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Statement on State, City Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Unveilings

(NEW YORK, NY) - The Legal Aid Society released the following statement in response to Governor Kathy Hochul and Mayor Eric Adams unveiling their respective Fiscal Year 2025 budgets:

“While we await the actual text for both the State and City Fiscal Year 2025 budgets, building on last year’s allocations, we hope that Albany and City Hall will continue to prioritize the funding needs of public defender offices, Attorneys for Children providers, and civil legal services groups this budget cycle.

“A budget is a reflection of values, and if the State and the City truly value the constitutionally and legally-mandated legal representation that our office provides, both final budgets must include the necessary funding to ensure that our clients, New Yorkers from communities of color, have the zealous legal representation that they deserve in their time of need.”

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