

POLICY AND BUDGET PRIORITIES- NEW YORK CITY FY26-FY27

Founded in 1965, the Chinese-American Planning Council (CPC) is a social services organization that creates social change. Building on our historic legacy and ongoing dedication to the Chinese American community, CPC advances the social and economic progress of immigrant and low-income communities of New York through services, resources, and advocacy.

Strengthen Human Services Workforce:

- Continue to **fund a 3% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for City-contracted human services workers** from 2026-2027 to uphold the City's multi-year COLA deal commitment
- **Pass Wage Equity Legislation (Int 0452-2026)**, which would align nonprofit and government human services job titles, and through that, raise salaries for nonprofit human services workers

Invest in Community-Based Support Services and Immigrant Communities:

- Enhance the **AAPI Community Support Initiative to \$7.5 million** to address anti-Asian discrimination and achieve long-term healing by investing in Asian American led organizations that have deep roots and track records in the most impacted communities
- Allocate **\$3.5 million for the RISE network** under the AAPI Legal Services Initiatives to meet growing needs for in-language, immigrant legal services
- **Restore and enhance funding to critical programs**, including early childhood and youth programs, senior services, and all Council Initiatives (such as Access Health NYC, Adult Literacy Program, Older Adult Mental Health Initiative, and legal services initiatives)
- **Expand the Summer Youth Employment program** to ensure universal summer jobs to every young person that wants one, including fully funding program costs and good wages for program staff and youth participants, including undocumented young people
- **Increase adult literacy funding to \$18 million**, and consolidate the two current initiatives under one single initiative called Adult Literacy Forward, filling a gap from DYCD's last Adult Literacy RFP that restricted program eligibility
- **Fund Education for Integration and Equity, a new \$20 million adult education proposal** that would expand access to English language instruction, basic education, digital literacy, high school equivalency, and civics classes for immigrant NYers
- **Pass the Age in Place 2.0 package** that would allow older adults across New York City to age in place with dignity and live out healthy lives
- **Invest \$26-30 million** in a community-driven, **evidence-based hate violence prevention program** led by NYC Against Hate

Address the Affordability Crisis New Yorkers are Facing:

- **Housing:** Expand eligibility of CityFHEPS, a rental assistance supplement and other voucher programs that help families find and keep housing
- **Universal Childcare:** Implement 2-Care and 3-K funding from New York State in a timely manner, ensuring that rates are sustainable for home-based and center-based providers and wages are equitable for home-based and community-based childcare staff to their government counterparts
 - Renew and expand care for low-income families who are not eligible for other forms of child care offered by the City (Child Care Assistance Program) to **\$25 million**
- **Food Security:**
 - Invest **\$100 million** into the Community Food Connection program (CFC) for emergency meals to address high levels of food insecurity
 - Invest **\$13 million** in NYC Service's Civic Impact Fund, which funds nonprofits to expand their volunteer infrastructure, which in turn will help those newly subject to federal SNAP work or volunteer requirements
 - Combat older adult hunger by:
 - Investing **\$60 million** in congregate meals at Older Adult Centers, to account for steep increases in inflation over the last several years
 - Investing **\$27 million** to expand home-delivered meals to 7 days a week, in line with Intro 280 of 2026
 - Maintain Council Discretionary funding at **\$8.26 million** for the Food Pantry Initiative, **\$2.134 million** for the Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education Initiative, and **\$1.5 million** for the Food Access and Benefits Initiative
- **Transit:** Expand Fair Fares that would allow more low-income New Yorkers afford and access public transportation

Build Resilient and Sustainable Social Safety Net Systems:

- Raise revenue to invest in social safety net programs through strengthening enforcement and closing tax loopholes for ultra-wealthy New Yorkers through the Make 'Em Pay Campaign led by the People's Plan

CPC is a member of the Human Services Council, United Neighborhood Houses, Live On New York, Coalition of Asian American Children and Families, New York Immigration Coalition, FPWA, Street Vendor Justice Coalition, New Yorkers United for Child Care, and the People's Plan and endorses their platform.