

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, Local Program Operations, and Policy and Program Development. The Office will have a workforce of 159 employees during SFY 2000-01: 142 funded within the agency, and an additional 17 positions funded by other State agencies. Approximately 36 percent of agency operations are funded by the General Fund, and the remaining 64 percent is financed by Federal grants and grants from private organizations.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2000-01 Executive Budget recommends nearly \$173 million in State and Federal funds for the continued operations of the agency and the expansion of community-based support services for the elderly. Within the aging system, State support is used to match 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 \$340 million, excluding the value of volunteer labor which has been estimated at upwards of \$35 million.

A centerpiece of these recommendations is the addition of \$1.6 million to expand services under the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) program, bringing the total amount of State support for this program to over \$15 million. Serving nearly 87,000 elderly statewide, this program supports a locally-coordinated continuum of support services designed to assist the elderly, their families and informal caregivers. The goal of the program is to maximize independence and reduce unnecessary reliance on institutional care.

Services available under this program include: case management, nutrition/meals, housekeeping/chore services, personal care, home health aide services, adult day care, transportation and other individualized support services. In contrast with the agency's other major programs, which are limited to certain prescribed services, CSE affords Area Agencies on Aging maximum flexibility in selecting which services to offer and/or expand. Strongly linked to local planning efforts, CSE provides a comprehensive array of services that will allow the State to continue to meet the ever-changing needs of our growing elderly population.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The full array of programs offered through the Office for the Aging are aimed at keeping seniors independent as long as possible by utilizing 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.

STATEWIDE COMMUNITY-BASED ASSISTANCE

In addition to the CSE program, the State supports other statewide aging programs administered through Area Agencies on Aging from a combination of State and Federal funding.

The Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (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 EISEP program services received. More than 29,000 persons are served under this program.

The Congregate Services Initiative (CSI) provides services in community settings where people come together for services and activities, including: information and assistance, counseling, transportation, support services for families/caregivers, volunteer opportunities and employment information and health promotion and disease prevention services.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides more than 25 million congregate and home-delivered meals or other nutritional services 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 \$29 million in appropriation authority for Federal grants in support of congregate meals, \$10 million in support of home-delivered meals, and \$17 million to support the purchase of food. The State counterpart to these Federal programs — the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — provides another \$16 million. The SNAP program serves nearly 4 million meals annually, at an average cost of only \$4.72 per meal.

PARTNERSHIPS AND TARGETED PROGRAMS

The Office participates in a number of partnerships with businesses, foundations and not-for-profit organizations, and also coordinates programs targeted for special populations.

The term "Naturally Occurring Retirement Community" (NORC) describes a phenomenon experienced by certain housing complexes, cooperatives and apartment buildings where the population has "aged in place". The NORC Supportive Service Program was created to deliver on-site services, thereby allowing residents to continue to remain independent. Fourteen such programs exist, with the State's public funds matched dollar for dollar by private contributions from the retirement communities themselves. Now in its sixth year, this public/private partnership cares for an estimated 20,000 clients.

Under the Caregiver Assistance Program, 17 Caregiver Resource Centers provide a single focal point of assistance for family members and other informal providers of long-term care to homebound elderly. The primary responsibilities of the Centers are to assist caregivers through training programs, support groups and counseling; and to link them with Area Agency on Aging services, as well as other community services. More than 8,500 people are served by this program.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) supports the advocacy in 54 counties of more than 600 trained volunteers on the behalf of the approximately 150,000 residents of the New York State's nursing homes and adult care facilities. Under this program, the State Office for the Aging and community agencies receive, investigate and resolve a wide range on concerns and complaints regarding conditions and treatment in long-term care facilities, with the goal of ensuring the quality of life for residents.

Through its network of Area Agencies on Aging and local not-for-profit agencies, the Office also provides State grant funding for long-term respite care, the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and the Foster Grandparent Program.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS**

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations	\$13,971,000	\$14,055,000	+\$84,000	\$6,432,000
Aid To Localities	165,740,312	158,862,000	-6,878,312	83,700,000
Capital Projects .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$179,711,312	\$172,917,000	-\$6,794,312	\$90,132,000

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

Program	Available 1999-00	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level			Change
		Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Administration					
General Fund	21	21	....	21	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	45	45	....	45	....
Community Services					
General Fund	25	25	....	25	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	51	51	....	51	....
Subtotal, Direct Funded Programs	142	142	....	142	....
Suballocations:					
General Fund	5			5	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	12			12	....
Total	159			159	....

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE
APPROPRIATIONS**

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$2,619,000	\$2,703,000	+\$84,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,199,000	10,199,000	....
Enterprise Funds	200,000	200,000	....
Fiduciary Funds	953,000	953,000	....
Total	\$13,971,000	\$14,055,000	+\$84,000

**STATE OPERATIONS
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS**

Program	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
Administration			
General Fund	\$1,165,000	\$1,206,000	+\$41,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,615,000	2,615,000	....
Enterprise Funds	200,000	200,000	....
Community Services			
General Fund	1,454,000	1,497,000	+43,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,584,000	7,584,000
Expendable Trust Funds	953,000	953,000
Total	\$13,971,000	\$14,055,000	+\$84,000

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STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$1,021,000	+\$33,000	\$1,019,000	+\$33,000	.....	.....
Community Services	1,305,000	+39,000	1,296,000	+39,000	\$3,000	.....
Total	\$2,326,000	+\$72,000	\$2,315,000	+\$72,000	\$3,000	.....

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$2,000	.....
Community Services	6,000	.....
Total	\$8,000	.....

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$185,000	+\$8,000	\$18,000	+\$1,000
Community Services	192,000	+4,000	23,000	+1,000
Total	\$377,000	+\$12,000	\$41,000	+\$2,000

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$34,000	+\$2,000	\$127,000	+\$5,000
Community Services	52,000	.....	114,000	+3,000
Total	\$86,000	+\$2,000	\$241,000	+\$8,000

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	\$6,000	.....
Community Services	3,000	.....
Total	\$9,000	.....

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$2,815,000	.....	\$2,369,000	.....
Community Services	8,537,000	.....	5,749,000	.....
Total	\$11,352,000	.....	\$8,118,000	.....

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	\$246,000	.....	\$200,000	.....
Community Services	1,835,000	.....	953,000	.....
Total	\$2,081,000	.....	\$1,153,000	.....

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

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	\$67,040,312	\$60,162,000	-\$6,878,312
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	95,600,000	95,600,000	....
Fiduciary Funds	3,100,000	3,100,000	....
Total	<u>\$165,740,312</u>	<u>\$158,862,000</u>	<u>-\$6,878,312</u>

**AID TO LOCALITIES
ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM
APPROPRIATIONS**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 1999-00</u>	<u>Recommended 2000-01</u>	<u>Change</u>
Community Services			
General Fund	\$58,562,000	\$60,162,000	+\$1,600,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	95,600,000	95,600,000	....
Fiduciary Funds	3,100,000	3,100,000	....
Community Projects			
General Fund	<u>8,478,312</u>	....	<u>-8,478,312</u>
Total	<u>\$165,740,312</u>	<u>\$158,862,000</u>	<u>-\$6,878,312</u>

