

BUDGET VICTORIES AT CITY HALL 2009

DC 37 won **\$123 million in city budget restorations for FY 2010**, providing much needed funding to keep libraries and cultural institutions open, as well as restoring operating support for CUNY Community Colleges.

In testimony at City Hall hearings in early 2009, DC 37 leaders called for the city to provide funding to maintain and enhance the services members provide for the city's working families and poor people, with the following results:

Health care: The Council restored \$5 million for Child Health Clinics; \$3.5 million was budgeted to prevent infant mortality and City Council restored \$1.6 million for mental health services for children under five years of age.

Libraries received \$47 million for five-day-a-week service, while cultural institutions got \$23.6 million plus \$2.5 was restored for the Urban Advantage Program and \$5.1 million for the Cultural After School Advantage (CASA) Program.

Education: CUNY community colleges were allocated \$36.3 million. Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg continued to fund summer School Crossing Guards.