

# **The New York Immigration Coalition**

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

# Dear friends,



As the Executive Director of the New York Immigration Coalition, one who has been in the trenches for decades, I am honored to head up this remarkable organization. I am privileged to work alongside you all as we stand up for our communities. From big issues to small, whether in times of crisis or times of hope, I know without a doubt that when we are united, we win.

**This past year was yet another year filled with transition.**

After years of a full frontal assault on our communities, we had hoped that the new Biden administration would bring about real change and were waiting anxiously for the tide to turn. Later in the year and closer to home, we also ushered in a new administration at the state level and thought that together we were sure to have improved partnership on our issues. But our hope for a real reckoning on the issues critical to immigration was short lived and we learned, once again, that we would on our own to protect and uplift our community. Once again, we would have to come together and be our own best advocates in order to move the needle on the issues that impact us.

**In the face of optimism or attacks, the NYIC never stops working** to bring about positive and significant change and 2022 was no exception.

In New York City, we helped pass an historic voting expansion, the first in decades, that will enfranchise nearly 1 million voters in the city. On the state level, we advocated for and won the largest Medicaid expansion in the state, securing healthcare for pregnant women and seniors without current legal status.

I am pleased to share with you our fiscal year 2022 (August 2021–July 2022) annual report. I hope you enjoy this snapshot of our coalition's key accomplishments.

Thank you for your support and here's to adding to our legacy of success in 2023.

In unity,



Murad Awawdeh  
Executive Director

## Strategic Plan

**The New York Immigration Coalition continues to prioritize leadership development within both our organization and our membership.**

This year, we have focused on developing the organization's next strategic plan, providing direction for years 2022–2027. Over the next five years, the NYIC will focus on strengthening and building power statewide, while deepening engagement in regions primed for impact. We aim to future proof our movement in New York, and prepare to withstand any potential threats.

The process engaged a broad range of stakeholders, including leaders of NYIC member and partner organizations, the full staff and board of directors, organizational allies, funders and donors, and colleagues in government and the business community.



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HEALTH CARE FOR  
ALL NEW YORK

**When everyone has access to affordable, quality health care, our communities are all safer and stronger.** In April 2022, we won a huge victory in securing additional health opportunities for immigrant communities in New York.

We worked with longstanding partners within the Coverage4All Coalition to successfully expand Medicaid coverage to all seniors 65 years and older, as well as eligible women, regardless of immigration status, for up to 12 months post-pregnancy. This expansion of Medicaid is one of the largest in recent history, with over \$220 million in funding being secured.

## Language Access Expansion

**Lack of language access is one of the most significant barriers immigrant New Yorkers face in accessing critical government services.** This year, we won a state-wide expansion of language access programs, allowing immigrant New Yorkers to receive essential services in their preferred languages.

There are now 12 languages covered statewide, including: Spanish, Chinese, Russian, Bengali, Yiddish, Haitian Creole, Korean, Italian, Arabic, Polish, French, Urdu. State departments and agencies also have the option of covering four additional languages and decide those languages using census data for recent arrivals and community input.





