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NYC Discretionary Funding:
Should you apply? And if so, how?

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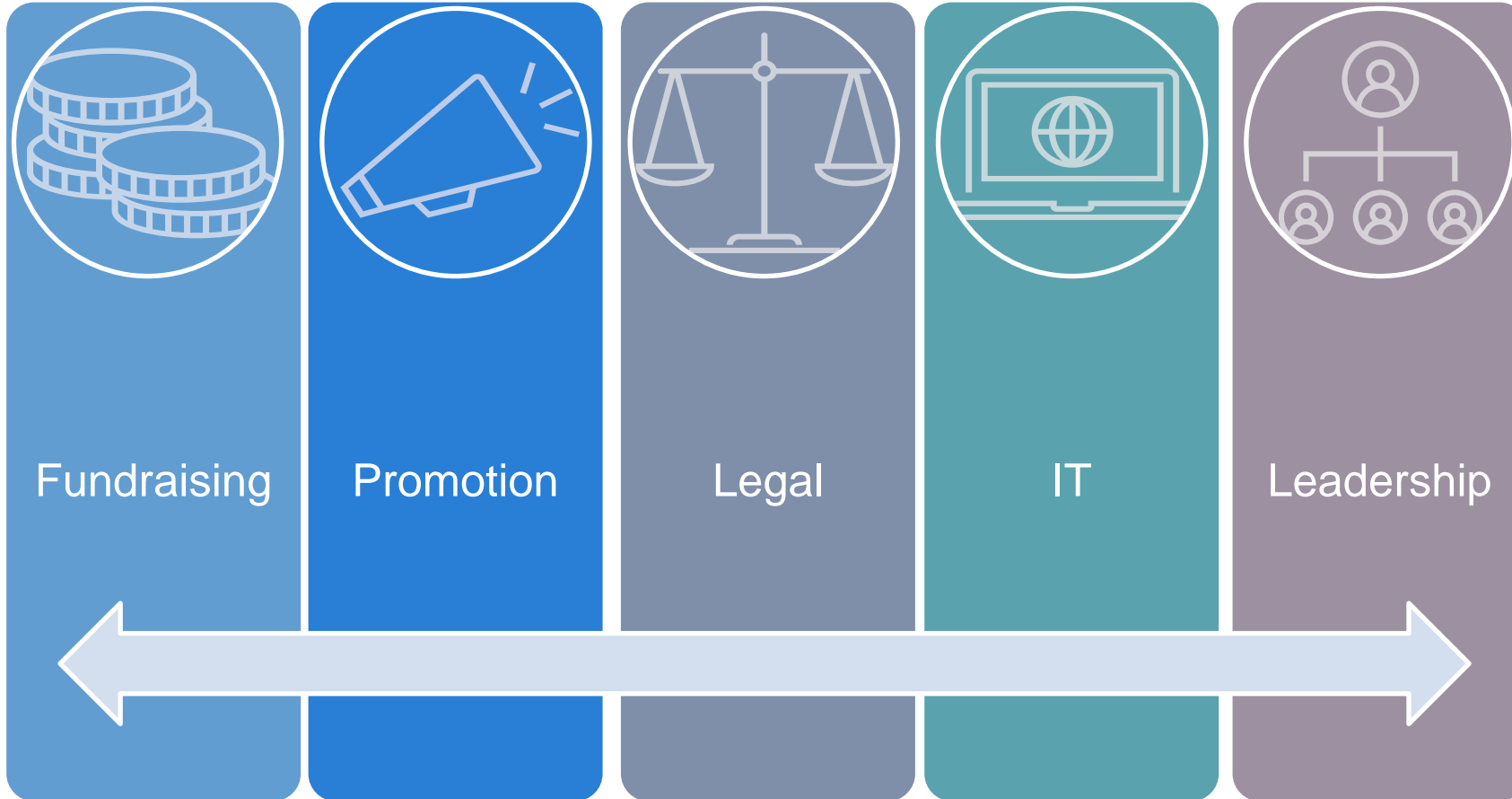
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WHAT IS NYC DISCRETIONARY EXPENSE FUNDING?

Duly appropriated sum of money in the City's expense budget allocated to **eligible not-for-profit organizations** by the Council or a Council Member, under section 1-02(e) of the Procurement Policy Board (PPB) rules.



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Each year, Council Members allocate discretionary funds to not-for-profit organizations to meet local needs and fill gaps in City agency services. Thus, discretionary spending is a critical tool in meeting the needs of our communities.

