

FY26 Advocacy Priorities

Age-In-Place*

Care Management

Congregational Resources

Home First* Residences

Model Cities Senior Wellness Center*

Older Blind Program*

Out & About*

Seabury Connector

Seabury at Friendship Terrace

Seabury Ward 5 Lead Agency*

Seabury Ward 6 Lead Agency*

*Supported by the DC Department of Aging and Community Living

Rising Needs

- Average rent in the region is up 21% since May 2020. ([CAFB Hunger Report 2024](#))
- Older adults are the largest demographic in DC Point in Time Homeless Count ([CPPH](#))
- More than half of D.C. residents over 60 live alone, compared with just 27 percent nationally ([DACL State of Aging 2024 - 2027](#)).
- More than [1 in 10 of DC's seniors are food insecure](#); [1 in 3 are experiencing hunger](#).

Seabury is very concerned about the [end of "Give SNAP a Raise"](#). More than 11,700 food-insecure seniors in our city now have less money to spend on food. This is an urgent need.

What Seabury is doing

- 200 deeply affordable housing units for low-income older adults; Friendship Terrace in the Ward 3 Tenleytown neighborhood was just refinanced in 2023 to make 180 units *more affordable*.
- Seabury has also self-seeded \$2M of a \$3M Food Trust at Friendship Terrace to erase food cost burdens of residents.
- 1,500+ no cost meals for older adults in 2024 across Wards 5 & 6.
- Building a *Seabury Connector* group transportation system to connect seniors to more food resources, social events, and nonprofit partners, and even group medical appts.

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- \$100k *Equity Fund* for Care Management - the only sliding scale program in the city helping caregivers & seniors access affordable resource navigation.

We are in “Peak 65,” with more older adults over 65 than at any other time in history, and demographic growth only increasing.

SEABURY FY 26 DC COUNCIL BUDGET PRIORITIES

Specific Funding Requests

Ward 5 Lead Agency – Total \$314,199

New Staffing: **\$212,199**

Nutritionist – **\$15,000** additional on top of salary currently handled by DACL; plus Janitor, Data Specialist, Receptionist

Occupancy: **\$20,000**

Additional office space at Washington Center for Aging Services for the new positions.

Transportation: **\$67,000**

Currently serving 400 riders. The additional amount would serve 200 more riders and increase the hours of the Community Resources Aide that coordinates the trips.

Ward 6 Lead Agency – Total \$25,000

LGBTQ Out & About Coordinator: **\$25,000**

Additional funds for an Outreach Aide. Currently, a DC Government grant is covering this expense.

Model Cities Senior Wellness Center – Total \$152,815

Transportation: **\$96,475**

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Additional funds would increase the number of riders from 26 to 56 to include the Older Blind participants. Currently the transportation budget is \$20,400 from DACL and we receive a local grant for \$4,500. Transportation is offered twice a week, and this increase would provide every weekday services.

Staffing – Current salaries are not competitive. Add a Data Entry Clerk position. **\$47,840**

Intercom System – **\$5,000** Would like to add a kiosk system so that members can register and be automatically added to the database.

Window treatments in the conference room – **\$3,500**

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