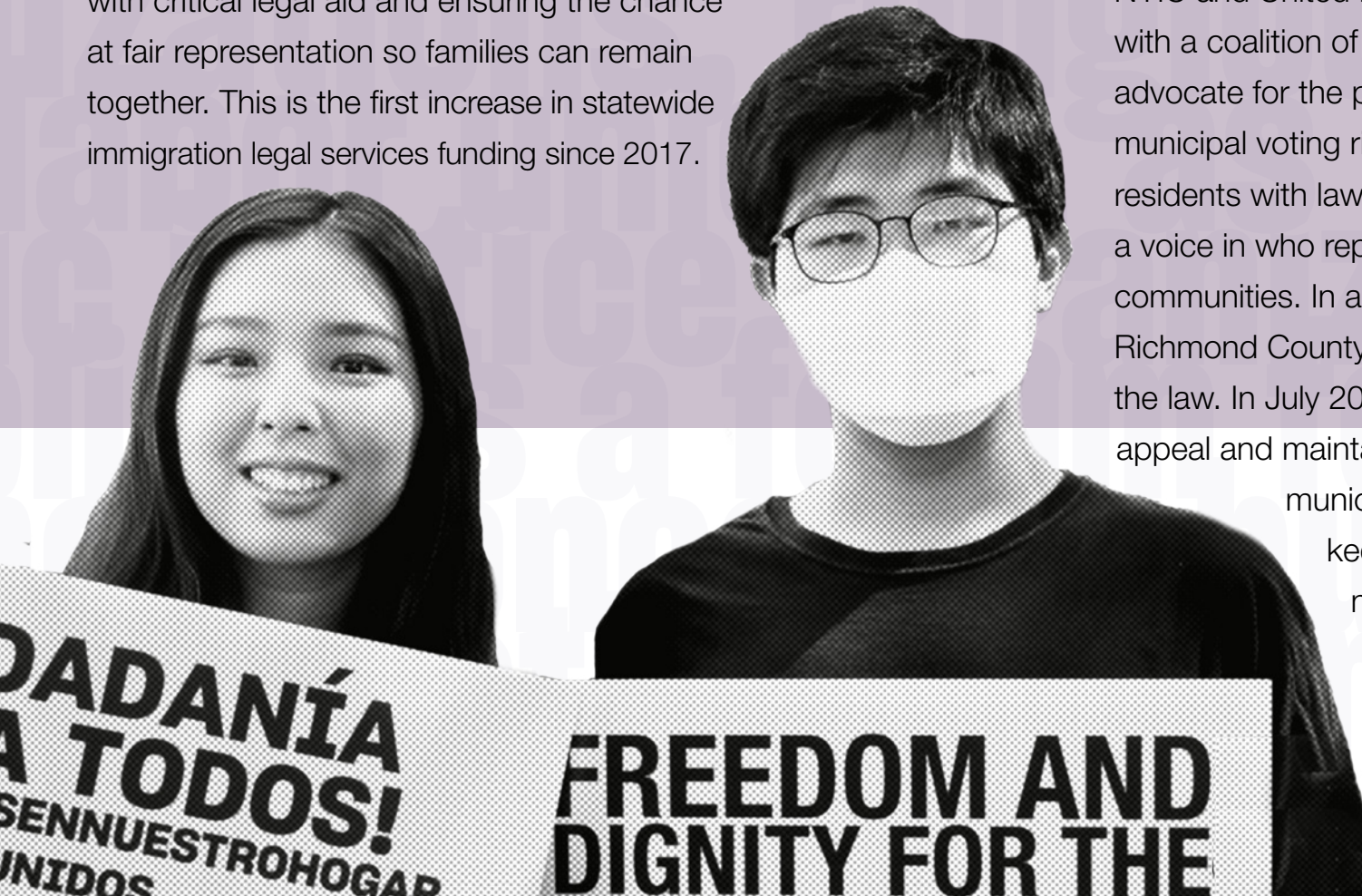
## Legal Services Funding

While legal representation is a cornerstone of our democracy, it is not a guaranteed right for immigrants.

We secured \$21.5 million in immigration legal services funding, providing immigrants facing deportation with critical legal aid and ensuring the chance at fair representation so families can remain together. This is the first increase in statewide immigration legal services funding since 2017.

## OUR CITY/ OUR VOTE

The Our City Our Vote legislation was passed by the NYC Council in December 2021, and became law in January 2022. Together, the NYC and United Neighborhood Houses worked with a coalition of over 50 organizations to advocate for the passage of legislation to restore municipal voting rights to New York City residents with lawful presence and giving them a voice in who represents them and their communities. In a continued legal fight, the Richmond County Supreme Court struck down the law. In July 2022, New York City filed an appeal and maintained their support for municipal voting. We continue to keep the fight alive to enfranchise nearly one million new voters!



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**The NYIC leads** a multi-ethnic, multicultural, multi-sectoral coalition working with immigrants and some of the most vulnerable communities in New York.

