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# NYS TRANSPLANT COUNCIL MEETING

April 30, 2026 | 28 LIBERTY STREET, MANHATTAN, NY

# AGENDA

- **Introductions**
- **Welcome and Remarks**
- **Chairperson Report**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Update on Federal Activities**
- **Update on State/Legislative Activities**
- **Update on Department Updates**
- **Committee Reports**
- **New and Other Business**



# UPDATE ON FEDERAL ACTIVITIES



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# FEDERAL UPDATE

- **Organ Procurement and Transplantation Network (OPTN) modernization update**
  - **Presenter: Dr. Raymond Lynch, Chief of the Organ Transplant Branch within the Division of Transplantation, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).**

# FEDERAL UPDATES

## Licensure, Survey & Surveillance

- 1. Guidelines for Limited Review Applications Certificate of Needs revised and on NYS Department of Health website**
- 2. Admin Info: 25-10-Transplant: Prioritizing Transplant Program Reapproval Surveys Based on Performance - New York State does not have any programs on the performance-based list; all programs will continue to be surveyed every 5 years**
- 3. CMS Transplant Survey Tool Kit Pilot: Have used at several surveys, continuing to update based on State Operations Manual (SOM) changes and NYSDOH tools**

# FEDERAL UPDATES

## Licensure, Survey & Surveillance, continued

- 4. Updated Transplant Basic Training: Available on CMS' Quality, Safety & Education (QSEP). The revisions are based on outdated guidance in State Operations Manual (SOM) Appendix X.**
- 5. Certificate of Need application filed by New York University Hospital-Brooklyn seeking to open a new kidney transplant program received approval, contingent upon Organ Procurement and Transplant Network (OPTN) approval; submitted extension request. Project approval expiration date: July 1, 2027**
- 6. Two programs pending initial survey: Long Island Jewish Medical Center - Cohen's pediatric heart and Northshore adult pancreas**



# IMPACT OF FEDERAL TRANSITION

## **Group discussion**

# UPDATE ON STATE / LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

# CHANGES TO EXISTING STATUTES

- **Public Health Law, Section 4363 Waiting lists for organs**
  - **Removal of prohibition of multiple facility waiting lists in New York State;**
  - **Signed and effective: October 16, 2025.**
- **Public Health Law, Section 4301 Persons who may execute an anatomical gift**
  - **Amendment includes the addition of close friend;**
  - **Signed: February 13, 2026;**
  - **Effective: May 20, 2026.**



# UPDATE ON DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES



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# ORGAN DONOR REGISTRY

## **Implementation of New Registry Enrollment Sources continues**

- **Health Insurance Plan Law**
- **Electronic Health Record Law**

# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM



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# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

- **Launched 10/22/2025**
- **Eligibility Criteria: Both the donor and the ultimate intended recipient must be New York State residents**
- **Program website: [Living Donor Support Program](#)**
- **Dedicated Program email inbox; [LivingDonor@health.ny.gov](mailto:LivingDonor@health.ny.gov)**
- **Dedicated Program phone line: 518-408-3431**

# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

## Living Donor Support Program Process

### Program Eligibility Application

- Transplant Center submits:
  - Donor Application with proof of NYS residency
  - Recipient Application with proof of NYS residency
  - Transplant Center Initial Review Form

### Statewide Financial System (SFS) account for Donor

- Donor submits Substitute W9 form to NYSDOH
- NYSDOH creates SFS account for donor

