



## DEMOCRATIC CONFERENCE / COUNSEL AND FINANCE

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To: Senate Democratic Conference Members  
From: Counsel and Finance Staff  
Re: Aid to Localities Agreed-Upon Budget Bill Super-Highlights

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The following provides analysis on the super-highlights of the 2017 agreed-upon Aid to Localities budget bill.

### Agriculture, Environment and Parks

#### Department of Agriculture and Markets

The Final Budget provides \$31.1 million for agricultural Aid to Localities programs, fully restoring programs at or above SFY 16-17 funding levels. This \$31.1 million represents a \$9.6 million increase over the Executive proposal, and includes the full restoration of multiple Cornell research and core diagnostic lab programs, 23 of 25 legislatively added programs eliminated by the Executive, as well as 10 new programs.

Notable increases and restorations include:

- Future Farmers of America - \$842,000 (increased from \$492,000 last year)
- Ag Migrant Child Care - \$9.3 million
- Farm to School - \$750,000 (increased from \$250,000 last year)
- Farmers Market Electronic Benefit Transfer Program - \$138,000

The Final Budget provides offsets by reducing multiple programs that fund the Farm Viability Institute (FVI):

- Base FVI - \$1.5 million (\$400,000 reduction)
- FVI Dairy Profit Teams - \$0 (\$220,000 reduction)
- FVI Corn and Soybean Growers - \$50,000 (\$25,000 reduction)

The Final Budget also provides funding for the following new programs:

- Cornell Labor Law Compliance Assistance - \$200,000
- Future Ag Readiness Marketing Camps - \$100,000
- School Gardening - \$100,000
- Farm to Table Trail - \$50,000
- NYS Brewers Association - \$10,000
- NY Cider Association - \$10,000
- NYS Distillers Guild - \$10,000
- Chautauqua County Beekeepers Association - \$10,000
- Cornell Sheep Farming Program - \$10,000
- Grown on Long Island - \$50,000

Agriculture Aid to Localities funding excludes \$625,000 for the Fresh Connects Program, indicating that the legislature has likely accepted the Executive's proposal to fund this program within the EPF.

*The SDC supports a full restoration of agricultural Aid to Localities programs, specifically advocating for funding of the Future Farmers of America (funded at \$842,000) and Cornell Labor Law Compliance Assistance (funded at \$200,000).*

#### Department of Environmental Conservation

The Final Budget provides \$1.2 million in Aid to Localities funding for various legislatively added projects. The Executive Budget provided no Aid to Localities funding within the Department of Environmental Conservation's appropriations.

Legislatively added projects include:

- Sustainable South Bronx - \$140,000
- NY Restoration Project for Sherman Creek Wetland Restoration - \$100,000
- Douglas Manor Environmental Association - \$120,000
- NYC Parks Dept. for the Udall's Cove Preservation Committee - \$150,000
- Rockland County for the Ramapo Assessment Watershed Plan - \$100,000
- Chautauqua Lake Association - \$100,000
- Town of North Elba/ORDA - \$250,000
- Clarkson Univ. Beacon Inst. for Rivers and Estuaries - \$250,000

#### Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation

The Final Budget increases Aid to Localities appropriations for the Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation by approximately \$1 million to a total of \$10.3 million. This increase is comprised of local programs added by the Legislature as follows:

- Poppenheusen Institute - \$50,000
- Queens Historical Society - \$25,000
- Historic Hudson-Hoosick Partnership - \$200,000
- Alley Pond Environmental Health Center - \$15,000
- Council for the Humanities Women's Suffrage Centennial Celebration - \$150,000
- Staten Island Zoological Society - \$25,000
- City Parks Foundation - \$250,000
- West Indian American Day Carnival Association - \$125,000
- Snug Harbor Cultural Center - \$200,000

### **Economic Development**

#### Department of Economic Development

The 3-Way Agreement modifies the Executive Aid to Localities proposal with an increase of \$3.4 million for a total of \$65.7 million.

