

# AGING in MASSACHUSETTS



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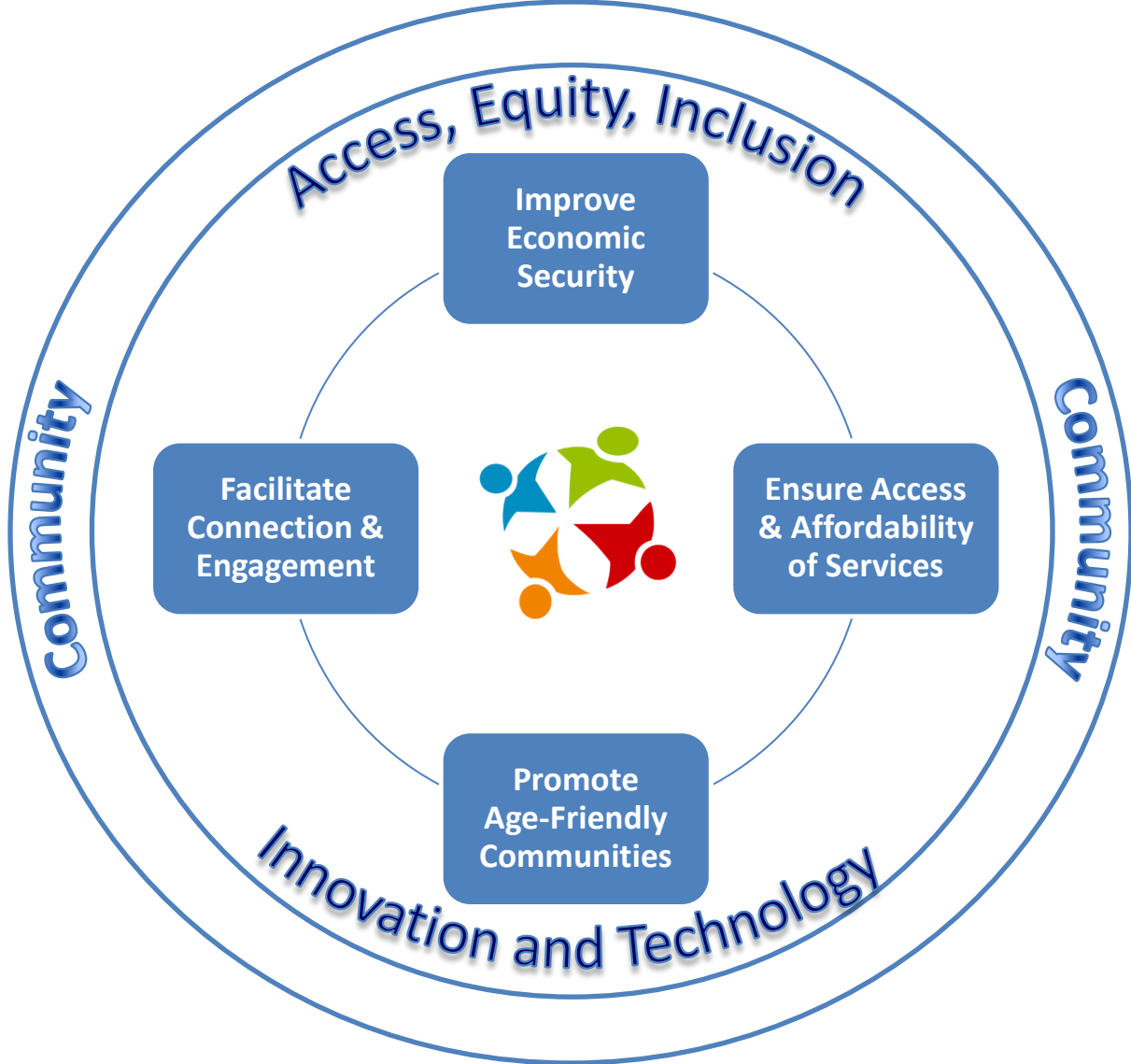
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# Governor's Council to Address Aging in MA

## Create an Age-Friendly Commonwealth



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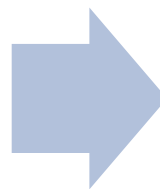


## Initial Priorities

- 1. Declare Massachusetts as an age-friendly state**
- 2. Include age-friendly best practices in community compact program (new business, economic development, innovation and technology)**
- 3. Promote the designation of age-friendly employers and practices that support mature workers and workers who are caregivers**
- 4. Increase participation in employer sponsored retirement plans and explore options for those without access to employer sponsored plans**
- 5. Consider supporting caregivers with an information and awareness campaign**
- 6. Promote and modernize property tax deferral programs**
- 7. Consider options, including new sources of capital, for increasing production of accessible, affordable, service enriched housing**
- 8. Quickly scale and replicate successful age-friendly pilots, such as ride-sharing**
- 9. Become the Silicon Valley for innovative technology, products and services related to aging**
- 10. Begin changing perceptions and address ageism with specific trainings and communication tools**

### Year One

- Held 5 in-person meetings including 4 expert panels
- Reviewed documents and data from thought leaders
- Held 4 listening sessions across the state
- Invited input and recommendations via web portal
- Heard from over 500 individuals across the Commonwealth
- Drafted initial blueprint



### Year Two

- Establish working groups to research, develop and explore potential initiatives
- Provide recommendations to Governor Baker
- Establish a plan for communications of the Council's work and reports
- Develop metrics to evaluate outcomes and measure success

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# Age-Friendly State



The Governor announced that Massachusetts has been designated by the AARP as only the second state in the country to join that organization's Age-Friendly Network. This designation commits our state to a continued path of progress in making Massachusetts more livable and welcoming for older adults and people of all ages.

### House 2 Budget

The H.2 budget funds the Executive Office of Elder Affairs at \$544.6M, which is a \$17.4M (+2.4%) increase over FY18 estimated spending and \$18.2M (+2.6%) above the FY18 GAA.

### House 2 Budget Highlights

- **\$2.9 M in Councils on Aging account to increase the local Councils on Aging formula grant from \$9.70 per elder (as funded in FY18 GAA) to \$12 per elder. Note: \$635 K in non-programmatic earmarks not funded in H.2**
- **\$4.7 M increase to Choices program due to steady caseload but higher acuity and longevity**
- **\$7.4 M increase for caseload growth in the state Home Care program. This funding level will ensure there is no waitlist and will serve more than 600 new members in FY19**
  - **Supports a caseload increase of 2%**
  - **\$2.9 M in rate increases associated with Chapter 257**
- **\$2.7 M increase for growth in elder protective services caseload**
  - **This supports intervention in 5,800 new cases of elders experiencing emotional, physical, sexual, or financial abuse**
  - **9% projected caseload growth is in line with recent years**

**Questions?**

**Thank You**