

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

Building a Better Community:
State of the Agency and Budget
Hearing

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**Community &
Connection**



Help in the Home



Protection & Advocacy



Caregiver Support

Philadelphia Corporation for Aging

- Area Agency on Aging for Philadelphia County
- Established in 1973
- Private, nonprofit organization
- Mission: *To improve the quality of life for older Philadelphians and people with disabilities and to assist them in achieving their maximum level of health, independence, and productivity*



Report on Older Philadelphians (60+)

Data taken from 2024 American Community Survey
5-year Estimates Subject Tables, Census Bureau



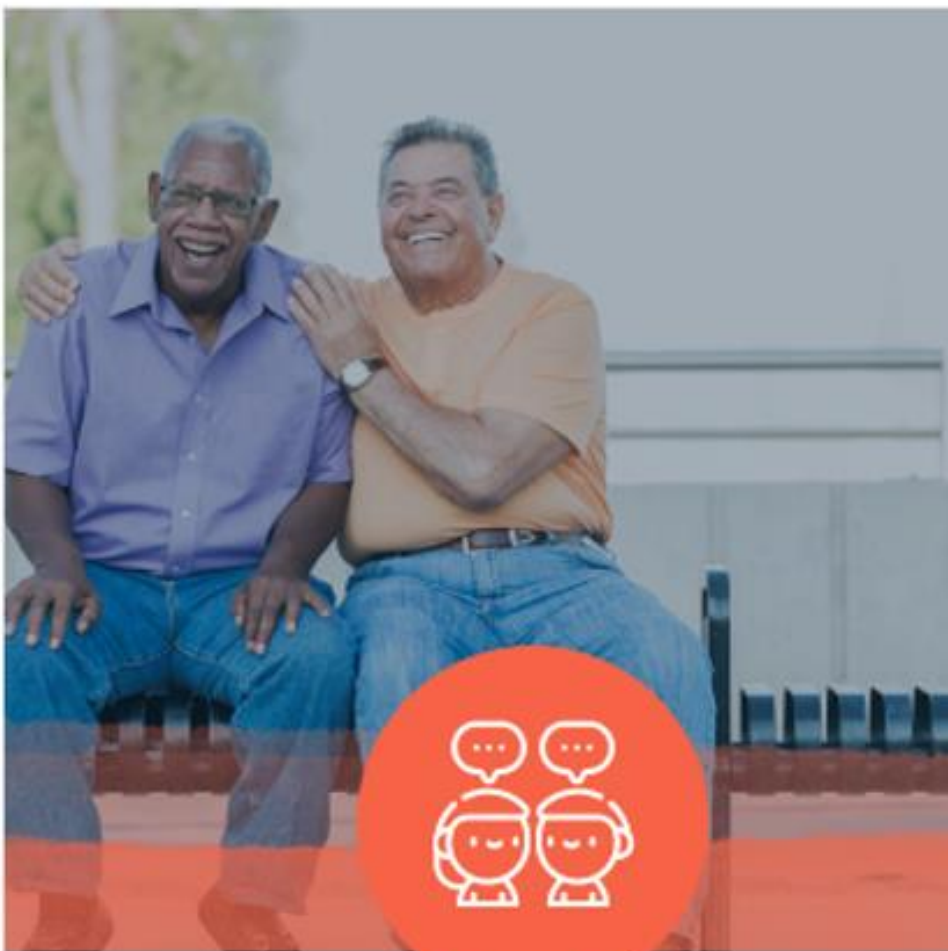
322,258 adults over 60 in Philadelphia;
20.4% of county population
9.3% of state's 60+ population



21.2% of Philadelphia's 60+ population below federal poverty level;
20% of state's 60+ population below federal poverty level



58.7% of Philadelphia's 60+ population are a member of a minority group;
37% of state's 60+ minority population



Community and Connection

- PCA Helpline
- Senior Community Centers
- Congregate Meals
- Employment Services
- Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program
- Health and Wellness Programs
- Transportation

Additional services:

- Community Outreach
- Senior Companion Program
- Diverse Advisory Councils

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Help in the Home

- Eligibility Assessment
- Care Management (OPTIONS)
- Domiciliary Care Program
- Caregiver Support Program
- Caregiver Respite: Adult Day Services
- Home-Delivered Meals
- Home Modifications