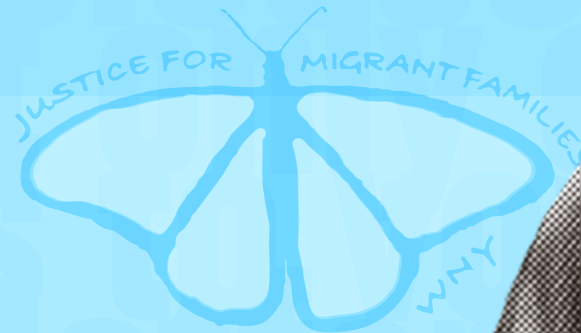
We boast a diverse membership base of more than 200 organizations that span every sector in their work with immigrants and refugees, the majority of which are led by people of color and roughly two-thirds are women-led.

Our members are the first line of defense when navigating humanitarian crises that arise in New York regarding our immigrant communities; providing cash assistance, food pantries, COVID testing, and vaccination resources, and much more to their communities. In 2022, our membership continues to be champions and innovators in the immigration space, navigating various rapid responses, like the Afghan Rapid Response, the COVID-19 pandemic and the Ukrainian Response Initiative, that arose throughout the year.

**The opportunity that the food security grants have provided to JFMF** continues

to lift the cover off of the deep problem of food insecurity for immigrant families in Western New York, in particular those who are undocumented, asylum seekers, and those in the midst of immigration legal processes. It is hard to fathom in many cases how people are even getting by. These types of support that accommodate for a wider array of immigration status and circumstances remain vital.

— **Justice for Migrant Families**





Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF):  
**Regrants with Food Security**

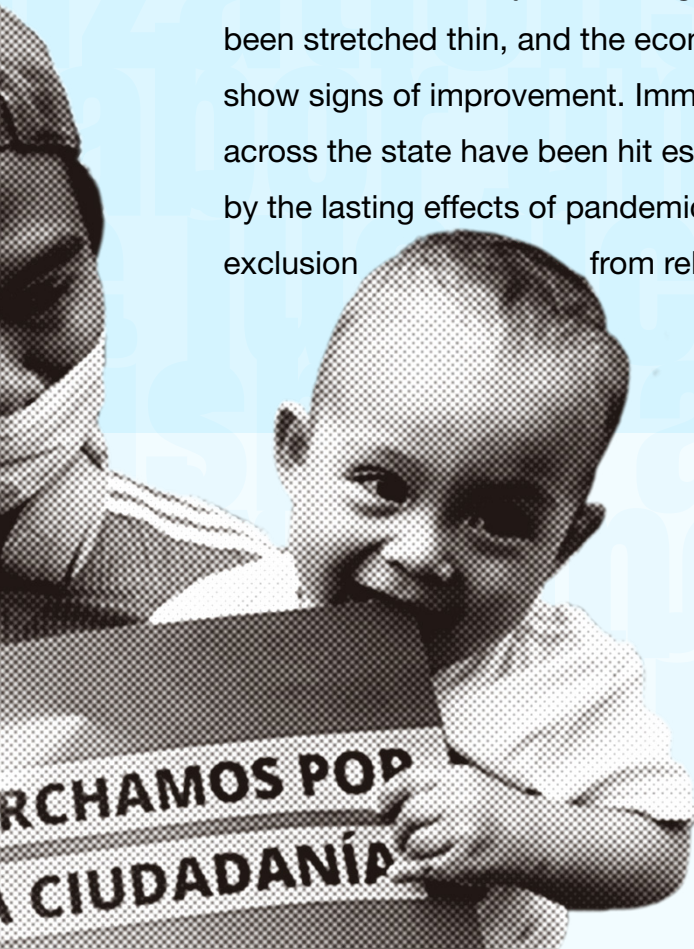
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Even before the COVID-19 pandemic hit, over one million New Yorkers were already experiencing some level of food insecurity—a varied lack of consistent access to enough food for every person in a household to live an active, healthy life. Food pantries and other community service organizations have been stretched thin, and the economy has yet to show signs of improvement. Immigrant communities across the state have been hit especially hard by the lasting effects of pandemic and their initial exclusion from relief programs.

