



Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State, Inc. (NPCNYS) 2021 Budget Advocacy Agenda

Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Programs (N/RPP):

The N/RPP provides critical funding to support community-based not-for-profit corporations known as Neighborhood and Rural Preservation Companies (NPC & RPCs). **Now more than ever**, this funding is crucial for these companies' survival and in turn, survival of many neighborhoods in New York State. Providing safe, healthy and affordable housing is a basic human right.

Due to the pandemic, the need for this program has grown exponentially. Due to no fault of their own, more families than ever have before have become housing cost burdened. NPCs are often the last line of support between living in a home or living in a shelter or living on the street.

Funding for the N/RPPs drives a large number of preservation and revitalization activities. The N/RPCs are the local housing assistance providers, driving economic growth and expanding affordable housing options in their communities. The rate of return on this economic investment program is 30:1. Very few programs can match the level of this success. **Now more than ever**, this program is needed.

Funding for program is allocated for \$12.8 Million in the Governor's 2021-2022 Executive Budget

- ✓ *For the 2021 – 2022 NYS Budget we request that the Neighborhood Preservation Program (NPP) be funded at \$14.5 Million.*

Neighborhood Preservation Coalition of New York State (NPCNYS):

The mission of the NPCNYS is to unify, educate, empower, and strengthen community organizations in their provision of affordable housing and community revitalization activities. **Now more than ever**, these direct care housing providers need support.

The NPCNYS is partially funded with a contract from New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR). Some of the vital services provided include geographic service area certification / data gathering & analysis, executive director and NPC board trainings, direct technical assistance. For over the past decade our contract with HCR has been stagnant at \$150,000. **Now more than ever**, with the increased need due to the pandemic and with the 2020 Census being completed, the services the NPCNYS provide are critical.

- ✓ *We respectfully request an increase to \$200,000 to enable us to maintain and expand the vital services that are provided.*