261 in Long Island City was closed in May 2003. The Queens

Borough President recommends that funding be allocated to reopen Engine 261 in order to service this growing community.

Create a Rockaway Peninsula Ladder Company – The Rockaway Peninsula continues to increase its population as a result of the on-going construction projects currently underway and planned for the future. The Queens Borough President recommends that funding be allocated to create an additional ladder company that would cover the Rockaway Peninsula and neighboring Broad Channel.

Expand the first response station in Roosevelt Island – Currently, when fires occur on the island, other ladder companies are oftentimes relocated to cover the area. The Queens Borough President recommends that funding be allocated to expand the first response station to make sure it is fully equipped to respond to fire emergencies on Roosevelt Island.

Expand the number of EMT's - The pandemic made it clear that there is a need to increase the number of EMT's. EMT's were working shifts that were significantly longer than the recommended. Therefore, the Queens Borough President recommends increasing funding to hire more EMT's.

Funding for Generators- The Queens Borough President recommends additional funding to support permanent generators at fire stations in Queens.

NYC Police Department

The New York Police Department is charged with enhancing the quality of life and protecting the lives and property of all citizens by working in partnership with the community to enforce the laws, investigate reported past crimes, apprehend offenders, ensure order at public events, preserve peace, reduce fear, and produce a safe environment.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Communications	\$162,413	\$165,636	\$165,748	\$3,335
Community Affairs	\$16,845	\$17,946	\$58,782	\$41,937
Criminal Justice Bureau	\$67,363	\$69,765	\$69,822	\$2,459
Detective Bureau	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Detective Bureau - Borough Squads	\$310,732	\$338,871	\$335,080	\$24,348
Detective Bureau - Other	\$309,219	\$334,656	\$335,080	\$25,861
Financial Plan Savings	(\$267,218)	(\$566,369)	(\$505,741)	(\$238,523)
Housing Bureau	\$239,588	\$249,488	\$249,537	\$9,949
Intelligence and Counterterrorism	\$240,646	\$255,848	\$256,806	\$16,160
Internal Affairs	\$75,000	\$249,488	\$79,122	\$4,122
Patrol	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Patrol Borough Bronx	\$345,924	\$359,503	\$354,086	\$8,162

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Patrol Borough Brooklyn North	\$280,864	\$290,897	\$282,154	\$1,290
Patrol Borough Brooklyn South	\$277,052	\$288,631	\$284,861	\$7,809
Patrol Borough Manhattan North	\$254,571	\$264,078	\$258,298	\$3,727
Patrol Borough Manhattan South	\$237,104	\$245,837	\$243,123	\$6,019
Patrol Borough Queens North	\$193,664	\$201,222	\$197,110	\$3,446
Patrol Borough Queens South	\$192,922	\$200,740	\$198,706	\$5,784
Patrol Borough Staten Island	\$108,389	\$112,237	\$110,091	\$1,702
Patrol Services Bureau - Citywide	\$116,327	\$119,485	\$119,303	\$2,976
Reimbursable Overtime	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$0
School Safety	\$264,640	\$274,255	\$274,405	\$9,765
Support Services	\$156,685	\$122,306	\$120,889	(\$35,796)
Special Operations	\$170,339	\$180,658	\$180,754	\$10,415
Administration	\$702,346	\$714,650	\$725,128	\$22,782
Chief of Department	\$687,645	\$737,008	\$732,792	\$45,147
Training	\$127,783	\$139,474	\$138,435	\$10,652

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Transit	\$288,801	\$301,057	\$301,100	\$12,299
Transportation	\$238,089	\$250,489	\$250,404	\$12,315
Total	\$5,804,733	\$5,924,856	\$5,822,875	\$18,142

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$5.8 billion budget for the New York Police Department, an \$18 million increase from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Queens has the second highest population yet Patrol is scheduled to receive the lowest amount of funding per capita at \$16.

Patrol Borough Breakdown Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)			
Borough	FY 2025 Executive Borough Total	Population	Per Capita Funding
Queens	\$395,816	2,405,464	\$16
Bronx	\$354,086	1,472,654	\$24
Brooklyn	\$567,015	2,736,074	\$21
Manhattan	\$501,421	1,694,251	\$30
Staten Island	\$110,091	495,747	\$22

Queens South Year Summary																
	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Felony Assault		Burglary		Grand Larceny		Grand Larceny of Automobile		Total	
PCT	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
100	1	1	12	11	20	50	115	107	39	55	139	170	25	59	351	453
101	11	8	23	19	105	93	289	235	71	72	174	161	47	56	720	644
102	5	5	22	20	126	201	266	388	121	157	312	385	237	263	1089	1419
103	8	12	21	34	341	390	522	576	188	210	480	601	150	212	1710	2035
105	7	10	43	14	153	176	402	415	164	217	507	622	168	272	1444	1726
106	5	5	13	19	203	221	342	342	130	143	524	669	216	225	1433	1624
107	3	1	20	20	142	187	157	215	201	238	453	658	156	279	1132	1598
113	13	9	22	36	161	134	397	389	128	125	369	443	200	240	1290	1376
Total	53	50	176	173	1251	1452	2490	2667	1042	1217	2958	3709	1199	1606	9169	10875

Queens North Year Summary																
	Murder		Rape		Robbery		Felony Assault		Burglary		Grand Larceny		Grand Larceny of Automobile		Total	
PCT	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
104	2	3	19	20	142	223	259	312	245	274	595	638	214	317	1476	1787
108	2	1	15	20	126	191	207	218	179	175	519	694	182	238	1230	1537
109	6	6	17	41	147	306	207	348	388	617	1166	1476	198	308	2,129	3102
110	4	8	41	39	258	398	425	516	185	159	1015	1152	186	237	2114	2509
111	0	0	7	5	29	83	79	101	266	316	408	674	71	131	860	1310
112	0	2	10	15	62	88	68	85	94	119	381	488	381	488	684	904
114	10	4	36	26	205	266	408	489	230	269	766	883	240	360	1885	2297
115	6	3	31	38	250	312	390	410	151	152	920	970	210	320	1958	2205
Total	30	27	176	204	1219	1867	2043	2479	1738	2081	5770	6975	1682	2399	12336	15651

Borough Overview

Queens North and South continue their strong efforts to respond to crime, despite a reduction in personnel over the years. Due to its large land area and physical distance between precincts, and due to the predominantly residential nature of the borough, officers are often required to cover large distances to address crime and quality of life issues. Overall crime incidents in Queens North and Queens South have increased.

