

# SFY 2026 State Budget

## Comparison of County Priorities in Executive, Assembly and Senate Budget Proposals



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**SFY 26 Executive Budget  
County Impact Request for the Enacted Budget**

## **Introduction**

On January 21<sup>st</sup>, Governor Kathy Hochul unveiled her proposed budget for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026. In response to this proposal, this week the State Senate and Assembly released their “one-house” budget requests.

This report compares key county priorities across the Executive, Assembly and Senate budget proposals and reiterates county requests for inclusion in the final enacted SFY 26 State Budget.

The first section analyzes the State Operations, Legislative and Judiciary, Aid to Localities, and Capitol Projects appropriations bills. The second section analyzes Article VII language contained in the budget.

We encourage the state legislature to use this document as a tool for negotiating the final budget and to ensure as many county budget priorities as possible are included in the enacted spending plan.

Proposal	Description	Executive	Assembly	Senate	County Request	Source
<b>Aging</b>						
Aging Services Waitlists	Increases funding for aging services to solve for waitlists.	\$53 M	\$53 M	\$63 M	Ensure funding is included in the SFY 26 Enacted Budget to meet the unmet need.	Aid to Localities (10716)
Senior Transportation Services	Increases funding for senior transportation services.	\$500k	\$500k	\$500k	Ensure the Enacted Budget <b>has \$1.5 million</b> dedicated to senior transportation.	Aid to Localities (10742)
<b>Economic Development and Housing</b>						
Downtown Revitalization	Includes language to allow a portion of funds to go to communities impacted by prison closures.	\$200 M + language	\$200 M + language	\$200 M + language	Include the exact language contained within the executive, senate and assembly budget bills.	Capital Projects, (19CP2509 51275)
County Partnerships Program	A second year of funding for the County Partnerships Grant Program.	\$50 M	\$50 M	\$50 M	Counties request the <b>Enacted Budget include \$100 million for the county partnerships program.</b> At a minimum, the state must ensure parity between this program and the temporary municipal assistance program that only benefits towns, cities and villages.	Capital Projects (91812509 58046)
Tourism Promotion Matching Grants	Appropriation for local tourism promotion matching grants.	\$2.45 M	\$3.45 M	\$5 M	Increase the state match on tourism promotion grants to \$5 million as included in the Senate's one-house budget proposal.	Aid to Localities (21417)

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<b>Elections</b>						
Election Administration	Funding to support county administration of federal, state, and local elections.	\$5 M for pre-paid postage for ballots but no assistance for ongoing operating and capital costs associated with election administration.	\$2.5 M for election administration	\$10 M for election administration	Counties request \$20 million in funding for local election administration and \$20 million in funding for local election capital equipment in addition to the \$5 million for pre-paid postage of ballots.	Aid to Localities (23504)
<b>General Government</b>						
Preserve the Local Medicaid Cap	Assumes the continuation of the local cap on Medicaid costs through the Financial Plan period.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Continue to preserve the state-local Medicaid Cap.	
Washington County	Financial offset for the Great Meadows Correctional Facility	No	No	No	Provide \$40 million in capital grant funding for Washington County to help with economic loss due to the closure of Great Meadows Correctional Facility.	Aid to Localities
<b>Environment</b>						
Clean Water Infrastructure Act (CWIA)	Appropriation for local water infrastructure projects.	\$500 M	\$600 M – adds \$100 M for lead drinking water service line replacement; requires \$15 million be allocated for reimbursement for PFAS treatment systems for private wells (S.3972).	\$600 M – adds \$100 M for lead service line replacement	Maintain or increase CWIA funding.	Capital Projects (25722)

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Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)	Supports projects that mitigate the effects of climate change, improve agricultural resources, protect water sources, advance conservation efforts, and provide recreational opportunities.	\$400 M	\$500 M	\$500 M	Increase funding for the EPF to \$500M and accept the Senate's proposal to increase the suballocation for food donation and food scraps recycling to \$6M.	Capital Projects (30455)
Sustainable Future Program	Funding for climate mitigation and adaptation projects, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution, decarbonizing and retrofitting buildings, creating and utilizing renewable energy, and advancing clean transportation initiatives.	\$1 B	\$1 B – specifies how funds would be distributed	\$1 B – stipulates that funding is subject to a plan submitted by the Legislature and approved by DOB	Dedicate a portion of the Sustainable Future Program funding specifically to support local government climate initiatives.	Capital Projects (SFEC25SD)
Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) Monitoring	Expands state assistance for monitoring HABs.		\$12.5 M	\$12.5 M	Add \$12.5 million for monitoring and prevention program	Capital Projects

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Child Welfare Match Increase	Increases the state child welfare match from 62 to 65%.	No	No	\$35 M	Provide counties with additional financial relief by increasing the state child welfare match from 62 to 65%.	Aid to Localities
<b>Transportation</b>						
Local Highway & Bridge Funding	Funding for local roads, bridges, and transportation infrastructure.	\$637.8 M	\$637.8 M	\$773.1 M	Counties request the Enacted Budget include an additional \$250 million in CHIPS, Marchiselli and Bridge NY aid.	Capital Projects (54265, 54267)
<b>Veterans</b>						
Joseph P. Dwyer Funds	Funding for Joseph P. Dwyer funds, which is flat funding from the SFY 25 Enacted Budget.	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	\$2.38 M for county veterans' services agencies + \$8.023 M for Joseph P. Dwyer funds	Increase state funding to county veterans' service agencies to a minimum of \$50,000. Increase the base aid for Joseph P. Dwyer grants to \$185,000 per county.	Aid to Localities (54608, 37001)