Discretionary Funding Policies and Procedures

New York City Council

Unlike competitively awarded Agency contracts, discretionary funding contracts are awarded for a single fiscal year.

Member Local Initiatives: Each Member and Borough Delegation receives and allocates an annual amount of discretionary funds, known as “local initiatives,” to meet the needs of their district, and Borough. Various factors including local needs, the Member’s request, and other considerations determine the allocation amount.

City Council Local Initiatives: Organizations may apply for funding directly to the Speaker, or Members may request that the Speaker fund an organization whose scope of services exceeds their individual ability to fund or serves a larger geographical area. This is often referred to as the “Speaker’s list.”

Member Aging Discretionary Funds: Each Member receives an annual amount to fund senior services in his or her district through the Department for the Aging.

Member Youth Discretionary Funds: Each Member receives an annual amount for the provision of services for youth or community development through the Department of Youth and Community Development. For youth programs, services may only be provided outside of school hours.



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Member Community Safety and Victim Services Initiative: Council Members receive an annual amount to provide programming and services that promote community/public safety and awareness. As well as to promote community fellowship, civic engagement and improved relations between law enforcement and the neighborhood.

Citywide Initiatives: The Council may also initiate programs to address community needs that it feels are not adequately met by existing agency programming, or to extend the reach of agency programs to underserved communities or populations. In most cases, the Council provides funding to specific not-for-profit providers. These initiatives are usually citywide in scope, although they may focus on high-need communities or populations. The method of allocating funding varies by initiative and is at the discretion of the Council.



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EXAMPLES

- Food distribution and hot meals programs
- Affordable, accessible mental health
- Recreational and cultural activities
- Youth programming: sports activities, educational classes and Workforce Readiness Assistance
- Community legal assistance
- Housing Justice, Immigration, and Civic Engagement programs and services
- Services to older adults including retired and senior volunteer programs
- Health Promotion Services



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Eligibility



Discretionary funding is allocated **only** to not-for-profit, community-based social service providers and cultural organizations.

Eligibility criteria:

- not-for-profit incorporation;
- current registration with the New York State Attorney General's Charities Bureau (unless exempt); and
- valid Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN).



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- Not-For-Profit Business Records Searches
- News article searches
- Potential conflicts of interest
- Tax Warrant database searches
- Not-for-profit entity status;
- Compliance with State Charity registration requirements or certification that the organization is exempt from the registration requirements;
- Active Federal Employer Identification Number (EIN) from the IRS;
- Current IRS tax exempt status;
- Past evaluations of contract performance; and
- Review of organizations' use and public purpose of funds.



Fiscal Year 2026 Discretionary Funding Expense Application Filing Period

Please be advised that all not-for-profit community-based organizations that wish to apply for discretionary funding for FY2026 must submit a Council Application. The FY2026 application will be posted on the Council's website at this location on **Monday, January 6th, 2025** and the submission deadline will be on **Wednesday, February 19th, 2025**.

[Apply for FY2026 Discretionary Funding](#)

[Access Submitted and In-Progress Applications](#)

DUE Wednesday, February 19th, 2025



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New York City Council Discretionary Funding Application

Please Sign In

- If you have an account, please log in using your E-mail Address and Password.
- First time users, please click on the "New Applicant" button found below.
- If you would like to make changes to a previously submitted application you may do so by clicking on the link provided in the system generated email that you have received after the application was submitted.

E-mail

New Applicant?

Password

Forgot Password?

Login

<https://council.nyc.gov/budget/>



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New Applicant?

An account allows you to access your saved and submitted applications at any time. It also allows us to send you a submission confirmation e-mail and notify you if additional information is necessary to process your application.

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Password (must contain at least 12 characters, with at least three of the following character types: Lower case, Upper case, Numeric, Special)

Confirm Password

Continue

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- 1 Instructions
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- 3 Request Details
- 4 Participation
- 5 Acknowledgement and Attachments
- 6 Review My Application

Instructions

[Printer Friendly Version](#) | [E-mail Draft](#)

* Required before final submission

Instructions:

This application must be completed by an officer or employee of the organization applying for discretionary funding. All requests for funding must be submitted and will only be accepted through the Blackbaud portal. All sections of the application are mandatory unless otherwise noted. Applications should be accurate and complete. Please keep a copy of the completed application for the organization's records

Person(s) completing the application must be authorized by the entity, and have a comprehensive understanding of the organization in order to fully, truthfully and accurately complete the form(s).

