

**SFY 26 Executive Budget
County Impact Request for the Enacted Budget**

Introduction

On January 21st, Governor Kathy Hochul unveiled her proposed budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026. In response to this proposal, this week the State Senate and Assembly released their “one-house” budget requests.

This report compares key county priorities across the Executive, Assembly and Senate budget proposals and reiterates county requests for inclusion in the final enacted SFY 26 State Budget.

The first section analyzes the State Operations, Legislative and Judiciary, Aid to Localities, and Capitol Projects appropriations bills. The second section analyzes Article VII language contained in the budget.

We encourage the state legislature to use this document as a tool for negotiating the final budget and to ensure as many county budget priorities as possible are included in the enacted spending plan.



NYSAC SFY 26 Enacted Budget Priorities



Proposal	Description	Executive	Assembly	Senate	County Request	Source
Economic Development and Housing						
County Partnerships Program	A second year of funding for the County Partnerships Grant Program.	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$50 M	Counties request the Enacted Budget include \$100 million for the county partnerships program . At a minimum, the state must ensure parity between this program and the temporary municipal assistance program that only benefits towns, cities and villages.	Capital Projects (91812509 58046)
Environment						
Sustainable Future Program	Funding for climate mitigation and adaptation projects, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, decarbonizing and retrofitting buildings, creating and utilizing renewable energy, and advancing clean transportation initiatives.	\$1 B	\$1 B – specifies how funds would be distributed	\$1 B – stipulates that funding is subject to a plan submitted by the Legislature and approved by DOB	Dedicate a portion of the Sustainable Future Program funding specifically to support local government climate initiatives.	Capital Projects (SFEC25SD)
Agriculture						
Expand Farmland Protection	Expand the scope of farmland protection initiatives and increase the maximum financial assistance that can be received for such initiatives	Y	N	Modifies the proposal to increase the maximum grant awards	Modify the proposal to fund the comprehensive reviews of agricultural districts that counties are required to conduct every eight years under AGM § 303a.	TEDE Part OO
Environment						
PFAS Removal Treatment Installation Grant Program & PFAS Removal Treatment Maintenance Rebate Program	Provides financial incentives for residential well treatment equipment to address PFAS contamination.	N	N	Y	Accept the Senate’s proposal to incentivize treatment and provide additional funding for PFAS testing.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part JJJ
General Government						
Retiree Earnings Income Increase	Increases the retiree earnings cap from \$35,000 to \$65,000.	N	N	Y	Include Part KKK, PPGG (Senate) in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	S.3005-B (PPGG) Part KKK
Public Safety						
Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Reforms	Allows counties, at local option, to establish special districts for the funding and operation of EMS services.	Y	N	Included, but the Senate replaces the Governor’s language with S.4020-C / A.3392-C (2024).	Include the amended Part R, HMH (Executive Budget proposal) in the Enacted Budget to remove "shall ensure" and replace with "may provide."	S.3007-A/A.3007-A (HMH) Part R
Raise the Age (RTA)	Allow counties that exceed the property tax cap to continue receiving state funding for RTA.	N	N	N	Repeal §54-m of the State Finance Law. Several counties have exceeded the property tax cap in recent years. Current state law penalizes counties from using RTA funds if they exceed the property tax cap.	

