$27.7 MILLION IN FY21 NEW NEEDS NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET PLAN

$16 million for Home Delivered Meals Programs
Currently, an estimated 18,000 homebound older adults receive home delivered meals across NYC. However, many of the community-based organizations who administer this program lose thousands of dollars every year providing these meals. $13 million is needed to help close the gap for weekday meals and $3 million is needed for weekend meals, so that our city’s nonprofits can do what they do best — meet the needs in their communities — without incurring significant losses.

$1.7 million to achieve salary parity for NORC Staff
NORC program staff make, on average, $15,000 less than their senior center counterparts. Because of this, the nonprofit organizations who run these important programs have trouble recruiting and retaining staff. $1.7 million is needed to achieve equity across DFTA-funded programs.

$1.8 million to expand Service Coordination in Senior Housing
The Senior Affordable Rental Assistance Program (SARA) administered by HRA currently does not provide service coordination funds for seniors being referred to the program for the general lottery system. A $1.8 million investment would allow for expanded services to an initial cohort of roughly 600 SARA units.

$3.2 million to further increase equity across Senior Centers
A total of 38 senior centers were not given consideration for new funds during the “model senior center budget process.” To remedy this so that all centers can compete in the upcoming RFP, an estimated $3.2 million is needed.

$3 million for DFTA Infrastructure Funds
A baselined capital fund is needed for nonprofits to address key replacements, repairs, and upgrades, such as purchasing modern Home Delivered Meals equipment, HVAC replacements, and ADA-friendly facility improvements.

$2 million for DFTA Innovation Funds
This baselined expense fund would allow, for example, centers to make age-friendly improvements, to purchase new technologies, and allow Home Delivered Meal providers to purchase software to create efficiency and improve routes.

BASELINE ONE-TIME ADMINISTRATION FUNDS & FULFILL EXISTING PROMISES

$9.7 million restoration & baselining of previous one-time funds
This includes $2.8 million for Senior Centers, $2.84 for Home Delivered Meals, $1 million for NORCs, and $2.1 million for NYCHA community spaces. Additionally, the City Council’s $1 million Case Management initiative should be baselined.

$10 million in new funds promised for Senior Centers
Not included in the preliminary budget, but promised as part of the Model Senior Center Budget process that took place in 2017, the Administration must add the remaining $10 million for Department for the Aging (DFTA) senior centers in FY21.
FY21 COUNCIL DISCRETIONARY FUNDING
Schedule C Funding

Thank you to the New York City Council for the continued, significant investment in senior services throughout the five boroughs. Each year, the Council puts in more than $28 million in funding for senior services initiatives, in addition to individual discretionary investments. Below are a few of the major initiatives that are integral to the success of this sector:

$5,100,000 for Support Our Seniors
Currently, 1 in 5 New Yorkers are over the age of 60. Continue to support senior services through the Support Our Seniors Initiative.

$2,000,000 for Immigrant Senior Centers
Continue to provide culturally competent and sensitive programs and services to our City’s diverse older adults.

$5,325,325 for NORCs
Continue supporting NORCs throughout the City. This investment would include $1.3 million in new funds for nursing supports.

$3,315,000 for SU-CASA
Continue to support the City’s community arts engagement initiative serving older adults in senior centers in the five boroughs.

$2,040,000 for Healthy Aging Initiative
Continue to support health promotion programming for older adults.

$2,860,000 for Geriatric Mental Health Initiative
Expand mental health services for older New Yorkers by restoring $1.9 million and adding $950,000 in new funds.

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