

THE NETWORK: 2026 PRIORITIES



FEDERAL PRIORITY

Continuum of Care (CoC)

New York State receives \$326.6 million annually through the federal CoC program, which provides housing for approximately 14,000 households statewide. The federal administration has made drastic and chaotic attempts to reshape the program and defund permanent housing options, including supportive housing (SH). With ongoing litigation led by New York Attorney General James and a constant stream of new federal policy directives, much uncertainty remains for providers and tenants alike. The State must continue to closely monitor the federal threats and proactively strengthen its own portfolio of state-funded SH to protect New Yorkers from federal cuts.

SFY 2026-2027 BUDGET PRIORITIES

New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP)

- Invest \$62.1M to protect nearly 10,000 SH homes at risk statewide.
- Transition to streamlined, automatic contract renewals to ensure service continuity and reduce unnecessary administrative burden.
- Allow funding flexibility across services and operations—bringing NYSSHP in line with other SH programs to ensure program stability and effectiveness.

Homeless Housing Assistance Program (HHAP)

- Increase total HHAP funding to \$281 million to cover regular allocation and stabilization funds:
 1. Double HHAP from \$128M to \$256M, creating nearly 1,000 more units of affordable and SH annually.
 2. Continue the \$25M supportive housing stabilization fund to preserve and stabilize at-risk projects.

Just Pay

- Fund a 2.7% Targeted Inflationary Increase across all State human services contracts to ensure nonprofit providers can keep pace with rising costs. This investment aligns contract funding with current economic realities and helps to sustain the human services workforce.

Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI)

Invest \$82M to bring all existing ESSHI programs (currently funded at an average of \$25K/unit) up to parity with rates for programs opening in 2027 and beyond (\$31K/unit and \$34K/unit in NYC metro area).

HIV Housing For All

Include budget language empowering social service districts outside NYC to house people with HIV experiencing homelessness or housing instability.

Behavioral Health Supportive Housing

Support \$71M in the Governor's budget to increase rates for existing supportive housing through OMH and OASAS.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Rise Up Campaign: Homeless Protection Act (A.1565/S.5816) / Homeless Non-Discrimination Act (A.8913/S.8444)

A two-part bill package that expands protections for unhoused communities grounded in the leadership from people with the lived experience of homelessness.

Daniel's Law (S.3670/A.4617)

Honoring the life of Daniel Prude, create a statewide emergency crisis response system to improve responses to mental health, substance use, and alcohol-related crises by prioritizing public health-based, community-led approaches and trained peers mental health processions over law enforcement involvement

SLEEP Act (A.5452)

Prohibit fines, penalties and imprisonment for sleeping or camping in public spaces.

Faith-Based Affordable Housing Act (S3397A/A3647):

Empower religious organizations across New York to develop mixed-income and 100% affordable housing on their land, unlocking underutilized sites to address the housing crisis.