

FY27 Appropriations

The President's FY27 budget was released on April 3rd and the proposal provides an early signal of the Administration's priorities—and raises significant concerns for aging and elder justice programs.

The President's proposal calls for an overall reduction in funding for the Department of Health and Human Services, alongside structural changes that would consolidate the Administration for Community Living and other key agencies into a new entity, the Administration for Children, Families, and Communities.

While many Older Americans Act programs are proposed to be level-funded (an effective cut), the budget also recommends eliminating or reducing several programs that support older adults' ability to live safely in their communities, including Low Income Energy Assistance Program, the Community Services and Community Development Block grants, and certain prevention programs like the Chronic Disease Self-Management Education Program.

It should be noted that Congress retains authority to determine final funding levels. [Read more.](#)

New Legislation

Senators Gillibrand (D-NY) and Fetterman (D-PA), along with Representatives Bonamici (D-OR) and Salinas (D-OR) introduced the Senior Hunger Prevention Act ([S.4286/H.R. 8256](#)). This legislation would expand SNAP benefits for older Americans and fund grants to nonprofits and aging and disability service providers to deliver fresh, local food to accessible locations.

Representative Schneider (D-IL) introduced the Social Security Caregiver Credit Act of 2026 ([H.R. 8490](#)) which would provide earning credits to caregivers for up to 5 years while providing care to a dependent relative.

20th Annual Katz Policy Lecture

Join us on **Wednesday, May 6 at 11 a.m.** for Benjamin Rose's Annual Katz Policy Lecture, **Closing the Gap: Women, Caregiving, and the Fight for Financial Stability in Older Age**, featuring keynote speaker **Judith Kozlowski**.

Older adults face growing financial challenges—but for women, the long-term impact of caregiving, wage gaps and workplace barriers can significantly shape economic security later in life.

- In this timely virtual lecture, we'll explore:
- How unpaid caregiving affects lifetime earnings and retirement security
- The role of wage disparities and workplace policies
- The increasing pressure of housing costs, including rent and property taxes
- Practical policy solutions that could meaningfully improve financial stability for older adults and their families

This session is designed for professionals seeking a clearer understanding of the systemic factors influencing financial well-being in older age—and what can be done to address them. Don't miss this opportunity to engage with critical issues and emerging policy directions that impact the aging population. [Learn more.](#)