**SNF generously funded a regrant food security initiative with support for regrants and resource coordination. This initiative was collaboratively developed due to the expressed increased need by our community members and members organizations.**

Through these regrants, and over the course of two years, we were able to support 41 member organizations and provide critical funds in support of their food insecurity work.

Together, we were able to serve 87,022 individuals across New York State. In addition to providing food, organizations were able to strengthen community ties and connect community members to additional resources and support. This need continues to be extremely prevalent in the communities we serve.

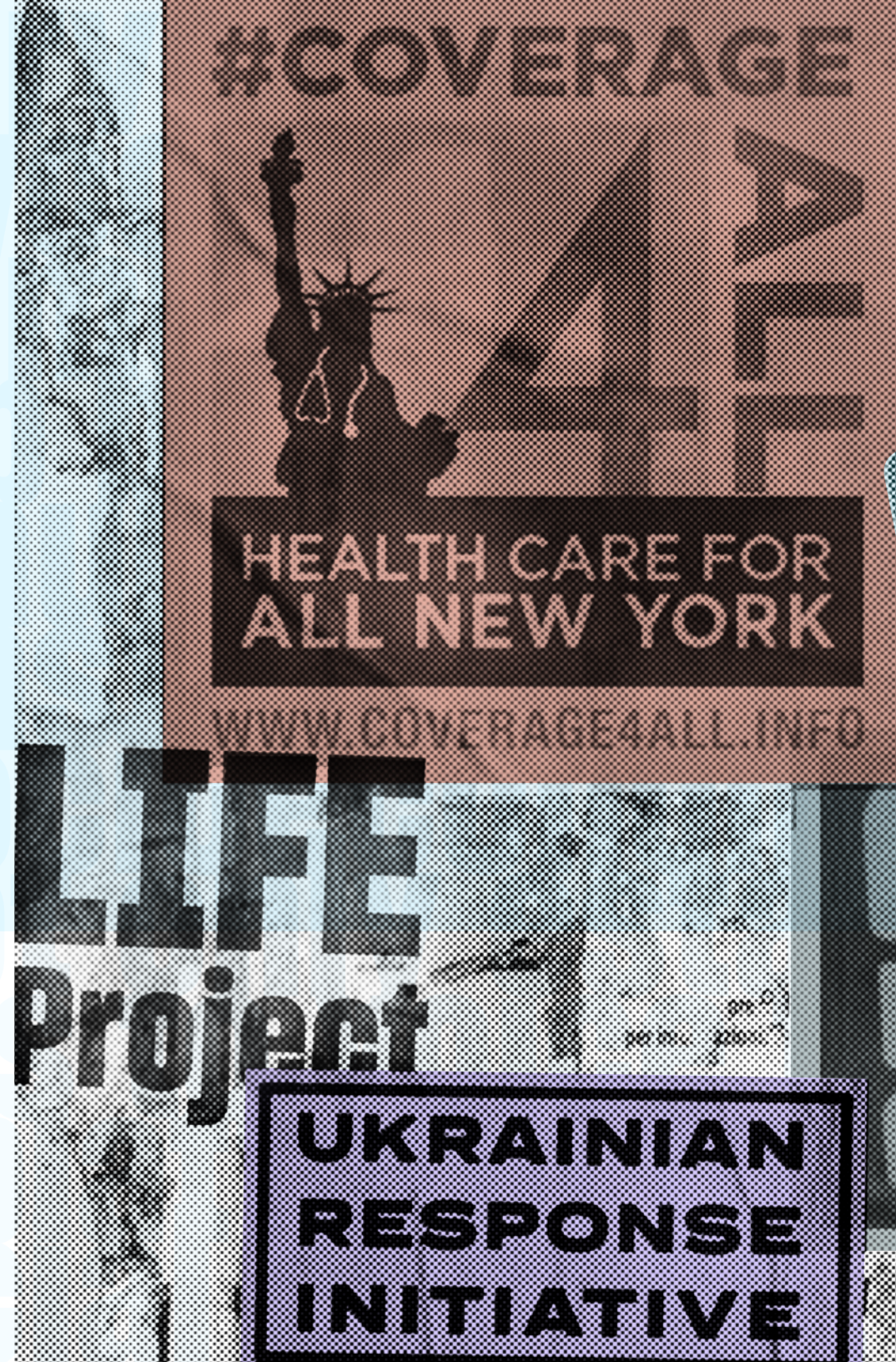




## The NYIC boasts a diverse portfolio

of services and programs. To highlight some, all of which build capacity for our membership through regrants, material building and trainings:

- Coverage 4 All
- Afghan Support
- Mapping Our Future
- LIFE Project
- Cash Assistance Times Square
- REMAP
- AID FOR AIDS
- Ukrainian Response Initiative
- Food Security
- Korean Small Business Outreach





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NYIC unites a diverse roster of more than 200 member organizations who serve the following communities:

**117**

Latin American

**86**

Caribbean

**71**

Middle Eastern /  
North African

**96** African

**76**  
South Asian

**58**  
European

**57**  
Asian Pacific  
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## Member Congress

Each January, the NYIC holds Member Congress, an annual statewide member convening and lobbying event that brings together over 200 member and partner organizations. During the two-day event, our members have an opportunity to engage with each other and work on developing goals and needs for the year.

## Training Opportunities

With the needs assessment in mind, the NYIC provided nearly 70 different training sessions, summing approximately 150 hours. This year, we had 10 new training offerings, responding to the ever changing needs and interests of our membership. Collectively, we trained over 1300 service providers from over 300 organizations serving immigrant communities across New York State.

