



# 2017

# Budget Priority

## U.S. CENSUS BUREAU LOCAL UPDATE OF CENSUS ADDRESSES (LUCA) PROGRAM

### PROBLEM

The U.S. Census Bureau's Local Update of Census Addresses Program (LUCA) is the only opportunity offered to tribal, state, and local governments to review and comment on the U.S. Census Bureau's residential address list for their jurisdiction prior to the 2020 Census.

The Census Bureau relies on a complete and accurate address list to reach all living quarters and associated population for inclusion in the census. Participating in LUCA helps ensure an accurate decennial census count in communities across New York State. The Decennial census count helps the federal government distribute more than \$400 billion in funds annually for infrastructure, programs, and services and helps communities plan for future needs and deal with population based programs.

The decennial population counts affect state and federal congressional representation and redistricting. It is vitally important that counties and local governments have access to funding to participate in the update.

### 2017 EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL

Not included in the 2017 Executive Budget Proposal or either one house budget proposal.

### COUNTY SOLUTION

Counties support efforts to allocate New York State resources, including \$1.25 million in funding to Regions, Counties and Municipalities that want to take part in the U.S. Census Bureau Local Update of Census Addresses Program, and calls on Governor Cuomo and state leadership to commit to prioritizing local efforts for the local revision of the Census Master Address File and the Local Update of Census Addresses Program. Having an accurate population count is critically important for New York State's receipt of federal funds.

*For more information on the county position regarding this issue, visit [www.nysac.org/intergovernment](http://www.nysac.org/intergovernment) or call 518-465-1473 to speak to Dave Lucas, Director of Finance and Intergovernmental Relations.*