Modifies the following:

- Restores \$1.3 million for the Centers of Excellence (additional \$127,667 to each current center for a total of \$1 million to each); SDC supports \$1.6 million for each center;
- Restores \$250,000 for the Albany Center of Excellence in Data Science in Atmospheric and Environmental Prediction and Innovation;
- Adds \$500,000 in new funding for the New York Medical College to create the Center of Excellence in Precision Responses to Bioterrorism and Disaster;
- Restores \$609,000 for a total of \$2.0 million for the Technology Development Organization Matching Grants;
- Adds \$700,000 for a total of \$4.5 million for the Local Tourism Matching Grants Program;
- Adds \$200,000 for the Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance;
- Adds \$200,000 for the North Country Chamber of Commerce related to the North American Center of Excellence for Transportation Equipment Program;
- Restores \$150,000 for the Chautauqua Regional Economic Development Corporation related to the 2017 LECOMP/PGA Health Challenge Golf Tournament;
- Adds \$125,000 for the Long Island Regional Planning Council related to Fiber Optic Robotic Feasibility Study on Long Island;
- Restores \$100,000 for the Regional Economic Gardening Program. Funds will be used to contract with regional nonprofit economic development entities to develop pilot programs that will stimulate investment by providing technical assistance for expanding businesses in the Finger Lakes region;
- Adds \$80,000 for the Dream It Do It Western New York, Inc.;
- Adds \$50,000 for the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce; and
- Adds \$100,000 for the Town of East Hampton for tourism initiatives.

Concurs with the following:

- Centers for Advanced Technology matching grants (\$13.8 million);
- Technology Organization Matching Grants (\$1.4 million);
- Industrial Technology Industrial Service (\$921,000);
- SUNY Polytechnic Institute Colleges of Nanoscale Science and Rensselaer Polytechnic Focus Center (\$3 million);
- High Technology Matching Grants (\$6 million);
- Innovation Hot Spots and Incubators Program (\$5 million);
- Market NY (\$7 million);
- New funding to promote local agritourism and NY produced food and beverage goods and products that will be provided to, including but not limited to, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Broome County; Montgomery Chapter of NYARC and the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Nassau County (\$1.45 million); and
- Training Business and Assistant Program, which includes the Federal Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (\$9.5 million);

#### Urban Development Corporation/Empire State Development

The Final Budget modifies the Executive Aid to Localities proposal with an increase of \$7.6 million for a total of \$115.2 million.

Modifies the following:

- Restores \$300,000 for a total of \$1.8 million for the Federal Community Development Financial Institutions Program *-SDC supports \$50 million for this program;*
- Restores \$850,000 for the Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation;
- Restores \$500,000 for the Brooklyn Chamber of a Commerce;
- Restores \$100,000 for Canisius College;
- Restores \$75,000 for the Town of Tonawanda for an industrial water usage study;
- Restores \$25,000 for the World Trade Center Buffalo Niagara;
- Adds \$100,000 for the North Country Chamber of Commerce;
- Restores \$3 million for military base retention and research efforts;
- Restores \$1 million for the Farmers NY Fund;
- Restores \$400,000 for the Center State CEO;
- Adds \$250,000 for the Carnegie Hall Corporation;
- Adds \$250,000 for the Kingsbridge-Riverdale-Van Cortlandt Development Corporation;
- Restores \$200,000 for the Adirondack North Country, Inc.;
- Restores \$110,000 for the Watkins Glen International;
- Restores \$100,000 for the New Bronx Chamber of Commerce;
- Adds \$75,000 for the Black Institute, Inc.;
- Adds \$75,000 for the Association of Community Employment Programs for the Homeless, Inc.;
- Adds \$75,000 for Camba, Inc., a Flatbush not-for-profit organization that provides employment, education, health, legal, social, business development, and youth services.; and
- Adds \$50,000 for the Asian Americans for Equality, Inc.

Concurs with the following:

- Minority and Women-Owned Business Development and Lending Program (\$635,000) *-SDC supports \$10 million for this program;*
- Entrepreneurial Assistance Program (\$1.8 million) *-SDC supports adding \$2 million, including \$350,000 which would be used for EAP centers for the assistance of veterans starting or seeking to start new business ventures;*
- Retention of Professional Football in Western New York (\$4.6 million);
- Urban and Community Development Program (\$3.4 million) *SDC supports \$25 million for this program;*
- Empire State Economic Development Fund (\$26.2 million);
- Advertising to promote tourism and economic investment for the NY Open for Business, Global NY Initiative, and the Excelsior Business Program/formerly START-UP NY (\$69.5 million).

