

HHAP INCREASE: FACT SHEET



Increase funding for the Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) to \$281 million in FY 2026-27

HHAP: A Proven Solution

Since 1983, the **Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance's HHAP** has provided **capital for supportive housing** and **emergency shelter**. **Nearly \$2B** has been invested to create over **30,000 units of homeless housing** since its inception.

- Provides the **sole capital funding in small rural projects, complementary funding** in larger projects, and **critical preservation funding**.
- In Q1 of this fiscal year, **more than double the available funding** was requested.
- For the second year in a row, need is at an all-time high, forcing HHAP to **close its main application window early**.

Why Increase HHAP?

- HHAP has a **strong track record of building and revitalizing** affordable and supportive housing.
- Production and preservation efforts are threatened by **skyrocketing costs** and **federal attacks**.
- Demand for supportive housing is overwhelming with **homelessness at record highs**.

HHAP Ask #1

Double the main source of HHAP funds from \$128M to \$256M

New Stabilization Fund

- Last year, a **\$25M set-aside of low-barrier, flexible funding** was made available to existing HHAP projects with **significant needs** and **risk of closure**.
- Prioritizes programs with services funding through the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP).
- Continues to receive applications, with awards already made in **NYC** and **the North Country**.

Case Study: Neighbors of Watertown, the Burdick Building



- Contains **28 NYSSHP units**.
- Awarded **\$2M in HHAP stabilization funds** for **substantial rehabilitation** of the building's interior and exterior: kitchens, bathrooms, plumbing, electrical and masonry work, new windows, a new roof, and an additional elevator.
- The first supportive housing building outside of NYC to receive Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.

