

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PLANNING COUNCIL

MISSION

The New York State Developmental Disabilities Planning Council is fully funded under the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. The Act, originally signed into law in 1975, authorizes 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 comprises 34 current members who have been appointed by the Governor to three-year staggered terms. Federal law requires that at least 60 percent of the Council's membership be persons with developmental disabilities, parents or guardians of children with developmental disabilities and immediate relatives or 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 service agencies.

The Governor appoints the Chairperson of the Council from among the Council's members. In addition, a full-time staff of 18, under the leadership of an Executive Director, assists the Council in carrying out its mission.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$4.6 million All Funds** (all Federal funds) for the Council. This represents the same level of funding as in 2008-09 and is 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.

Federal funds fully support all Council operations, including the recommended staffing of **18 FTEs**, which represents no change from 2008-09, 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.

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 conducting quarterly meetings, preparing policy papers on issues affecting people with developmental disabilities and their families, providing training and technical assistance and implementing its current five-year State Plan (FFY 2007 – FFY 2011). For 2009-10, the Council will continue to identify and fund new and innovative demonstration programs in support of its multi-year State Plan, including those aimed at increasing the

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number of available employment opportunities, enhancing programmatic responsiveness to maximize the inclusion of children with developmental disabilities in education and early intervention, ensuring access to and expanding health and wellness programs, promoting choice in housing, and reducing obstacles in transportation to facilitate community integration. In support of these and other strategic objectives, the Council works 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.

ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

Category	Available 2008-09	Appropriations Recommended 2009-10	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2009-10
State Operations	4,560,000	4,560,000	0	2,883,000
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	4,560,000	4,560,000	0	2,883,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2008-09 Estimated FTEs 03/31/09	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	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 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,550,000	4,550,000	0
Enterprise Funds	10,000	10,000	0
Total	4,560,000	4,560,000	0

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

Program	Available 2008-09	Recommended 2009-10	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning			
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4,550,000	4,550,000	0
Enterprise Funds	10,000	10,000	0
Total	4,560,000	4,560,000	0

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**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2009-10 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning	4,560,000	0	1,130,000	32,000
Total	4,560,000	0	1,130,000	32,000

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Developmental Disabilities Planning	919,000	(12,000)	2,511,000	(20,000)
Total	919,000	(12,000)	2,511,000	(20,000)