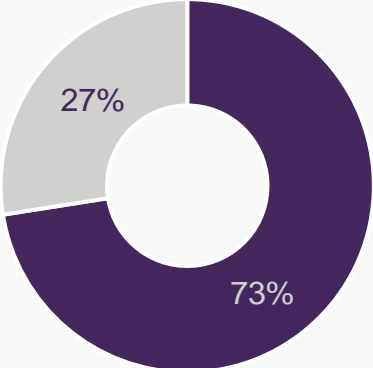
### Request for Reimbursement

- Donor submits:
  - Reimbursement Request Form
  - Backup Documentation

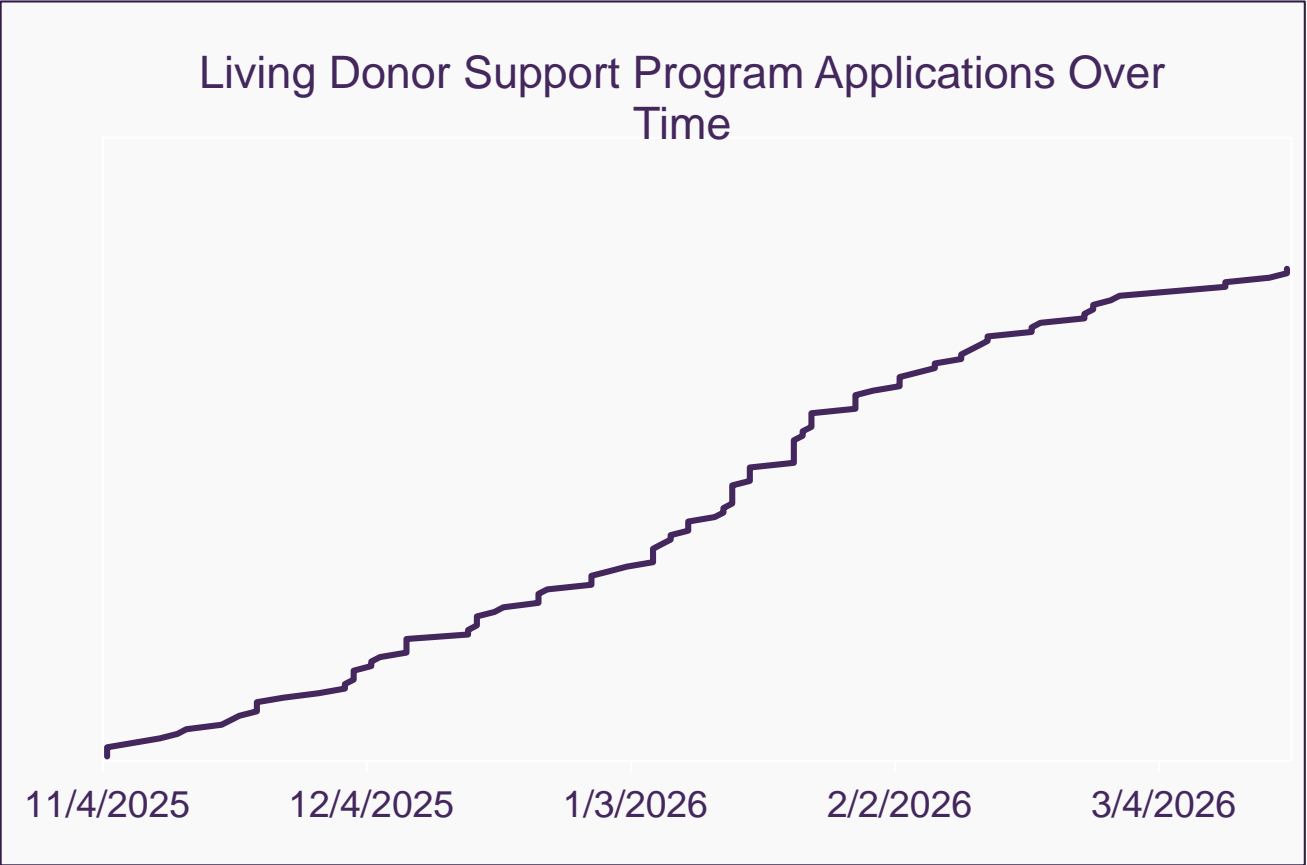


# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

**138** applicants



■ Kidney ■ Liver



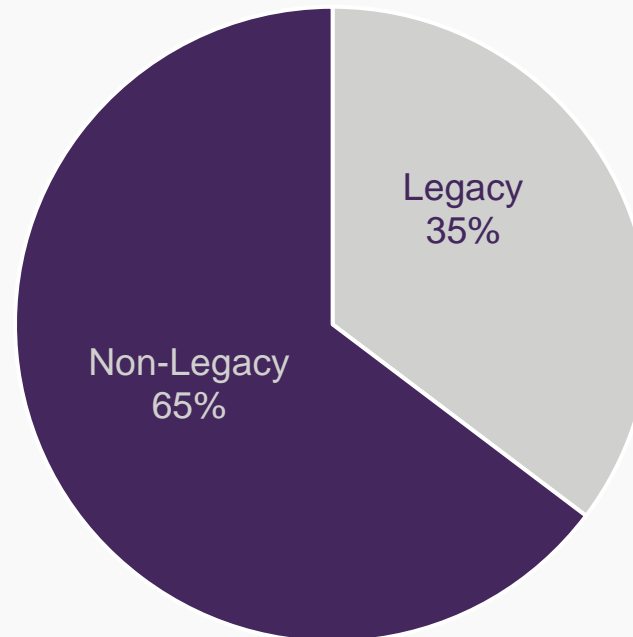
