DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL

MISSION

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is fully funded under the recently reauthorized Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. The Act, originally signed into law in 1975, allows the Council to prepare, implement and monitor a plan for improving the quality of life for people with developmental disabilities.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Located in Albany, the Council is composed of 35 members, who have been appointed by the Governor to three-year staggered terms. Federal law requires that at least 60 percent of the Council membership be composed of persons with developmental disabilities, parents and guardians of children with developmental disabilities, and immediate relatives and guardians of adults with mentally impairing developmental disabilities who cannot advocate for themselves. Other required members represent State agencies, educational and training providers, and local public and private services agencies.

The Chairperson of the Council is appointed by the Governor from within the Council. In addition, a full-time staff of 18, under the leadership of an Executive Director, assist the Council in carrying out its mission.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Federal funds fully support all Council operations, including State staff and contracts with non-profit agencies to develop new services and service delivery methods. The contracts are monitored by the Council to ensure that Federal funds provided to the State are used to augment — rather than duplicate or replace — existing services for people with developmental disabilities.

The 2002-03 recommendation of \$4.5 million in Federal funds represents an increase from 2001-02, based on the level of anticipated Federal funding. This funding is sufficient to support the Council's role in coordinating information about persons with developmental disabilities and the services available to them, and in overseeing grant funds.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Through its Council membership of State agency heads, including the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Council employs an interagency approach to advocate improved and enhanced services, supports, and assistance for persons with developmental disabilities. Its activities include quarterly meetings, task forces, white papers, conferences, training, technical assistance and the development of a three-year State Plan. The Council applies its resources to work in association with persons with developmental disabilities, parents, service providers, advocacy groups and local and state government agencies to advocate for an enhanced system of community services, individualized supports and assistance that facilitates self-determination, independence, community inclusion and productivity.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2001-02			Reappropriations Recommended 2002-03
State Operations	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000	5,550,000
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000	5,550,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02	2002-03 Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	FTE Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	18	18	0
Total	18	18	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000
Total	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Program	Available 2001-02	Recommended 2002-03	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000
Total	4,300,000	4,550,000	250,000

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

	Total	Personal Service		
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning	4,550,000	250,000	939,000	39,000
Total	4,550,000	250,000	939,000	39,000
	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
Program	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning	598,000	34,000	3,013,000	177,000
Total	598,000	34,000	3,013,000	177,000