Recommendations

Provide additional Neighborhood Coordination Officers –The Neighborhood Coordination Officers serve as the first point of contact between the police and the community, significantly bettering coordination and engagement with the community when addressing and preventing criminal activities. The Queens Borough President recommends increasing Neighborhood Coordination Officers for each precinct.

Build a new precinct to help reduce the coverage area of the 109th Precinct - The Queens Borough President recommends allocating funds to build a new precinct to reduce the coverage area of the 109th precinct.

Increase the number of School Safety Crossing Guards - The Queens Borough President recommends the increase of number of school safety crossing guards throughout the Borough and urges the administration and police department to rethink the role and responsibilities of the crossing guards to increase the demand of these positions.

Department of Sanitation

The Department of Sanitation collects the City’s residential garbage, disposes of waste, recycles, salts, preserves street cleanliness, provides snow removal and enforces sanitary violations.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Civilian Enforcement - Bronx	\$661	\$661	\$702	\$41
Civilian Enforcement - BK	\$639	\$639	\$685	\$46
Civilian Enforcement - Manhattan	\$683	\$683	\$720	\$37
Civilian Enforcement - Queens	\$560	\$560	\$624	\$64
Civilian Enforcement - SI	\$204	\$204	\$216	\$12
Collection & Street Cleaning- Bronx	\$72,986	\$73,042	\$73,042	\$56
Collection & Street Cleaning- Brooklyn	\$169,581	\$169,660	\$169,660	\$79
Collection & Street Cleaning- General	\$313,950	\$334,278	\$335,306	\$21,356
Collection & Street Cleaning- LotCleaning	\$13,255	\$13,325	\$13,407	\$152
Collection & Street Cleaning- Manhattan	\$95,361	\$95,424	\$95,424	\$63
Collection & Street Cleaning- Queens	\$155,184	\$155,254	\$155,254	\$70
Collection & StreetCleaning- StatenIsland	\$47,614	\$47,646	\$47,646	\$32
Enforcement - General	\$18,114	\$18,599	\$18,653	\$539
Engineering	\$9,353	\$9,467	\$9,827	\$474

General Administration	\$181,396	\$144,242	\$147,988	(\$33,408)
Legal Services	\$2,692	\$2,883	\$3,099	\$407
Long Term Export	\$1,235	\$1,264	\$1,264	\$29
Public Information	\$2,537	\$3,636	\$3,873	\$1,336
Snow Removal	\$97,656	\$87,323	\$86,435	(\$11,221)
Solid Waste Transfer Stations	\$25,264	\$25,339	\$25,339	\$75
Support Operations - Motor Equipment	\$94,697	\$102,758	\$103,075	\$8,378
Support Operations-Building Management	\$28,194	\$30,339	\$30,997	\$2,803
Waste Disposal - General	\$14,593	\$16,794	\$16,966	\$2,373
Waste Disposal - Landfill Closure	\$13,670	\$9,420	\$9,420	(\$4,250)
Waste Export	\$471,123	\$477,598	\$477,598	\$6,475
Waste Prevention, Reuse, and Recycling	\$70,241	\$60,846	\$60,000	(\$10,241)
Total	\$1,901,442	\$1,881,885	\$1,887,220	(\$14,222)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.88 billion budget for the Department of Sanitation, a \$14.22 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

Overall, the percentage of acceptable streets saw a slight decrease of 4.5% from FY21 and FY22. The number of uniformed personnel and Queens’ number of enforcement agents remained the same.

Queens Sanitation Uniformed Personnel by District				
Sanitation District	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Preliminary	FY25 Executive	Difference between FY 2024 Adopted vs FY 2025 Executive
Queens Sanitation District 1	132	132	132	0

Queens Sanitation District 2	95	95	95	0
Queens Sanitation District 3	99	99	99	0
Queens Sanitation District 4	87	87	87	0
Queens Sanitation District 5	149	149	149	0
Queens Sanitation District 6	81	81	81	0
Queens Sanitation District 7	166	166	166	0
Queens Sanitation District 8	140	140	140	0
Queens Sanitation District 9	110	110	110	0
Queens Sanitation District 10	117	117	117	0
Queens Sanitation District 11	137	137	137	0
Queens Sanitation District 12	179	179	179	0
Queens Sanitation District 13	193	193	193	0
Queens Sanitation District 14	105	105	105	0
TOTAL	1790	1790	1790	0

Assigned Enforcement Agents				
Borough	FY24 Adopted Budget	FY25 Preliminary Budget	FY25 Executive	Difference between FY 2024 Adopted vs FY 2025 Executive
Manhattan	23	23	23	0
Bronx	20	20	20	0
Brooklyn	25	25	25	0
Queens	20	20	20	0
Staten Island	4	4	4	0

Percent of Acceptably Clean Streets November 2023⁹		
Community Board	November 2022	November 2023
1	98%	73%
2	87%	93%
3	98%	89%
4	95%	77%
5	96%	97%
6	97%	90%
7	99%	NA
8	100%	97%
9	98%	97%
10	94%	100%
11	NA	100%
12	96%	98%
13	94%	94%
14	92%	89
Average	96%	93%

Recommendations

Increase cleanup of major commercial corridors – The Queens Borough President recommends more funds be dedicated to the cleanup of major commercial corridors in Queens, including more street sweepings, particularly those that do not have a dedicated Business Improvement District.

Increase garbage and recycling pickup throughout the borough – The Queens Borough President recommends additional funds be dedicated to increasing the number of garbage and recycling

⁹https://www.nyc.gov/assets/operations/downloads/pdf/202311_cbr_Street.pdf

pickups throughout the borough. The Borough Board further recommends the budget funds to combat illegal dumping found prevalent throughout parts of the borough.

Restore and Enhance funding for Waste Prevention, Reuse and Recycling- The Queens Borough President recommends restoring funding to increase composting sites in Queens.

