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### [IBO Projects Lower Asylum Seeker Costs Than Executive Budget](#)

The NYC Independent Budget Office (IBO), in response to a request by the NYC Council, examined city expenses associated with serving asylum seekers that were included in the Executive Budget.

Due to continuing unpredictability around the volume of asylum seekers, the level of their needs, and other variables including federal policies and the availability of funding from sources other than the city, no one can state with certainty what the city's costs will be to care for asylum seekers. Therefore, IBO considered a range of scenarios. IBO modeled a baseline cost scenario which assumes variation in the influx of asylum seekers in line with current trends. It also studied a lower-cost and higher-cost scenario.

**All three IBO cost scenarios are based on the assumption that the volume of asylum seekers utilizing city services will fluctuate. When this is combined with varying cost models, the resulting total costs are between \$600 million and \$1.7 billion lower than the Executive Budget projection of \$4.3 billion for fiscal years 2023 and 2024**

Also, based on these lower costs, the city would not receive the full reimbursement for shelter from New York State that was reflected in the Executive Budget.

Read more [here](#).

Additional details will be available next week when the IBO releases its Charter mandated report on the Executive Budget, which will be posted on IBO's website.

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