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Agriculture						
Farm Workforce Retention Credit	Extends the Farm Workforce Retention credit, which is set to expire on 1/1/26	N	Extends the credit for 3 years	Extends the credit for 5 years	Include this extension in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	A.3009-B (REV) Part RR, S.3009-B (REV) Part VV
Expand Farmland Protection	Expand the scope of farmland protection initiatives and increase the maximum financial assistance that can be received for such initiatives	Y	N	Modifies the proposal to increase the maximum grant awards	Modify the proposal to fund the comprehensive reviews of agricultural districts that counties are required to conduct every eight years under AGM § 303a.	TEDE Part OO
Economic Development						
Reciprocal MWBE Certification	Allows for reciprocity agreements between the State and local MWBE programs.	N	N	Y	County support is unknown at this time.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part SSS
Brownfield Redevelopment and Remediation Tax Credits	Extends the duration of certain brownfield redevelopment and remediation tax credits	N	N	Y	Include Part SS of S.3009B in the SFY 2026 Enacted Budget to ensure the completion of projects like Renaissance Commerce Park in Erie County.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part JJ
Environment						
Safe Water Infrastructure Program (SWAP)	Funds the replacement and rehabilitation of local public drinking water, stormwater, and sanitary sewer systems.	N	N	Y	Include Part LLL, TEDE (Senate) in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part LLL
Bottle Bill Expansion	Expands the types of containers covered under the Bottle Bill and provides assistance to redemption centers.	N	N	Y	Reject the provisions of TEDE Part DDDD that expand the types of containers covered under the Bottle Bill. NYSAC supports enacting packaging EPR before expanding the Bottle Bill to offset revenue losses to local governments.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part DDDD
PFAS Removal Treatment Installation Grant Program & PFAS Removal Treatment Maintenance Rebate Program	Provides financial incentives for residential well treatment equipment to address PFAS contamination.	N	N	Y	Accept the Senate's proposal to incentivize treatment and provide additional funding for PFAS testing.	S.3008-B (TEDE) Part JJJ
General Government						
Provide a Market-Based Interest Rate on Court Judgments	Proposes a variable market-based interest rate on court judgments paid by public and private entities, which will provide relief for local governments and lower state taxpayer costs.	Y	N	N	Include Part T, PPGG of the Executive Budget in the Enacted Budget.	A.3005-A/S.3005-A (PPGG) Part T
Authorize DASNY to Provide Services to Municipalities	Authorizes municipalities to use DASNY's renowned planning, design, procurement, and construction management services to streamline project completion.	Y	N	N	Include Part JJ, TEDE of the Executive Budget in the Enacted Budget.	S.3008-A/A.3008-A (TEDE) Part JJ
Mandate Reporting of Local Government Cyber Incidents.	Requires all municipalities to report cybersecurity incidents and ransom payment demands within 72 hours to DHSES.	Y	N	Modifies the requirement to include public authorities.	NYSAC supports this provision of the budget.	A.3005-A/S.3005-A (PPGG) Part K
Mandate Cybersecurity Awareness Training.	Requires employees of the State and local governments that use technology as part of their official job duties to take annual cybersecurity awareness training.	Y	N	Adds language to enact the "Secure Our Data Act" to require state agencies to set up data protection standards, vulnerability assessments, data and information inventories, and recovery procedures (S.1961).	NYSAC supports this provision of the budget.	A.3005-A/S.3005-A (PPGG) Part X
Retiree Earnings Income Increase	Increases the retiree earnings cap from \$35,000 to \$65,000.	N	N	Y	Include Part KKK, PPGG (Senate) in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	S.3005-B (PPGG) Part KKK
Public & Mental Health						
Mental Health Competency Restoration	Makes reforms necessary to update the archaic requirements of CPL § 730, many which have been deemed unconstitutional.	N	N	Y	Include Part TT, PPGG (Senate) in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	S.3005- B (PPGG) Part TT
Vapor Product Taxation	Imposes a 20% tax on the wholesale price of vapor products at the distributor level (replacing the 20% tax at the retail level) and provides the Department of Taxation and Finance with expanded enforcement authority relating to vapor products.	N	Y	Y	Include Part UU / OO, REV in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget.	A.3009-B (REV) Part UU, S.3009-B (REV) Part OO
Public Safety						
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Aging						
Aging Services Waitlists	Increases funding for aging services to solve for waitlists.	\$53 M	\$53 M	\$63 M	Ensure funding is included in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget to meet the unmet need.	Aid to Localities (10716)
Senior Transportation Services	Increases funding for senior transportation services.	\$500k	\$500k	\$500k	Ensure the Enacted Budget has \$1.5 million dedicated to senior transportation.	Aid to Localities (10742)
Economic Development and Housing						
Downtown Revitalization	Includes language to allow a portion of funds to go to communities impacted by prison closures.	\$200 M + language	\$200 M + language	\$200 M + language	Include the exact language contained within the executive, senate and assembly budget bills.	Capital Projects, (19CP2509 51275)
County Partnerships Program	A second year of funding for the County Partnerships Grant Program.	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$50 M	Counties request the Enacted Budget include \$100 million for the county partnerships program . At a minimum, the state must ensure parity between this program and the temporary municipal assistance program that only benefits towns, cities and villages.	Capital Projects (91812509 58046)
Tourism Promotion Matching Grants	Appropriation for local tourism promotion matching grants.	\$2.45 M	\$3.45 M	\$5 M	Increase the state match on tourism promotion grants to \$5 million as included in the Senate's one-house budget proposal.	Aid to Localities (21417)
Elections						
Election Administration	Funding to support county administration of federal, state, and local elections.	\$5 M for pre-paid postage for ballots but no assistance for ongoing operating and capital costs associated with election administration.	\$2.5 M for election administration	\$10 M for election administration	Counties request \$20 million in funding for local election administration and \$20 million in funding for local election capital equipment in addition to the \$5 million for pre-paid postage of ballots.	Aid to Localities (23504)
General Government						
Preserve the Local Medicaid Cap	Assumes the continuation of the local cap on Medicaid costs through the Financial Plan period.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Continue to preserve the state-local Medicaid Cap.	
Washington County	Financial offset for the Great Meadows Correctional Facility	No	No	No	Provide \$40 million in capital grant funding for Washington County to help with economic loss due to the closure of Great Meadows Correctional Facility.	Aid to Localities
Environment						
Clean Water Infrastructure Act (CWIA)	Appropriation for local water infrastructure projects.	\$500 M	\$600 M – adds \$100 M for lead drinking water service line replacement; requires \$15 million be allocated for reimbursement for PFAS treatment systems for private wells (S.3972).	\$600 M – adds \$100 M for lead service line replacement	Maintain or increase CWIA funding.	Capital Projects (25722)
Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)	Supports projects that mitigate the effects of climate change, improve agricultural resources, protect water sources, advance conservation efforts, and provide recreational opportunities.	\$400 M	\$500 M	\$500 M	Increase funding for the EPF to \$500M and accept the Senate's proposal to increase the suballocation for food donation and food scraps recycling to \$6M.	Capital Projects (30455)
Sustainable Future Program	Funding for climate mitigation and adaptation projects, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, decarbonizing and retrofitting buildings, creating and utilizing renewable energy, and advancing clean transportation initiatives.	\$1 B	\$1 B – specifies how funds would be distributed	\$1 B – stipulates that funding is subject to a plan submitted by the Legislature and approved by DOB	Dedicate a portion of the Sustainable Future Program funding specifically to support local government climate initiatives.	Capital Projects (SFEC25SD)
Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Monitoring	Expands state assistance for monitoring HABs.		\$12.5 M	\$12.5 M	Add \$12.5 million for monitoring and prevention program	Capital Projects
Legal Services						
Indigent Legal Services (ILS) Distributions and Grants	Funding to finance ILS distributions and grants.	\$81 M	\$81 M	\$81 M	Concur with budget recommendation.	Aid to Localities (55502)
Implementation of Hurrell-Harring Settlement	Funding to finance implementation of the Hurrell-Harring settlement programs (counsel at arraignment, caseload relief, and quality improvement).	\$19.5 M	\$19.5 M + \$20.5 M for counties & NYC to provide family 18-b increase	\$19.5 M	Include the Assembly one-house budget appropriation of \$20.5 million for counties and NYC to receive reimbursement for family court 18-b attorney costs.	Aid to Localities (55518)
Extension of Hurrell-Harring Reforms Statewide	Appropriation to fully fund statewide implementation of Hurrell-Harring settlement reforms pursuant to plans filed by ILS.	\$274 M	\$274 M	\$274 M	Concur with budget recommendation.	Aid to Localities (55515)
Article 18-B Family Court Representation	Funding to improve the quality of representation to persons who are entitled to assigned counsel in Family Court matters.	\$9.9 M	\$9.9 M	\$9.9 M + \$30.5 M for counties & NYC on family court 18-b fee increases.	Include the Senate one-house budget appropriation of \$30.5 million for counties and NYC to receive reimbursement for family court 18-b attorney costs.	Aid to Localities (below 55502)