Additional Services

- Emergency Fund Coalition
- Veterans Program

Help in the Home



Protection and Advocacy

- Older Adult Protective Services
- Ombuds Program
- Insurance and Benefits Counseling
- Legal Services
- Older Adult Advocacy

Protection & Advocacy



Caregiver Support

- Support for caregivers of older adults, adults with disabilities
- Support for older relatives caring for children
- Benefits and insurance counseling
- Support groups
- Caregiver supplies reimbursement
- Training and workshops
- Home adaptations
- Respite care

Additional Services

- Caregiver Navigation Program

Caregiver Support



FY26 Innovative Initiatives

- Benefits Enrollment Partnership
- Caregiver Navigation Program
- Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program
- Community Café
- Cooling Project
- Older Adult Home Modification Program
- Ring Community Program
- Reimagining Senior Centers Project

Benefits Enrollment Program

- PCA, in partnership with the State of Pennsylvania and Prime Therapeutics, conducts benefits screening and application assistance for 4 public benefits:
 - Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract for the Elderly (PACE)
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Property Tax Rent Rebate
 - Low-Income Subsidy
- How to access:
 - Call 215-765-9040
 - Visit PCA's Lobby-Level Resource Room (appointments available)
- Referral options:
 - Call 215-765-9040
 - FindHelp.org
 - Email AskHelpline@PCACares.org

Caregiver Navigation Program

- The program assists unpaid caregivers in connecting and accessing resources they need to support their loved ones while maintaining their own well-being along the caregiving journey. It provides a range of **free** services listed below:
 - **Information and referral assistance:** Offer information and referrals to programs and services that best fit the needs of the caregiver.
 - **Personalized care consultation:** Provide recommendations, suggestions, and interventions that are centered on the person and family, as identified and preferred by the caregiver.
 - **Training, workshops, and educational resources:** Offer caregiving information and resources, including education and training opportunities.
- **Eligibility** includes those caring for older adults, older relatives caring for children, and older relatives caring for an adult with disability.
- **Referrals:** PCA Caregiver Support Program (CSP) hotline # **215-995-4372** or email CSPPCAreferrals@pcaCares.org.



Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Program

- Funded by the Federal Victims of Crime Act Grant (VOCA)
- VOCA program provides personal advocacy and emotional support to older adult victims to ensure their physical, emotional, and financial safety.
- Requirements:
 - Reside in Philadelphia County
 - 60 years and older
 - Full cognitive capacity and ability to make own decisions about participation
 - Have been a victim of a crime
 - Willing to work with PCA and Philadelphia law enforcement
- Services provided to victims by PCA Victim Support Program staff:
 - Financial restitution applications and technical support
 - Protection from abuse filings
 - Safety planning
 - Community visits
 - Resource referrals
 - Monthly in-person follow up visits

Cooling Project

- Through the funding from the City of Philadelphia, PCA received funding to install air conditioner units in eligible consumer homes.
- In FY 2023 PCA installed 150 units in designated zip code areas throughout the city.
- In FY 2024 PCA installed 190 units.
- In FY 2025 PCA installed 400 units.
- Focused on "heat island" zip code areas.
- Partnership with the Philadelphia Department of Public Health will provide information on the outcomes of this program.

Older Adults Home Modification Program

- Funded by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Grant amount is \$1.2 million over three years
- Partnership with the Philadelphia Energy Authority (PEA)'s Built to Last initiative
- PCA completes home modifications, guided by occupational therapy assessments, for eligible older Philadelphia homeowners aged 62+
- Serving 190 consumers over the three-year grant period

Ring Community Program

- A new community initiative, in collaboration with USAging and Ring, designed to help older Philadelphians feel safer at home by distributing Ring devices to eligible older adults.
- Will be distributing 1,000 units to eligible older adults.



Community Café

- Funded by Ralston Foundation, this grant program enables older adults in 19135 and surrounding zip codes to enjoy meals together at participating restaurants.
- The program aims to:
 - Provide healthy, nutritious meals
 - Promote socialization
 - Engage older adults with limited access to and participation in senior centers
 - Support individuals experiencing food insecurity and lack of community.



