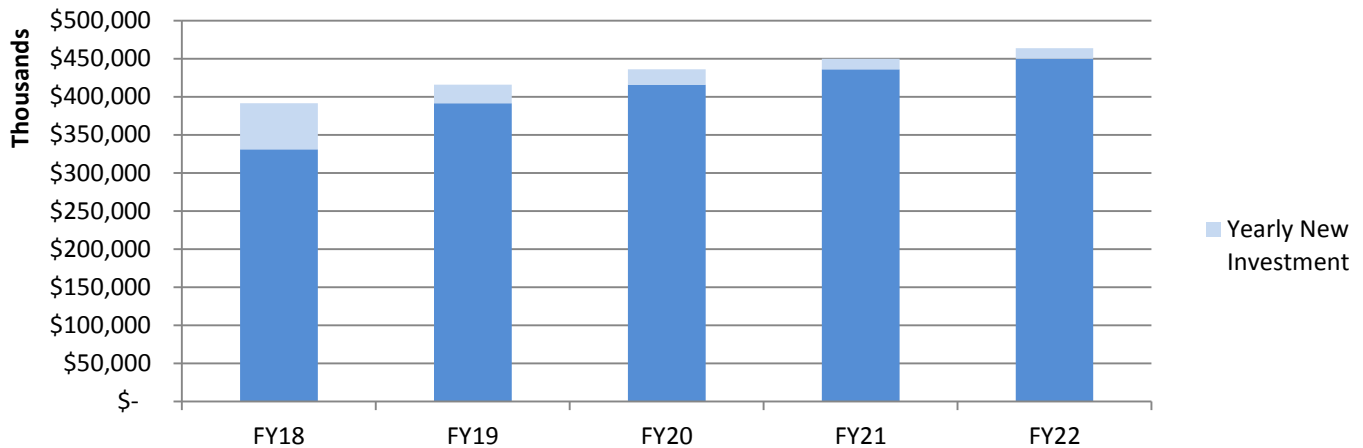


# Building a Safety Net for Older New Yorkers

We believe that older New Yorkers should be able to live in their neighborhoods with dignity and support, as engaged members of their communities. But decades of underfunding have resulted in growing wait lists for services, senior centers in disrepair, and no community-based safety net for older New Yorkers.

Rebuilding this safety net that allows older New Yorkers to age in place safely will require a robust investment in home based, neighborhood based, and caregiver services. **We ask that the City commit to fully funding services for older adults with an investment of \$132.8 million over the next five years.** (The chart below shows how our proposal would impact DFTA’s budget each year.) **Additionally, we support the human service sector ask for a 12 percent increase to all human services contracts to address under-funded OTPS costs, raise salaries, and support reasonable fringe benefits.**

## Proposed Five Year DFTA Financial Plan



1.1 million New Yorkers are 65 and older

47% are immigrants

60% are women

32% live below or just above the poverty line

**Building a robust network of aging services will require an investment in the following areas over the next five years:**

Senior Centers	\$42.2 million
Homecare	\$25.3 million
Congregate and Home-Delivered Meals	\$12.9 million
Case Management	\$10.2 million
Service Coordinators in Affordable Housing	\$10 million
Social Adult Day Services	\$10 million
NORCs	\$9 million
Caregiver Programs	\$8 million
Transportation	\$6 million
Elder Abuse	\$1.8 million

DFTA's budget is just 1.98% of NYC's human services budget

1,900 on waitlists for case management

780 on waitlists for homecare

6.5% of DFTA's core budget is council funded



## Make FY18 the Year of the Senior!

### Invest \$60,608,000 in a Safety Net for Older Adults

Program	Description	Discretionary & one-time funding (\$15,738,000)	Close gaps in place-based programs (\$44,870,000)	Total (\$60,608,000)
Senior Centers	Baseline discretionary funding for program costs at senior centers. Fund a system-wide upgrade, to rectify funding disparities and move them all to an Innovative Senior Center model.	\$3,578,000	\$15,000,000	<b>\$18,578,000</b>
Homecare	Baseline one year funding for homecare services to maintain current service level, and increase funding to address waitlist of 780 people.	\$4,300,000	\$9,000,000	<b>\$13,300,000</b>
Case Management	Restore remainder of FY16 council funding to address waitlist of 1,900 people, and increase to meet rising demand and prevent waitlists.	\$1,200,000	\$5,000,000	<b>\$6,200,000</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> Weekend Meal, Congregate & HMDL	Baseline one year funding to provide an extra weekend meal to older adults (including congregate meals). Increase per-meal reimbursement to cover years of inflationary increases. (From \$8.50 to \$9.50/meal in FY18.)	\$1,200,000	\$3,900,000	<b>\$5,100,000</b>
Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities	Baseline discretionary funding for on-site services to areas with high numbers of older adult residents, and increase to support currently unfunded mandate for nursing hours.	\$3,850,000	\$1,120,000	<b>\$4,970,000</b>
Caregiver Programs	Increase funding for support and respite programs for growing number of caregivers.		\$4,000,000	<b>\$4,000,000</b>
Social Adult Day Care	Baseline discretionary funding to provide non-medical adult day care services to individuals with cognitive or physical limitations. Restore prior City Council funding to increase service level.	\$950,000	\$2,500,000	<b>\$3,450,000</b>
Transportation	Baseline discretionary funding for transportation programs and increase to expand access to services.	\$660,000	\$2,000,000	<b>\$2,660,000</b>
Service Coordinators in Affordable Housing	Provide service coordinators for all affordable housing that exists and is in development.		\$2,000,000	<b>\$2,000,000</b>
Elder Abuse	Provide mental health counseling for abuse victims. One counselor per existing elder abuse contract.		\$350,000	<b>\$350,000</b>