Increase e-waste recycling sites in Queens- The Queens Borough President recommends more funds be dedicated to more electronic waste recycling sites to prevent illegal dumping of electronics.

Restore and enhance funding for community composting programs - Each week, residents bring these groups their food scraps—collected in bespoke tins, old yogurt containers and ziplock bags—to be transformed into compost that can fertilize everything from street trees to community gardens. It's a useful service in a city where many lack space to compost on their own: New York's community-composting programs divert an estimated 4,150 tons of food scraps (often called "organics") from landfills each year, according to GrowNYC, one of the organizations.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development

The Department of Housing Preservation and Development is tasked with promoting housing equality, sustaining viable neighborhoods, and creating and preserving affordable housing throughout the city. The Department of Housing and Preservation and Development is responsible for anti-abandonment initiatives, code enforcement for sanitary and safe maintenance of structures and dwellings, emergency housing maintenance and management of city acquired properties.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Administration	\$71,304	\$68,895	\$68,895	(\$2,409)
Administration Program	\$290,796	\$241,325	\$241,325	(\$49,471)
Development	\$30,368	\$241,325	\$30,231	(\$137)
Housing Operations – Section 8 Programs	\$660,056	\$671,768	\$671,768	\$11,712
Housing Operations – Emergency Housing	\$183,462	\$608,636	\$608,636	\$425,174
Housing Operations – Mgmt & Disposition	\$31,162	\$31,76	\$31,765	\$603
Preservation – Anti Abandonment	\$14,717	\$4,174	\$4,174	(\$10,543)

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Preservation – Code Enforcement	\$40,297	\$41,217	\$41,217	\$920
Preservation – Emergency Repair	\$33,043	\$35,679	\$35,679	\$2,636
Preservation – Lead Paint	\$23,179	\$22,602	\$22,602	(\$577)
Preservation – Other Agency Services	\$34,784	\$30,285	\$30,285	(\$4,499)
TOTAL	\$1,413,169	\$1,786,577	\$1,786,577	\$373,408

Budget Overview

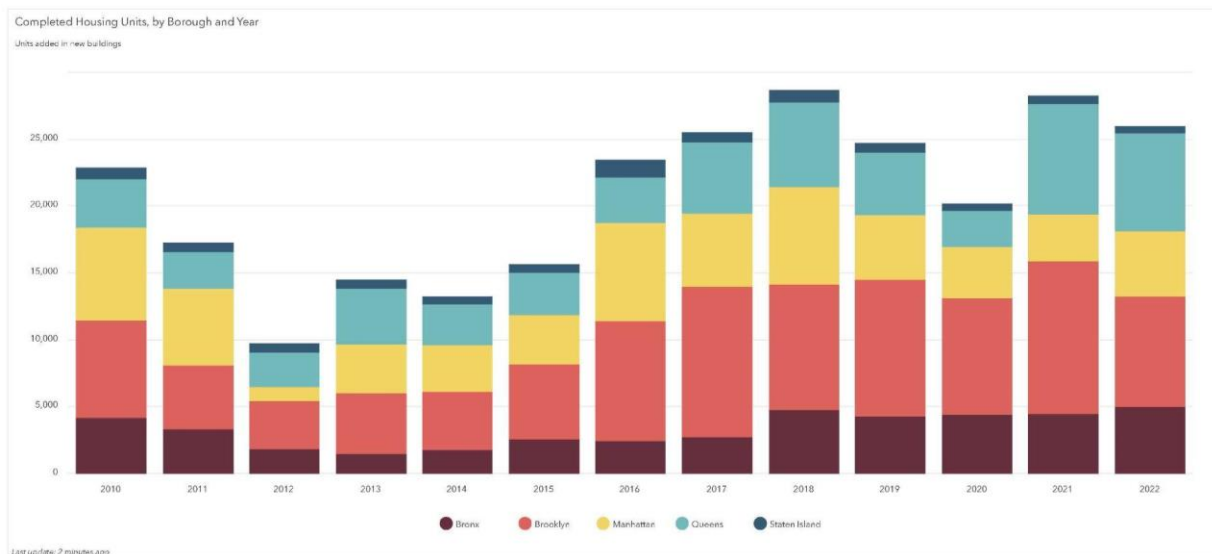
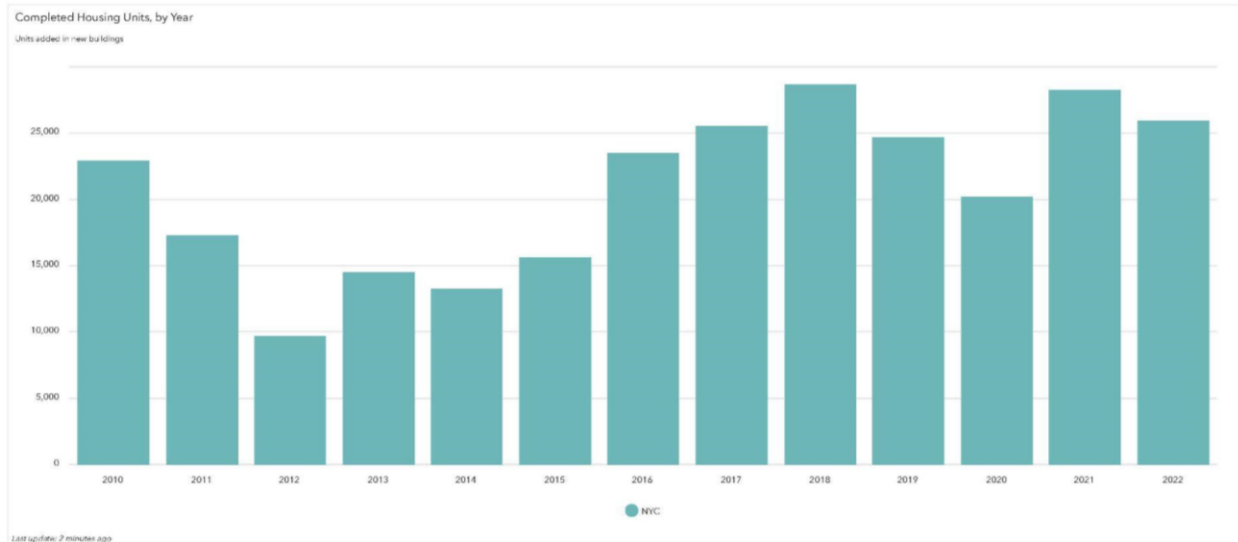
The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.78 billion budget for the Department of Housing Preservation and Development, a \$373.4 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

Queens has a diverse and sound housing stock that attracts families with children, young adults and seniors. The borough’s housing stock is a mixture of mostly one and two-family homes and mid-rise apartment buildings with a concentration of a few higher-density apartment buildings. The higher-density apartment buildings are generally found in western and central Queens while lower density homes are found throughout the borough, with higher concentrations in the eastern and southern parts of the borough.