Reimagining of Senior Centers Project

- Initiated by the PCA Board of Directors and funded by the Philadelphia Foundation.
- Examined the PCA-funded senior center network and developed recommendations addressing future strategies, needs, and relevance to older Philadelphians.
- Utilized a panel of national experts to inform innovations and best practices.
- Next step is to translate the recommendations into standardized operating and funding guidelines for senior center service delivery across Philadelphia.

PCA Advocacy in Action



Federal Update

- Reauthorization of the Older Americans Act (OAA)
- Restructuring of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)
- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)'s impact on Pennsylvania

Federal Update (cont.)

- President's 2027 proposed budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

Older Americans Act (OAA) Programs

Level-funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Core Older Americans Act (OAA) programs
Increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elder Abuse Prevention and Elder Justice Funding
Eliminated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Senior Community Services Employment Program

Federal Update (cont.)

President's 2027 proposed budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

Other ACL Programs

Level-funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lifespan Respite Care• State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)• Senior Medicare Patrols
Increase	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Elder Falls Prevention Program• Alzheimer's Disease Program
Eliminated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (zeroing out)

Federal Update (cont.)

President's 2027 proposed budget for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS):

Other Federal Programs

Level-funded	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social Services Grant
Eliminated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AmeriCorps Seniors• Community Services Block Grant• Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

State Update

- Governor's FY 2027 budget (\$53.26B) includes:
 - \$707,000 increase for PENNCARE
 - \$3 million to modernize PA Link
 - \$2 million for PDA's Comprehensive Aging Performance Evaluation (CAPE)
 - \$1 million for CAPE technical assistance and the modernization of data collection and reporting systems
 - \$502.7 million increase for Medical Assistance – Community HealthChoices
 - Proposed OAPSA reforms
- Aging Our Way, PA

PCA Advocacy in Action

- Collaboration with P4A and USAging
- Annual Legislative Breakfast and Roundtable Discussion
- Ombudsman Program
- PCA 2.0: Make Your Voices Heard Initiative
- Engaging with elected officials
 - Senior Citizens Resource and Wellness Fair
 - Homecoming 2026: A Day for Justice– Impacted Philadelphians



Make Your Voices Heard

- 51 listening sessions were held, with 625 neighbors attended
- Approximately 800 people shared their perspectives through the survey
- Most persistent topics included:
 - Safety
 - Eligibility/Navigation
 - Transportation
 - Affordability
 - Home repairs and modifications
 - Communications and outreach
 - Health and wellness