## **Energy & Telecommunications**

### Department of Public Service

The Final Budget accepts the Executive's proposal of \$5.8 million Aid to Localities appropriations.

## **General Government**

### Audit and Control

The Final Budget accepts the Executive proposal of \$32 million for Aid to Localities.

### Department of Financial Services

The Final Budget includes an additional \$75,000 for the Insurance Program, increasing the total Aid to Localities appropriation to \$61.2 million.

### Department of State

The Final Budget includes an additional \$10.5 million, bringing the total Aid to Localities appropriation to \$85.3 million.

- The Local Government and Community Service Program appropriation was increased \$505,000, bringing the funding for this program up to \$67.9 million.
- The Executive restores \$10 million to the Office for New Americans, increasing their total funding to \$16.4 million.
- Final Budget adds \$600,000 for business and Licensing Services Program.

### Department of Taxation and Finance

The Final Budget concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$4 million to support the Medical Marihuana Program.

### Division of the Budget

The Final Budget adds \$527,000 for Contractual Services.

### Gaming Commission

The Final Budget includes no significant Aid to Localities funding changes from the Executive Budget for the Gaming Commission. The Senate one-house proposal to include an additional \$2 million (\$1.4 million for commercial gaming and \$600,000 for Tribal State Compact) has been eliminated.

- Gaming Commission- \$217 million.

## **Health/Medicaid**

### Department of Health

The Final Budget provides \$143.5 billion in All Funds support for Aid to Localities appropriations reflecting an \$84.5 million increase over the Executive Budget. Highlights of the proposed changes are as follows:

- Provides \$525,000 for HIV education, prevention, outreach, legal, and supportive services to high risk groups;
- Provides \$525,000 for community based organizations that operate in a neighborhood with high concentration of at risk populations to provide HIV education prevention outreach and legal programs;
- Rejects the Executive's proposal to consolidate public health programs into four funding

pools, but does not provide a restoration of the proposed 20% reduction, totaling \$24.6 million;

- \$11 million to reject the proposed reduction for General Public Health Works Program funding for New York City;
- \$750,000 for family planning services;
- \$300,000 for the LGBT Health and Human Services Network, Inc.;
- \$500,000 for additional services and expenses for hunger prevention and nutrition assistance;
- \$500,000 for New Alternatives for Children;
- \$50,000 for New York State Breast Cancer Network;
- \$59,000 for New York School Based Health Alliance;
- \$120,000 for St. Joseph's Neighborhood Center;
- \$50,000 for the Academy of Medicaid and Public Health Services;
- \$225,000 for the ALS Association Greater New York Chapter;
- \$20,000 for American Italian Cancer Foundation to provide mobile care services;
- \$50,000 for Apicha Community Health Center;
- \$25,000 for Chayim Archim Center for Culturally Sensitive Health Advocacy and Counseling;
- \$1 million for additional services and expenses of Comprehensive Care Centers for eating disorders;
- \$150,000 for Congregation Chai Lifeline;
- \$100,000 for a dental demonstration program by the New York State Dental Association;
- \$50,000 for the Dominican Medical Association;
- \$25,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Northern New York;
- \$60,000 for Ezras Cholim Yad Ephraim;
- \$75,000 for Heartscan services, Inc.;
- \$100,000 for Maternity and Early Childhood Foundation;
- \$60,000 for Mekimi;
- \$50,000 for New York Cancer Center, Inc.
- \$10,000 for New York Community Hospital;
- \$250,000 for Nurse-Family Partnership;
- \$175,000 for Nurse-Family Partnership;
- \$250,000 for rural dentistry pilot program;
- \$50,000 for SBH Community Service Network, Inc.;
- \$400,000 for Senate task force on Lyme and tick borne diseases;
- \$50,000 for Urban Health Plan, Inc.;
- \$475,000 for Women's Health Services;
- \$600,000 for the Child Health Plus Program;
- \$14.6 million to reject the essential plan cost sharing proposal; and
- \$500,000 for additional services and expenses in diversity in medicine program.

