

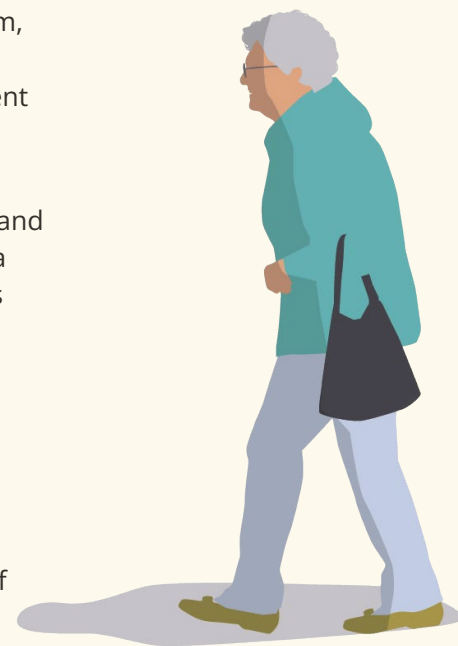
POWER OF ATTORNEY Pilot Program

Project Guardianship's newest initiative, the Power of Attorney (POA) Pilot Program, will help older New Yorkers plan for their financial future. This is part of Project Guardianship's commitment to identifying, promoting, and creating ways to prevent unnecessary guardianship. Without a POA, if an older adult becomes unable to manage their finances, guardianship is often the only available intervention.

A POA creates a legal arrangement where Project Guardianship (PG) can pay bills and make transactions on our client's behalf. Bill payment can start right away, when a client tells us to start, or when circumstances require us to step in. A POA remains active even if a client's decision-making capacity changes.

Closing a Service Gap

Many older adults do not have a trusted family member or friend to serve in this role. While private fiduciary services exist, they are often financially out of reach for individuals with lower incomes. Our program fills this gap by providing caring, person-centered services that prioritize client values. Through the development of long-term trusted relationships, clients can age confidently knowing that the POA program will manage their finances according to their wishes.



Core Services

Financial Management	Reliable bill payment of rent/mortgage, utilities, and monthly expenses
Advocacy	Communication with financial institutions and social services
Values Documentation	Recording values, preferences, and wishes
Community Connection	Referrals to local services and support networks

This program will add to the current social safety net by creating access to POA services that were previously unavailable. We look forward to collaborating with the clients in our pilot program, whose voices and feedback will help shape our services for the future.

Our pilot will be taking referrals from a small number of community partners. We aim to accept additional referrals in the future. For more information you can reach us at POA@projectguardianship.org.

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