



FY27 CITY BUDGET PRIORITIES

ASK 1: \$100 MILLION BASELINE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY FOOD CONNECTION (CFC)

- CFC is NYC's primary baseline investment in direct community food assistance, administered by DSS/HRA.
- Supplies nutritious, fresh food to nearly 700 food programs across all five boroughs.
- Gives pantries of all sizes the flexibility to meet community needs and respond quickly to emergencies.
- Without baseline growth, providers will be forced to reduce distributions or the number of families they serve.
- Investment now prevents long-term costs: diet-related illness costs New York State an estimated \$9B annually.

ASK 2: SUPPORT SNAP ADMINISTRATION AND THE HRA WORKFORCE

- Federal cuts threaten over \$110M annually in NYC SNAP administrative funding beginning October 2026.
- Funding is critical for timely application processing and connecting seniors and non-English-speaking households.
- Every 1% improvement in SNAP participation generates ~\$1.50 in economic activity for every \$1 of SNAP spent.

ASK 3: CONTINUE FUNDING THE FOOD ASSISTANCE NETWORK THROUGH NYC COUNCIL INITIATIVES

- Food Pantry Initiative provides front-line direct food assistance across all five boroughs.
- Food Access and Benefits Initiative provides support for SNAP outreach and access.
- Feeding Our Communities provides essential support for community-based organizations.

ASK 4: FUND PROGRAMS THAT EXPAND FOOD ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY

- Get the Good Stuff & Health Bucks — nutrition incentive matching programs for SNAP households.
- Groceries to Go — nutritious food for vulnerable communities not eligible for other assistance.
- These programs reduce avoidable hospital admissions and improve outcomes for diet-related chronic disease.

NEW YORK CITY MUST ACT

The affordability crisis is worsening, the safety net is facing historic federal cuts, and the City's food assistance network is already at capacity. The FY27 Budget is a critical opportunity to protect New Yorkers from food insecurity.