All requests for discretionary funding submitted to New York City Council are considered public documents.



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APPLICATION CHECKLIST

1. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN or EIN)
2. NYS Charities Bureau Registration Number
3. Annual Organization Operating Budget
4. Information/Documentation concerning inquiries, monitorships, government investigations, corrective action plans or audits (other than routine annual audit).
5. Organization's staffing information.
6. Program staffing information.
7. Certificate of incorporation (if incorporated on or after July 1, 2023)
8. List of Board Members and High/Executive Level Employees
9. Apply for Pre-Qualification in PASSPort



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Request Details

* Required before final submission

Funding Information

* Amount Requested

Minimum Award is \$5,000

Contracting Agency

<None> ▼

* Is the organization seeking funding related to Speaker Initiatives and/or City-Wide Initiatives

Speaker Initiatives and/or City-Wide Initiatives List

Please choose up to 10

No Selection / Not Applicable ▼

<None> ▼

<None> ▼

<None> ▼

<None> ▼

<None> ▼

<None> ▼



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Contracting Agency

- <None> ▾
- <None>
- Mayor
- MNBP
- BXBP
- BKBP
- QNBP
- SIBP
- OEM
- NYPL-R
- NYPL
- BPL
- QBPL
- DOE
- CUNY
- NYPD
- FDNY
- ACS
- DSS/HRA
- DHS
- MOCJ

Contracting Agency

- <None> ▾
- MOCJ
- NYCHA
- DFTA
- DCLA
- DYCD
- DOP
- SBS
- HPD
- DHMH
- HHC
- DSNY
- DOT
- DPR**
- DCAS
- DANY
- DABX
- DABK
- DAQN
- OSNP
- PANY

Contracting Agency

- <None> ▾
- HPD
- DHMH
- HHC
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- PABX
- PABK
- PAQN
- PASI
- DASI
- DOITT
- DCWP



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NYC Agency Acronyms

MNBP	Manhattan Borough President
BXBP	Bronx Borough President
BKBP	Brooklyn Borough President
QNBP	Queens Borough President
SIBP	Staten Island Borough President
OEM	Office of Emergency Management
NYPL-R	New York Public Library, Rare Book and Manuscript Division
NYPL	New York Public Library
BPL	Brooklyn Public Library
QBPL	Queens Public Library
DOE	Department of Education
CUNY	The City University of New York
NYPD	New York Police Department
FDNY	New York City Fire Department
ACS	Administration for Children's Services
DSS/HRA	Department of Social Services / The Human Resources Administration
DHS	Department of Homeless Services
MOCJ	Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice
NYCHA	New York City Housing Authority
DFTA	Department for the Aging
DCLA	Department of Cultural Affairs
DYCD	Department of Youth and Community Development
DOP	Department of Probation
SBS	Small Business Services
HPD	Housing Preservation and Development
DOHMH	Dept. of Health and Mental Hygiene
HHC	Health + Hospitals
DSNY	Department of Sanitation
DOT	Department of Transportation
DPR	Department of Parks and Recreation
DCAS	Department of Citywide Services
DANY	Manhattan District Attorney's Office
DABX	Bronx District Attorney's Office
DABK	Brooklyn District Attorney's Office
DAQN	Queens District Attorney's Office
OSNP	Special Narcotics Prosecutor's Office
PANY	Public Advocate New York (Manhattan)
PABX	Public Advocate Bronx
PABK	Public Advocate Brooklyn
PAQN	Public Advocate Queens
PASI	Public Advocate Staten Island
DASI	Staten Island District Attorney's Office
DOITT	Office of Technology and Innovation
DCWP	Department of Consumer and Worker Protection



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Speaker Initiatives and/or City-Wide Initiatives List

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No Selection / Not Applicable

<None>

No Selection / Not Applicable

A Greener NYC

AAPI Community Support

Abortion Access Fund

Access Health Initiative

Access to Critical Services for Older Adults

Access to Healthy Food and Nutritional Education

Adult Literacy Initiative

Adult Literacy Pilot Project

Afterschool Enrichment Initiative

Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI's)

