

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 137 positions during 2003-04: 125 funded within the agency, and an additional 12 funded by other State agencies. Approximately 34 percent of Office operations are funded by the General Fund and the remaining 66 percent are financed by Federal grants.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2003-04 Executive Budget recommends nearly \$163 million in State and Federal funds for the operations of the Office and support for community-based services for the elderly. Given the unprecedented fiscal challenges facing New York, the Budget achieves workforce efficiencies, eliminates funding for several programs — specifically the Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities, Foster Grandparents, Retired Senior Volunteer Program and the Congregate Services Initiative — and consolidates and restructures the financing of the Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) and Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly programs (EISEP).

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 \$380 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.

STATEWIDE COMMUNITY-BASED ASSISTANCE

The Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) program currently serves over 85,000 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 to seniors 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

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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 received EISEP program services. More than 34,000 persons are served under this program.

The 2003-04 Executive Budget recommendation consolidates CSE and EISEP into a single program and eliminates various reporting and planning mandates that exist under the current program structures, reducing the administrative burden on local governments and allowing more of the fiscal resources to be dedicated to the provision of services. Accordingly, the financing of the single program is restructured, with local governments' funding responsibility increasing from 25 percent to 30 percent of program costs.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides over 25.3 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 over \$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. The \$10.6 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 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.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2002-03	Appropriations Recommended 2003-04	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2003-04
State Operations	13,187,000	13,579,000	392,000	7,742,000
Aid To Localities	177,905,808	164,330,400	(13,575,408)	105,763,276
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	191,092,808	177,909,400	(13,183,408)	113,505,276

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2002-03	2003-04	FTE Change
	Estimated FTEs 03/31/03	Estimated FTEs 03/31/04	
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	41	34	(7)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	103	101	(2)
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Community Services			
General Fund	0	1	1
Total	<u>145</u>	<u>137</u>	<u>(8)</u>

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

Fund Type	Available	Recommended	Change
	2002-03	2003-04	
General Fund	2,587,000	2,979,000	392,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,250,000	10,250,000	0
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	250,000	250,000	0
Total	<u>13,187,000</u>	<u>13,579,000</u>	<u>392,000</u>

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

Program	Available	Recommended	Change
	2002-03	2003-04	
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	2,587,000	2,291,000	(296,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	10,250,000	10,250,000	0
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	250,000	250,000	0
Community Services			
General Fund	0	688,000	688,000
Total	<u>13,187,000</u>	<u>13,579,000</u>	<u>392,000</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	1,973,000	(296,000)	1,959,500	(301,500)
Total	<u>1,973,000</u>	<u>(296,000)</u>	<u>1,959,500</u>	<u>(301,500)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)		Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	0	(2,000)	13,500	7,500
Total	<u>0</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>13,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	318,000	0	33,000	0
Community Services	688,000	688,000	0	0
Total	1,006,000	688,000	33,000	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	60,000	0	218,000	0
Community Services	0	0	0	0
Total	60,000	0	218,000	0

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	7,000	0	0	0
Community Services	0	0	688,000	688,000
Total	7,000	0	688,000	688,000

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2003-04 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	10,600,000	0	7,700,000	0
Total	10,600,000	0	7,700,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,550,000	0	350,000	0
Total	2,550,000	0	350,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
General Fund	71,305,808	58,230,400	(13,075,408)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	105,600,000	105,100,000	(500,000)
Fiduciary Funds	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Total	177,905,808	164,330,400	(13,575,408)

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

Program	Available 2002-03	Recommended 2003-04	Change
Community Services			
General Fund	64,634,886	58,230,400	(6,404,486)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	105,600,000	105,100,000	(500,000)
Fiduciary Funds	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Community Projects			
General Fund	6,670,922	0	(6,670,922)
Total	177,905,808	164,330,400	(13,575,408)