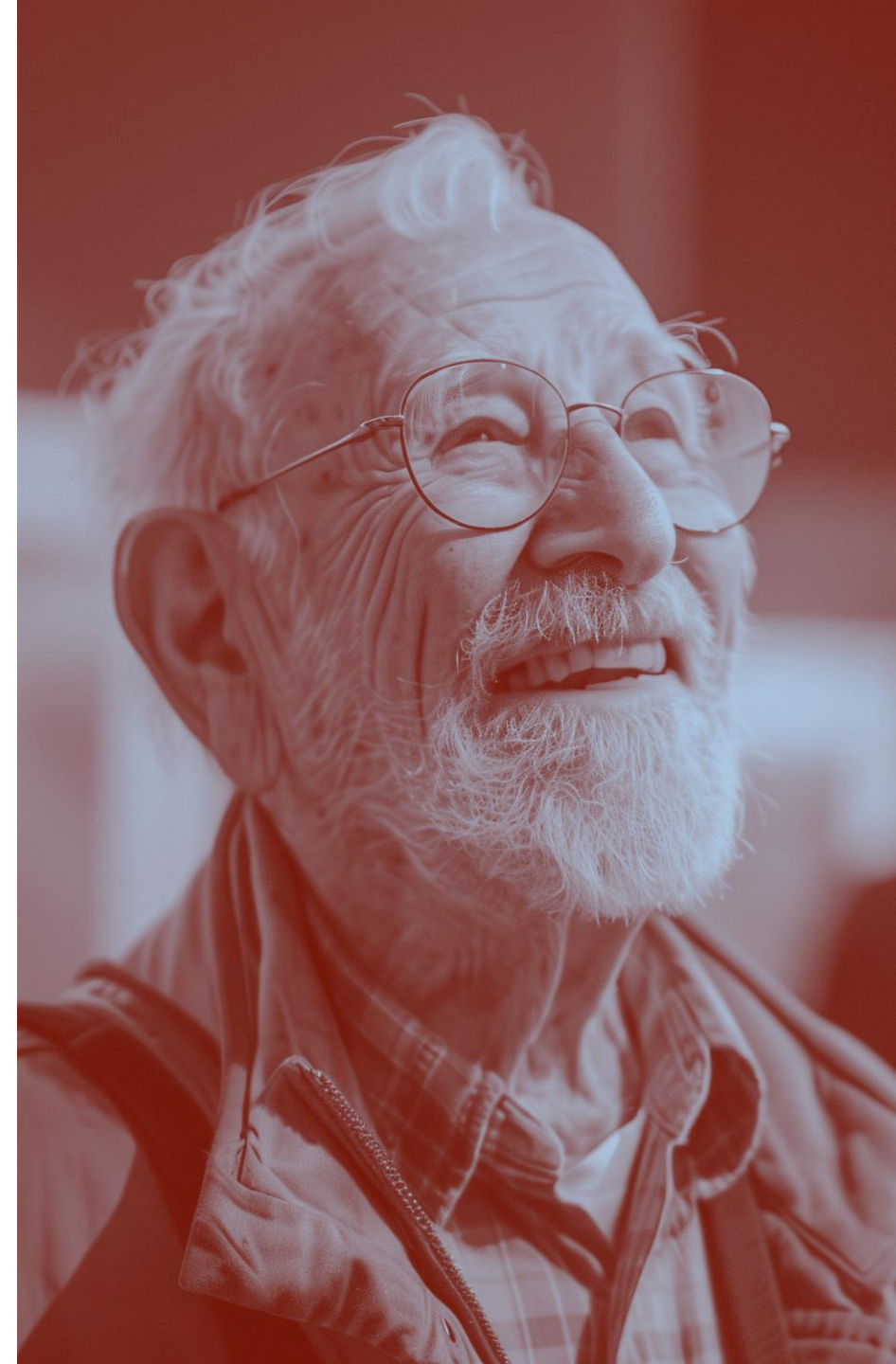


PCA Infrastructure Improvements

- IT and tech device upgrades
- New Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System—Sage Intacct
- RingCentral

What's Ahead: Our Vision for FY27

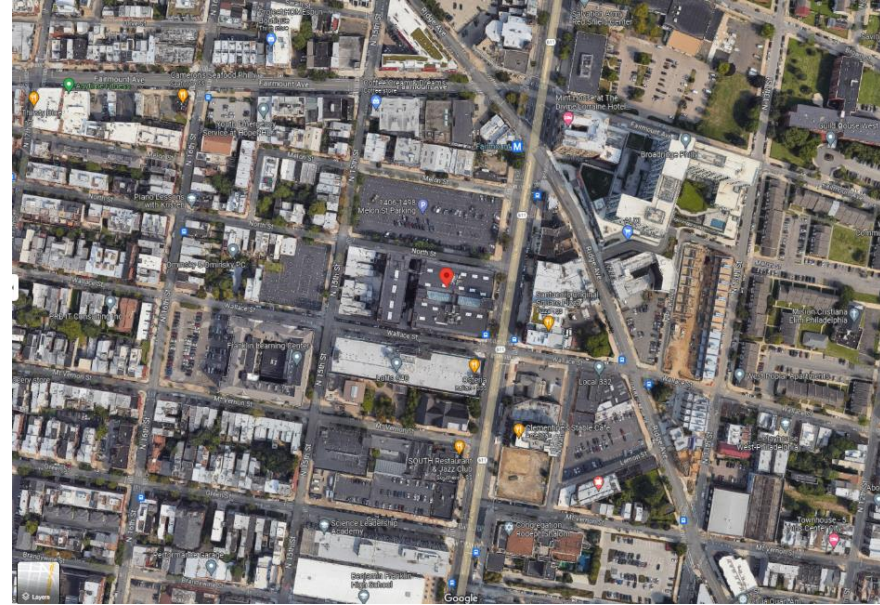
- PCA President & CEO's new role as Board Chair of the American Society on Aging (ASA)
- Revenue diversification efforts
- PCA external partnerships
 - Committee involvement
- Cross-sector partnership opportunities
 - Dom Care Program
 - Engaging in Aging Expo
- Annex Building (*Home@642*)