Art a Catalyst for Change

Autism Awareness

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of New York City

Borough Presidents' Discretionary Funding Restoratio

Cancer Services

Care Workers For Our Future

Case Management

Chamber on the Go and Small Business Assistance

Child Health and Wellness

Children and Families in NYC Homeless System

Children Under Five

City's First Readers

Citywide Homeless Prevention Fund

Citywide Young Adult Entrepreneurship Program Initiative

Civic Education in New York City Schools

Coalition Theaters of Color

College and Career Readiness

Communities of Color Nonprofit Stabilization Fund

Community Composting

Community Development Financial Institutions

Community Housing Preservation Strategies

Community Interpreter Bank

Community Land Trust

Community Schools

COMPASS

Confronting Religious and Ethnic Discrimination at CUNY

Construction Site Safety Training

Court-Involved Youth Mental Health Initiative



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Create New Technology Incubators
Creative Arts Team
Crisis Management System
Cultural After-School Adventure (CASA)
Cultural Immigrant Initiative
CUNY Childcare Expansion
CUNY Citizenship NOW! Program
CUNY Research Institutes
CUNY School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU) - (formerly Joseph S. Murphy Institute Center for Worker Education)
CUNY Social Worker Fellows
Cure Hate Initiative
Day Laborer Workforce Initiative
Dedicated Contraceptive Fund
Developmental, Psychological and Behavioral Health Services
Digital Inclusion and Literacy Initiative
Discharge Planning
Diversion Programs
Diversity, Inclusion & Equity in Tech Initiative
Domestic Violence and Empowerment (DoVE) Initiative
Domestic Worker and Employer Empowerment Initiative



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Education Equity Action Plan

Educational Programs for Students
Elder Abuse Prevention Programs
Elie Wiesel Holocaust Survivors
Ending the Epidemic
Estate Planning and Resolution Initiative (EPAR)
Family Advocacy and Guardianship Support
Financial Empowerment for NYC's Renters
Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Brooklyn Public Library
Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: New York Public Library
Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Queens Borough Public Library
Fiscal 2026 Subsidy: Research Library
Five Borough Chamber Alliance
Food Access and Benefits
Food Pantries
Foreclosure Prevention Programs
Ghetto Film School Accelerator Program Model
Green Jobs Corps Program
Hate Crimes Prevention
HIV/AIDS Faith Based Initiative

Home Loan Program
Homeless Prevention Services for Veterans
Housing Court Answers
Housing Information Project
HRA Teen RAPP
Immigrant Health Initiative
Immigrant Opportunities Initiative
Information and Referral Services
Initiative for Immigrant Survivors of Domestic Violence
Initiative to Combat Sexual Assault
Innovative Criminal Justice Programs
Jill Chaifetz Helpline
Job Placement for Veterans
Job Training and Placement Initiative
Key to the City
Language Services Worker Cooperatives
Legal Information and Support for Families
Legal Services for Low-Income Immigrants
Legal Services for Low-Income New Yorkers
Legal Services for the Working Poor



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Legal Services for Veterans
LGBTQIA+ Community Services
LGBTQIA+ Inclusive Curriculum
LGBTQIA+ Older Adult Services in Every Borough
LGBTQIA+ Youth All-Borough Mental Health
Low Wage Worker Support
Made in NYC
Maternal and Child Health Services
MCCAP Initiative
Mental Health Clubhouses
Mental Health Services for Veterans
Mental Health Services for Vulnerable Populations
Mental Health Workforce Retention and Development Initiative
MWBE Leadership Associations
Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC)
Neighborhood Development Grant Initiative
New Initiative
New York Immigrant Family Unity Project
NYC Cleanup
Older Adult Clubs for Immigrant Populations

Older Adult Clubs for Immigrant Populations
Older Adult Clubs, Programs, and Enhancements
Older Adults Mental Health
Opioid Prevention and Treatment
Parks Equity Initiative
Peter F. Vallone Academic Scholarship
Physical Education and Fitness
Prevent Sexual Assault (PSA) Initiative for Young Adults
Pride At Work
Prisoners' Rights Project
Reproductive and Sexual Health Services
Social Adult Day Care
Social and Emotional Supports for Students
Speaker's Initiative
Sports Training and Rolemodels for Success (STARS) Initiative
Stabilizing NYC
Step In and Stop It Initiative to Address Bystander Intervention
Substance Abuse Prevention and Intervention Specialists
SU-CASA
Support for Arts Instruction

