ONONDAGA COUNTY OFFICE OF THE EXCUTIVE

2027 EXECUTIVE BUDGET WRITTEN STATEMENT

SECTION 1:

2026 INITIATIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In 2026, the Office of the County Executive continued to lead and coordinate major initiatives focused on preparing Onondaga County for unprecedented economic and population growth while improving quality of life throughout the community. Significant progress was made in advancing the Central New York semiconductor cluster and related supply-chain development, workforce preparation, housing creation, and critical infrastructure.

The Office also continued to advance investments in children and families, public safety, health, housing, parks, tourism, and community development. These efforts included expanded school-based services and workforce programs, continued implementation of O-CHIP, major parks and tourism investments, and progress on transformative projects such as the aquarium.

2026 BUDGET REVIEW

The Executive Office is forecast to finish 2026 within budget.

SECTION 2:

2027 BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2027 budget includes standard salary and wage increases consistent with the County's baseline budgeting approach.

The Office of the County Executive's travel appropriation supports participation in key intergovernmental organizations and conferences, including the National Association of Counties (NACo), New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), and New York State County Executives Association. Participation provides important opportunities to remain current on federal and State policy developments, advocate for County priorities, collaborate with other local government leaders, and identify best practices and funding opportunities that benefit Onondaga County.

The 2027 Maintenance, Utilities and Rents appropriation has a slight increase due to contractual escalators related to copiers and cell phones.

All other appropriations lines remain flat from the 2026 Adopted Budget and provide the resources necessary to support the Executive Department's day-to-day operations and core responsibilities.

SECTION 3:

2027 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

In 2027, the Office of the County Executive will remain focused on managing the County's continued growth while ensuring that the benefits of this historic economic opportunity reach residents throughout the community. Priorities include continued development of the semiconductor and advanced-manufacturing ecosystem, expansion of housing and workforce opportunities, investments in critical infrastructure, and continued support for public safety, children and families, health, and tourism.