The work continues, and we’ve never been more proud to be a part of this incredible sector of dedicated, passionate professionals who do so much for all of us every day. Resources and update to support you during this time are below.

**Key Budget Updates**

- **Important COVID-19 Discretionary Fund Guidance, here.** LiveOn NY recognizes the challenges and stress that this news may bring. We have therefore joined the New York Service Council and other umbrella partners in sending this letter to City Council to push back on some of the primary funding concerns stemming from said Guidance. We will continue to reach out to learn more about this.
  - With this in mind, City Council Finance Analysis, Dan Kropka, has sent a request for Discretionary Fund reports here, due EOD Sunday. This form is very important to complete, as Council is using this in helping to determine which contracts are “essential” during this timeframe. It also may be helpful to keep your Council Member(s) aware of the critical work your programs are completing during this time, especially in this effort is made possible through discretionary funds.
  - As such, in this letter we have summarized the following information: DFTA FY23 Model Food Budget Letter and Frequently Asked Questions.

- **The Mayor has released his FY23 Executive Budget proposal and FY22 budget reductions in response to lower than anticipated revenues. These documents are here.**
  - This year, the DFTA budget was largely spared from cuts in FY22 and FY23, while other sectors, youth in particular, face significant cuts. Despite taking actions in FY22 to bring the budget in line, FY23 required further actions.
  - DFTA anticipates retaining savings in FY22 due to lower than expected COVID relief (CARES) reimbursements. This makes it one of the most important: that all senior agency services claims their full indirect rate for FY22.
  - More information about claiming your ICR, here.
  - LiveOn NY is committed to continuing our advocacy in support of key senior programs during this time. We are particularly focused on FY23 discretionary initiatives, which are determined at budget passage; all indirect executive funds, which are set currently included in the budget; new needs related to home-delivered meals; and continued/expanded support for all senior service programs.

- **The NY State budget passed on April 3rd. Specifics about the budget here.** Funding remained stable for critical aging services such as ESOP (Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly), Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC), Older Abuse Prevention Programs, and NY Connects.
  - Community Service for the Elderly (CSE) and Wellness In Nutrition (WIN) received a small increase.
  - Currently, the Division of Budgets has the opportunity to make amendments to the budget based on the new information and amendments to the budget three times, with the next amendment slated to occur on April 30th. LiveOn NY will continue to monitor changes and educate on any changes to critical program status.
  - Questions regarding the updates above can be directed to Kathryn Andrews, Director of Public Policy, at kandrews@liveon-ny.org.

**Key Nutrition Updates**

- The City is initiating a “Trusted Enroller” program to support the enrollment of seniors in the GetFood system as we understand it currently:
  - A number of senior service providers are being trained in a pilot on this system starting today, which will allow senior service staff to directly enroll seniors in meal-delivery programs. This is intended for seniors who are homeless and unable to get food themselves or do not have a trusted family member, neighbor who they know on their behalf.
  - Unlike the 3-1-1 GetFood system, this will allow Trusted Enrollers to request meals directly for the people they’re serving.
  - For those who have not yet been contacted to pilot this system, expect that additional providers will be given the opportunity to be trained at Trusted Enroller sites in the near future.
  - Until then, and through this time, calling 3-1-1 or going online, here, will continue to be the primary means for meal delivery requests:
    - Sensors currently receiving meals through the “DFTA Direct” program (i.e the senior centers) may see a reduction in the number of meals they have been previously) should continue receiving meals moving forward. At this time, instead, meals requests for your program are ongoing.

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**Census Updates**

- In conjunction with the New York Academy of Medicine, LiveOn NY will be hosting FREEWebinars, Get Out the Count: Strategies for Optimizing 2020 Census Participation Among Older People.
  - Monday, May 11, 2020 3:00 PM ET (Register here)
  - Tuesday, May 12, 2020 12:00 PM ET (Register here)

For more resources we encourage you to check out our COVID-19 Webpage, here, or our full Resource Listing, here, full of tips generated from our Working Group. Send us your formative and actionable information, recommended in joining our Policy working group: Email Stephanie at sarlense@liveon-ny.org.

**Uplifting Stories in Senior Services**

Thank you again for all you do. We will get through this, together.

More to come,

The LiveOn NY Team