

ADVOCACY ALERT: URGE YOUR CITY COUNCIL MEMBER TO SUPPORT ARTS AND CULTURE IN THE FY25 BUDGET

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In less than a month New York City's FY25 budget will go into effect. The Mayor's [Executive Budget](#) only includes a partial restoration for budget cuts instituted for FY24 and FY25 and planned for future years through FY27. Thankfully, the [City Council](#) has called for the restoration of \$75.6 million in its Budget Response to account for the cuts. Dance/NYC urges dance workers to join us in this advocacy before the June 30 budget deadline.

What this means:

Without these restorations many small to mid-sized organizations especially those serving BIPOC, immigrant and low-income communities funded through DCLA's Cultural Development Fund program that have not received reversals of FY24 cuts, are more likely to halt programs intended for the community or shut down operations altogether. Our priorities are to get \$53 million baselined for FY25 and to have reversals of ALL FY24 cuts, with emphasis on \$6.5 million to the CDF program.

What you can do now:

1. Email your City Council Member [using this template](#) and let them know that arts and culture funding is a priority and to double down on their advocacy to restore funding to all cultural groups and organizations.
2. Sign on to [this letter from the Cultural Equity Coalition](#) to let the Mayor know that restoring cuts is a priority for arts and culture to survive.

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