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ACP Rate Increase	Allocation to reimburse 50% of eligible expenditures that counties and NYC incur as a result of the increased statutory rate for County Law Article 18-B assigned counsel.	\$92 M	\$92 M	\$92 M	Provide counties with \$184 M to cover 100% of the 18-B assigned counsel rate increases.	Aid to Localities (55520)
Rejection of the ILS Fund Sweep	Rejects the Executive Budget sweep of the ILS Fund.	No	No	\$234 M	Include the Senate's rejection of the \$234 million sweep of the Indigent Legal Services Fund to the General Fund.	Aid to Localities
Public & Mental Health						
Core Public Health Funding	Appropriation for local health departments to provide public health services pursuant to Article 6 of the Public Health Law.	\$230 M	\$230 M	\$230 M	Concur with budget recommendation.	Aid to Localities (26815)
Aid for Lead Line Replacement	Additional funding for lead service line replacement.	No	\$100 M	\$100 M	Include the additional \$100 M proposed by the Legislature in the enacted budget.	Capital Projects (25722)
Safe Water Action Program (SWAP)	Creates and funds a new water infrastructure program for local governments.	No	No	\$100 M	Include the Senate's appropriation of \$100 M for SWAP.	Capital Projects (25722)
Social Services						
Child Welfare Match Increase	Increases the state child welfare match from 62 to 65%.	No	No	\$35 M	Provide counties with additional financial relief by increasing the state child welfare match from 62 to 65%.	Aid to Localities
Transportation						
Local Highway & Bridge Funding	Funding for local roads, bridges, and transportation infrastructure.	\$637.8 M	\$637.8 M	\$773.1 M	Counties request the Enacted Budget include an additional \$250 million in CHIPS, Marchiselli and Bridge NY aid.	Capital Projects (54265, 54267)
Veterans						
Joseph P. Dwyer Funds	Funding for Joseph P. Dwyer funds, which is flat funding from the SFY 25 Enacted Budget.	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	Increase state funding to county veterans' service agencies to a minimum of \$50,000. Increase the base aid for Joseph P. Dwyer grants to \$185,000 per county.	Aid to Localities (54608, 37001)