

# **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 three divisions: Executive, Finance and Administration and Local Program Operations. The Office will have a workforce of 141 positions during 2007-08, 135 funded within the agency, and an additional six funded by other State agencies. Approximately 47 percent of Office operations are funded by the General Fund and 53 percent are financed by Federal grants and other revenue sources.

## **FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

The 2007-08 Executive Budget recommends \$233 million in State and Federal funds for the operations of the Office and support for community-based services for the elderly. The Budget includes new funding to expand the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and establish a Family Caregiving Council. The Executive Budget also adds funding to support the second year of a three year Cost of Living Adjustment tied to the Consumer Price Index for the following SOFA programs: Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP), Community Services for the Elderly (CSE) Program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). 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 2007-08 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

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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 2007-08.

### **NUTRITION SERVICES**

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides over 23.7 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 \$41 million from Federal grants in support of congregate and home-delivered meals and another \$16 million to support the purchase of food. The 2007-08 Budget increases funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State counterpoint to the Federal programs, from \$18 million to \$19 million. This will expand the number of meals provided to elderly individuals by 160,000 annually.

### **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. The 2007-08 Budget provides funding to establish a Family Caregiving Council to gather information on family caregiving, evaluate how current programs and policies impact caregivers and develop recommendations to address unmet needs.

### **VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY**

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) supports the statewide advocacy of more than 1,600 trained volunteers on the behalf of the approximately 163,000 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)**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Appropriations Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Reappropriations Recommended 2007-08</b>
State Operations	13,034,000	13,206,000	172,000	6,595,000
Aid To Localities	209,761,300	219,433,000	9,671,700	120,120,300
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>222,795,300</b>	<b>232,639,000</b>	<b>9,843,700</b>	<b>126,715,300</b>

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

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>2006-07 Estimated FTEs 03/31/07</b>	<b>2007-08 Estimated FTEs 03/31/08</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	33	33	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107	107	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Total	<u>141</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>0</u>

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

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	2,384,000	2,556,000	172,000
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	<u>13,034,000</u>	<u>13,206,000</u>	<u>172,000</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration and Grants Management	2,225,000	322,000	2,211,000	321,500
Total	<u>2,225,000</u>	<u>322,000</u>	<u>2,211,000</u>	<u>321,500</u>

<b>Program</b>	<b>Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration and Grants Management	14,000	500
Total	<u>14,000</u>	<u>500</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED  
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Supplies and Materials</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration and Grants Management	331,000	(150,000)	33,000	0
Total	331,000	(150,000)	33,000	0

  

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

  

<b>Program</b>	<b>Equipment</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
Administration and Grants Management	7,000	0	25,000	(150,000)
Total	7,000	0	25,000	(150,000)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND  
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES  
2007-08 RECOMMENDED  
(dollars)**

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

  

<b>Program</b>	<b>Nonpersonal Service</b>		<b>Maintenance Undistributed</b>	
	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Change</b>
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)**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>
General Fund	98,161,300	107,833,000	9,671,700
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107,600,000	107,600,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Total	209,761,300	219,433,000	9,671,700

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Available 2006-07</b>	<b>Recommended 2007-08</b>	<b>Change</b>
Community Services			
General Fund	98,161,300	107,833,000	9,671,700
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	107,600,000	107,600,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	4,000,000	4,000,000	0
Total	209,761,300	219,433,000	9,671,700