The Final Budget provides \$42 million in net additional funding to the Medical Assistance Administration Program. Offset Program reductions are as follows:

- \$359 million reduction for Hospital inpatient services;
- \$340.9 million reduction for managed care services;

- \$6 million reduction for transportation services;
- \$34.2 million reduction for non-institutional spending;
- \$20 million reduction for health homes establishment and infrastructure costs.;
- \$153 million from the Mental Hygiene Stabilization fund.

These funding reductions are offset by Medicaid spending increases as follows:

- \$11.5 million for Nursing home services to reject the elimination of the bed hold payment;
- \$25.1 million for other long term care services to reject the elimination of spousal refusal and the limitation of managed long term care (MLTC) eligibility to enrollees who require nursing home level of care; and other managed care services;
- \$18.6 million for pharmacy services;
- \$34.7 million for improvements to the long term care system for the point of entry initiatives;
- \$20 million for enhanced Safety net hospitals;
- \$20 million for critical access hospitals;
- \$329.3 million for disproportionate share payments to hospitals operated by the State University of New York;
- \$860,000 for payments to St. Ann's Home Skilled Nursing facility;
- \$10 million to promote women's health and reduce the adverse effects of multiple births;
- \$49 million for the major academic pool payments;
- \$9.8 million for the managed long term care ombudsman program;
- \$6 million for emergency transportation services;
- \$8 million for rural transportation services; and
- \$2 million for facilitated enrollment for aged, blind, and disabled.

The Final Budget also includes \$284.3 million in additional Federal dollars for Medicaid Spending and \$90 million in increased funding for the Medicaid program under the Health Care Reform Act (HCRA).

An additional \$1 million is also provided for Consumer Assistance – Independent health Insurance Consumer Assistance Designee Community Service Society of New York for Community Health Advocates Statewide Consortium, and \$200,000 is provided for the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. Additional funding for program initiatives are as follows:

- \$409,000 for Finger Lakes Health System Agency;
- \$125,000 for the long term care community coalition;
- \$400,000 for the Primary Care Development Corporation;
- \$725,000 for the Alliance for Donation;
- \$225,000 for the Center for Liver Transplant;
- \$100,000 for the Iroquois Health Care Association Take a Look Tour for Physician residents;
- \$40,000 for Maimonides Medical Center;
- \$400,000 for Premium Health, Inc.

- \$100,000 for the Lymphatic Disease Patient Registry and Tissue Bank; and
- \$50,000 for the Upstate Cord Blood Bank.

The Final Budget also rejects language authorizing appropriation changes without legislative oversight in the event Federal dollars are reduced.

#### Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs

The Final Budget concurs with the Executive recommendation and provides \$649,000 in All Funds support for Aid to Localities.

### **Higher Education**

#### Community College Base Aid

The Final Budget includes additional funding for CUNY and SUNY Community Colleges. The Final Budget increases base aid \$50 over the \$2,697 per Full-Time Equivalent Student authorization from the Executive Budget. This increase provides an additional \$3.2 million for CUNY Community Colleges and \$6.5 million for SUNY Community Colleges.

#### Tuition Assistance Program

The Final Budget provides an additional \$19 million for TAP. This appropriation does not include the DREAM Act or language for the Excelsior Scholarship. There is no change in the part-time TAP program, but there is an appropriation for the NYS part-time scholarship award program of \$3.1 million.

#### Opportunity Programs

The Final Budget includes restored funding for educational opportunity programs at SUNY and CUNY. Notable increases include:

- Restores \$2.5 million for the ASAP Program at CUNY Community Colleges;
- Restores \$2.5 million for the Graduate Achievement Placement Program at SUNY Community Colleges.
- The College Discovery Program receives an additional \$225,000. This restores the cut funding the Executive proposed and funds the program at \$1.3 million.
- Additional programs such as Bundy Aid, and HEOP are funded through the Office of Higher Education and the Professions which is administered by SED. This budget section was not included.

#### Childcare Restorations

The Final Budget agreement restores funding for Childcare Centers at SUNY and CUNY Community Colleges. The \$902,000 restoration would bring CUNY centers to \$1.7 million. SUNY would receive \$2.1 million for Childcare centers factoring the \$1.09 million restoration.

