



Massachusetts YMCAs FY24 Budget Priorities

1. Youth at Risk Funding (Line item 4590-1507): \$2.8 million

- Funding will continue to support programs that address the needs of at-risk youth focused on their well-being and social-emotional health.
 - o \$2.8 million to go directly to all **28** YMCAs and **700+** service locations in Massachusetts
 - o Will allow Ys to serve 145,000 more at-risk youth
 - o This year funding will be primarily for teen employment
 - o Funding is also used for scholarships, financial aid, learning loss programs, youth mental health, social-emotional learning, and water safety
 - o In FY2022, MA YMCAs matched Youth-At-Risk Funding 13:1

2. HomeWorks Program (Line item 7004-0101): \$800,000

- The Home Works program is aimed at children ages 5-14, who live in motels, hotels, and shelters through the Emergency Assistance Program
- This program allows EA providers to partner with out-of-school time and summer programs so children can attend after-school programs or camps.
- Provides a safe space for youth with homework help, access to nutritional meals, and physical activity
- Post-pandemic children in shelters will need the supportive and enriching environment of camps and after-school programs, especially ones with adults trained in mental health first aid.
- Allows kids to be kids in a fun and supportive environment!

3. OSD Waiver (outside section)

- Language would eliminate the Operation Services Division requirement that mandates we charge the State the least amount. Only for EEC-licensed programs

4. \$100 million for Rate Reserve Increase

- Funding to get all providers closer to 75% of the market rate per federal best practices
- Rate increase across the board

5. \$112 Million for 8,000 new early education and after-school slots

- 4,000 vouchers, 4,000 contract bid
- Expand access for children on the waitlist

6. \$20 Million for the Early Education pilot for Early Education staff

- Provide early education and after school for children of early education staff

7. Continuation of Stabilization Funding

- Continue C3 stabilization funding
- Make funding permanent through a dedicated stream of funding
- Without these funds Y would not be able to serve as many children in early education and after-school programs.