

# Fiscal Impact Statement Prepared By New York City Mayor's Office of Management and Budget



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**Proposed Intro No. / Title:** 959 / *in relation to providing rental assistance to homeless veterans*

**Sponsors:** Ariola, Brooks-Powers, Gutiérrez, Yeger, Banks, Narcisse, Holden, Williams, Schulman, Hanks, Zhuang, The Speaker (Council Member Adams), Nurse, Joseph, Rivera, Hudson, Paladino, Marmorato, Vernikov, Borelli and Carr

**Committee:** Veterans

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill establishes a program to provide monthly rental assistance to homeless veterans, which would cover their monthly housing rent up to the maximum amount of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development’s fair market rent guidelines. For a veteran to be eligible for the program, they must have a maximum gross income of 200% of the federal poverty level, cannot receive any other governmental housing subsidy, and must be a New York City resident. The Department of Veterans’ Services (DVS) and the Department of Social Services (DSS) would administer the program, and must periodically reassess program participants’ eligibility. DVS and DSS must conduct outreach within 15 days of enactment.

**Effective Date:** 120 days after enactment.

**First Fiscal Year Legislation Takes Effect:** Fiscal Year 2026

**First Fiscal Year with Full Impact:** Fiscal Year 2029

**Agencies Impacted:** Department of Social Services, Department of Veterans’ Services

## Fiscal Impact Analysis

### A. Total Impact (Expense and Revenue)

	Fiscal Year 1	Fiscal Year 2	Fiscal Year 3	Fiscal Year 4	Total
Expense	(\$5,930,000)	(\$14,280,000)	(\$22,370,000)	(\$30,340,000)	(\$72,920,000)
Revenue	0	0	0	0	0
Total	(\$5,930,000)	(\$14,280,000)	(\$22,370,000)	(\$30,340,000)	(\$72,920,000)

**B. Expense**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expenditures	(\$5,930,000)	(\$14,280,000)	(\$22,370,000)	(\$30,340,000)	(\$72,920,000)

**Impact on Expenditures (Expense):**

It is anticipated that the Department of Veterans Services and the Department of Social Services would require \$72,920,000 in Other Than Personnel Services (OTPS) funding over four fiscal years to operate the proposed rental assistance program for veterans.

This estimate takes into consideration 3 groups of veterans that would be impacted by the legislation as written, with cost data based on current dynamics of single adult veteran households with average household contributions of \$170 per month.

Group A: veteran households currently receiving CityFHEPS vouchers. There would be a cost of approximately \$5,000,000 over four years associated with the city no longer being able to receive a client contribution from this group. This group includes around 750 households.

Group B: veteran households that are newly placed with CityFHEPS vouchers. This group accounts for approximately \$3,390,000 in client contributions over four years that would be normally received absent the legislation.

Group C: veteran households that would move to CityFHEPS vouchers given passage of the proposal from other non-city funded vouchers (such as Section 8 vouchers). This group was calculated at 300 households based on a percentage of veterans Department of Homeless Services exit data. This impact to city expenditures associated with this group is approximately \$64,530,000 million over 4 years.

**C. Revenue**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Revenues	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Revenues:** There is no anticipated impact on revenue.

**D. Capital**

	<b>Fiscal Year 1</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 2</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 3</b>	<b>Fiscal Year 4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

**Impact on Expenditures (Capital):** There is no anticipated impact on capital expenditures.