25,936 housing units were completed in new buildings in New York City in 2022¹⁰. This is a decrease from 2021, but it is in line with the annual completions from immediate years prior. This represents the seventh consecutive year of completed units above the 20,000 mark.

¹⁰<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1c9138dc24064b2e8142ff156345a719>



As shown in the above charts¹¹ Brooklyn has been the borough with the most completed units since 2012 compared to the rest of the boroughs, building a total of 8,253 units in 2022. For the second year in a row, Manhattan has built less new building units than Brooklyn, Queens, and the Bronx. Staten Island remains with the lower amount of completed units with 463. This is the lowest level of new building completions in the borough over the past thirteen years.

¹¹<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1c9138dc24064b2e8142ff156345a719>

Housing Units Completed in 2022 ¹²		
Borough	TOTAL	Percentage of Total Units
Queens	7,319	28%
Bronx	5,004	19%
Brooklyn	8,253	32%
Manhattan	4,897	19%
Staten Island	463	2%
Total	25,936	100%

Recommendations

Create and preserve more affordable housing in Queens and expand Community Land Trusts – The Queens Borough President recommends the increased investment in affordable housing preservation and development in Queens to match the growth and need of the borough.

Continue housing support services to residents in the areas impacted by Hurricane Sandy, Hurricane Ida, and tropical storms – The Queens Borough President recommends the continuation of programs that target the areas impacted by natural disasters.

Increase funds for supportive housing- The Queens Borough President supports more supportive housing for Queens’ residents.

Enhance funding for foreclosure prevention programs – The Queens Borough President supports the enhancement of funding for the agency and CBO operated programs to avoid foreclosures.

Allocate funding for eviction prevention programs - As residents continue to experience the impacts of the COVID-19 and while the economy recovers, eviction prevention programs are critical to ensure Queens residents stay in their homes.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

¹²<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/1c9138dc24064b2e8142ff156345a719>

Department of Transportation

The Department of Transportation is tasked with providing a safe and efficient environment for people and goods to travel throughout New York City through the maintenance, enhancement and repairs of the City’s transportation infrastructure. Responsibilities of the Department of Transportation include providing policy guidance for transportation matters, assists in traffic and parking regulations, collects parking meter revenue, and maintains the street lighting system.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Bridge Engineering and Administration	\$33,544	\$32,931	\$32,931	(\$613)
Bridge Maintenance, Repair, & Operations	\$84,066	\$84,881	\$84,881	\$815
DOT Management & Administration	\$79,868	\$81,772	\$81,772	\$1,904
DOT Vehicles & Facilities Mgmt & Maintenance	\$104,428	\$104,203	\$104,203	(\$225)
Ferry Administration & Surface Transit	\$36,754	\$41,083	\$41,083	\$4,329
Municipal Ferry Operation & Maintenance	\$93,030	\$108,820	\$108,820	\$15,790
Roadway Construction Coordination & Admin	\$20,985	\$20,949	\$20,949	(\$36)
Roadway Repair, Maintenance & Inspection	\$312,971	\$317,985	\$317,985	\$5,014
Traffic Operations & Maintenance	\$520,214	\$537,328	\$537,328	\$17,114

Traffic Planning Safety & Administration	\$119,483	\$73,261	\$73,261	(\$46,222)
TOTAL	\$1,405,342	\$1,403,214	\$1,403,213	(\$2,129)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.4 billion budget for the Department of Transportation, a \$2.1 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

The Borough of Queens has the largest landmass of the five boroughs. The borough is serviced by busy subway lines, with 81 subway stops that reach from Western Queens to Flushing/Jamaica, and down into the Rockaways. The borough is also serviced by over 75 local route buses. In 2021, the ninth busiest subway station in New York City was the 7 line at the Flushing-Main Street station, which increased its ridership from 2020.¹³

There are numerous transportation issues in Queens, but they all stem from the inadequate transit infrastructure of both mass transit and the roadways. Queens’ transportation infrastructure was designed piecemeal over time to meet burgeoning needs and its capacity has now been surpassed. The highest trafficked subway and bus stations are regularly overcrowded, and large parts of the borough, particularly eastern Queens, remain public transit deserts. The need for a more interconnected, multimodal transportation network was made more evident during the pandemic when individuals found it hard pressed to find access to transportation.

Additionally, Open Streets created synergy in Queens that has transformed streets like 34th Avenue in Jackson Heights into a destination and its popularity has increased exponentially in New York City.

Recommendations

Increase the number of slow zones, install more pedestrian and countdown crosswalk signals with implementation– In order to mitigate this dangerous situation, the Queens Borough President recommends the increase of capital funds in order to expand the number of slow zones, install additional pedestrian countdown crosswalk signals, and increase police presence in high traffic corridors and subways.

Expedite the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens - The Queens Borough Presidents urges the administration to combat traffic incidents that have resulted in tragedy by expediting the implementation of daylight measures to heavy transit zones in Queens.

¹³ <https://new.mta.info/agency/new-york-city-transit/subway-bus-ridership-2021>

Create more open streets- The Queens Borough President recommends the Department of Transportation work with various other agencies and communities in the neighborhoods that want open streets. This includes communities that want open streets but do not necessarily have the ability to organize.

Increase capital funds to resurface streets, sidewalks and curbs – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing and including capital funds dedicated to resurfacing and repaving the borough's key thoroughfares, streets, sidewalks and curbs.

