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Age Strong: Advocating for Aging in NYC

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State Impacts

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- The fiscal policy institute is projecting a $3.7B shortfall due to federal cuts for New York State
- Impacts:
  - Hospital and health programs
  - Food assistance
  - Employment programs (SCSEP)
  - Heat and cooling assistance (LIHEAP)
  - Affordable senior housing (HUD 202s + City & State programs like SARA)

City Impacts

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- New York City has said that up to 10% of the budget is derived from federal sources
- Impacts:
  - The entire affordable & public housing portfolio
  - NYC's public hospital system
  - Aging specific programs such as senior employment
  - Aging service Portfolio

Age Strong NYC & NYS:
What are we fighting for?

NYC Aging Services

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- Older Adults Centers (OACs)
- NORCs (Naturally Occurring Retirement Community)
- Home Delivered Meals Program (HDM)
- Case Management
- Home Care
- GMHI (Geriatric Mental Health Initiative)
- Caregiving Support
- Elder Justice
- NY Connects (State contract, administered by DFTA)

NYC
Department for the Aging

Meeting with Older New Yorkers

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- Housing
- Transportation
- Emergency information
- Veterans affairs
- Public health
- Food

Budget

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NEW YORK CITY:

- FY26 Budget: $116 BILLION
- NYC Aging budget: Less than half of 1% !

NEW YORK STATE:

- FY26 Budget: $254 BILLION
- NYS Office for the Aging budget: Less than half of 1% !

So... What is the Age Strong Campaign?

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We are calling on New York City & State to prioritize older adults in budget and policy by investing in three areas:

- **FOOD:** For expanded nutrition services, including meals for homebound individuals, Older Adult Center meals, and SNAP outreach.
- **HOUSING:** For more affordable housing, including the SARA program, HUD 202 building preservation, SCRIE expansion, and group support services.
- **COMMUNITY SERVICES:** For community services, addressing infrastructure issues at Older Adult Centers, mental health services, and public spaces to fight social isolation.

Who has the power?

President/Executive Offices

- The President and cabinet members propose a budget and decide how that funding will be spent within the guidelines of congressional approval.
- Building relationships with administrators can help raise the profile of your programs
- It is easier to connect with federal officials than people think!

House of Representatives

- Appropriates funding for the federal budget
- House members can distribute funding directly to programs
- House members can facilitate relationships with relevant executive branch folks

Senate

- Senators also can distribute funding directly to organizations
- Much smaller body means each member has more direct relationships with power players. It can be much harder to access them on the flip side.

Governor's Office

- Mirrors the federal executive role
- State executives can prioritize where funding flows within the parameters of the budget passed by the legislature

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State Assembly

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The Mayor: The City's Chief Executive

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- Makes all the big decisions regarding agency operations, signing or vetoing laws, and proposing budgets, among other things.
- Appoints and works with deputy mayors and the directors and commissioner of the many city agencies and departments to estimate needs for the upcoming fiscal year.
- Negotiates with the City Council until the end of June to create a budget that will win their approval.

Current Mayor: Eric Adams

City Council: 51 Local Elected Leaders

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- Led by a Speaker who is elected by the council at the beginning of each term. The current Speaker is Adrienne Adams.
- Able to directly fund projects and organizations in each of the 51 districts and across the city as a whole.
- Responsible for passing laws, approving certain land use items, approving the city budget, overseeing city agencies, and providing assistance to their constituents in city matters.

NYC Council Speaker Adrienne Adams

Who are your elected officials?

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https://www.commoncause.org/ - this website will show you every elected official that represents you from the federal government to local areas

Find Your Representatives

Here you can find your representatives, how to contact them, bills they've introduced, committees they serve on, and political contributions they've received.

Who Are My Representatives?

Enter your full address below to get started:

Enter your full address

Submit

This tool is made possible with data from the Google Civic API, Open States, ProPublica, Center for Responsive Politics,

How do we do this?

The City Budget Process

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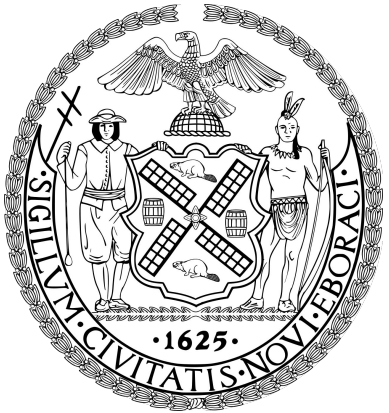
The Mayor and the City Council work together to create a budget for the city. The city's Fiscal Year runs from July-June.

- Step 1 - Mayor's Preliminary Budget (January)
- Step 2 - City Council Analysis and Hearings (March-April)
- Step 3 - Council's Formal Response (April)
- Step 4 - Executive Budget (April-May)
- Step 5 - Budget Adoption (June 30th/July 1st)



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  - BOROUGH ADVOCACY DAYS
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  - CITYWIDE ADVOCACY DAY
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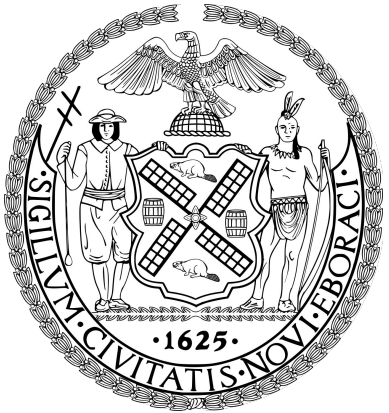

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Take Action!

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- High engagement:
  - Organize your community! Tell your neighbors.
  - Meet with your Elected Officials & Candidates
  - Call or write to press!
- Medium engagement:
  - Testify at City Council hearings
  - Join LiveOn NY's advocacy events
  - Who is in your network!
- Low engagement:
  - Stay informed (LiveOn NY's newsletter)
  - Join us on 10/16 for a Federal Policy Webinar!

Questions?

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Federal Impacts

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- Cuts are held till mid terms in December ‘26
- [IMPACTS]