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\*All data as of April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026

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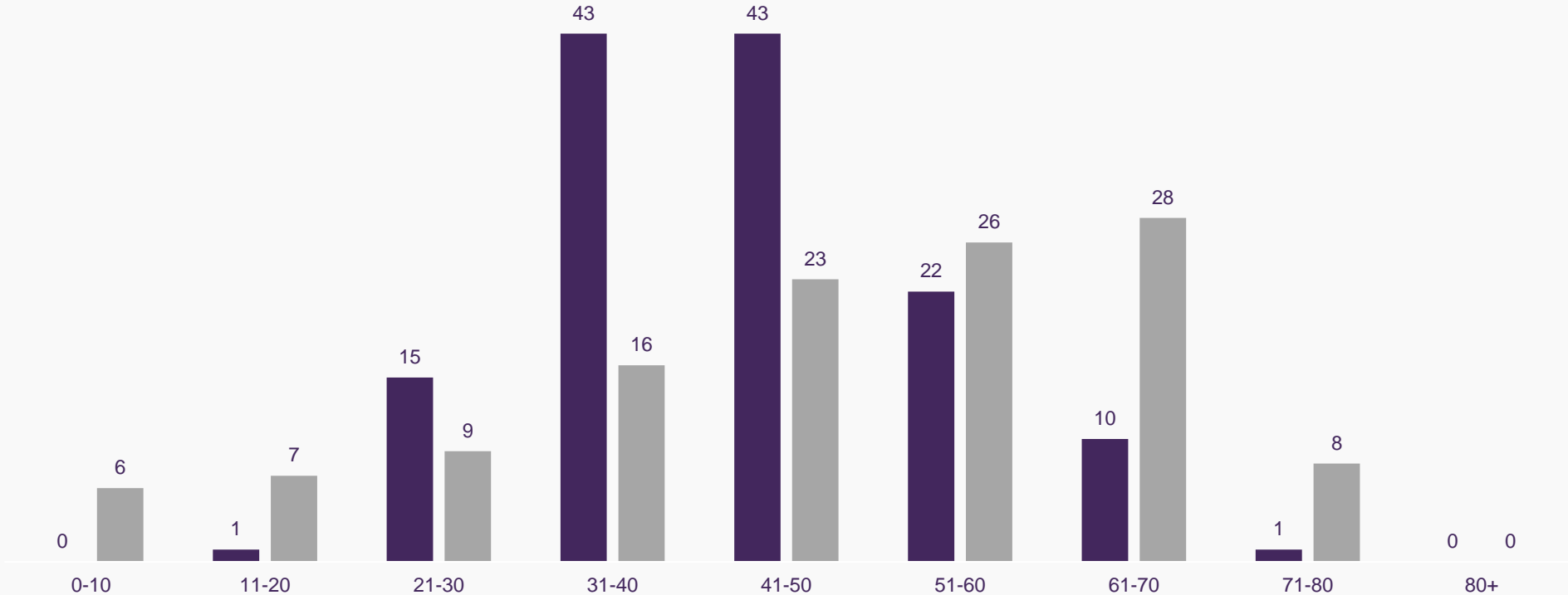
Legacy Donors: NYS residents who made a living organ donation between April 1, 2023, and October 22, 2025

The Legacy Donor application period was extended through March 21, 2026.



