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## **DFTA Details Major New Funding for Aging Services**

*Resources will Support Case Management, Food Costs, and Innovative Senior Centers*

**NEW YORK**—New York City Department for the Aging (DFTA) Commissioner Dr. Donna M. Corrado highlighted today additional funding to boost staffing at case management agencies that help senior New Yorkers access critical services available to them. DFTA’s Fiscal Year 2015 budget also allocates funding to open six more Innovative Senior Centers (ISCs) around the city, and to address the budget gap between meals delivered and served at homes and senior centers and the true cost of food.

During testimony before the New York City Council Committee on Finance, Committee on Aging and Subcommittee on Senior Centers, Commissioner Corrado addressed the projected \$259.7 million in funding for DFTA, including \$2.6 million for case management services, \$2.3 million for the creation of six additional ISCs – which is a model of senior centers that provide enhanced programming and services, as well as flexible and expanded hours –, and \$3.3 million in increased funding for congregate and home delivered meals.

“We are very pleased with the additional funding—it will go a long way in addressing the challenges faced by our growing senior population,” said **Commissioner Corrado**. “In the past, we have seen cuts to food programs and social services that have helped seniors to survive at the very minimum. This additional funding will increase food security for the elderly, hire new staff to address the dire concerns of our homebound population, and offer more robust and enhanced programming to older New Yorkers throughout the city.”

“I am very happy that the city has committed new funding to reduce case management caseloads, expand innovative senior centers, and support congregate and home-delivered meals for our seniors. It’s a welcome change from the cuts we have fought against in recent fiscal years,” said **council member Margaret Chin**. “We still have a long way to go to addressing the needs of our seniors, and I look forward to working with the Mayor and the Commissioner to tackle this challenge.”