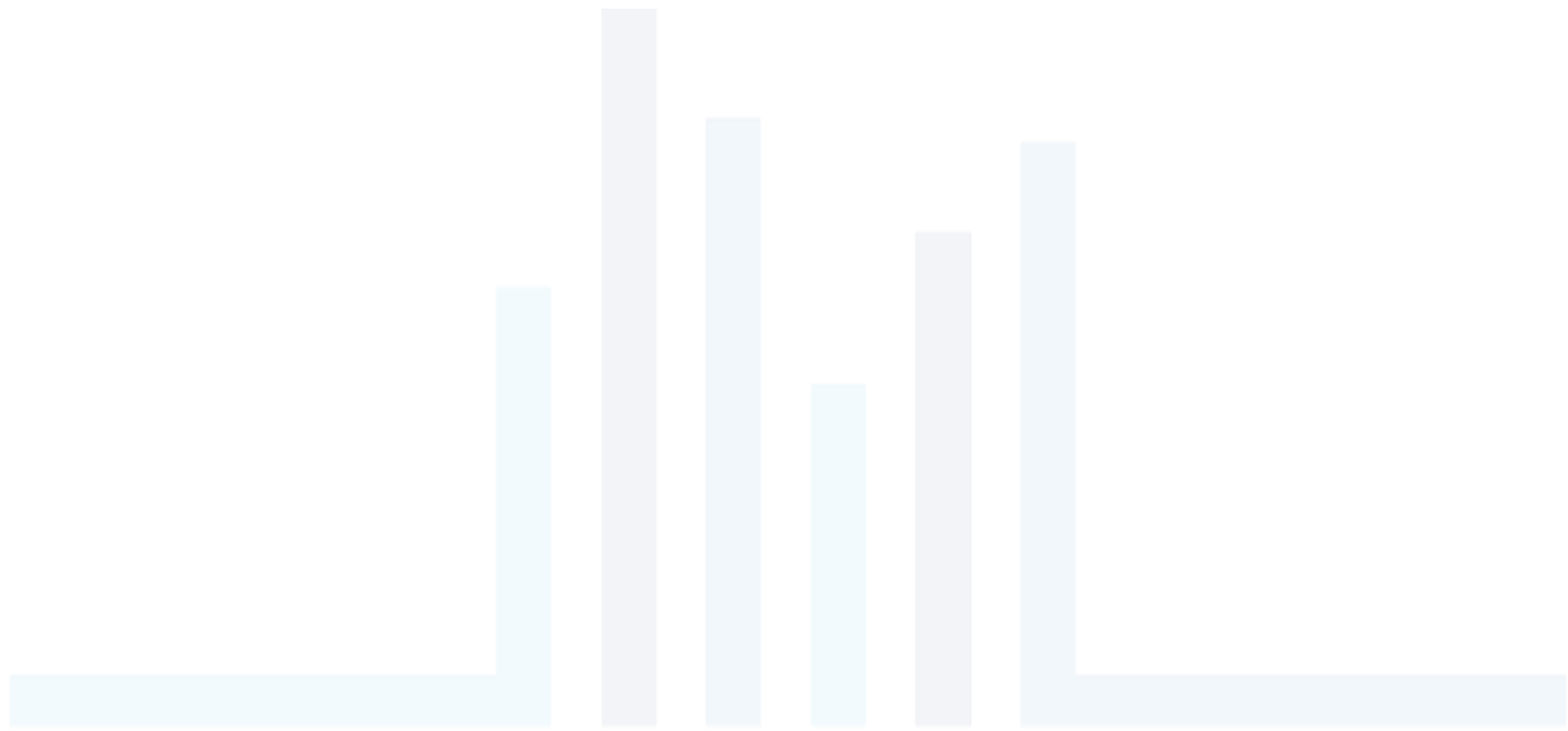
Support for Educators
Support for Immigrant and Women Workers
Support for Persons Involved in the Sex Trade
Support for Victims of Human Trafficking
Support Our Older Adults
Supportive Alternatives to Violent Encounters (SAVE)
Trans Equity Programs
Trauma Recovery Centers
Unaccompanied Minor Children and Families
Veteran Resource Centers
Veterans Community Development
Viral Hepatitis Prevention
Welcome NYC
Work-Based Learning Internships
Worker Cooperative Business Development Initiative
Wrap-Around Support for Traditional-Aged Foster Youth
Young Women's Leadership Development
YouthBuild Project Initiative