## Mobilizations & Regrants

One of the biggest ways our membership shows up is in our call to actions. We held more than 30 mobilizations in FY22 covering everything from “Welcome Back Congress” to “#NoSleepTilCitizenship” to “11 Mile March for 11M.” Additionally, we distribute robust RFP’s and regrants to our membership and provide multiple ways to interact with stakeholders and decision makers. Together, this ensures the sustainability and strength of the coalition.

## Audited Financials

August 2021–July 2022

### Support & Revenue **10,06 Mio**

36.65% Government Contracts

50.50% Foundations/Corporations

2.55% Individuals

<1.00% Special Events

<1.00% Membership Dues

9.35% Other Income

### Expenditures **10,01 Mio**

Program 82.20%

Management/General 11.82%

Fundraising 5.28%





## New York City

131 West 33rd Street  
New York, NY 10001

## Central New York

2013 E Genesee Street  
Syracuse, NY 13210

## Western New York

135 Delaware Ave  
Buffalo, NY 14202

## Capitol Region

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Albany, NY 12207

## Long Island

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*African Communities Together\**  
*Community Voices Heard\**  
*Flanbwayan Haitian Literacy Project*  
*Neighbors Link\**  
*New Immigrant Community Empowerment\**  
*Latino Commission on AIDS\**  
*Laundry Distribution and Food Service Joint Board Workers United\**  
*Migration Policy Institute at NYU School of Law\**  
*Bolton-St. Johns*  
*mebl | Transforming Furniture*  
*Consultant*  
*Chinese Progressive Association\**  
*Catholic Charities Diocese of Rockville Center\**  
*Workers' Center of Central New York\**  
*Cyrus D. Mehta & Partners PLLC*  
*Retired Attorney and Real Estate Developer*  
*Minkwon Center for Community Action\**  
*UJA-Federation of New York\**  
*Council of People's Organization\**  
*Catholic Charities\**  
  
*Chhaya CDC\**  
*Bloomberg*  
*Partnership for the Public Good\**  
*FWD.us\**  
*SEIU Local 32BJ\**  
*Local 1199-SEIU\**

*\*NYIC Coalition Member Organizations*



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