



EMPOWERING NEW YORKERS
IMPROVING COMMUNITIES

DSNY'S UNFUNDED MANDATE THREATENS ACE'S MISSION AND THEIR EFFORTS TO KEEP NYC STREETS CLEAN

WHO WE ARE

ACE (Association of Community Employment Programs) helps New Yorkers rebuild their lives through job training and work experience. Since 1992, we've helped 3,800+ individuals overcome homelessness, incarceration and addiction by providing a path to employment.

WE'RE NOT JUST CHANGING LIVES—WE'RE KEEPING NYC CLEAN BY:

- ▶ **Removing 1 million+ garbage bags from NYC streets**
- ▶ **Providing sanitation services in 40+ Council Districts**
- ▶ **Serving as NYC's second-largest sanitation provider after DSNY**

THE DSNY CONTAINERIZATION MANDATE: A COSTLY BURDEN

On March 7, 2025, the NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY) finalized a rule forcing supplemental sanitation providers like ACE to place all collected trash in city-approved containers that ACE must purchase.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- ▶ DSNY is shifting its responsibility for keeping city streets clean onto nonprofits like ACE without the resources to cover the costs.
- ▶ ACE must pay for all containers—**a \$5M+ cost for ACE alone.**
- ▶ Non-compliance means steep fines starting August 1, 2025.

WHAT'S AT STAKE

- ▶ **Threat to Public Cleanliness:** The mandate could reduce ACE's services, leaving NYC streets dirtier.
- ▶ **Job Loss & Community Impact:** ACE helps people rebuild their lives—this rule puts those opportunities at risk.
- ▶ **Unfunded Mandate:** NYC is shifting the cost burden onto nonprofits like ACE, which threatens this community partner and the services it provides.

WHAT DSNY SHOULD DO

DSNY should withdraw this rule and work with sanitation providers to develop a realistic, effective solution that keeps our streets clean without jeopardizing jobs or community services.