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#### Public Assistance (PA)

- \$950 million in State funding for the Safety Net Assistance (SNA) program, an increase of \$150 million from SFY 2024-25.
- \$1.5 billion in federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding for Family Assistance (FA) and Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF), equal to SFY 2024-25.
  - Article VII language is introduced to expand the PA pregnancy allowance and provide for a one-time benefit upon the birth of a new child for current PA recipients. While not specified in the proposed statute, the benefit would increase from \$50 to \$100 a month, and the one-time benefit would equal \$1,200.
  - Additional Article VII language removes the credibility assessment for PA applicants who indicate a safety concern and continues the requirement for districts to assess the extent to which waivers of PA requirements should be applied based on the attestation or relevant information and corroborating evidence provided by the individual.

#### TANF Funded Programs

- \$964 million for the Flexible Fund for Family Services (FFFS), a decrease of \$50 million from SFY 2024-25. The child welfare threshold, which directs the minimum amount that districts must commit to child welfare services, is maintained at \$457.3 million.
- \$51.5 million for the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP), a \$3.5 million decrease from the SFY 2024-25 enacted value and a \$1.5 million increase from the Executive SFY 2024-25 value. While there is a base increase intended to accommodate the minimum wage increases that became effective January 1, 2025, that increase is offset by the elimination of the \$5 million legislative add. Up to \$5.15 million, or 10%, may be transferred to the districts' FFFS allocation.
- \$40.6 million for the Youth Employment Program (YEP), an increase of \$1.8 million from the SFY 2024-25 value. First introduced in SFY 2023-24, YEP augments the SYEP during the school year, specifically in localities that have experienced high rates of violent crime. This increase is also intended to accommodate the minimum wage increases that became effective January 1, 2025.

- \$17.2 million for a program to provide case management in districts to support wrap-around services to income eligible households, unchanged from SFY 2024-25 when it was first introduced.
- \$497.2 million for the OCFS Childcare Program, an increase of \$33.6 million in TANF support from SFY 2024-25.
- \$3 million for OCFS' non-residential domestic violence programs, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

## **Housing and Homelessness**

- The Executive Budget continues the \$25 billion five-year Housing plan enacted in SFY 2022-23, projected to create or preserve 100,000 affordable units, including 10,000 supportive housing units by the end of SFY 2026-27. The Budget includes \$1 billion towards NYC's "City of Yes for Housing Opportunity".

### **Homeless Housing and Assistance Program (HHAP) – Capital**

- \$153 million for HHAP, a one-time increase of \$25 million from SFY 2024-25, including \$5 million for housing for veterans, \$5 million for housing for persons with AIDS and \$1 million for emergency shelter repairs in ROS districts. The new \$25 million is intended to support preservation activities.

### **Housing – General Fund**

- \$240 million for the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI), an increase of \$30 million from SFY 2024-25. This funding supports the operational and service costs of new and existing supportive housing contracts held by participating State agencies and providers. The funding increase is primarily intended to support rate increases.
- \$100 million for the Rental Supplement Program (RSP) to provide shelter supplements to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or an imminent loss of housing, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$71.4 million to support the consolidated homeless services programs, a \$17.8 million increase from SFY 2024-25. This includes the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), the Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEHP), and the Operational Support for AIDS Housing (OSAH) program. The funding increase is primarily intended to support rate increases under NYSSHP.
- \$20 million to support local Code Blue efforts to shelter homeless individuals and families during severe winter weather, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$35 million for Legal Services to prevent evictions outside of NYC, reflecting the Executive value in SFY 2024-25.
- \$69 million for NYC adult shelters and \$5.5 million for adult facilities in ROS.
- \$1 million for the Emergency Needs for the Homeless Program (ENHP), unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

## **Housing – Federal**

- \$11 million for the federal Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA), the same level as SFY 2024-25.
- Reappropriation of all prior year federal ERAP appropriations.

## **Refugee Programs**

### **Refugee Services – General Fund**

- \$5 million for the Assistance for Migrants Program (AMP), unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$2 million for the NYS Enhanced Services to Refugees Program (NYSESRP), a reduction of \$5 million from SFY 2024-25, reflecting the elimination of the legislative add.
- \$2.4 million for the Response to Human Trafficking Program, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$1.5 million for the Refugee and Immigrant Student Welcome Grant, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- No new funding for migrant expenditures is included in the Executive Budget, however there is reappropriation of the SFY 2024-25 \$2.4 billion and SFY 2023-24 \$1 billion for various migrant expenditures, including to reimburse NYC for the cost of providing shelter and services to asylum seekers.

### **Refugee Services – Federal Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) Grants**

- \$180 million in federal authority to support ORR programs, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

## **Other State General Fund Programs and Contracts**

- \$700 million in State Supplement Program (SSP) funding authority, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$18.5 million in new funding for NYC Department of Homeless Services expenses related to the expansion of Welcome Centers in public transportation locations.
- \$9.5 million in new funding for the purchase and distribution of postpartum boxes (\$8 million) and diapers (\$1.5 million) to eligible families.
- \$3 million in new funding for a demonstration project in Monroe County to provide work incentive payments to eligible participants.
- \$5.3 million for the Disability Advocacy Program (DAP), a decrease of \$1.5 million from SFY 2024-25, reflecting the elimination of the legislative add.

- \$3.6 million for the Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP), a \$1.9 million overall decrease from SFY 2024-25, reflecting the elimination of the legislative add, but offset by the inclusion of a \$74,000 (2.1%) Targeted Inflationary Increase.
- \$1.2 million for the HIV Employment Program, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$200,000 for an initiative to provide case management services for PA households in which a member has been released from prison, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$2 million for repayment of prior year NYC adult shelter costs, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

## **Other Federal Authority**

### **Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)**

- \$500 million in federal SNAP administration authority, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.
- \$300 million in federal SNAP authority to support the payment of Summer EBT (S-EBT) benefits, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

### **Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)**

- \$600 million in federal HEAP authority, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

### **Child Support**

- \$140 million in federal Child Support authority, unchanged from SFY 2024-25.

## **Article VII LEGISLATION**

- Part B of the Education Labor and Family Assistance (ELFA) establishes Universal Free School Meals program and includes a requirement that the State Education Department develop regulations in consultation with OTDA to promote SNAP to students and families.
- Part N of ELFA authorizes the utilization of \$56.4 million in Mortgage Insurance Fund resources for the consolidated homeless programs.
- Part Q of ELFA amends the Social Services Law to expand the PA pregnancy allowance and provide for a one-time benefit upon the birth of a new child for current PA recipients.
- Part R of ELFA bill authorizes the SSI Cost of Living Adjustment increase for 2026.
- Part S of ELFA extends the authorization for OTDA and OCFS to appoint a temporary operator for emergency shelters for three years, until March 31, 2028.
- Part FF of the Health and Mental Hygiene (HMH) bill provides for a 2.1% Human Services Targeted Inflationary Increase, which includes NOEP.

- Part I of the Public Protection and General Government (PPGG) bill seeks to eliminate barriers of survivors of gender-based violence from accessing public assistance relative to eligibility rules.
- Part J of PPGG requires State agencies to adopt workplace policies on gender-based violence and requires annual training for all supervisory employees, including extending these requirements to state vendors and contractors.
- Part C of the Revenue Bill revises the Empire State Child Tax Credit, increasing the minimum benefit from \$330 to \$1,000 for children under age four in Tax Year 2025 and to \$500 for children aged four to sixteen in Tax Year 2026, and eliminating the earned income requirement expanding eligibility to the lowest-income households. These enhancements sunset after Tax Year 2027.