

FY 2011-2012 Budget Policy Priorities

These are guiding principles for the FY 2011-2012 budgeting process, as agreed upon by the Community-Based Organizations participating in the Budget Stakeholder meetings in April 2011, in partnership with City and County departments and the Mayor's Office.

1. Preserve programs and services that meet basic human needs: housing/shelter, food & nutrition, protection/safety, emergency assistance, and access to healthcare and income support.
2. Prioritize the most vulnerable, including those at the highest risk for negative consequences and/or with multiple issues and barriers.
3. Prioritize/Minimize reductions to services and programs that leverage outside revenues (for example: state, federal, private, donations, and client fees).
4. Prioritize services that directly benefit individuals and prevent higher costs to the City and/or higher service costs.
5. Prioritize services that will be lost and non-renewable (such as facilities) if they are eliminated.
6. Support the diverse expertise and experience of the system of care – which includes a variety of care: neighborhood based, population based, Family Resource Centers, and other programs that support families.
7. Prioritize the commitment to community-based care – for service delivery and outreach; and to prevent institutionalization, incarceration, and the utilization of high-end care.
8. Consider program effectiveness when making budget reductions in specific programs or initiatives.