Increase funding for traffic studies- The Queens Borough President supports increased funding to expedite traffic studies.

Repair or build new seawalls or bulkheads- The Queens Borough President supports repairs or building new seawalls or bulkheads to prepare for storms while protecting waterfront areas.

Invest capital funding to create and improve protected bike lanes - Bicycle ridership has increased throughout New York City. Protected bike lanes have been a great addition to the safety of active transportation users, however some of the infrastructure improvements have fallen short and require extra funding to improve them. Additionally, bike lanes should be connected throughout Queens to ensure the riders safety.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Queens Public Library

The Queens Borough Public Library provides free service at 66 library locations throughout the borough. Locations include one central library, seven adult learning centers, two teen centers and a technology center. The Queens Borough Public Library continues to serve as a nationally recognized model of excellence and lifelong learning for the entire population including young people and adults.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Queens Borough Public Library	\$135,316	\$120,100	\$121,557	(\$13,759)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$121.5 million budget for Queens Public Library, a shortfall of \$13.7 million from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

The Queens Borough Public Library’s services are beyond the traditional role of book lending. They now serve as community centers, providing a wide range of cultural and educational programming.

FY 2023 and FY 2024 Comparison 4-Month Actual Performance ¹⁴								
	Average Weekly Scheduled hours		Total Attendance		Libraries Open 7 days		Libraries Open 6 days	
	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24	FY23	FY24
Queens Public Library	43	45	1.8M	2.1M	3%	3%	75%	90%
Brooklyn Public Library	47	47	1.3M	1.8M	11%	11%	100%	100%
New York Public Library	48.2	48.4	2.4M	2.6M	8%	8%	100%	100%

Recommendations

Restore and enhance expense funding support to provide expanded seven-day service – The Queens Borough President recommends that the City include additional funding so that more branches can start and return to seven day service.

Increase programmatic funding for ESL courses – Queens continue to be the new home to more migrants and asylum seekers than other boroughs. The Queens Borough President supports the increase of programmatic funding for Queens Public Library to increase their ESL courses available to all of our communities.

Increase capital funding support for Queens Borough Public Library – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing capital funding from the City to support the maintenance, infrastructure and creation of new branches to meet the needs of Queen’s growing communities.

¹⁴ New York City Mayor’s Office of Operations, *Preliminary Mayor’s Management Report. January 2024.*

NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

The Department of Cultural Affairs provides support and advocacy to the city’s cultural community to ensure that the arts remain a central feature of civic and economic life in the city. The Department of Cultural Affairs oversees the operating funds for the city-owned Cultural Institutions Group, as well as supports program grants for approximately 1,037 cultural organizations and capital support for over 200 facilities across the city.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ In Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Services	\$5,867	\$6,162	\$6,471	\$604
Other Than Personal Services	\$235,726	\$138,667	\$145,549	(\$90,177)
TOTAL	\$241,593	\$144,829	\$152,020	(\$90,117)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$152 million for the Department of Cultural Affairs, a \$90.1 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This budget includes \$62.2 million in programmatic funding for the 35 Cultural Institutions Group (CIG), of which Queens CIG organizations receive \$5.57 million, representing 10.9% of total CIG funds.

Queens Cultural Institutions Group Budget Summary				
Institution	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Queens Botanical Garden	\$1,775,385	\$846,203	\$924,063	(\$851,322)
New York Hall of Science	\$2,169,280	\$1,236,152	\$1,348,298	(\$820,982)
Queens Museum of Art	\$1,231,203	\$718,524	\$783,710	(\$447,493)
Queens Theater in the Park	\$722,462	\$412,559	\$449,987	(\$272,475)
Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning	\$863,526	\$441,497	\$481,551	(\$381,975)
Museum of the Moving Image	\$1,176,248	\$693,779	\$756,720	(\$419,528)
PS1	\$721,249	\$425,410	\$464,004	(\$257,245)
Flushing Town Hall	\$671,938	\$332,034	\$362,157	(\$309,781)
TOTAL	\$9,331,291	\$5,107,158	\$5,570,490	(\$3,760,801)

Borough Overview

Queens possesses one of the richest concentrations of cultural institutions in the world. The arts and cultural community is thriving in the Borough of Queens, and much of this success is due to the ethnic diversity found within its borders. Queens is the most ethnically diverse borough in New York City, and the most diverse county in the nation. It is this diversity that has spurred the creation of artistic gems unique only to Queens, significantly contributing to New York City’s offerings as a cultural hub for the global community.

However, many of these Queens institutions still lack adequate funding to provide high quality programs to an ever-changing and ever-growing borough and to increase accessibility of their exhibits and programming. These organizations not only face tight program budgets, but also tight operating budgets due to high insurance rates and, in many cases, high commercial rents. Admissions and ticket sales cover only a small portion of operating expenses, while foundation, corporate, state, and federal grants cover a little more. All of our institutions and organizations rely on basic funding provided through the New York City Department of Cultural Affairs.

The per capita support from the Department of Cultural Affairs for Queens is lower than every other borough. Queens’ members of the Cultural Institutions Group receive \$2.34 per capita, compared to \$9.86 for the Bronx and \$8.31 for Staten Island.

Cultural Institutions Group Funding per Borough FY 2025 Executive Budget							
Borough	Population	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	# of Cultural Institutions Group	Avg. Funding per Institution	Per Capita Funding
Queens	2,405,464	\$9,331,291	\$5,107,158	\$5,570,490	8	\$696,311	\$2
Bronx	1,472,654	\$21,082,401	\$14,360,604	\$15,542,947	6	\$2,590,491	\$11
Brooklyn	2,736,074	\$19,076,894	\$13,759,170	\$15,007,431	5	\$3,001,486	\$5
Manhattan	1,694,251	\$32,434,670	\$23,453,350	\$23,972,704	11	\$2,179,337	\$14
Staten Island	495,747	\$6,856,085	\$3,769,888	\$4,111,900	5	\$822,380	\$8

Recommendations

Restore and enhance funding for Queens CIGs - The Queens Borough President recommends the restoration and enhancement of funding for Queens CIGs to at least FY24 adopted budget levels.