#### Council on the Arts

The Final Budget provides \$42.4 million for arts and cultural grants, the same as in SFY 2016-17 and a slight increase over the Executive Budget by providing restorations for the CNY Arts Center (\$100,000) and the Auburn Public Library (\$60,000).



## Housing

### Division of Housing and Community Renewal

The Final Budget includes an additional \$375,000 in support for Aid of Localities, bringing the total to \$85.3 million. Notable increases include:

- Additional \$300,000 for Community Voices Heard Program, this is a new appropriation not included in the Executive Proposal.
- Additional \$75,000 for Neighborhood Housing Services of Queens, CDC INC, this is a new appropriation not included in the Executive Proposal.

### State of New York Mortgage Agency

The Final Budget concurs with the Executive recommendation of \$132 million in All funds support for Aid to Localities.

## Human Services

### New York State Office for the Aging (SOFA)

The Executive's proposal to require \$27 million in **Title XX discretionary funding** be dedicated to child care programs, which would put 62 senior centers at risk of closure and would negatively impact approximately 6,000 seniors throughout New York City, **is not included in this final budget**. *The SDC has strongly opposed the Executive's proposal.*

The Final Budget removes appropriations language included throughout the Executive proposal that allows the director of the Division of the Budget (DOB) to reduce funds without legislative approval.

The Final Budget provides \$239.5 million for SOFA Aid to Localities programs. This is an increase of \$3.29 million above the Executive proposal. The increase is attributable to legislative adds for various aging programs.

The Executive and both houses of the legislature concur on the following program appropriations:

- Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)-\$29 million
- Expanded In-home, Case Management and Ancillary Community Services for the Elderly (EISEP)-\$50.12 million
- Wellness in Nutrition (WIN) Program (formally SNAP)-\$27.5 million
- Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program-\$1.2 million
- Social Model Adult Day Services-\$1 million
- Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs)-\$2 million
- Neighborhood Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NNORCs)-\$2 million
- Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. (Elder Abuse Education and Outreach Program)-\$200,000
- Elder Abuse Education and Outreach Programs (other than Lifespan)-\$745,000

*The SDC supports full restoration and increased funding for SOFA Aid to Localities programs. The SDC has proposed an additional \$5.95 million in NORC/NNORC program funding, and has recommended that \$700,000 in Elder Abuse Education and Outreach program funding go specifically to the Lifespan program. These proposals have not been included in this final budget.*

#### Office of Children and Families (OCFS)

The Executive's proposal to require \$27 million in **Title XX discretionary funding** be dedicated to child care programs, which would put 62 senior centers at risk of closure and would negatively impact approximately 6,000 seniors throughout New York City, **is not included in this final budget.** *The SDC has strongly opposed the Executive's proposal.*

The Final Budget provides \$3.3 billion for OCFS Aid to Localities programs. This is an increase of \$41.8 million above the Executive proposal. This increase is attributable to an increase of \$21.2 million for child care subsidies and \$1.5 million for child care facilitated enrollment for NYC (\$500,000- Manhattan, Bronx, Brooklyn, Staten Island and Queens), Onondaga (\$500,000) and Erie (\$500,000) counties. The remaining \$19.1 million is attributable to legislative adds for various children and families programs.

The Executive and both houses of the legislature concur on the following program appropriations:

- Advantage Afterschool Program-\$19.8 million
- Child Advocacy Centers-\$2.2 million
- Youth Development Delinquency Prevention (YDDP)/Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP) Programs-\$14.1 million
- Post Adoption Services-\$7 million
- Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) Program-\$4.5 million
- Foster Care Block Grant-\$383.5 million
- Child Care Subsidies-\$216.9 million
- Child Care Facilitated Enrollment-\$1.5 million
- Close to Home Initiative (final phase)-\$41.4 million
- Adoption Subsidies-\$187.9 million
- Child Welfare Services Programs-\$635.1 million
- Community Optional Preventive Services (COPS) Program-\$12.1 million
- Settlement Houses - \$2.5 million
- Kinship Program-\$2.2 million
- Home Visiting Program-\$23.3 million

*The SDC supports full restoration of OCFS Aid to Localities programs, such as the Advantage Afterschool program, and child care subsidies and facilitated enrollment.*

#### Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA)

The Final Budget provides \$5.2 billion for OTDA Aid to Localities programs. This is an increase of \$4.6 million above the Executive proposal. This increase is attributable to restoration of Disability Advocacy Program funding in the amount of \$1.5 million, a \$700,000 increase in

public assistance, various legislative adds in the amount of \$835,000 and restoration of TANF programs offset by a reduction in TANF funding for child care subsidies. The Final Budget also provides additional funding for refugee programs in the amount of \$2 million.

