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Making Our Community Stronger, Together Haciendo A Nuestra Comunidad Más Fuerte, Juntos



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"It is my pleasure to serve as your state representative. To provide for the continued welfare of our families and restoration of our neighborhoods, I will continue to advocate for investments that uplift our community and all Greater Rochester."

-Assemblyman Demond Meeks, NYS 137th Assembly District





"Es mi placer servirle como su representante estatal. Para proveerles un continuo bienestar a nuestras familias y la restauración de nuestros vecindarios, continuaré abogando por inversiones que mejorarán a nuestra comunidad y a todo el Greater Rochester".

-Asambleísta Demond Meeks, Distrito 137 de la Asamblea del Estado de Nueva York Assemblyman Demond Meeks has worked with his state colleagues to deliver key funding in education, housing, and childcare while remaining committed to meaningful change for the people of New York. The following information is from the previously enacted 2023-24 budget.

El asambleísta Demond Meeks ha trabajado con sus colegas estatales en la aprobación de financiamiento clave para la educación, la vivienda y el cuido infantil, mientras permanece comprometido a un cambio significativo para el pueblo de Nueva York. La siguiente información es del presupuesto aprobado previamente para el 2023-24.

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Delivering Change for Our Community

- Passed **A.2105A**, **the Fair Access to Victim Compensation Act**, making it easier for victims and survivors of crime to receive funding by removing discriminatory barriers to compensation.
- Passed **A.2853B**, allowing residents to participate in wellness programs provided by life insurance companies and enables policyholders to take full advantage of the benefits available to them.
- Co-sponsored and supported passage of the **Clean Slate Act (A.1029C)** to automatically seal certain criminal records after a period of time, creating lasting pathways to housing, education, and employment.
- Organized the first-ever **Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, Asian (BPHA) Legislative Caucus Day of Service** in Rochester, bringing local issues to the state level.
- \$1.4 billion to support distressed and safety-net hospitals, as well as increasing the Medicaid reimbursement rate, and wages for home health aide workers. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)

Improving Housing for All

- \$40 million for the Homeowner Protection Program, providing relief services that will support distressed families and help protect them against foreclosure. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- \$25 million towards the creation of a First-Time Homeowners Program. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- Co-sponsored legislation for the creation of a **Housing Access Voucher Program (A.4021A)** for low-income residents. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)

Investing In Education

- **\$24 billion** in public school aid to fully fund **Foundation Aid** and every school district for the first time in New York's history. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- \$1.2 billion in funding for the Rochester City School District, including additional health services for our children and youth. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- \$134 million to guarantee free school meals for up to 300,000 more students. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)

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Supporting Our Neighborhoods

- \$10 million allocated towards Rochester's **Downtown Revitalization Initiative.** (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- \$306 million towards upstate transit operating assistance, a \$39 million total increase in funding from the prior year. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- Over **\$1 million** to support improvements to the now fully renovated **Lincoln Branch Library** on Joseph Avenue.
- Millions of grant dollars secured for our **neighborhood associations**, including:
 - ✓ 19th Ward Community Association
 - ✓ Baden Street Settlement of Rochester, Inc.
 - ✓ Boys and Girls Club of Rochester, Inc.
 - ✓ The Center for Teen Empowerment, Inc.
 - ✓ Gates Public Library
 - ✓ S.W.A.N. Inc. at Montgomery Neighborhood Center
 - ✓ Urban League of Rochester, N.Y., Inc.
 - ✓ Recovery Houses of Rochester

- ✓ Willow Domestic Violence Center of Greater Rochester, Inc.
- ✓ YWCA of Rochester and Monroe County
- ✓ Latino Youth Development and Resource Center, Inc.
- ✓ Ibero-American Action League, Inc.
- ✓ Beyond the Sanctuary, Inc.
- ✓ Changing the Community, Inc.
- ✓ Mentors Inspiring Boys and Girls, Inc.
- ✓ Rochester Family Mission

Uplifting Our Children and Families

- \$150 million in funding for Universal Prekindergarten programs. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- \$2 million towards Double Up Food Bucks Program, which doubles the benefits of SNAP recipients for every dollar spent on fresh fruits and vegetables. These funds will be matched by another \$2 million in federal funding.

 (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- Expansion of the NYS Child Care program eligibility to families earning up to 85% of the state median income. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)
- Expanded the Empire State Child Tax Credit to include children up to the age of 4. (SFY 2023-24 Budget)