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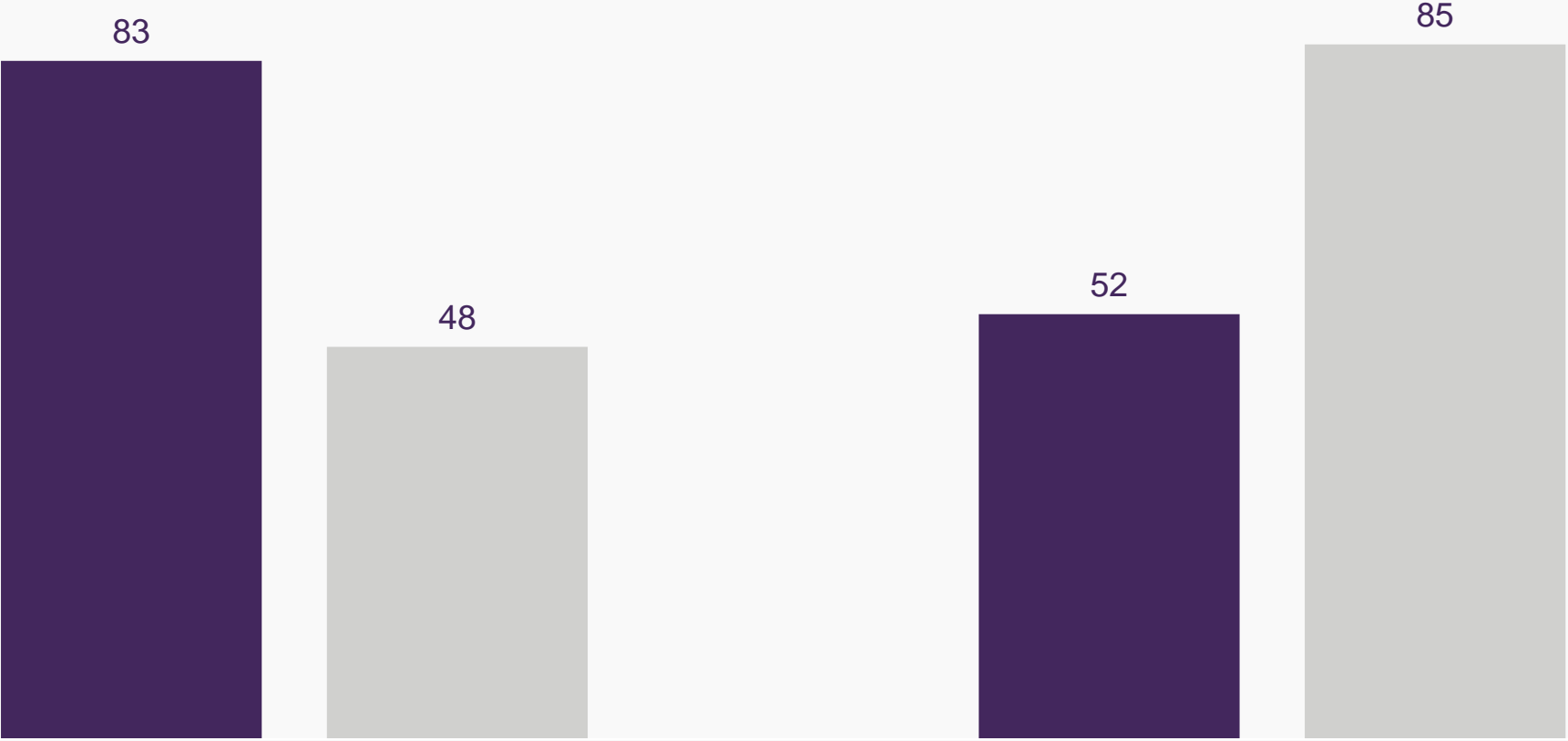
## Donor and Recipient Ages



