

# **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 150 positions during 2002-03: 138 funded within the agency, and an additional 12 funded by other State agencies. Approximately 28 percent of Office operations are funded by the General Fund and the remaining 72 percent are financed by Federal grants.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2002-03 Executive Budget recommends nearly \$183 million in State and Federal funds for the continued operations of the Office and support for community-based 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 \$388 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 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**

The Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) program serves over 94,000 elderly statewide and 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 services, transportation, minor renovations or the purchase of equipment for congregate facilities, and other individualized support 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 changing needs of our growing elderly population.

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. Almost 33,000 persons are served under this program.

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The Congregate Services Initiative (CSI) provides services in senior centers and other community settings including: counseling, transportation, support services for families/caregivers, volunteer and employment opportunities, and health promotion and disease prevention services.

### ***NUTRITION SERVICES***

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides nearly 25.5 million congregate and home-delivered meals as well as 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 \$40 million in appropriation authority from Federal grants in support of congregate and home-delivered meals and another \$16 million to support the purchase of food. The State counterpart to these Federal programs — the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) — provides another \$17 million.

### ***ASSISTANCE TO CAREGIVERS***

An estimated 80 percent of the long-term care provided to older New Yorkers is provided by family members and other informal caregivers; 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. Further, in SFY 2001-02, Governor Pataki implemented the new \$11.6 million Federal Caregivers Program in New York State which provides respite, training and counseling for caregivers, as well as other services that support an elderly person's ability to maximize their independence.

### ***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 delivers on-site services to an estimated 20,000 clients, 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.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) supports the statewide advocacy of more than 750 trained volunteers on the behalf of the approximately 150,000 residents of 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 of 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  
(dollars)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Appropriations Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03</b>
State Operations	13,666,000	13,187,000	(479,000)	9,324,000
Aid To Localities	161,400,000	169,500,000	8,100,000	96,350,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>175,066,000</b>	<b>182,687,000</b>	<b>7,621,000</b>	<b>105,674,000</b>

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

**Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</b>	<b>2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>
Administration			
General Fund	14	0	(14)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	47	0	(47)
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	0	42	42
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	108	108
Community Services			
General Fund	31	0	(31)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	61	0	(61)
<b>Total</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>(3)</b>

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

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	2,816,000	2,587,000	(229,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,150,000	10,250,000	100,000
Enterprise Funds	200,000	100,000	(100,000)
Fiduciary Funds	500,000	250,000	(250,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,666,000</b>	<b>13,187,000</b>	<b>(479,000)</b>

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ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM  
APPROPRIATIONS  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration			
General Fund	1,322,000	0	(1,322,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2,700,000	1,400,000	(1,300,000)
Enterprise Funds	200,000	0	(200,000)
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	0	2,587,000	2,587,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	0	4,890,000	4,890,000
Enterprise Funds	0	100,000	100,000
Fiduciary Funds	0	250,000	250,000
Community Services			
General Fund	1,494,000	0	(1,494,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	7,450,000	3,960,000	(3,490,000)
Fiduciary Funds	500,000	0	(500,000)
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,666,000</b>	<b>13,187,000</b>	<b>(479,000)</b>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(1,137,000)	0	(1,135,000)
Administration and Grants Management	2,269,000	2,269,000	2,261,000	2,261,000
Community Services	0	(1,324,000)	0	(1,315,000)
Total	2,269,000	(192,000)	2,261,000	(189,000)

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	0	0	(2,000)
Administration and Grants Management	2,000	2,000	6,000	6,000
Community Services	0	(3,000)	0	(6,000)
Total	2,000	(1,000)	6,000	(2,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(185,000)	0	(18,000)
Administration and Grants Management	318,000	318,000	33,000	33,000
Community Services	0	(170,000)	0	(23,000)
Total	318,000	(37,000)	33,000	(8,000)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(34,000)	0	(127,000)
Administration and Grants Management	60,000	60,000	218,000	218,000
Community Services	0	(30,000)	0	(114,000)
Total	60,000	(4,000)	218,000	(23,000)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration	0	(6,000)
Administration and Grants Management	7,000	7,000
Community Services	0	(3,000)
Total	7,000	(2,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2002-03 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	1,400,000	(1,500,000)	1,300,000	(1,200,000)
Administration and Grants Management	5,240,000	5,240,000	3,660,000	3,660,000
Community Services	3,960,000	(3,990,000)	2,740,000	(2,460,000)
Total	10,600,000	(250,000)	7,700,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration	100,000	(100,000)	0	(200,000)
Administration and Grants Management	1,230,000	1,230,000	350,000	350,000
Community Services	1,220,000	(1,030,000)	0	(500,000)
Total	2,550,000	100,000	350,000	(350,000)

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

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	62,900,000	62,900,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	96,500,000	105,600,000	9,100,000
Fiduciary Funds	2,000,000	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Total	161,400,000	169,500,000	8,100,000

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2001-02</b>	<b>Recommended 2002-03</b>	<b>Change</b>
Community Services			
General Fund	62,900,000	62,900,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	96,500,000	105,600,000	9,100,000
Fiduciary Funds	2,000,000	1,000,000	(1,000,000)
Total	161,400,000	169,500,000	8,100,000