Increase funding for cultural organizations in Queens – The Queens Borough President recommends an increase of funds for each of the borough’s Cultural Institutions Group, an increase in the number of Queens organizations funded through the Cultural Development Fund, and increased funding for the Queens Council on the Arts.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

The Department of Parks and Recreation oversees the maintenance of approximately 29,900 acres of land that includes over 1,900 parks, 36 recreational facilities and 1,000 playgrounds. The Agency also cares for 650,000 street trees and two million trees in the park and provides recreational and athletic programs, concerts, sports events, and cultural festivals.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Administration – Bronx	\$3,278	\$3,369	\$3,369	\$91
Administration – Brooklyn	\$1,974	\$2,005	\$2,005	\$31
Administration – General	\$36,782	\$36,609	\$36,609	(\$173)
Administration – Manhattan	\$1,930	\$1,966	\$1,966	\$36
Administration – Queens	\$1,928	\$1,985	\$1,985	\$57
Administration – Staten Island	\$790	\$820	\$820	\$30
Capital	\$56,355	\$55,497	\$55,497	(\$858)
Forestry & Horticulture – General	\$28,128	\$23,019	\$23,019	(\$5,109)
Maint & Operations – Bronx	\$31,730	\$31,813	\$31,813	\$83
Maint & Operations – Brooklyn	\$44,773	\$44,723	\$44,723	(\$50)
Maint & Operations – Central	\$166,284	\$123,807	\$123,807	(\$42,477)

Maint & Operations – Manhattan	\$59,147	\$57,127	\$57,127	(\$2,020)
Maint & Operations – POP Program	\$58,266	\$60,288	\$60,288	\$2,022
Maint & Operations – Queens	\$49,529	\$45,175	\$45,175	(\$4,354)
Maint & Operations – Staten Island	\$21,631	\$21,632	\$21,632	\$1
Maint & Operations – Zoos	\$7,608	\$7,820	\$7,820	\$212
PlaNYC 2030	\$2,219	\$2,219	\$2,219	\$0
Recreation – Bronx	\$2,875	\$3,308	\$3,308	\$433
Recreation – Brooklyn	\$3,986	\$4,607	\$4,607	\$621
Recreation – Central	\$14,254	\$9,183	\$9,183	(\$5,071)
Recreation – Manhattan	\$7,002	\$8,074	\$8,074	\$1,072
Recreation – Queens	\$4,030	\$4,643	\$4,643	\$613
Recreation – Staten Island	\$2,352	\$2,646	\$2,646	\$294
Urban Park Service	\$31,333	\$31,383	\$31,383	\$50
TOTAL	\$638,184	\$583,719	\$583,718	(\$54,466)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$583.7 million budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation, a \$54.4 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. The total budget for Queens Operations is \$45.1 million while the total budget for Queens Recreation is \$4.6 million.

Borough Overview

Queens has the highest parkland acreage of any borough. The 7,748 acres of parkland are situated in 464 parks, playgrounds, triangles, and malls throughout the Borough’s 14 community boards. Constituents in Queens always relied on parks land but the public land became especially more utilized throughout the pandemic as New Yorkers practiced and continue to practice social distancing. The current number of Maintenance and Operations personnel is insufficient for the large amount of park acreage in Queens.

Headcount by Borough FY 2025 Full-Time Budgeted Positions	
Borough	Total
Queens	472
Bronx	406
Brooklyn	486
Manhattan	535
Staten Island	249

Recommendations

Increase the number of personnel in Queens – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing the number of Maintenance and Operations personnel in Queens in order to maintain a safe and clean environment in our parks, open spaces, sidewalk trees and bioswales.

Increase funds for street tree pruning – The Queens Borough President recommends increasing funds to allow more trees in neighborhoods to be pruned.

Increase funding for more trees – The Queens Borough President supports funding to plant additional trees throughout the county as well as stump removal.

Increase funding sidewalk repairs – To prepare for potential damages from natural disasters, the Queens Borough President recommends streamlining processes and increasing funding for the sidewalk repair program.

Increase capital funding support for Queens parks – The Queens Borough President recommends increased capital funding to support parks throughout Queens.

Increase capital funding for the creation, preservation and adaptation of open space and new parks – Given the growing population of the Borough of Queens, it is imperative we adapt, create, preserve open space and parks to provide enough space for the residents of the borough.

Provide capital funds to create bioswales and other solutions to address flooding problems throughout Queens – The flooding caused by rainwater represents a safety hazard for our communities. The borough is in need of immediate action to contrarrest the danger caused by constant flooding.

Implement revenue opportunities to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance – The Queens Borough President recommends the implementation of revenue opportunities to counteract some of the budget cuts and to fund parks infrastructure and maintenance.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

NYC Department of Small Business Services

The Department of Small Business Services is tasked with providing support to our small businesses, and linking employers with a qualified workforce while building and maintaining thriving neighborhoods.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Agency Administration and Operations	\$50,295	\$17,325	\$17,325	(\$32,970)
Business Development	\$32,143	\$19,927	\$19,927	(\$12,216)
Contract Services: Economic Development Corporation	\$73,548	\$36,699	\$36,699	(\$36,849)
Contract Services: NYC&Co/Tourism Support	\$21,350	\$17,464	\$17,464	(\$3,886)
Contract Services: Other	\$19,538	\$15,995	\$15,995	(\$3,543)
Economic & Financial Opportunity: M/WBE	\$8,497	\$6,396	\$6,396	(\$2,101)
Neighborhood Development	\$20,270	\$8,565	\$8,565	(\$11,705)
Workforce Development	\$57,905	\$50,590	\$50,590	(\$7,315)
Workforce Development: One Stop Centers	\$0	\$962	\$962	\$962
Total	\$283,546	\$173,924	\$173,923	(\$109,623)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$173.9 million budget for the Department of Small Business Services, a \$109.6 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Business Development is funded \$12.2 million less than in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, and Workforce Development is funded \$7.3 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Contract Services: NYC&Co/Tourism Support is funded \$3.88 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

The unemployment rate in Queens as of December 2022 was 4.9%¹⁵. This is a decrease from what it was one year prior when Queens had a 6.4% unemployment rate. Still, small businesses continue to be a primary driver of economic growth in Queens, and with the pandemic, many small businesses have been closed and jobs displaced.

