



**May 2025**

**Support CUNY. Our students need \$100 million in operating funding over the executive budget and \$374.3 million in capital.**

**CUNY after Restorations - Bring Back Faculty and Staff; Protect Vital Grant Funded Programs Hire faculty and bridge gap created by cancelled federal research funding. \$54.3 million**

Between 2019 and 2024, CUNY lost 703 civilian and pedagogical positions, nearly 500 at community colleges. These losses were a direct result of Mayor Adam's successive PEG cuts.

The recent restoration of these cuts means that CUNY's community colleges will receive \$96 million in operating money plus \$30 million for ASAP, ACE, and the Brooklyn Recovery Corps at Medgar Evers College. We thank the Council for its support, which made these long overdue restorations possible. This year, we must put lost positions back on the books and begin hiring. As the primary funder of our community colleges, we need your help.

- 1. Reach out to CUNY administration and ask them to use funding restored by Mayor Adams to rehire faculty and staff.**
- 2. Provide bridge funding to help support work that has lost federal research dollars (\$26 million).**
- 3. Support CUNY's need for an additional \$13.3 million for faculty salaries and fringe and support new, full-time hiring on professorial lines in the growth fields of Advanced Manufacturing, Technology, Cybersecurity, Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, Nursing and Allied Health, Green and Renewable Energy, and Teaching so that the Opportunity Promise Scholarship can be successfully enacted (\$15 million) (Total \$28.3 million).**

**Reconnect and Advise to Move Toward ASAP for All – Expand CUNY Reconnect, Advising, ACE, and ASAP. \$29.2 million**

**Reconnect** works! Reconnect has brought back over 47,000 students since its inception. We applaud the Council's request to baseline Reconnect (\$8.8 million) and expand the program (\$2.9 million). (\$11.7 million total.)

**Advising** improves graduation rates. Support a more diverse and culturally responsive pool of academic and career advisors (\$2.9 million).

**ACE:** Expand ACE - the senior college version of ASAP. ACE is a new program and

according to CUNY, “The most recent ACE freshmen cohort admitted to John Jay College realized a four-year graduation rate of 60 percent vs. 41 percent for a matched comparison group of non-ACE students, and the first transfer cohort at Lehman College realized a two-year graduation rate of 61 percent vs. 30 percent for a matched comparison group of non-ACE students” (\$9.1 million).

**ASAP:** In an ASAP-for-all model, all community college students receive the academic and wrap-around support provided by CUNY’s most successful community college program. As more students enroll in community colleges, the program needs additional funding to expand and thrive. Add to the Adam’s administration recent increase to cover more students and bring the program back to its pre-COVID level of services (\$5.5 million).

### **CUNY is Public Safety – Hire More Counselors; Expand MetroCard Access; Address Critical Health Profession Shortages. \$16.5 million**

Too many New Yorkers need but cannot access **mental health counselors**; CUNY students are no different. Today, the demand for services vastly exceeds the access to services meaning CUNY must hire additional counselors. Keeping students in school, healthy and on the road to graduation is an investment the city must make. (\$10 million)

ASAP’s provision of **free MetroCards** is part of ASAPs success, but students are not screened for eligibility for existing city programs. Require CUNY to screen for Fair Fares eligibility to expand transit access and pilot a free MetroCard / OMNY program. CUNY students shouldn’t have to choose between jumping the turnstile and skipping class. \$6.5 million would vastly expand the pilot proposed by the Council to include target groups such as student parents, those coming from the foster care system, and additional cohort programs such as College Discovery (\$6.5 million).

### **A Model for Capital Expansion - Support CUNY’s capital ask and consider using Hostos expansion as a model for future years (\$374.3 million)**

CUNY is essential to building out networks of nurses, social workers, mental health counselors, addiction services, and others needed to help stabilize the city’s social safety net. We support capital investment that modernizes our campuses, including a proposal for an Allied Health and Natural Sciences Building at Hostos. We have met with healthcare professional program members who have clarified that CUNY’s current facilities will not meet the demand for access to clinical training needs or to the faculty and staff students need. (\$150 million for Hostos, \$374.3 million total)

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