



Summary of the New York State Executive Budget Proposal Fiscal Year 2027

Governor Hochul has proposed a \$260 billion State Budget for fiscal year 2027. Her budget is focused on affordability, with proposals to provide universal childcare, reduce utility rates, cut the cost of auto and home insurance, as well as build affordable housing. This budget contains no layoffs, facility closures, or service cuts.

There are several proposals that are positive for CSEA members, including investments in state and local governments, safety-net hospitals, and childcare, along with provisions to protect highway workers and improve work zone safety. In addition to these proposals, CSEA will be focused on securing meaningful reforms to Tier 6 in this budget. A full list of CSEA's priorities for this year can be found [on our website](#).

State Agencies

Civil Service

- \$13 million in additional funding to the Department of Civil Service for programs aimed at modernizing the State's civil service system.

State University of New York (SUNY)

- \$14.7 billion in total funding for SUNY, including:
 - \$49.3 million in additional operating funds.
 - \$1.2 billion in new capital funding for SUNY four-year colleges, including \$595 million for critical maintenance at SUNY State-operated campuses

Office of Mental Health (OMH)

- Total funding increase of \$4.9 million to OMH for investments in youth mental health services and residential programs.

Office for People with Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD)

- \$191.3 million in additional funding to OPWDD, including:
 - \$25 million this year as a part of a five-year capital plan to establish Regional Disability Clinics.
 - \$15 million to expand independent living opportunities for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS)

- Allows locally operated juvenile detention facilities certified by OCFS and State-operated juvenile justice facilities to utilize body scanning technology to screen for contraband.

Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS)

- Continues investments from last year's budget, including \$400 million in funding to install fixed cameras in all facilities and \$18 million for the body-worn camera program.

Department of Agriculture and Markets

- \$44 million in capital investments at the State Fairgrounds.

Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

- \$200 million in capital funding to repair parks and historic sites.
- \$75 million for the creation of a new High Falls State Park in Rochester.

Unified Court System

- An additional \$200 million in operating funding to the Office of Court Administration, including funding to support:
 - Four court officer academy classes.
 - Staffing increases to improve case processing and address backlogs.

Olympic Regional Development Authority (ORDA)

- \$100 million in new capital funding for ORDA to support continued maintenance and enhancements to Olympic and other ORDA-owned facilities.

Transportation Agencies

- Expands the work zone speed camera program by allowing use of cameras on all highways owned and maintained by the Department of Transportation, Thruway Authority, Bridge Authority, and Triborough Bridge and Tunnel Authority. Current law limits the use of these cameras to controlled-access highways.
- Increases the penalty for assaulting transportation workers, including Representatives and License Examiners at the Department of Motor Vehicles, and highway workers.
- Creates new penalties for menacing a transportation worker and for intruding in an active work zone.
- \$370 million in operating support for mass transit systems outside of New York City, such as the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority, a 5.8 percent increase over last year.

Canal Corporation

- \$50 million for the improvement of the canal system, including dam and lock repair, flood mitigation, infrastructure improvements, canal system resiliency, and other projects.

Other Issues of Note

- \$12 million in additional funding for the State Museum, Library, and Archives to help rebuild capacity.
- Additional funding to the Division of Criminal Justice Services to establish a Crime Analysis Center in Westchester County.
- \$150 million in capital funding for the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services to construct a new centralized State Emergency Operations Center.
- Prevents civil immigration enforcement from accessing areas otherwise inaccessible to the public at OCFS facilities and licensed programs, including childcare centers and programs, schools, healthcare facilities, and houses of worship unless there is a valid court order.

Local Governments

Funding

- \$50 million in additional temporary municipal assistance to cities, towns, and villages.
- \$225 million to support the Rochester-Monroe Transformation Initiative.
- An additional \$3.75 billion over five years for clean water infrastructure funding.
- Continues \$20 million in recurring State assistance for the City of Albany.
- Redirects \$117.8 million in existing funds to housing programs, including:
 - \$18 million for Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs.
 - \$25 million for the Rural Rental Assistance Program.
 - \$74 million for homeless housing programs.

Workforce

- \$1 million to establish a First Responder Behavioral Health Center of Excellence, which will develop peer support programs for first responder agencies within the State.
- Allows Emergency Medical Services providers to administer immunizations and vaccines.

Community Colleges

- Maintains the funding floor for community colleges at 100 percent of prior year's funding and adds \$547,000 in new operating aid.
 - Without a funding floor, SUNY Community Colleges would face a \$61 million (16 percent) loss in formula aid due to enrollment declines.
- \$128 million in additional capital funding for SUNY's Community Colleges.

