

## COUNCIL RESPONSE ASKS FOR \$40M FOR CULTURE + TAKE ACTION

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The New York City Council has asked the Administration to support arts and culture with a \$40M increase in their response to the FY18 Preliminary Budget. Join us in thanking the Council!

#### TAKE ACTION:

##### CITY BUDGET

##### 1) Council Response Calls for \$40M Increase for Culture

The [New York City Council's Response](#) to the Mayor's Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget calls on the Administration to support arts and culture by baselining the \$10M increase from FY17 and adding a further \$30M.

##### 2) Read the Council Response - \$40M Increase for Culture

The [New York City Council's Response](#) to the Mayor's Fiscal 2018 Preliminary Budget calls on the administration to support arts and culture by baselining the \$10M increase from FY17 and adding a further \$30M.

##### 3) Thank the City Council on Social

You can click on the Twitter or Facebook icons below to thank the City Council (for Facebook you will need to cut and paste the text). You can also tag your Council Member in these posts.

Please add pictures of your amazing work and of kids participating in cultural activities or create social share graphics using the easy templates from [our toolkit](#).



Thank you to the @NYCCouncil for calling for \$40M increase in funding for culture! #NYCInspires Visit: <http://nycinspires.org/#TakeAction>



Thank you to the New York City Council, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, and Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer for calling for a \$40M increase in funding for culture! #NYCInspires <http://nycinspires.org/>

##### 4) Send a Press Release

We sent a press release today on the Council Response and the NYC Inspires campaign. It is available in [our toolkit](#). You can use it as a model to send out a similar release with your own quotes.

##### 5) Webinar Available to Watch Online

Did you miss our webinar on March 31? You can now [watch it online](#) and see the training on how to use the social share template and take action tool.

##### 6) Make Your Own Custom NYC Inspires Graphics

You can create your own social share graphics like the one below from Queens Botanical Garden, using your images and logo with [our simple toolkit](#), which has instructions and templates.

##### 7) NYC Inspires Links and Resources:

Toolkit: You can find templates to create images to share on social media, a press release example, video from our webinar, and more in the NYC Inspires [toolkit](#).

Contact Your Council Member using the NYC Inspires Take Action feature - share with your staff and supporters

Website & Hashtag: Use the hashtag #NYCInspires in your social posts and direct your supporters to the site <http://nycinspires.org>.

Partners: If your organization is not listed on the [partners' page](#) of the NYCInspires site and you would like to be, simply click the on the "join us" link to add your organization's name.

#### FEDERAL BUDGET

##### 8) Actions to Save the NEA, NEH, IMLS, and CPB

The Trump Administration's budget proposal eliminates funding for the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). The combined

\$971 million budget for these four agencies represents only 0.02% of the federal budget.

Write and call your [Senators](#) and [Congress Members](#) to ask them to preserve funding for the NEA, NEH, IMLS, and CPB or use this simple form at [EveryLibrary.org](#).

Read and share this New York Times opinion piece on [Why Authoritarians Attack the Arts](#).

Share this [great video](#) from the Washington Post on federal funding for culture and libraries and impact of the proposed cuts.

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