

STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

MISSION

The New York State Office for the Aging is responsible for promoting, coordinating and administering State, Federal and local programs and services for 3.2 million New Yorkers aged 60 or older. The Office provides leadership and direction to 59 Area Agencies on Aging, as well as to numerous other local programs and providers that comprise the network of services to the aged.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

The State Office for the Aging is headed by a Director and is composed of four divisions: Executive, Finance and Administration, Policy, Management and Public Information and Community Service. The Office will have a workforce of 141 positions in 2008-09, 135 funded within the agency, and an additional six funded by other State agencies. Approximately 49 percent of Office operations are funded by the General Fund and 51 percent are financed by Federal grants and other revenue sources.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$250 million All Funds (\$127 million General Fund, \$123 million Other Funds)** for the State Office for the Aging (SOFA). This is an increase of **\$4.6 million All Funds (\$4.6M General Fund)** from the 2007-08 budget. This change is primarily due to \$5 million for new investments, a \$4 million annualization from a 2007-08 initiative to expand the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and increased funding to support the third year of the Cost-of-Living Adjustment for the following programs: Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP), Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and other adjustments. Additionally, programs previously funded by transfers from the Department of Health will now be included in SOFA's budget. These include: Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (\$1 million); Managed Care Consumer Assistance Program (\$2 million); and Evidence Based Disease Prevention (\$241,000).

The Executive Budget recommends a staffing level of **141 FTEs** for the State Office for the Aging, a **decrease of 6** from the 2007-08 budget.

Major budget actions include:

- **Targeted Investments:** Additional funding for Caregiver Centers for Excellence (\$950,000), an Adult Day Demonstration Program (\$1 million), a new Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program targeted to the frail elderly (\$2.5 million), a new Community Empowerment Program (\$500,000) and to develop a web-based reporting infrastructure for the local Area Agencies for the Aging (\$50,000).

Within the Aging system, State support is used to match the Older Americans Act and other Federal funding and establish a service-delivery network that attracts a variety of other public and private contributions. When combined, this results in total network spending of over \$400 million, excluding the value of volunteer labor, which has been estimated at upwards of \$35 million.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The full array of programs offered through the Office for the Aging are aimed at keeping seniors independent as long as possible with the assistance of family and other informal caregivers, as well as through the limited use of formal support services. These community-based services help keep people healthy and in their homes and out of hospitals and nursing homes.

COMMUNITY BASED LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

The 2008-09 Budget continues funding for the Office's community-based service programs, including CSE, Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs), Neighborhood NORCs, Respite services and operational funding for transportation providers. The Budget also preserves core funding for EISEP. EISEP provides non-medical in-home services, case management, respite and ancillary services to the frail elderly, most of whom are low income but not eligible for Medicaid. Recipients are required to cost-share, based on their annual income level, for received EISEP program services. EISEP is expected to serve almost 51,000 persons in 2008-09.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides over 23.5 million congregate and home-delivered meals as well as other nutritional services primarily to non-institutionalized frail elderly clients. These seniors are at risk of malnutrition because they are no longer able to obtain an adequate diet without assistance. The Office receives \$41 million from Federal grants in support of congregate and home-delivered meals and another \$15 million to support the purchase of food. The 2008-09 Budget continues funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State counterpoint to the Federal programs, at \$23 million.

ASSISTANCE TO CAREGIVERS

Family members and other informal caregivers provide an estimated 80 percent of long-term care for older New Yorkers; sustaining this cost-effective, individualized support system for seniors is a key objective of the aging service system. The State Office for the Aging's 17 Caregiver Resource Centers assist caregivers through training programs, support groups, counseling and linkages to other community services. The \$12 million Federal Caregivers Program provides respite, training and counseling for caregivers, as well as other services that support an elderly person's ability to maximize their independence.

VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) supports the statewide advocacy of more than 1,900 trained volunteers on the behalf of the approximately 161,000 residents of New York State's nursing homes, adult care facilities and assisted living residences. Under the LTCOP, volunteers, working in collaboration with community agencies,

receive, investigate and resolve a wide range of concerns and complaints regarding conditions and treatment in long-term care facilities, with the goal of ensuring the quality of life for residents.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available 2007-08	Appropriations Recommended 2008-09	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2008-09
State Operations	14,016,000	13,871,000	(145,000)	7,758,000
Aid To Localities	231,370,085	236,142,000	4,771,915	119,083,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	245,386,085	250,013,000	4,626,915	126,841,000

**ALL FUND TYPES
PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM
FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS**

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	FTE Change
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	39	33	(6)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107	107	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Total	147	141	(6)

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
General Fund	3,366,000	3,221,000	(145,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,250,000	10,250,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	300,000	300,000	0
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Total	14,016,000	13,871,000	(145,000)

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,640,000	330,000	2,632,000	336,000
Total	2,640,000	330,000	2,632,000	336,000

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	0	(14,000)	8,000	8,000
Total	0	(14,000)	8,000	8,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	581,000	(475,000)	33,000	0
Total	581,000	(475,000)	33,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	56,000	0	210,000	0
Total	56,000	0	210,000	0

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	7,000	0	275,000	(475,000)
Total	7,000	0	275,000	(475,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2008-09 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	10,650,000	0	7,600,000	0
Total	10,650,000	0	7,600,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,650,000	0	400,000	0
Total	2,650,000	0	400,000	0

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Fund Type	Available 2007-08	Recommended 2008-09	Change
General Fund	119,770,085	124,542,000	4,771,915
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107,600,000	107,600,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Total	231,370,085	236,142,000	4,771,915

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2007-08</u>	<u>Recommended 2008-09</u>	<u>Change</u>
Community Services			
General Fund	113,113,000	124,542,000	11,429,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107,600,000	107,600,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Community Projects			
General Fund	6,657,085	0	(6,657,085)
Total	<u>231,370,085</u>	<u>236,142,000</u>	<u>4,771,915</u>