

The Supportive Housing Network of New York (the Network) Released the Following Statement in Response to the New York City FY'25 Adopted Budget:

We applaud the City Council and the Adams administration for implementing much-needed supportive housing measures in the adopted budget. The Network strongly advocated for these additions and initiatives, and we believe they will protect existing units and help develop more to the benefit of vulnerable New Yorkers across the five boroughs.

Overall, the budget allocates \$2 billion for developing and preserving affordable and supportive housing. This includes \$128 million over FY25 and FY26 specifically for additional congregate supportive housing. A portion of these funds will be directed towards new capital under NYC 15/15, which is in keeping with the Network's NYC 15/15 Reallocation Plan. This plan urges the City to prioritize congregate development over scattered site housing due to the latter's ongoing failure to meet production goals.

Additionally, the \$6.4 million provided to expand Justice Involved Supportive Housing (JISH) will facilitate 500 additional units of supportive housing for individuals released from Rikers Island. The 92% increase – in part due to a boost in federal funding – for the Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) budget is also welcome, as this will ensure sufficient staffing for NYC 15/15 and rental assistance administration.

In a long-overdue decision, the adopted budget also allocated \$741 million to provide City-contracted human services workers with more than a 9% wage increase over the next three years to account for cost-of-living-adjustments. The Network, along with many partners across the social services and supportive housing sectors, has long pushed for fair compensation for our essential workforce to help stem an ongoing labor shortage.

We expect this funding to meaningfully impact the supportive housing movement, more work needs to be done to ensure our members can continue to provide high-quality housing and services to New Yorkers in need.

We look forward to collaborating with the Council, the Adams administration, and our nonprofit partners on behalf of tenants and providers in the coming months.