HHAP Ask #2

Keep the \$25M stabilization fund for property stabilization across the sector

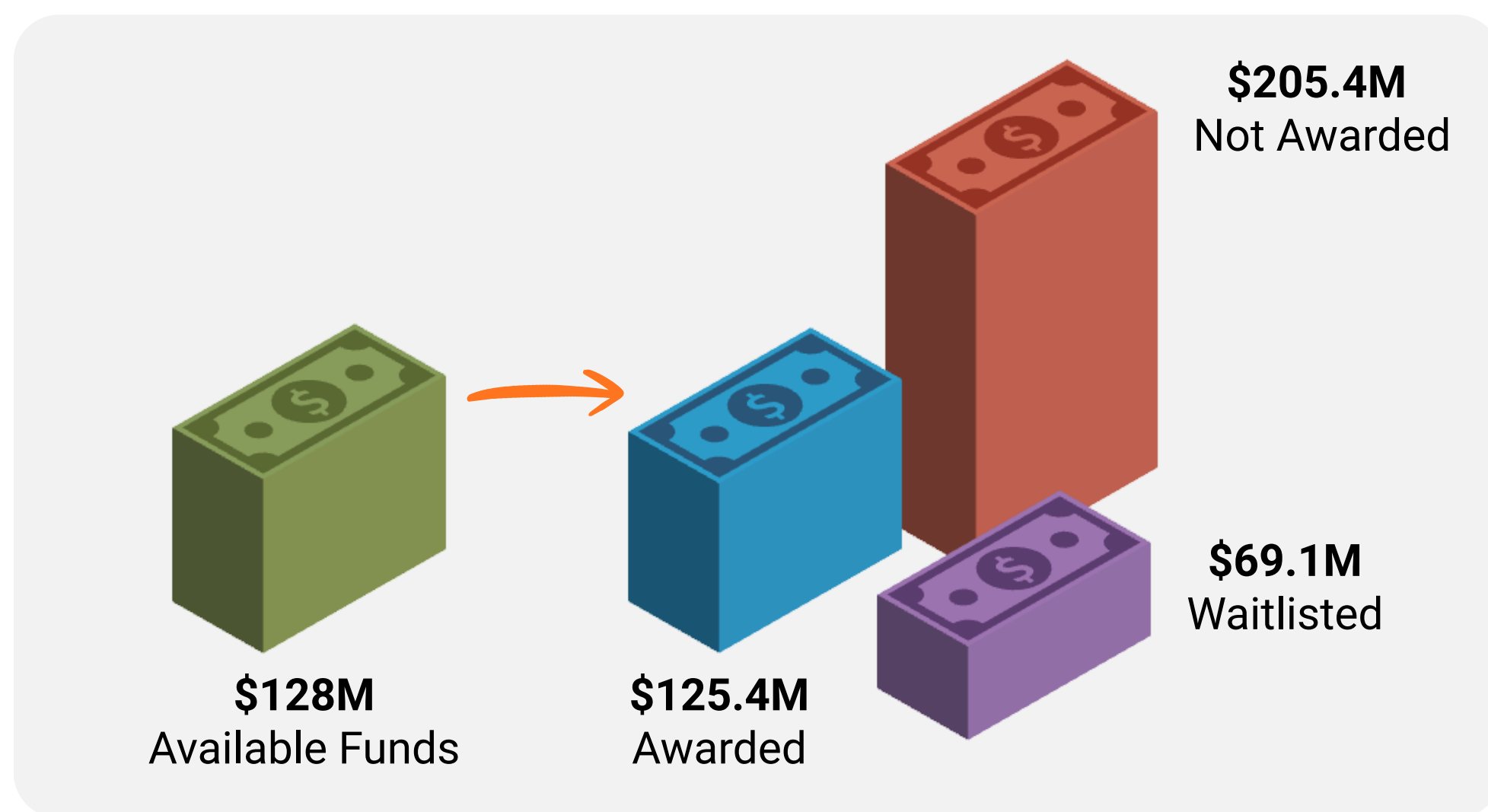


HHAP: A DEEPER LOOK



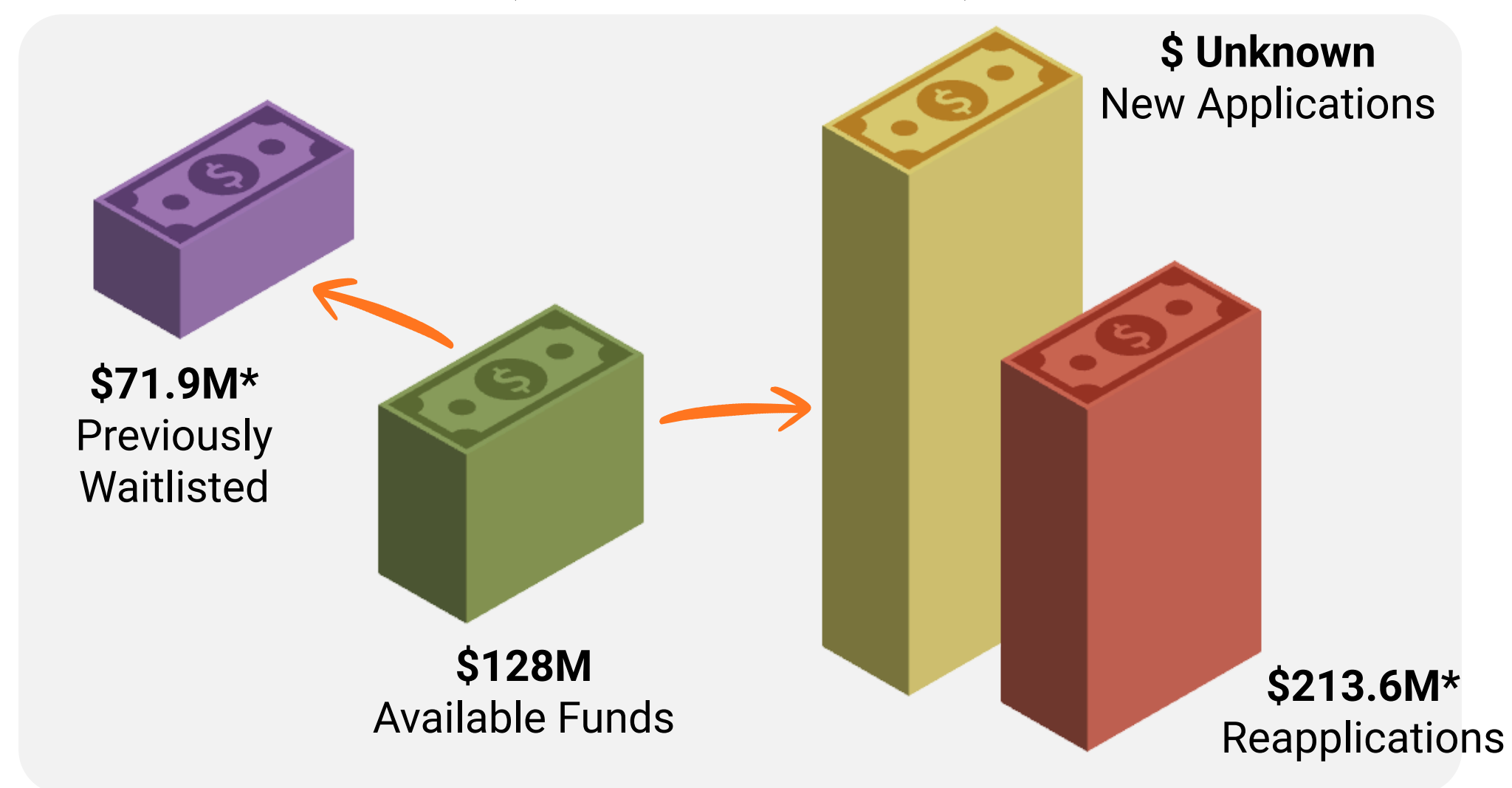
Funding Pressures Without Increased Investment

FY 2025-26 HHAP Budget



In this fiscal year, **\$400M** in HHAP funds were requested, with **only a third** of projects being awarded.

