

# ADULT EDUCATION IN NEW YORK CITY WE LIFT PEOPLE UP



## FY 2021 RECOMMENDATION:

Restore \$12 million for adult education in the NYC budget.

**ADULT EDUCATION** opens doors by creating opportunities for New Yorkers to learn English, earn a high school equivalency diploma, prepare for vocational and technical jobs, transition to college, pursue citizenship, move the economy forward, and uplift our communities.

Adult Education also educates parents, and research clearly shows that educated parents raise better-educated children who are more likely to succeed in life—and less likely to end up in poverty or prison.

As demand for adult education far exceeds the current investment, we are unable to provide services to all individuals who need them including immigrants, people in poverty, the homeless and inmates reintegrating into society.

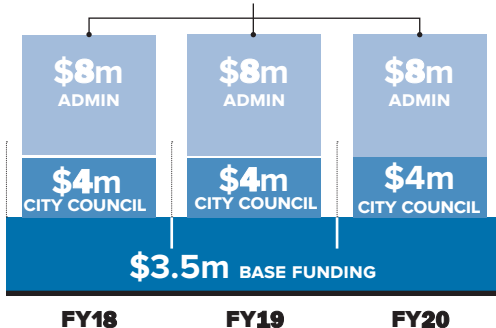
**Adult Education is lifting people up. Invest in it. Don't shortchange it.**

## BASELINING: THE INVESTMENT NYC'S ADULT LEARNERS NEED MOST

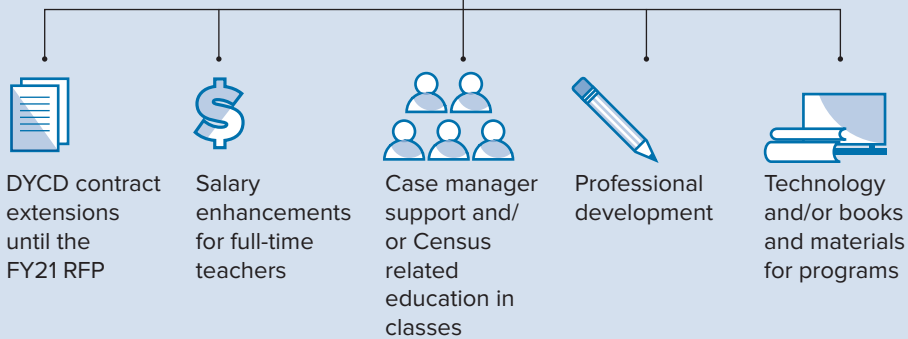
Learners deserve access to classes that are provided by fiscally stable, high performing programs. The best way to ensure that those classes exist is by funding Adult Education via multi-year grants with sustainable reimbursement rates. Baselineing and then integrating funding into the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) grants is the answer. DYCD-supported Adult Learners achieve positive outcomes because DYCD funded providers are primarily trusted community based nonprofits with culturally competent staff and wrap around support services.

### ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING CITY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION

\$12m PER YEAR



**IN FY20:**



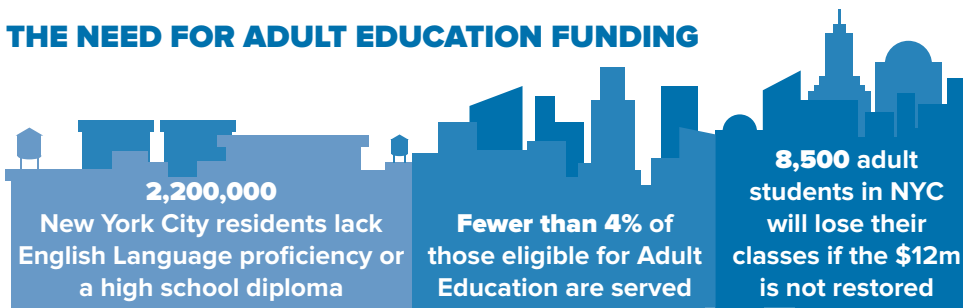
**COST PER ADULT ED STUDENT**

Full time instructors, prep time, professional development, case management, testing, data entry, reporting, space costs and other indirect costs amount to much more. **Adult education programs need to be able to pay for themselves.**

NYCCAL is asking for a rate of **\$2,000** spent per student

Currently **\$850-\$1,000** spent per student

**THE NEED FOR ADULT EDUCATION FUNDING**



**INCREASED NYC INVESTMENT IN ADULT EDUCATION IS CRITICAL**

In **2020**, only **10%** of jobs will be available to those without a high school credential.

**63%** of jobs will require some type of training or education beyond high school.

Immigrants who are English language proficient earn



than immigrants who are not.

Lifetime benefit for each NYC resident who earns a high school diploma or its equivalent (HSE) in terms of increased tax contributions and decreased use of public benefits



Individuals with English and basic skills are better able to obtain living wage jobs, engage in their children's education, access services, defend their rights, and contribute to the social and civic life of their communities.

**ADULT EDUCATION: INVEST IN IT. DON'T SHORTCHANGE IT.**

**#LiteracyLiftsNYC**



NYCCAL advocates for an adult literacy system that provides quality, comprehensive and accessible educational services to the over 2.2 million adults in NYC who need them. NYCCAL believes that being able to read and write, learn English, obtain a High School Equivalency, and enter training and post-secondary education are the rights of every New Yorker, and the cornerstone to an equitable and just society.

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