

Division of Housing and Community Renewal

The Executive Budget recommends (analysis as of **January 27, 2025**):

- A FY 2025-26 workforce of **676, unchanged** from the previous year’s budget.

The following chart identifies estimated FTE levels by program:

Program	FY 25 Est. FTEs 3/31/25	FY 26 Est. FTEs 3/31/26	FTE Change
F&D Community Development	64	82	18
OHP - Low Income Weatherization	28	28	0
OHP - Rent Administration	412	412	0
OHP – Housing	97	97	0
OPS - Administration	75	57	(18)
Total:	676	676	0

- An All Funds appropriation of **\$151.5 million**, an **increase of \$7.9 million (5.5%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The total appropriation for personal services is **\$67.5 million**, an **increase of \$5.8 million (9.4%)** from the enacted appropriation for the previous FY.
- The agency employed an estimated **13** contract employees under consultant contracts in the previous FY at an estimated cost of **\$511,000**. It is estimated that the number of consultant contract employees will **be reduced to 7** in FY 26 at an estimated cost of **\$638,000**. This would result in an increase of \$127,000 (24.7%)
- Budget highlights:
 - Utilize \$98 million in reserves from the Mortgage Insurance Fund to support the Rural Rental Assistance Program, the Neighborhood Preservation Program, the Rural Preservation Program, and homeless housing programs.
 - Invest \$50 million for Resilient and Ready programming to support permanent retrofits and rapid home repairs to prepare for and respond to natural disasters.
 - Provide \$50 million to spur development of starter homes, as well as an additional \$50 million to create a revolving loan fund for low-cost second mortgages to stimulate mixed-income housing.
 - Commit \$1.025 billion to support New York City’s efforts of adding new housing supply through their “City of Yes for Housing Opportunity” program.

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- Provide \$8.75 million to help HCR administer the Blue Buffers Voluntary Buyout Program, a \$250 million targeted, voluntary buyout program that is funded through the 2022 Clean Water, Clean Air, and Green Jobs Bond Act.
- Provide \$50 million in funding for down payment assistance to increase access to financing for minority families.
- Invest \$110.5 million in funding for Pro-Housing certified communities to expand the infrastructure needed to grow their housing supply.
- Provide \$40 million for the Homeowner Protection Program for legal services to prevent foreclosures.
- Provide \$5 million in new capital for the Farmworker Housing Program to expand affordable housing for farmworkers.
- Continue investment in the five-year, \$25 billion comprehensive Housing Plan to create and preserve 100,000 affordable homes.
- Technical change to include \$427 million in capital housing plan appropriation to backfill authority that was used to provide temporary bond financing.