The Executive and both houses of the legislature concur on the following TANF program restorations:

- ACCESS-Welfare to Work -\$800,000
- ATTAIN-\$4 million
- Career Pathways-\$2.9 million
- Nurse Family Partnerships - \$3 million
- Centro Oneida-\$25,000
- CUNY Child Care-\$141,000
- Facilitated Enrollment Upstate-\$2.6 million
- Facilitated Enrollment NYC-\$5.9 million
- SUNY Child Care-\$193,000
- Foster Care Prevention Services-\$1.6 million
- Rochester-Genesee Regional Transportation Services-\$82,000
- Non-custodial Parent Job readiness and placement-\$200,000
- Wage Subsidy-\$475,000
- Wheels for Work-\$144,000

*The SDC supports full restoration of TANF programs.*

## **Labor and Workforce**

### **Department of Labor**

The Final Budget provides Aid to Localities funding of \$3.1 billion to the Department of Labor, an increase of \$15.1 million over the Executive Budget. This increase is attributed to an increase in legislative adds for workforce training programs, including the following items:

- \$1.6 million for the displaced homemakers program;
- \$550,000 for NYCOSH and its Long Island;
- \$600,000 for the Workforce Development Institute pre-apprenticeship program, split between Rochester, Nassau, and Western New York;
- \$7 million for the AFL-CIO Workforce Development Institute;
- \$600,000 for three Cornell ILR programs including the Leadership Institute, Domestic Violence Program, and Worker Institute;
- \$300,000 for statewide YouthBuild;
- \$750,000 for the Manufacturers Association of Central New York;
- \$980,000 for various Chamber on the Job Programs across the state, including the Brooklyn program; and
- \$100,000 for the LGBT Community Center program.

### **Local Government Assistance**

The Final Budget provides \$820.1 million for Local Government Assistance, an increase of \$5 million over the Executive proposal. It accepts, unchanged, the Executive proposal of \$754

million for Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM), including:

- Base Level Grants - \$715 million (flat since 2011);
- Citizens Reorganization Empowerment Grants and Citizen Empowerment Tax Credits - \$35 million; and
- Local Government Efficiency Grants - \$4 million.

The Final Budget also accepts, without change, the Executive proposals for:

- Aid to Municipalities with Video Lottery Gaming Facilities to Yonkers and other cities - \$28.6 million; and
- Small Government Assistance to Essex, Hamilton and Franklin Counties - \$217,300.

The Final Budget restores \$1.8 million in Per Capita Village Aid (still a decrease of \$200,000 from 2016). It increases the Executive proposal for Miscellaneous Financial Assistance by \$3 million, from \$2.3 million to \$5.2 million. In doing so, it denies \$2.3 million to Madison County as host to a gaming facility not part of a negotiated compact, but adds the following:

- To mitigate revenue shortfalls due to non-payment of real property taxes by Native American nations - \$310,000 each for Seneca and Franklin Counties, and \$83,350 for Cayuga County;
- To Onondaga County for a Syracuse School District School Discipline Pilot Project - \$2 million;
- To the Niagara County IDA for downtown economic development within the City of Niagara Falls - \$1.4 million;
- For payments to specific villages and towns - \$323,000;
- To the Cities of Oneonta and Cortland for police and fire services associated with higher education institutions - \$194,500 each; and
- To the South Fallsburg Fire District - \$250,000.

The Final Budget denies the Executive proposal making Base Level Grants contingent on passage of Countywide Shared Services Property Tax Savings Plan contingency, and removes all Executive language regarding fund or award reductions if anticipated receipts fall short.

