

NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION
Special Consideration Unit Housing Application Report
June 2020 – November 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 June 1, 2020 to November 30, 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. Housing applications are used strictly for the purpose of making housing determinations and not for the purpose of determining an individual’s gender identity; individuals in custody receive access to programming and services that align with their stated gender identity regardless of where they are housed. 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 73% of applications that were considered. In the previous reporting period, the 84% of these applications were approved.¹ In total, 23 more applications were submitted during this reporting period as compared to the previous reporting period, which is likely due to the increase in new admissions and overall increase in the population that occurred following height of the COVID-19 pandemic, when the Department observed a significant reduction in new admissions and the overall population. The number of denials increased between reporting periods, as did the number of requests for reconsideration.

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
75 ²	49	18	4 ³	1	1

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 December 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020.

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.

³ Final determinations rendered on two (2) applications for reconsideration occurred outside of the reporting period; they will be included in the aggregate-level report in the next reporting period.