

# FY27 POLICY PRIORITIES AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

## OVERVIEW

As New Mexico's aging population continues to grow, the Aging & Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) remains committed to sustaining the aging network and strengthening the infrastructure necessary for high-quality, innovative service delivery. The FY27 appropriation reflects these priorities totaling \$109.7 million—to meet rising service demands and modernize aging services statewide.

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### Sustain and Expand the Aging Network

**\$1.6 million** to support **community-based services**, including **transportation, meals, respite care, health promotion**, and the **Senior Employment Program**.

Strengthens local provider capacity and ensures continuity of essential services across urban and rural communities

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### Enhance Emergency Preparedness and Response

**\$600,000** to strengthen emergency and disaster readiness for aging populations and provider networks.

Ensures rapid deployment of resources during public health emergencies, natural disasters, or unexpected service disruptions.

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### Expand Caregiver Assistance

**\$6.2 million** to expand paid informal caregiving stipends, enabling older adults and adults with disabilities to remain in their homes and communities of choice.

**Expansion of program stipends** and caregiver enrollment throughout the state underscoring efforts to provide consistent access across urban, rural, and tribal regions. These programs help New Mexican remain in their homes and communities of choice, while reducing costly facility placements and use of emergency visits.

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### Promote Senior Engagement and Public Awareness

**\$1 million** for the **48th Annual New Mexico Conference on Aging**, supporting collaboration and education among aging professionals and advocates.

**\$500,000** for statewide public engagement and outreach to raise awareness of available programs, services, and aging network resources.

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### Addressing Immediate and Evolving Needs

**\$10 million** to the Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund to support direct care services and address the needs of New Mexico's rapidly growing older adult population.

Investment in this fund **strengthens home- and community-based supports**—including New Mexico Grown, caregiving, and care navigation—while expanding statewide capacity and enabling the agency to respond strategically to data-driven needs.