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## 市长拒绝为老人局注入新的预算资金！

### 无耆老，无资金

由于比爾·白思豪市长的执行预算并没有为老人局注入新的资金，现在整个纽约市的老年市民和老人服务机构都感到十分疑虑和困惑。在初步预算的基础之上，社区的老人中心，提供给行动不便的居家老人的服务和其他的服务项目都将会继续得不到市长财政预算的支持。

博比·扎克曼是LiveOn NY的公共政策副执行總裁，他说道“我们代表机构服务的30万纽约老人都认为这个预算计划令人感到非常不安。再一次，比爾·白思豪市长拒绝为紐約市老人局的主要服务项目提供新的资金支持。

在初步预算与执行预算中，市长两度拒绝为老人局提供新的资金。在有18%的人口都高于60岁的这个城市，老人局得到的资金低于全市预算的0.5%，不到所有公众服务资金的2%，这样的行为是极其不负责任的。在川普执政的财政氛围下，本就已经薄弱的老年人与其照顾者的安全网，必须得到加强。有2000名行动不便的居家老人需要个案管理者的帮助，有780名老年人有家庭护理的需要，许多老年人中心的日餐、健康和保健服务、和装修翻新也需要更多的资金——更多的老年人服务需求正在加入到这份清单当中。在这种由于联邦资金削减而引起的不安与焦虑之下，漠视老年市民的需求是不可原谅的。如果耆老不能够指望市长来支持他们的服务需求，他们还能依靠谁呢？

市议会已经宣布2017年为耆老之年。在对初步预算的回复中，市议会提出了6060万美元的优先预算要求，现在LiveOn NY呼吁市议会与市长支持这一优先预算。作为女权与移民权利的支持者，不仅仅是对当下的他们，市长也需要关怀市民的一生。老人局的项目为数以千计低收入的女性与移民提供了服务与支持，LiveOn NY在此呼吁市长与市议会，若没有为老人局提供充足资金，请不要通过二零一八财政年度预算。

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LiveOn NY由超过100个非盈利會員组织组成，这些会员组织为超过30万年老的紐約客提供一系列社区服务。我们的宗旨是建设一个更適合老人居住美好的纽约市，让所有老年人都能够有尊严、独立、充满活力地生活。



Making New York a better place to age

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**MAYOR REFUSES TO ADD ANY NEW MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR THE AGING!**

**NO SENIORS, NO BUDGET!**

A wave of concern and confusion was sent through the community-based aging services and older New Yorker community across the city as Mayor Bill de Blasio's executive budget adds no new money to the Department for the Aging. This is on top of no new money in the preliminary budget. The network of senior centers, services for homebound elderly and other programs has continued to be left out of the Mayor's budgets.

Bobbie Sackman, Associate Executive Director of Public Policy, LiveOn NY, "On behalf of the 300,000 older New Yorkers served by LiveOn NY's members, we find it deeply disturbing that Mayor Bill de Blasio, once again, has refused to add any new money to fund vital services through the Department for the Aging (DFTA).

In both his preliminary and executive budgets, the Mayor has rejected adding any new funding to DFTA. With almost 18% of the city's population reaching age 60+, it is irresponsible that DFTA receives less than 1/2 of 1% of the city budget – and less than 2% of all human services funding. As we head into the headwaters of a Trump budget, the safety net for older adults and their family caregivers, currently very thin, must be strengthened. The 2000 homebound seniors waiting for a case manager to visit them, the 780 seniors waiting for home care, the senior centers needing funds for meals, health and wellness programs and renovations – the list goes on and on. Given the anxieties about federal level funding cuts, ignoring the needs of older New Yorkers is inexcusable. If seniors cannot depend upon their Mayor to support the services they need, then where can they turn.

City Council has declared 2017 the Year of the Senior. LiveOn NY calls on City Council and the Mayor to fund the \$60.6 million budget priorities included in City Council's response to the preliminary budget. As a supporter of women's rights and immigrants, the Mayor must support New Yorkers across the lifespan. DFTA's programs serve thousands of low income women and immigrants. LiveOn NY calls on both the Mayor and City Council to not adopt the FY18 budget without full funding of DFTA services."

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LiveOn NY's membership is comprised of 100 nonprofits providing an array of community-based services to 300,000 older New Yorkers. Our mission is to make New York a better place to age, allowing older adults to age with independence, grace and vitality.