

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
Special Consideration Unit Housing Application Report
December 2019 – May 2020

Pursuant to Local Law 144 of 2019(b), the below chart outlines aggregate data related to applications for housing made by transgender, gender non-binary, and intersex individuals admitted into the Department’s custody from December 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

Individuals who identify as transgender, gender non-binary, or intersex may apply to be housed in the female facility in the Special Considerations Unit (SCU), a housing area designated for the purpose of housing individuals who identify as transgender, intersex, or gender non-binary; a general population unit in the female facility; or placement in a male facility. Final housing determinations are made on a case-by-case basis in a manner that ensures the individual's health and safety, and abates any management or security concerns. If an individual who identifies to the Department as transgender, intersex, or gender non-binary does not agree with the initial housing determination made based on their application or is removed from their housing placement for security reasons, they have the opportunity to request reconsideration of their housing placement

During this reporting period, the Department approved 84% of applications that were considered. In the previous reporting period, the 90% of these applications were approved.¹ In total, 28 fewer applications were submitted during this reporting period as compared to the previous reporting period, which is likely due to the significant reduction in new admissions and overall reduction of the population that occurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Whereas the number of denials remained the same across reporting periods, three requests for reconsideration were submitted during the last reporting period and no requests for reconsideration were submitted during this reporting period.

Total Number of Applications Submitted	Number of Applications Approved	Number of Applications Denied	Number of Applications Reconsidered	Outcome of Reconsiderations Denied	Outcome of Reconsiderations Approved
52 ²	37	7	0	N/A	N/A

¹ The previous reporting period captures data related to applications for housing made by individuals who identify as transgender, gender non-binary, or intersex admitted into the Department’s custody from June 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019.

² The total number of applications submitted includes applications which did not result in a final determination. For example, an application may not result in a final determination if the applicant withdrew their application, or the individual was release from custody prior to their application reaching final review.