FY 2026-27 HHAP Budget (If Funding Is Flat)



Without a substantial budget increase, the HHAP RFP grows more **competitive** and many projects remain **idle**.

**With 4% construction cost increase*

Case Study: Dansville Apartments, Livingston County

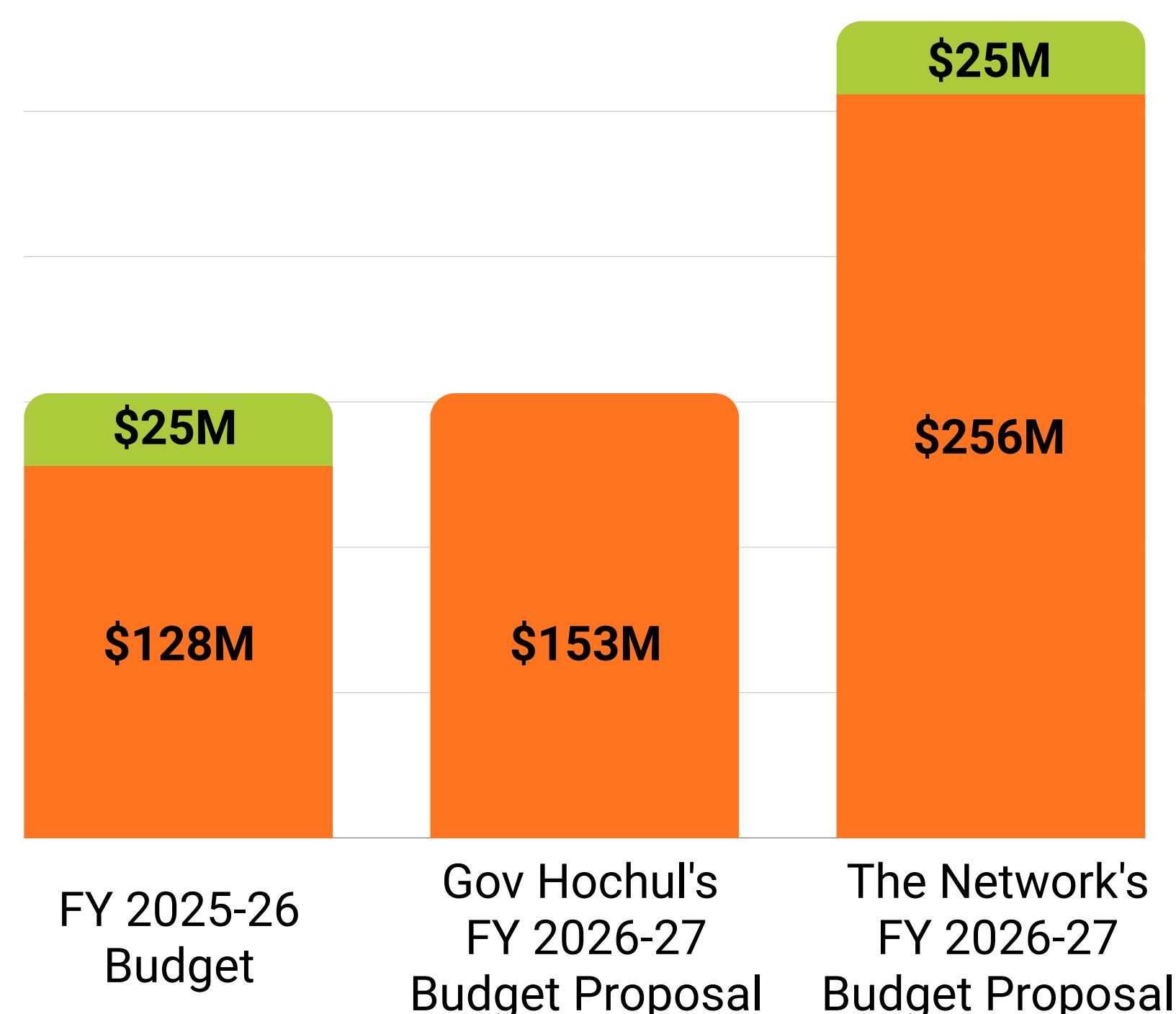
Seven projects are currently waitlisted due to **lack of HHAP funds**, indefinitely **delaying the construction of 772 housing units**, including 247 units through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative. One such story:



- A combined historic rehabilitation and new construction project serving **seniors and people with mental health challenges** developed by DePaul.
- Livingston County is an **underserved rural county** where **homelessness has increased by 38%** and reports of **people experiencing mental illness have increased by 905%** in the past **three years**.

HHAP Budget Scenarios

● Regular Allocation ● Stabilization Funds



In response to the growing demand, **doubling HHAP funds \$256M** will allow for more projects **on the waitlist** or that **previously did not receive awards**, in addition to **new requests**, to be funded. An **annual \$25M set-aside** can continue to fund **critical preservation and renovation needs**.