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* Council Member

- Abreu
- Adams
- Ariola
- Aviles
- Ayala
- Banks
- BLAC Caucus
- Borelli
- Bottcher
- Brannan
- Brewer
- Bronx Delegation
- Brooklyn Delegation
- Brooks-Powers
- Caban
- Carr
- De La Rosa
- Dinowitz
- Farias
- Feliz
- Gennaro
- Gutierrez
- Hanif
- Hanks
- Holden
- Hudson
- Irish Caucus
- Jewish Caucus
- Joseph
- Krishnan
- Lee
- LGBTQIA+ Caucus
- Louis
- Manhattan Delegation
- Marmorato
- Marte
- Mealy
- Menin
- Moya
- Narcisse
- Nurse
- Osse
- Paladino
- Powers
- Progressive Caucus
- Queens Delegation
- Restler
- Riley
- Rivera
- Salaam
- Salamanca
- Sanchez
- Schulman
- Staten Island Delegation
- Stevens
- Ung
- Vernikov
- Williams
- Women's Caucus
- Won
- Zhuang
- Council District 44




Purpose and Use of Funds

* Please provide mission statement of the organization.

* What program/service is the funding being requested for?

* Please describe the program/service that will be receiving the allocation?
Include a description on how the requested funds will be used.

* When will the program operate 
Please list days/times of program/service.

* Please provide physical location(s) of program/service.



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 Conflicts of Interest Disclosure

Legal Name of Organization _____

Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN/EIN) _____

POSSIBLE CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH CITY ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THEIR ASSOCIATES

Report personal and financial relationships between all City Elected Officials, persons or firms associated with the City Elected Official, and the organization and its staff that could give rise to an actual conflict of interest or the appearance of a possible conflict of interest.

City Elected Official: Ch.88, S.2801(10)

- New York City Mayor, Comptroller, Public Advocate, Borough President or Council Member

**Associated* Person or Firm: Ch88, S. 2801.5*

- Spouse, Domestic Partner, Child, Parent, Sibling of a City Elected Official:
- Person with whom the public servant has a business or other financial relationship
- Firms in which the City Elected Official has a present or potential interest
- Employees of the Sponsoring Council Member and / or Spouse, Domestic Partner, Child, Parent, Sibling of Such Employees

Connection to Organization Including:

- Organization's Employee, Board Member, Director, Trustee, Officer or Consultant of the organization
 - Persons with a direct or indirect financial interest in the organization
- Persons who have received or will receive any direct or indirect financial benefit from the organization or from this funding

Attach additional sheets as needed.

This MUST be signed and sent in even if you have no conflicts to disclose.

	Name, Title, Position of City Official or Associated Person	Name, Title, Position and Relationship of Person with Organization
	Sample Disclosure: <i>Council Member Chris Marks</i>	Sample Disclosure: <i>Council Member Marks serves on our board of directors</i>
	Sample Disclosure: <i>Carol Smith, Council Member Marks' Chief of Staff</i>	Sample Disclosure: <i>Carol Smith, Chief of Staff to Council Member Marks, is one of our paid consultants</i>
	Sample Disclosure: <i>Jake Jock, Council Member Marks' Deputy Chief of Staff</i>	Sample Disclosure: <i>Jake Jock's son owns the business that supplied equipment to a baseball team that we sponsored</i>
1		
2		
3		

Authorized Official: _____
 Signature Date

 Print Name Title



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Fiscal Year 2026

CERTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT AND APPLICATION COMPLETENESS

I certify that:

- I am authorized by the organization seeking funding to complete and submit this request for funding on behalf of the organization;*
- I took reasonable steps to make sure that the information on this form is complete, true and accurate.*

I understand that it is a crime to knowingly submit a request for funding that contains or may contain false information. I understand that violators are subject to prosecution.

Authorized Official: Signature

Date

Authorized Official: Print Name

Title

Legal Name of Organization

Federal Employee Identification Number (FEIN/EIN)

Sworn to before me this _____ day of _____, 20____

Notary Public



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Engage Council Members

- City Council Highly Recommends
 - Confirm there is no additional supplemental forms requested by the Council Members office
 - Council Members want to see Organizational/Internal Capacity. Keep program/service delivery subcontract to a minimum
 - Funds are Reimbursement Based!
 - Engage with your Councilmember (all year)
 - Invite to site!!
 - Request a Conference Call if no meeting available
 - Email brochure of (or info about) services
 - Add them to your mailing (e-newsletter list)



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ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & TIMELINE

February 19, 2025
Applications
Due

July 1, 2025
NYC Fiscal Year
Begins

July / August
Notice of Funding
Awards

August—October
Respond to Award
Tasks in PASSPort

Attend MOCS
training as
necessary

Register
Contract

Start
Your
Work

Complete
Expenditure
Forms

Get
Paid



ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY & TIMELINE

Remember this is a
reimbursement grant!

Does your organization have the staffing and
financial resources to manage?



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Q&A

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