

Majority Leader Peoples-Stokes: *Investing in New York's recovery*

“The state budget makes smart, sustainable investments that allow our communities to rebuild.”

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Majority Leader Peoples-Stokes: *Helping our communities thrive*

Protecting the environment

- ◆ **\$1.84 billion** in funding for the environment, including **\$300 million** for the New York State Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
- ◆ The budget provides for the **\$3 billion** “Restore Mother Nature” Environmental Bond Act to be on the ballot in the 2022 general election
- ◆ **\$500 million** to support New York State’s clean water infrastructure



Supporting small businesses

- ◆ **\$800 million** for small business grants
- ◆ **\$40 million** for the Arts Recovery Grant program
- ◆ **\$35 million** in tax credits for restaurants in areas impacted by enhanced COVID-19 restrictions
- ◆ **\$25 million** for the NY Restaurant Resiliency Grant Program
- ◆ **\$100 million** for a musical and theatrical production credit

Helping people stay in their homes

- ◆ Allocates **\$2.3 billion** in combined federal and state aid to help tenants pay back rent
- ◆ Provides **\$575 million** in mortgage assistance
- ◆ Provides **\$20 million** for the Homeowner Protection Program for foreclosure prevention
- ◆ Upstate Civil Legal Services: **\$3.5 million** in new funding for civil legal services in Buffalo, WNY, and other Upstate regions

Investing in education

- ◆ **\$29 billion** in total education aid, an increase of **\$3 billion**, to support staff, restore programs and provide more mental health support
- ◆ Provides **\$105 million** more for pre-K programs for a total of **\$924 million**
- ◆ Allocates **\$94.2 million** for libraries and **\$34 million** for library construction grants
- ◆ Buffalo Public Schools:
 - Foundation Aid: **\$98 million** increase over 3 years; **\$43 million** in 2021-22
 - 2021-2022 State budget – overall State aid increase of **\$72 million** (9.8%)

Supporting workers and affordable child care

- ◆ **\$50 million** for the COVID-19 Recovery Workforce Initiative for workers hardest hit during the pandemic
- ◆ **\$2.4 billion** in federal child care aid to expand subsidy eligibility and reduce copays
- ◆ Creates a tax credit for businesses participating in the Excelsior Jobs Program that offer new child care programs to employees

Repairing roads and bridges

- ◆ 2021-22 Budget will invest **\$11.2 billion** in the state’s transportation network, including a **\$350 million** increase in funding for the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) two-year capital plan
- ◆ **\$538.1 million** for the Consolidated Highway Improvement Program (CHIPs), an increase of **\$100 million**
- ◆ **\$100 million** for extreme weather recovery
- ◆ **\$150 million** for Pave NY, a **\$50 million** increase

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