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## Recipient and Donor Gender

■ Male ■ Female

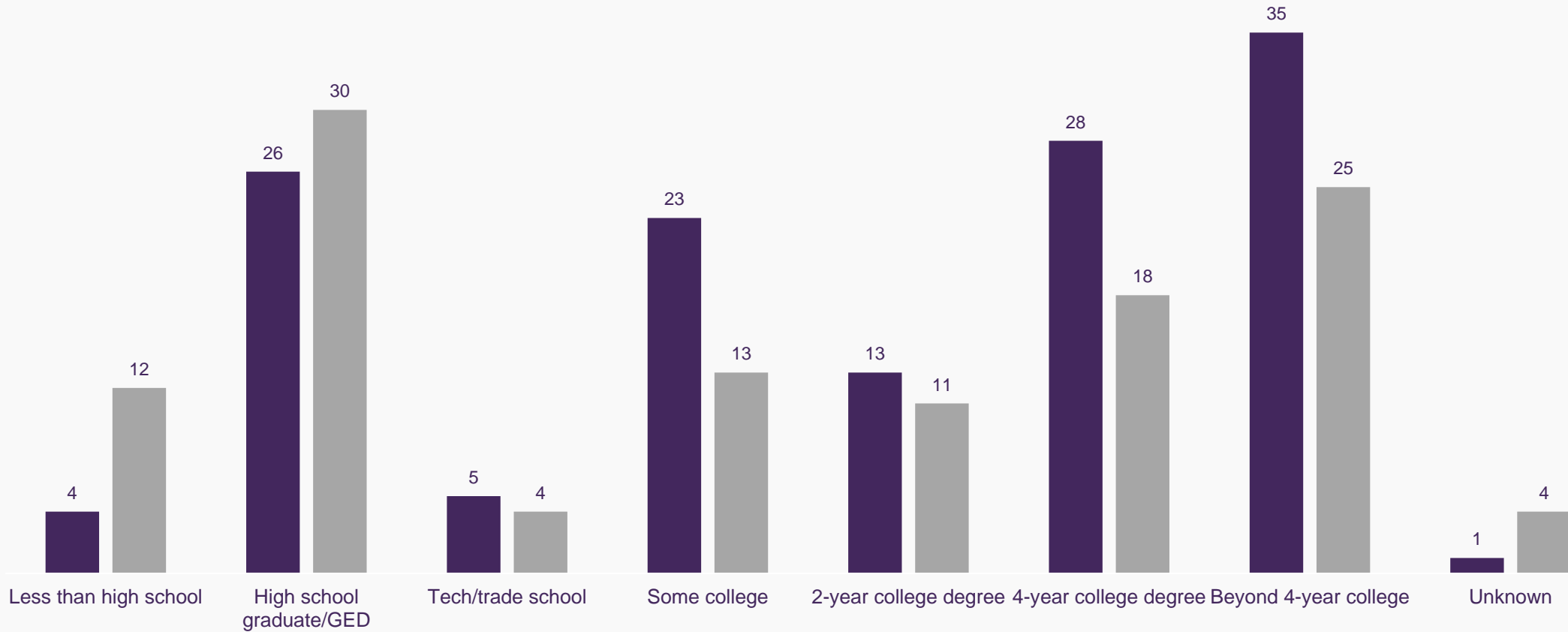


Recipients

Donors

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## Donor and Recipient Education Levels\*

