

Alliance for Aging, Inc.
Area Agency on Aging for
Miami-Dade & Monroe Counties



Age-Friendly Initiative of Miami-Dade County

Housing and Older Adults

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Alliance for Aging, Inc.

- ▶ Area Agency on Aging for Miami-Dade and Monroe Counties
- ▶ Administers over \$39 million in federal, state, and local funding for home- and community-based services for older adults and their caregivers
- ▶ Services include personal care, homemaker/chores; respite care; adult day care; recreation and meals at senior centers; transportation; home-delivered meals
- ▶ None of our funding can be used for housing
- ▶ Limited amount for home repairs (e.g., accessibility)

We Help Individuals

- ▶ Callers to the ADRC (older adults, adults with disabilities, family caregivers) can get help:
 - Finding assisted living facilities or skilled nursing facilities (via ALF placement agencies or websites like AHCA)
 - Identifying low-income public housing programs (e.g., county or municipalities, Section 8, Housing Vouchers)
 - Learning about local community programs for older homeowners to make their home more energy efficient or accessible, or programs preventing foreclosure through mortgage assistance
- ▶ The ADRC receives about 2,000 calls per year concerning housing for older adults (not including ALFs or nursing homes)

Poverty is Linked to Housing Costs

- ▶ As noted in our 2017-2019 Area Plan, affordable housing is one of the largest unmet needs for many older adults in Miami-Dade, where:
 - One in five (20%) older adults age 60+ live below the Federal Poverty Line (that's 109,422 elders)
 - Nearly one-third (30%) of all elders pay more than half of their monthly income toward housing (that's 215,017 elder households)
 - The average social security income for a single elder is just \$16,000 and the average annual housing expense is over \$17,000
- ▶ Poverty compromises the health, nutrition, and well-being of older adults who must make difficult financial decisions
- ▶ Elders in poverty need more free/subsidized services than current funding levels can provide

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