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Pay Down Unemployment Insurance	\$8 billion in the Fiscal Year 2026 budget to address the state's outstanding federal Unemployment Insurance (UI) advance.	\$165 million to alleviate the impact of interest payments that employers would otherwise be charged due to Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund debt.	The Senate advances language to establish an Unemployment Insurance tax credit for businesses with fifty or fewer employees for their additional per employee costs due to the unpaid Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund debt in the form of a tax credit equal to \$215 per employee.	The Assembly provides \$7 billion to pay off the State's outstanding Unemployment Insurance (UI) Trust Fund debt. This would alleviate trust fund insolvency measures for businesses for taxable year 2025 and would allow unemployment benefit rates for claimants to begin rising again.	\$8 billion included to eliminate New York's Unemployment Trust Fund debt, make the fund solvent, and increase benefits.
Benefits Cliff	\$3 million for the Benefits Cliff demonstration project to take place in Monroe County to help address any real or perceived loss of means-tested public benefits.	\$3M over three years funding to help address any real or perceived loss of means-tested public benefits, known as the "benefits cliff", through the provision of work incentive payments and financial counseling.	\$3M over three years funding to help address any real or perceived loss of means-tested public benefits, known as the "benefits cliff", through the provision of work incentive payments and financial counseling and provides an additional \$500,000 to conduct a Statewide study on the Benefits Cliff	\$3M over three years funding to help address any real or perceived loss of means-tested public benefits, known as the "benefits cliff", through the provision of work incentive payments and financial counseling.	\$3M over three years funding to help address any real or perceived loss of means-tested public benefits, known as the "benefits cliff", through the provision of work incentive payments and financial counseling. Program is administered through Monroe County.

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Medicaid Increase Medicaid Increase <i>(cont'd)</i>	\$1.6 billion (all-funds) Medicaid increase (\$800 million state-share) from the \$385 million (all-funds) increase (\$192 million state-share) proposed by the Governor to close the gap for long-term care facilities. Ensure the distribution to facilities is done through a per-diem methodology instead of across the board.	A \$385M all-funds increase to close the funding gap.	\$785 million all-funds ask to close the funding gap, including making permanent \$285M and then adding \$500M; directs \$100M of the \$785M to be distributed as a percentage.	Adds \$96.25 to Executive for a total \$481.25M all-funds increase to close the gap.	Up to \$425 million to support an estimated 10% increase to Medicaid payment rates for hospital outpatient services, anticipated to continue through March 2028. Up to \$445 million to increase Medicaid payments to nursing homes in SFY 2026, and up to \$385 million annually thereafter, anticipated to continue through March 2028.
Monroe County Hospital	\$15 million to support Monroe County's request for an annual commitment of three years to fund the Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3) Project.	\$15 million over three years to fund Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3) Project.	\$15 million over three years to fund Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3) Project. <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	\$15 million over three years to fund Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3) Project. <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	\$15 million to support Monroe County's request for an annual commitment of three years to fund the Transformational Community Care Coordination (TC3) Project.
Joseph A. Floreano Convention Center	\$59.6 million in infrastructure upgrades at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, building on New York State's support of the ROC The Riverway initiative.	--	--	--	\$59.6 million in infrastructure upgrades at the Joseph A. Floreano Rochester Riverside Convention Center, building on New York State's support of the ROC The Riverway initiative.

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Empire AI	\$90 Million in Empire AI and the inclusion of Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester as part of the consortium.	\$90 Million in Empire AI and the inclusion of Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester as part of the consortium.	\$90 Million in Empire AI and the inclusion of Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester as part of the consortium.	\$90 Million in Empire AI and the inclusion of Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester as part of the consortium.	\$90 Million in Empire AI and the inclusion of Rochester Institute of Technology and the University of Rochester as part of the consortium.
FAST-NY	\$200 million for FAST NY to ensure NYS continues to develop shovel-ready sites and remain competitive in attracting businesses across key industries.	\$100M outlined in the FY26 Executive budget, \$100M lower than Greater Rochester Chamber's request.	Accepts Executive Proposal to fund at \$100,000,000	Restores FAST NY funding to \$200,000,000	The Enacted Budget includes \$100 million for services and expenses, loans and grants related to the FAST NY program which will be used for the acquisition of real property, preparation of plans, design, construction, renovation, administration, and other incidental costs.
POWER UP	\$300 million for the POWER UP fund to create power-ready sites for advanced manufacturing	\$300M over three years to launch the Promote Opportunity with Electric Readiness for Underdeveloped Properties (POWER UP) Fund. POWER UP seeks to fund the proactive development of electric capacity to create power ready sites and attract new businesses to the State.	Accepts Executive Proposal to fund at \$100,000,000 per year	Accepts Executive Proposal to fund at \$100,000,000 per year	The Enacted Budget appropriates \$100 million for services and expenses, loans and grants related to the POWER UP Program. Funds appropriated are for, including but not limited to, the acquisition of real property, preparation of plans, design, construction, renovation, administration and other costs incidental thereto.