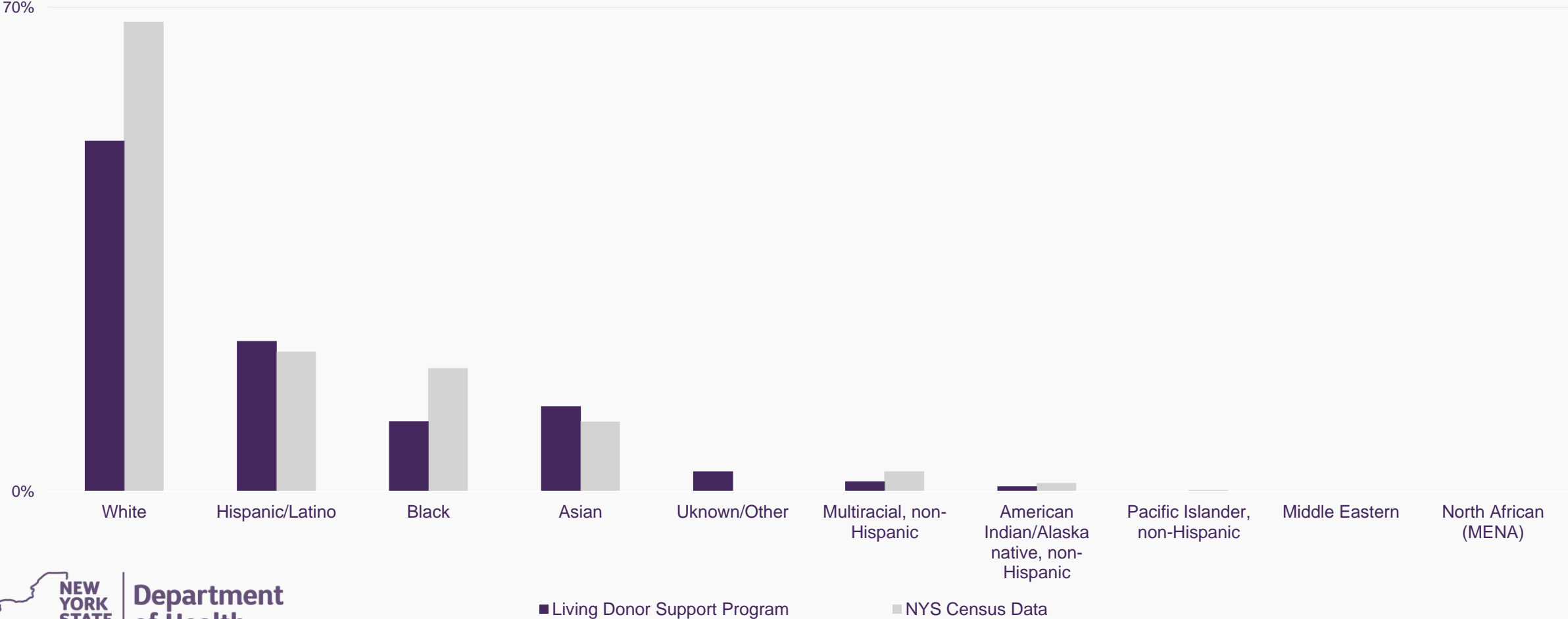


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\*Ages 18 and up

# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

## Race/Ethnicity of Living Donor Support Program Donors Compared to NYS Census Data



■ Living Donor Support Program    ■ NYS Census Data

# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

## Donors

### Top 5 Counties

1. Brooklyn
2. Suffolk
3. Westchester
4. Monroe
5. New York



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## Recipients

### Top 5 Counties

1. Suffolk
2. Brooklyn
3. Westchester
4. Monroe
5. Orange



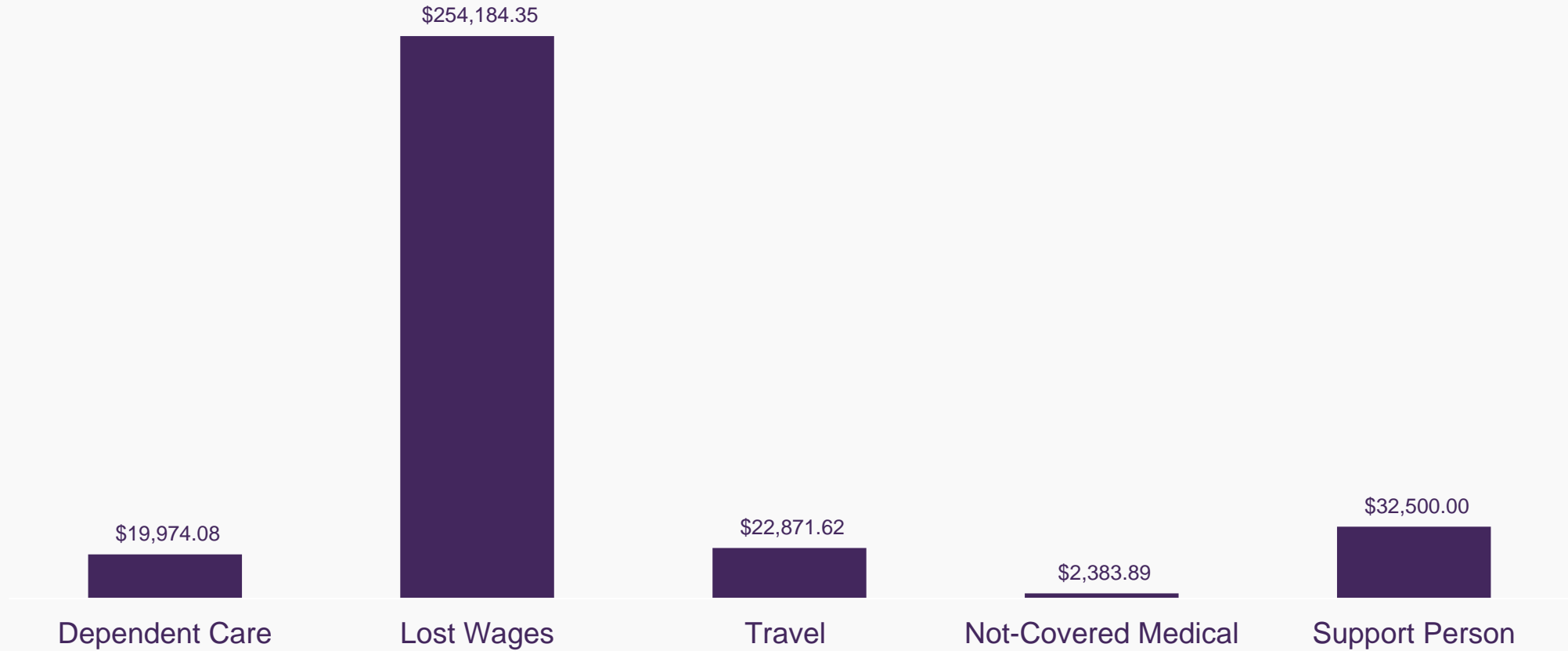
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## **State Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

- Total Budget: \$1,000,000 (annually)
- Total Amount Vouchered, as of 4/21/26: \$316,495.54

# LIVING DONOR SUPPORT PROGRAM

## Amount Vouchered by Expense Type



# WADSWORTH CENTER UPDATES



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# REPORTS OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES



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# REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

- 1. Ethics Committee Report by Andrew Flescher, PhD**
  - a. Xenotransplantation**
  
- 2. NASEM Committee Report by Nancy Metzler**

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BUSINESS

## **Election of Vice Chairperson**



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# OTHER BUSINESS

Next Meeting Date: TBD\*

\*Previously agreed on October 15, 2026; looking into moving date to October 21st

Upcoming Transplant Conference:  
2026 Transplant Ethics & Policy Conference  
New York University Langone Health, NYC  
October 22, 2026



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