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NEW YORK - Announced today, the City has increased operating support for culture by nearly \$17 million, strengthening its commitment to supporting New York's cultural organizations.

Introducing the first increase to operating support in a decade, Mayor de Blasio increased support of the city's cultural organizations by \$10 million. The \$10 million breaks down as \$5 million for Cultural Interest Group (CIG) operating support and \$5 million to Program Groups (with \$4 million going to the Cultural Development Fund for grant making and \$1 million allocated for non-CIG energy).

The City Council also increased several initiatives including a \$3 million increase to the Cultural After School Adventure Program (CASA), a \$2 million increase to the Cultural Immigrant Initiative, and a \$1 million increase to Su-CASA, which brings artists to senior centers throughout the city.

Please join us in thanking Mayor Bill de Blasio, Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito, Majority Leader Jimmy Van Bramer, Minority Leader Steven Matteo, Finance Chair Julissa Ferreras-Copeland, and the entire New York City Council for scoring this major victory on behalf of culture.

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