## **Mental Hygiene**

### **Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services**

The Final Budget provides \$507.6 million in All Funds support for Aid to Localities, which is 3.4 million over the Executive recommendation, and is attributed to the following:

- \$2 million to restore Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialist (SAPIS) in New York City through the Department of Education;
- \$175,000 for the New York State Alliance of Boys and Girls Club, Inc.;
- \$100,000 for Thomas Hope Foundation;
- \$100,000 for Save the Michaels of the World, Inc.;
- \$50,000 for National Committee for the Furtherance of Jewish Education;
- \$25,000 for the Camelot of Staten Island, Inc.;
- \$921,000 for salary increases for direct care workers as authorized pursuant to a chapter of the laws of 2017. This increase would be effective January 1, 2018.

### Office of Mental Health

The Final Budget provides \$1.5 billion in All Funds support for Aid to Localities which reflects an increase of \$6.7 million over the Executive Budget. This increase is attributed to the following:

- \$1.7 million for salary increases for direct care workers as authorized pursuant to a chapter of the laws of 2017. This increase would be effective January 1, 2018.
- \$850,000 reduction in funding to reject the jail based restoration program;
- \$400,000 for Crisis Intervention Teams;
- \$400,000 for FarmNet;
- \$250,000 for Children’s Prevention and Awareness Initiatives;
- \$200,000 for ComunLife, Inc.;
- \$175,000 for South Fork Mental Health Initiative;
- \$100,000 for Mental Health Association in New York State;
- \$100,000 for North Country Behavioral Health Care Network;
- \$50,000 for Global Trauma Research, Inc.;
- \$45,000 for Mental Health Association of Genesee and Orleans County;
- \$3 million for services and expenses of the Joseph P. Dwyer Veteran Peer to Peer Services Program, according to the following sub schedule:
  - \$185,000 for Broome, Chautauqua, Dutchess, Erie, Jefferson, Monroe, Nassau, Niagara, Onondaga, Orange, Putnam, Rensselaer, Rockland, Saratoga, Suffolk, and Westchester;
  - \$170,000 for University at Albany School of Social Welfare.
  - \$1 million for services and expenses related to the expansion of Crisis intervention services and diversion programs.

### Office for People with Developmental Disabilities

The Final Budget includes \$2.7 billion in All Funds Support for Aid to Localities funding which is an increase of \$12.5 million over the Executive recommendation. This increase is attributed to the following:

- \$11.2 million for salary increases for direct care workers as authorized pursuant to a chapter of the laws of 2017. This increase would be effective January 1, 2018.
- \$1.3 million for Community Mental Hygiene services or expenses of contracts with municipalities, educational institutions and not for profits, according to the following sub schedule:
  - \$300,000 for HASC Center, Inc.;
  - \$200,000 for Special Olympics New York, Inc.;
  - \$200,000 for Women’s League Community Residences, Inc.;
  - \$100,000 for Best Buddies International, Inc.;
  - \$100,000 for Bonim Lamokom, Inc.;
  - \$100,000 for Syracuse University;
  - \$86,000 for St. Domics Home, Inc.;
  - \$55,000 for Developmental Disabilities Alliance of Western New York, \$50,000;
  - \$50,000 for Otsar Family Services, Inc.;
  - \$50,000 for Jawonio, Inc.; and

- \$25,000 for Life's Worc, Inc.

### **Public Protection**

The Final Budget concurs with the Executive Budget proposal for the following agencies:

- \$1.5 billion for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services;
- \$106.7 million for the Office of Victims Services;
- \$104.8 million for the Office of Indigent Legal Services;
- \$29.4 million for the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision;
- \$1.78 million for the Office for the Prevention of Domestic Violence;and,
- \$900,000 for the Division of Military and Naval Affairs.

### **Division of Criminal Justice Services**

The Final Budget adds \$17.86 million which represents a restoration of all the original cuts in the Aid to Localities programs. It should be highlighted that the Westchester Policing Program is restored to \$1.98 million.

The proposed Enacted Budget fully restores county mandate relief attributed to the allocation for District Attorney Salaries by \$4.2 million.