- \$12.5 million to expand the free community college program to additional high-demand fields and to students with prior degrees pursuing a nursing degree.

Infrastructure

- Funds local highway and road programs, including the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) and the Marchiselli Program, at \$688 million, the same as fiscal year 2026.
- \$200 million for the local Pave Our Potholes program, \$150 million in highway aid through the PAVE NY program, and \$200 million to fund local projects through the BRIDGE NY program.
- \$100 million for Extreme Winter Recovery and \$140 million for the State Touring Routes program.

Social Services

- \$59 million in additional funding to Local Social Services Districts for the provision of preventative services.

Education

K-12

- \$39.3 billion in school aid, an increase of \$1.6 billion (4.3 percent).
 - This includes a \$779 million increase to foundation aid.
 - The proposed funding for individual school districts can be found, [here](#).
- \$2 million for regional hub pilots operated by Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) to provide training and support to educators in school districts with low levels of math performance.
- \$55 million (16.2 percent) increase to continue implementation of the Universal Free School Meals Program.

Special Schools

- \$114.9 million for schools that educate the deaf and blind (4201 schools) and \$22.4 million for capital.
- \$17.2 million for minimum wage assistance for special schools.

Libraries

- \$104.7 million for library aid, equal to the 2027 school year statutory funding amount.
- \$34 million in new capital funding for library construction grants.

Healthcare

Workforce Issues

- Expands the scope of practice for several healthcare titles, including allowing Certified Nursing Assistants to administer medication in nursing homes, Physician Assistants with sufficient training to practice independently, and Medical Assistants to administer vaccinations.
- Requires disclosures from temporary healthcare staffing agencies on the wages and benefits provided to their employees and establishes maximum profits for these agencies. This is intended to reduce reliance on these temporary staffing agencies and bolster the healthcare workforce.
- \$3 million to enable the State to participate in a federal nursing home staffing campaign, which aims to increase the number of nurses working in qualifying nursing homes, particularly in rural areas.

Safety-Net Hospitals

- Increases hospital and nursing home rates by \$1.5 billion in fiscal year 2027, \$1 billion in fiscal year 2028, and provides \$750 million in additional operating funds.
- \$330 million in new operating funding is designated specifically for safety-net hospitals.
- \$1 billion in additional capital funds to supplement the Safety Net Transformation Program, which supports safety-net hospitals.
- \$212 million in federal funding for the Rural Health Transformation Program, which will be used to improve healthcare access in rural areas. This is funding for the first year of the five-year program.

SUNY Hospitals

- \$100 million in operating support to SUNY Downstate Hospital, the same level as the Fiscal Year 2026 Enacted Budget.
- \$150 million in new capital support for SUNY Hospitals.
- Continues funding for major projects at SUNY Upstate Hospital and SUNY Downstate Hospital.

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

- \$55.5 million in operating funds to Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center, the same as last year.

Childcare

- \$1.7 billion in additional investments in affordable childcare and Pre-Kindergarten services, totaling \$4.5 billion in fiscal year 2027. This includes:
 - \$1.23 billion in increased investment in the State’s Child Care Assistance Program outside of NYC. This program provides subsidies to help low-income families access childcare.
 - \$470 million in additional funds for universal Pre-K this budget year, with a long-term goal of ensuring that Pre-K is universal for all four-year-olds statewide by the 2028-29 school year.
 - Expansion and simplification of the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit to provide an additional average benefit of \$575 for 230,000 tax filers.
 - \$1 million to assist localities with developing new zoning regulations that will increase childcare capacity within their communities.
- Removes biennial training requirements for home-based childcare providers and allows OCFS to set new training standards via regulation.
- Extends the validity of childcare licenses from four years to six years.

Not-For-Profit Agencies

- 1.7 percent funding increase to non-profit providers of the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, Office of Mental Health, and Office of Children and Family Services.
- \$53.5 million in funding to support minimum wage increases for staff at programs licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by OPWDD, OMH, and OASAS.

Retirees

- Eliminates the State’s Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) Medicare Part B reimbursement for NYSHIP retirees.

Revenue

- Includes a 3-year extension of the increased corporate tax rate, which applies to corporations with net profits above \$5 million.
- Establishes a 75 percent tax on tobacco-free nicotine pouch products like ZYN, which will create \$54 million in additional revenues to support healthcare spending.
- Eliminates income taxes on tipped wages—up to \$25,000 per year for single filers earning up to \$150,000 and joint filers earning up to \$300,000.

If you have any questions about these proposals, please contact the CSEA Legislative & Political Action Department at (518) 436-8622.