



FY24 Advocate for Aging

Over 1.8 million older adults age 60 and over live in New York City. Yet older adults and the human services workforce that provide critical aging services have not been prioritized by the City. The lack of investment is evident in the FY24 Preliminary Budget released by Mayor Adams including a \$25 million cut to NYC Aging (formerly known as Department for the Aging), despite the increased demand for aging services. Older New Yorkers and the human services sector need investments not cuts. As we all grow older, we deserve to age in community with access to equitable services regardless of one's zip code or background. **Let's #AdvocateforAgingNYC to show the City that aging services have been and will always be essential for all New Yorkers!**



#JustPay human services workers

- Establish, fund, and enforce a 6.5% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) on all human services contracts.



\$64.2 Million to Combat Older Adult Hunger

- \$14 million for inflation cost for raw foods, gas and other items for home-delivered meals
- \$46.3 million for inflation cost for raw food, gas and other items for congregate meals
- \$4 million to support weekend and holiday home-delivered meals not provided through NYC Aging



\$29.4 Million to Address the Unmet Needs of Older Adults (NYC Aging funded services)

- \$1.4 million to support continued growth in demand of the case management program
- \$15.4 million to support continued growth in demand of the home care program,
- \$7.5 million for digital literacy and devices to facilitate virtual programming for Older Adults. In addition, to expand technology programming accessibility and to support technology expansion
- \$5 million to support communications and marketing outreach for DFTA funded programming for community-based organization outreach to older adults



Invest in Affordable Housing

- Allocate funding to develop 1,000 units of affordable senior housing per year.
- Increase the per unit reimbursement rate for SARA services from \$5,000 per unit, to \$7,500 per unit, allowing for increased staff to more adequately address social isolation and significant case assistance needs.



Photo Courtesy of Selfhelp Community Services



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Full Funding for All Aging Related Discretionary Initiatives



Support Our Seniors

**Restore
\$7,140,000**

Supporting aging services programs in every district

**Add an additional
\$2,600,000**

This would provide \$50,000 per district on average to better support older New Yorkers, particularly given the needs, such as transportation, social isolation, technology, and others, experienced during COVID-19

This would bring total Support Our Seniors funding to: \$9.74 million

NORCs



**Restore
\$6,400,000**

Support NORCs throughout the City, including funding for on-site nursing services.



**\$3,405,000 for
Geriatric Mental
Health Initiative**

Expand mental health services for older adults



**\$2,000,000 for
Case Management**

Support case management services for older adults



**\$4,376,000 for Older
Adult Centers and
Programs and
Enhancements**

Support for older adult centers, meals, homecare, transportation, and other senior services programs



**\$3,300,000
for SU-CASA**

Support community arts initiative serving older adults

***Plus full funding for all initiatives that support older New Yorkers, including:
Immigrant Senior Centers, LGBTQ+ Community Services, Social Adult Day Care, Elder Abuse Prevention,
Borough Presidents' Discretionary Funding Restoration, and Information and Referral Services***

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