Recommendations

Expand resources for small businesses impacted by COVID-19 - Programs such as small business loans, legal assistance, financing assistance, incentives and training need to be expanded to help small businesses survive the current economic situation.

Restore funding for Agency Administration and Operations - To avoid delays to assist Small Businesses in Queens resulting in the displacement of job opportunities, the agency should be able to function to a higher capacity to address the day to day matters brought forth by small businesses.

Restore funding for Business, Workforce and Neighborhood Development – These programs are critical services for the growth of small businesses, and the Queens Borough President recommends the restoration of these positions and funds.

Enhance funding for Storefront grant programs – The Queens Borough President supports the enhancement of funding for storefront grant programs to ensure our small businesses are able to stay open and thrive.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

¹⁵ New York State Department of Labor, *Rate of Unemployment by County of Residence New York State, December 2022* <https://dol.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2023/01/state-labor-department-releases-preliminary-december-2022-area-unemployment-rates.pdf>

Department of Buildings

The Department of Buildings is tasked with overseeing alterations and construction of buildings and enforces the Zoning Resolution, Building Codes, the State Multiple Dwelling Law, energy and labor laws and other related regulations. In addition, the Department of Buildings responds to building and occupancy complaints.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$159,222	\$148,811	\$157,157	(\$2,065)
Other Than Personal Service	\$60,008	\$29,870	\$53,614	(\$6,394)
TOTAL	\$219,230	\$178,682	\$210,771	(\$8,459)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$210 million budget for the Department of Buildings, a \$8.4 million shortfall from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

According to Open Data information from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 the Department of Buildings registered 15,796 complaints in Queens, 9,989 of those continue active as of January 30, 2023.

Complaints Received by Borough in 2022			
Borough	Complaints Registered	Active	Closed
Bronx	18,138	9,989	8,149
Brooklyn	25,808	13,273	12,535
Manhattan	8,002	4,235	3,767
Queens	6,805	3,352	3,453
Staten Island	4,531	2,484	2,047
TOTAL	63,284	33,333	29,951

Recommendations

Increase capital budget for City University of New York, Queens Campuses - CUNY is an important institution in the professionalization of the workforce for New Yorkers with diverse socioeconomic background and it is imperative that the infrastructure of the campuses continue to upgrade to meet the demands and needs of the Queens population.

Restore and Enhance funding for City University of New York - The Queens Borough President supports the restoration and enhancement of funding for City University of New York in order to appropriately serve the students of the colleges in Queens campuses.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

City University of New York

The City University of New York (CUNY) serves as a gateway to the rewards of higher education and successful careers. The CUNY campuses in Queens, LaGuardia Community College, Queensborough Community College, Queens College, York College, and the CUNY Law School, are a vital resource and a gateway to economic and academic advancement.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$926,666	\$899,522	\$899,802	(\$26,864)
Other Than Personal Service	\$531,740	\$370,300	\$390,901	(\$140,839)
TOTAL	\$1,458,406	\$1,269,820	\$1,290,703	(\$167,703)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.290 billion budget for CUNY, a \$167.7 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. This forecast includes funding for the community colleges, \$122.1 million for LaGuardia Community College and \$111 million for Queensborough Community College.

Borough Overview

The City University of New York is a vital resource of higher education for students in Queens. Currently, Queens is home to five campuses - CUNY School of Law, Queensborough Community College, Queens College, LaGuardia College and York College. The CUNY schools also provide resources to Queens and the city, including classes and lectures, arts and cultural events, resources for economic development, and other programs.

Recommendations

Increase capital budget for City University of New York, Queens Campuses - CUNY is an important institution in the professionalization of the workforce for New Yorkers with diverse socioeconomic background and it is imperative that the infrastructure of the campuses continue to upgrade to meet the demands and needs of the Queens population.

Restore and Enhance funding for City University of New York Queens Campuses - The Queens Borough President supports the restoration and enhancement of funding for City University of New York in order to appropriately serve the students of the colleges in Queens campuses.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Department of Environmental Protection

The Department of Environmental Protection main duty is the maintenance, storage and distribution of New York City’s Water Supply including the transportation and treatment of both sanitary and storm water. The Department of Environmental Protection also enforces the city’s noise, air and water use regulations.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Agency Administration & Support	\$137,546	\$149,259	\$149,259	\$11,713
Customer Services & Water Board Support	\$73,850	\$68,193	\$68,193	(\$5,657)
Engineering Design and Construction	\$46,545	\$49,893	\$49,893	\$3,348
Environmental Management	\$24,019	\$24,273	\$24,273	\$254
Miscellaneous	\$29,986	(\$14,961)	-\$14,961	(\$44,947)
Upstate Water Supply	\$485,007	\$463,298	\$463,298	(\$21,709)
Wastewater Treatment Operations	\$582,224	\$589,670	\$589,670	\$7,446
Water & Sewer Maintenance & Operations	\$282,999	\$277,393	\$277,393	(\$5,606)
Total	\$1,662,176	\$1,607,018	\$1,607,018	(\$55,158)

Budget Overview

The Mayor’s FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$1.6 billion budget for the Department of Environmental Protection, an increase of \$55.1 million. Water & Sewer Maintenance & Operations saw an decrease of \$5.6 million from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Borough Overview

Queens had the highest number of sewer backup and catch basin complaints compared to any other borough which was last reported on FY21. Additionally, the Borough of Queens continues to suffer the effects of flooding in rainy days, which has resulted in tragedies and causes severe damage to the City's infrastructure, displacement of residents and other nuisances.

Recommendations

Increase the amount of workers to clean catch basins -- The Queens Borough President recommends hiring additional workers to continue to proactively clean catch basins in order to prevent flooding.

Increase capital funds for sewer improvements and expense funding for maintenance – The Queens Borough President recommends sewer improvements to meet the needs of the growing population and expanded infrastructure throughout the borough and maintenance to avoid further flooding damages to constituent residences.

Invest in solar programs and green infrastructure -- The Queens Borough President supports expansion of solar programs for businesses and homeowners and investing in green infrastructure.

Address groundwater issues -- The Queens Borough President recommends additional funding to address groundwater issues in highly needed areas particularly in South East Queens.