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Child Care Constriction Fund	\$110 million for the Child Care Construction Fund to expand the availability of child care, including in child care deserts where the need is most pronounced, and will support necessary repairs and renovations at existing programs.	\$110M in capital grants for child care centers, counties, and municipalities to expand availability.	\$110M in capital grants for child care centers, counties, and municipalities to expand availability. <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	\$110M in capital grants for child care centers, counties, and municipalities to expand availability. <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	The enacted budget includes \$100 million in capital costs of design, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and equipment for existing or proposed childcare facilities. An additional \$10 million will be available for family and group family child care programs.
Child Care Substitute Pool	Launch the Child Care Substitute Pool to enhance staffing reliability within the industry.	Propose establishing a “substitute pool” to expand the child care workforce, helping providers find trusted, vetted professionals to quickly step in and keep classrooms open.	The Senate modifies the Executive proposal to establish a substitute caregiver pool for child day care centers, group family day care homes, family day care homes, and school-age child care programs by eliminating the involvement of for-profit third parties in the identification and placement of substitutes and having a substitute pool program implemented and administered by the Early Care & Learning Council.	The Assembly proposes to modify the Executive proposal to establish and certify a child care substitute pool for caregivers at child day care centers, to clarify the employer liability of the child care support center, and require the center to be operated by a nonprofit.	The enacted budget also includes \$3 million to create a new substitute pool for eligible childcare providers to temporarily hire early 4 childhood caregivers.

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Pro-Housing Communities	A \$100 million infrastructure fund exclusively for the 266 certified Pro-Housing Communities and other municipalities who join the program.	A \$100 million infrastructure fund exclusively for the 266 certified Pro-Housing Communities and other municipalities who join the program	A \$100 million infrastructure fund exclusively for the 266 certified Pro-Housing Communities and other municipalities who join the program <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	A \$100 million infrastructure fund exclusively for the 266 certified Pro-Housing Communities and other municipalities who join the program <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	A \$100 million infrastructure fund exclusively for the 266 certified Pro-Housing Communities and other municipalities who join the program.
Support for First-Time Homebuyers	\$100 million for first-time homebuyers, including \$50 million in capital for starter homes and \$50 million for down payment assistance	\$50M in new capital funding to incentivize construction of starter and modular homes and \$50M to support First-time homebuyers struggling to save for down payments	\$50M in new capital funding to incentivize construction of starter and modular homes and \$50M to support First-time homebuyers struggling to save for down payments <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	\$50M in new capital funding to incentivize construction of starter and modular homes and \$50M to support First-time homebuyers struggling to save for down payments <i>(Accepts Executive)</i>	\$100 million for first-time homebuyers, including \$50 million in capital for starter homes and \$50 million for down payment assistance
Bundy Aid	Restoring Bundy Aid to \$35.33 million for all eligible private, nonprofit higher education institutions who serve as anchor institutions and regional economic engines throughout the state.	Proposed to fund Bundy Aid at \$16,332,000	Restores Bund Aid to full amount as requested	Accepts Executive proposal for Bundy Aid	The enacted budget maintains the cuts and restrictions to Bundy Aid, continuing to make U of R and RIT ineligible.
LOCAL Act	Establish a \$10 million tax credit for marketing in local media outlets	n/a	Not Included	Not Included	Not Included

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Workforce Transit Equity Fund	Inclusion of Senator Cooney's Workforce Transit Equity Fund to help non-MTA transit authorities establish pilot routes to major employers	n/a	Proposed funding at \$10,000,000, which is \$5,000,000 more than Senator Cooney's original request.	n/a	Not Included
Work Opportunity Tax Credit	Inclusion of the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (A4012 Bronson/S 2429 Skoufis) to provide businesses a \$500 tax credit for each individual hired from one of 10 groups recognized by the Department of Labor as historically marginalized.	n/a	Work Opportunity Tax Credit as written proposed in Assembly Budget	Work Opportunity Tax Credit as written proposed in Senate Budget	Not Included