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Win Applauds Passage of Historic State Budget, With First Ever Statewide Housing Voucher and Unprecedented Funding for the Child Tax Credit

The 2026 Executive Budget marks a monumental victory for Win following a campaign to include state funding for innovative solutions to New York's unprecedented housing crisis

New York, NY – Today, Win, the largest provider of housing and supportive services for homeless families with children in New York City and the nation, issued the following statement in response to the passage of the 2026 New York state budget, which includes \$50 million in funding for the [Housing Access Voucher Program](#) (HAVP) and increased funding for the Child Tax Credit.

Similar in design to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher, HAVP will provide a housing assistance subsidy for low-income New Yorkers at risk of homelessness. The pilot program is expected to distribute up to 2,500 vouchers annually, potentially assisting more than 5,700 people by providing a pathway to permanent housing and preventing the disruptive and traumatic effects of homelessness.

The State Budget also includes the largest expansion of New York's child tax credit in history, which will give 1.6 million New York families an annual tax credit of up to \$1,000 per child under age four and up to \$500 per child from four through sixteen. The expanded Child Tax Credit will benefit up to 2.75 million children statewide, and drive significant assistance to low-income families with the youngest children, who were previously excluded from accessing the tax credit's benefits.

"The inclusion of \$50 million for HAVP and the expansion of the Child Tax Credit in the final, approved state budget marks a historic day for New York," said **Christine Quinn, President & CEO of Win**. "For years, Win has been calling on our leaders in Albany to reject the status quo, and effectuate proven solutions to help end the unprecedented homelessness crisis in New York. Today, Governor Hochul, Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Heastie, and the state legislature answered our call to action – and we applaud them for their diligent work to help New York's most vulnerable. Housing vouchers are proven to be one of the most effective solutions for supporting families moving from shelter to permanent housing, and with the Trump administration's proposed [40% cut to federal housing assistance programs](#), state funding for HAVP has never been more critical. Win also applauds the historic expansion of the Child Tax Credit, which will benefit millions of children statewide, and provide desperately needed relief to low-income families at a time of severe economic uncertainty. This is how we combat federal cuts and support all New Yorkers."

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About Win

Win is the largest provider of shelter and supportive housing for families experiencing homelessness in New York City and the nation, operating 16 shelters and over 450 units of supportive housing across all five boroughs. For over 40 years, Win has provided safe housing, trauma-informed services, and innovative programs to help families rebuild their lives. In the past year, Win served nearly 12,400 people – including over 6,700 children – and helped almost 1,000 families transition out of shelter into homes of their own.