Invest in noise pollution mitigation efforts – Queens Community Boards continue to deal with noise pollution resulting from a diverse number of factors. The Queens Borough President urges the administration to invest in programs that will help to reduce noise throughout the borough of Queens.

Continue City Council Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of City Council Initiatives.

Department of Social Services

The New York City Human Resources Administration/Department of Social Services (HRA/DSS) is dedicated to fighting poverty and income inequality by providing New Yorkers in need with essential benefits such as Food Assistance and Emergency Rental Assistance.

As the largest local social services agency in the country, HRA helps more than three million New Yorkers annually through the administration of more than 12 major public assistance programs, with more than 14,000 employees.

Agency Financial Plan (\$ in Thousands)				
	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Personal Service	\$897,020	\$893,420	\$908,464	\$11,444
Other Than Personal Service	\$10,583,911	\$9,921,232	\$10,778,652	\$194,741
TOTAL	\$11,480,932	\$10,814,653	\$11,687,116	\$206,184

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Adult Protective Services	\$60,957	\$61,166	\$61,166	\$209
CEO Evaluation	\$13,810	\$3,309	\$3,309	-\$10,501
Domestic Violence Services	\$168,494	\$161,699	\$161,699	-\$6,795
Employment Services Administration	\$31,816	\$32,102	\$32,102	\$286

Employment Services Contracts	\$125,146	\$127,156	\$127,156	\$2,010
Food Assistance Programs	\$57,799	\$21,360	\$21,360	-\$36,439
Food Stamp Operations	\$73,726	\$69,231	\$69,231	-\$4,495
General Administration	\$480,389	\$463,908	\$463,908	-\$16,481
HIV and AIDS Services	\$275,375	\$275,038	\$275,038	-\$337
Home Energy Assistance	\$39,676	\$39,725	\$39,725	\$49
Homeless Prevention	\$541,408	\$310,343	\$310,343	-\$231,065
Information Technology Services	\$104,658	\$104,951	\$104,951	\$293
Investigations and Revenue Administration	\$80,689	\$81,201	\$81,201	\$512
Legal Services	\$255,185	\$215,868	\$215,868	-\$39,317
Medicaid - Eligibility & Administration	\$106,009	\$108,237	\$108,237	\$2,228
Medicaid and Homecare	\$6,813,222	\$6,487,962	\$6,487,962	-\$325,260
Office of Child Support Enforcement	\$65,624	\$66,161	\$66,161	\$537
Public Assistance and Employment Administration	\$352,169	\$336,428	\$336,428	-\$15,741
Public Assistance Grants	\$1,650,222	\$1,650,222	\$1,650,222	\$0
Public Assistance Support Grants	\$33,893	\$31,483	\$31,483	-\$2,410
Subsidized Employ & Job-Related Training	\$100,336	\$117,009	\$117,009	\$16,673
Substance Abuse Services	\$50,331	\$50,093	\$50,093	-\$238
Total	\$11,480,932	\$10,814,653	\$10,814,652	-\$666,280

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$10.81 billion budget for The New York City Department of Social Services, a \$666.2 million decrease from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Recommendations

Fully restore and enhance funding for NYC Department of Social Services - The Queens Borough President recommends fully restoring funding for the agency and to better respond to the needs of the borough of Queens.

Department of Homeless Services

The Department of Homeless Services provides transitional housing and various other services to single adults and homeless families while providing administrative and policy support necessary for the care of homeless families and single adults.

Agency Expense Summary (\$ In Thousands)				
Budget Function	FY 2024 Adopted Budget	FY 2025 Preliminary Budget	FY 2025 Executive Budget	Difference between FY 2025 Executive and FY 2024 Adopted
Adult Shelter Administration & Support	\$7,753	\$7,824	\$7,824	\$71
Adult Shelter Intake and Placement	\$12,577	\$13,319	\$13,319	\$742
Adult Shelter Operations	\$798,527	\$794,291	\$794,291	(\$4,236)
Family Shelter Administration & Support	\$13,890	\$14,003	\$14,003	\$113
Family Shelter Intake and Placement	\$37,210	\$37,431	\$37,431	\$221
Family Shelter Operations	\$1,072,251	\$1,047,057	\$1,047,057	(\$25,194)
General Administration	\$1,861,962	\$1,753,828	\$1,753,828	(\$108,134)
Outreach, Drop-in and Reception Services	\$303,560	\$295,912	\$295,912	(\$7,648)
Prevention and Aftercare	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Rental Assistance and Housing Placement	\$0	\$0	0	\$0
Total	\$4,107,731	\$3,963,666	\$3,963,665	(\$144,066)

Budget Overview

The Mayor's FY 2025 Executive Budget forecasts a \$3.96 billion budget for the Department of Homeless Services, a decrease of \$144 million from the FY 2024 Adopted Budget. Outreach, Drop-in and Reception Services is funded \$7.6 million less than in the FY 2024 Adopted Budget, and Family Shelter Operations is funded \$25.1 million less than the FY 2024 Adopted Budget.

Recommendations

Increase funding for Outreach, Drop-in, and Reception Services - The Queens Borough President recommends restoring funding for Outreach, Drop-in and Reception Services to meet the need resulting from the increased influx of asylum seekers, while continuing to address the ongoing need of our existing homeless population.

Restore funding for Adult and Family Shelter Operations- The Queens Borough President recommends restoring funding for Family Shelter Operations to Fiscal Year 2022 Adopted levels.

Invest resources for transgender and gender non-conforming people- One in five transgender individuals will experience homelessness throughout their lives¹⁶. The Queens Borough President supports increased funding and resources for beds for transgender and gender non- conforming people with access to single-stall toilets and showers or private bathrooms.

Fund the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens – Currently, the city's migrant processing centers are located in Manhattan. Queens is the home to more newly arrived migrants and asylum seekers than other boroughs and they do not have access to the services they desperately need in their home borough. The Queens Borough Presidents supports the allocation of funding for the creation of a migrant processing center in Queens.

Continue City Council Oversight and Initiatives – The Queens Borough President supports the continuation of oversight and City Council Initiatives.

¹⁶ <https://transequality.org/issues/housing-homelessness>