SNUG funding is maintained at \$3.8 million for existing programs and lines out the following:

- \$700,00 for the Bronx;
- \$300,000 for the City of Poughkeepsie;

It also includes new sites for additional gun violence prevention centers:

- City of Wyandanch (\$50,000) CURE Violence,
- North Amityville (\$50,000) CURE Violence and
- Jewish Community Council of Greater Coney Island, Inc. CURE Violence (\$200,000).

Therefore, SNUG funding increased by \$200,000 making it a total of \$5.1 million.

The proposed budget adds a lump sum out \$730,000 for unspecified law enforcement programs and emergency services agencies for equipment and technology enhancements that will be distributed as a Senate Resolution.

The budget specifically lines out \$3.705 million in specific programs including but not limited to Finger Lakes Law Enforcement, New York Civil Air Patrol, and monies to Firemen's Association of the State of New York to provide grant awards to volunteer fire departments for recruitment and retention.

### **Transportation**

#### **Metropolitan Transportation Authority**

The Final Budget includes no significant Aid to Localities funding changes from the Executive Budget for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority. MTA- \$2.5 billion

### Department of Transportation

The Final Budget provides \$5.2 billion for the Department of Transportation Aid to Localities programs. This \$5.2 billion represents a \$12.5 million increase over the Executive proposal.

#### *Verrazano Narrows Bridge Vehicle Rebate*

The Final Budget provides an additional \$2.5 million of General Fund resources for costs associated with increasing the Verrazano Narrows Bridge residential rebate program for Staten Island residents. The appropriation language provides Staten Island residents with an additional 17-cent rebate over the Executive Budget proposal. This accommodates the recent MTA toll increase.

#### *Mass Transit Operating Aid*

The Final Budget provides an additional \$10 million in General Funds for non-MTA transit operating aid. Specifically, \$4.0 million in transit operating aid for Upstate systems, and \$6.0 million in transit operating aid for downstate non-MTA systems. This brings the total operating support for Upstate systems to \$203 million, and the total for non-MTA downstate to \$309 million. This represents a roughly 2% increase from SFY 2016-17.

#### Upstate Increases:

- \$711,400 for CDTA
- \$649,400 for CNYRTA
- \$788,500 for RGRTA
- \$1,024,300 for NFTA
- \$783,100 for formula aid

#### Downstate non-MTA Increases:

- \$67,000 for Rockland
- \$653,900 for Staten Island Ferry
- \$1,097,500 for Westchester
- \$1,327,400 for Nassau
- \$516,300 for Suffolk
- \$1,747,400 for NYCDOT
- \$633,800 for formula aid

*The SDC recommended an additional \$15 million in STOA system operations. SDC also proposed an additional \$6 million for NICE bus system. The SDC also recommended indexing STOA to inflation.*

#### *Reduced Fare for School Children Program*

The Final Budget maintains an appropriation of \$25.3 million to offset MTA cost for the Reduced Fare for School Children Program for New York City.

*The SDC supports this program and appropriation.*

### Department of Motor Vehicles

The Final Budget provides \$23.6 million for the Department of Motor Vehicles Aid to Localities programs. This is an increase of \$1.8 million over the Executive proposal.

#### *STOP for DWI*

The additional \$1.8 million in General Fund resources are for costs associated with county special traffic programs for DWI (STOP-DWI). The amount appropriated is less than the funds included in the Senate one-house bill (\$6.8 million) and Assembly one-house bill (\$3 million).

*The SDC supports increasing funds for the STOP-DWI program.*

#### **Veterans**

Overall funding for the Division is \$12.4 million, an increase of \$1.8 million from the Executive proposal. This increase is associated with legislative adds for the Division of Veterans Affairs, including:

- \$200,000 for the Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project;
- \$250,000 for the New York State Defenders Association Veterans Defense Program (Assembly);
- \$120,000 for the Veterans of Foreign Wars NYs Chapter Field Service Operations;
- \$250,000 in additional funding for the Veterans Outreach Center;
- \$50,000 for the Vietnam Veterans of America New York State Council;
- \$200,000 for Warrior Salute;
- \$100,000 for the SAGE Veterans' Project;
- \$200,000 for the Helmets-to-Hardhats program;
- \$25,000 for the Veterans Miracle Center;
- \$100,000 for the Veterans Justice Project; and,
- \$250,000 for additional New York State Defense Program (Senate).