Home@642 – Affordable Housing

- Renovating PCA's Annex building
 - Nationally and locally historic-certified
 - 79,000± square foot former factory, mostly vacant for 50 years
- Home@642 will offer:
 - Up to 70 high-quality, beautiful, accessible, historic homes for residents age 62+
 - A safe, professionally managed building (partnership with HumanGood)
 - Senior community center serving Philadelphians age 60+
 - Landscaping, lighting, transit access, community gathering areas

The Proposed Site



FISCAL YEAR 2027 FINANCIALS

Projected Revenue

Public Support:

PA Dept. of Aging: Aging Block Grant	\$62,554,000	67%
Other State Sources (Title XIX)	782,000	<1%
Federal Awards	5,241,000	6%
City of Philadelphia	94,000	<1%
Subtotal	\$68,671,000	

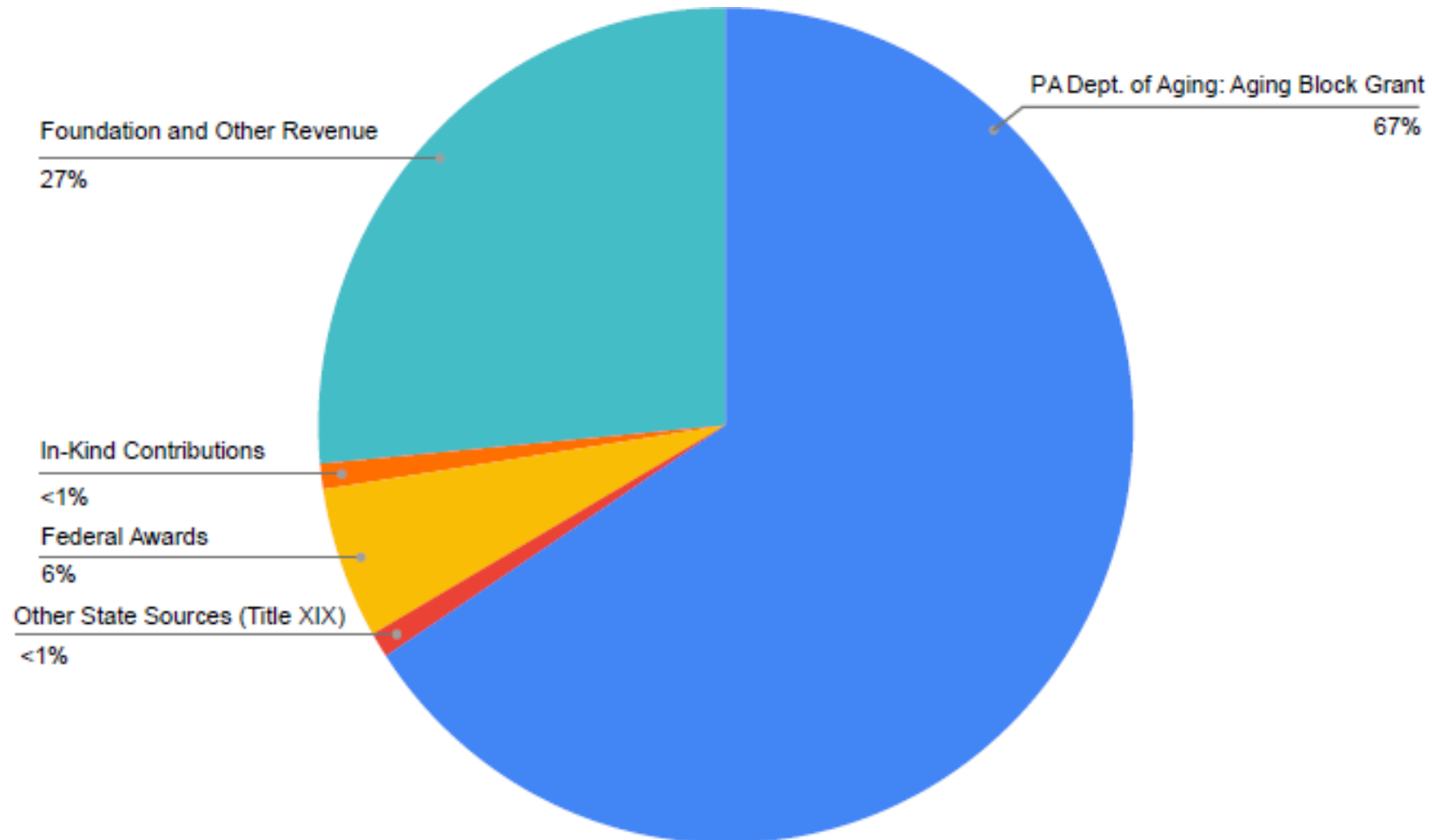
Other Revenue:

