

New Destiny Statement on FY 2026 New York State Budget

New Destiny is tremendously relieved to see that after years of tireless advocacy additional funding was included for the New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP) in the final FY 2026 state budget. We thank Governor Hochul, Assembly Speaker Heastie, and Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins for [listening to our tenants and staff](#) on the urgent need to invest in New York's oldest supportive housing initiative.

Though it is not the full \$32 million that we called for, the inclusion of \$17 million for NYSSHP – the first significant funding increase in almost 40 years – means that our state is committed to addressing the [dangerously low contract rates](#) of the program. This investment in NYSSHP will help thousands of families across the state, including domestic violence survivors, stay in their homes and access the essential services they deserve. The increase will enable nonprofits, like New Destiny, to add desperately needed case management services, mental health support, and building security, which will undoubtedly both improve and save survivors' lives, while helping ensure the financial stability of this vital affordable housing stock for generations to come.

We are especially grateful to Senator Cleare and Assemblymember Hevesi for their longtime advocacy on behalf of NYSSHP and domestic violence survivors. Thanks to leaders like them, New York has recognized that supportive housing is the best, most cost-effective way to provide domestic violence survivors with the tools they need to stay alive and heal. As we work with the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to disburse these additional NYSSHP funds quickly, New Destiny will continue to fight for the full \$32 million for NYSSHP in next year's budget – for many of the survivors we serve, the difference is life or death.

We also applaud the state's decision to increase funding for the newer Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative and the Homeless Housing and Assistance Program, so we can continue building much needed supportive housing for domestic violence survivors; as well as the creation of the Housing Access Voucher Program, which will help thousands of survivors find safe and affordable homes.