In-Kind Contributions	\$96,000	<1%
Foundation and Other Revenue	25,253,000	27%

Subtotal **\$25,349,000**

Total Revenue **\$94,020,000**

Fiscal Year 2027 Projected Revenue



FISCAL YEAR 2027 FINANCIALS

Projected Expenses

Long-Term Care: 63%

Adult Day Care	\$159,000
Assessments	7,829,000
Care Management	9,390,000
Consumer Reimbursement	3,167,000
Domiciliary Care	792,000
Guardianship	577,000
Home Delivered Meals	10,171,000
Home Support	212,000
Medical Equipment & Supplies	255,000
Ombudsman Service	668,000
Personal Assistance	5,616,000
Personal Care	7,940,000
Professional Evaluation	92,000
Protective Services	12,711,000

Subtotal **\$59,579,000**

Community Services: 14%

Congregate Meals	\$5,834,000
Employment Services	1,169,000
Legal Assistance	409,000
Senior Companion	377,000
Senior Community Center Services	5,676,000
Volunteer Services	3,000

Subtotal **\$13,468,000**

Access Services: 8%

ADRC	\$209,000
Information and Assistance	4,536,000
Passenger Transportation	2,277,000

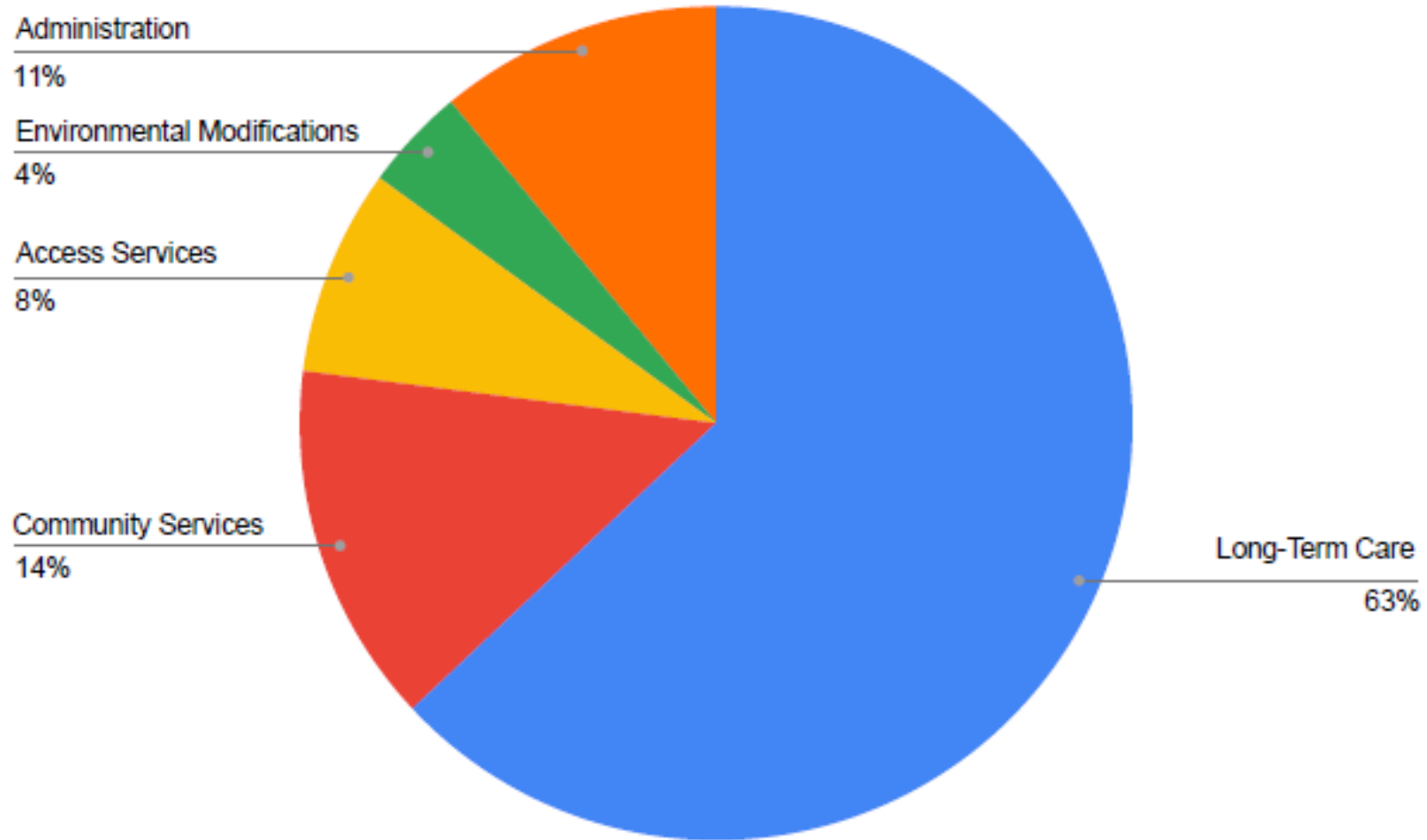
Subtotal **\$7,022,000**

Environmental Modifications: 4% **\$3,549,000**

Administration: 11% **\$10,402,000**

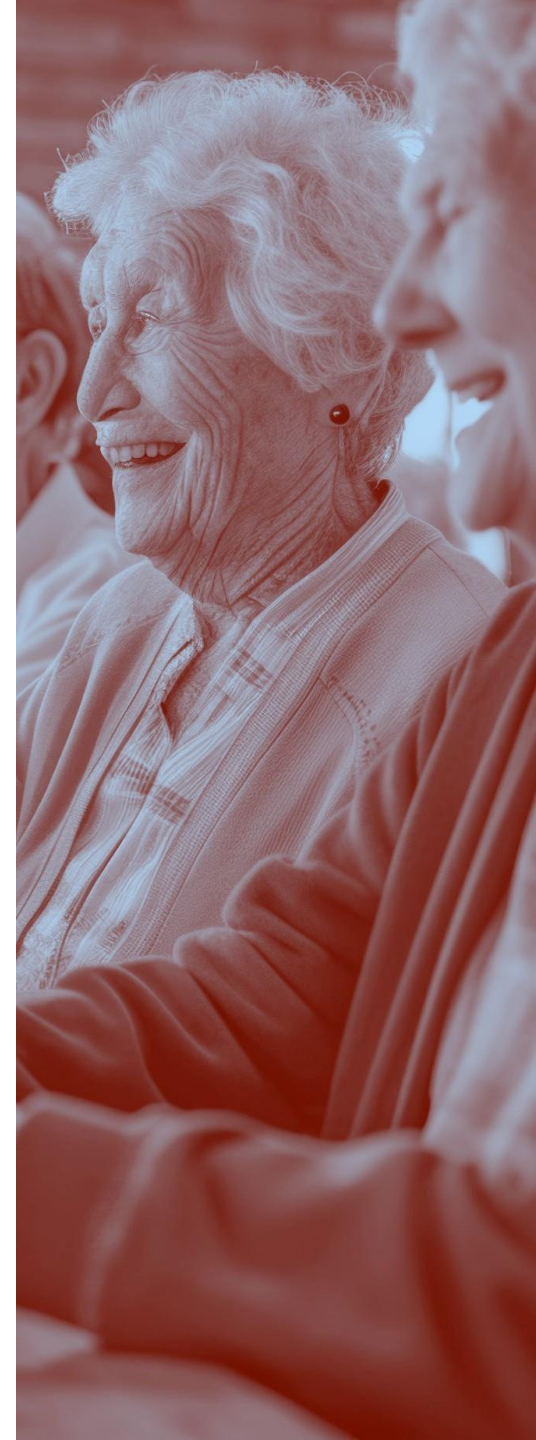
Total **\$94,020,000**

Fiscal Year 2027 Projected Expenses



Community Testimony

- Kimberly Beatty, St Edmond Senior Community Center
- David Griffith, Center In Park (Proxy for Reneé Cunningham)
- Edward Miller, William Way LGBT Community Center



Q & A

Any questions?



Thank you!



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