

STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING

MISSION

The New York State Office for the Aging (SOFA) is responsible for promoting, coordinating and administering State, Federal and local programs and services for 3.4 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, Policy, Management and Public Information and Community Service. The Office will have a workforce of 127 positions in 2010-11, 121 funded within the Office, 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.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Executive Budget recommends **\$240 million All Funds** (\$113 million General Fund, \$127 million Other Funds) for the State Office for the Aging. This is an overall decrease of **\$7.8 million All Funds** (\$9.8 million General Fund decrease, \$2 million Other Funds increase) from the 2009-10 budget. This change reflects the elimination of certain lower priority programs, and administrative efficiencies offset by an increase in Federal funds associated with the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009. The Executive Budget recommends reducing the staffing level to **127 positions**, a decrease of two from the 2009-10 budget.

Major Executive Budget actions include the elimination of funding for the Congregate Services Initiative Program and the Patients' Rights Hotline and Advocacy Project, as well as reductions to State operations expenses. Year-to-year funding changes also reflect the discontinuation of funding for a number of one-time programs included in the 2009-10 budget.

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, in their homes and out of hospitals and nursing homes.

COMMUNITY BASED LONG TERM CARE SERVICES

The 2010-11 Executive Budget continues funding for the Office's community-based service programs, including Community Services for the Elderly (CSE), Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORCs), Neighborhood NORCs, Respite services and operational funding for transportation providers. The budget also preserves core funding for Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). EISEP

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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. EISEP is expected to serve nearly 50,000 persons in 2010-11.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Through a combination of State tax dollars and Federal grants, the State annually provides over 25 million congregate and home-delivered meals, as well as other nutritional services primarily 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 2010-11 Executive Budget continues funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the State counterpoint to the Federal programs, at \$21 million.

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.

VOLUNTEER ADVOCACY

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP) supports the statewide advocacy of more than 1,000 trained volunteers on the behalf of the approximately 162,000 residents of New York State's nursing homes, adult care facilities and assisted living residences. Under the LTCOP, volunteers, working in collaboration with 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 2009-10	Appropriations Recommended 2010-11	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2010-11
State Operations	14,894,000	14,350,400	(543,600)	11,348,000
Aid To Localities	232,557,950	225,259,000	(7,298,950)	127,068,000
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	247,451,950	239,609,400	(7,842,550)	138,416,000

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

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

Program	2009-10 Estimated FTEs 03/31/10	2010-11 Estimated FTEs 03/31/11	FTE Change
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	29	27	(2)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	99	99	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	1	1	0
Total	<u>129</u>	<u>127</u>	<u>(2)</u>

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	3,292,000	2,748,400	(543,600)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	11,252,000	11,252,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250,000	250,000	0
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Total	<u>14,894,000</u>	<u>14,350,400</u>	<u>(543,600)</u>

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

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Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
Total	<u>14,894,000</u>	<u>14,350,400</u>	<u>(543,600)</u>

**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,355,500	(455,500)	2,348,200	(454,800)
Total	<u>2,355,500</u>	<u>(455,500)</u>	<u>2,348,200</u>	<u>(454,800)</u>

Program	Holiday/Overtime Pay (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	7,300	(700)
Total	<u>7,300</u>	<u>(700)</u>

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**STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	392,900	(88,100)	48,300	(4,700)
Total	392,900	(88,100)	48,300	(4,700)

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	92,100	(8,900)	227,900	(72,100)
Total	92,100	(8,900)	227,900	(72,100)

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	24,600	(2,400)
Total	24,600	(2,400)

**STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
2010-11 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)**

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	11,602,000	0	8,337,000	0
Total	11,602,000	0	8,337,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,650,000	0	615,000	0
Total	2,650,000	0	615,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
General Fund	119,592,950	110,294,000	(9,298,950)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	111,985,000	113,985,000	2,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Total	232,557,950	225,259,000	(7,298,950)

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

Program	Available 2009-10	Recommended 2010-11	Change
Community Services			
General Fund	116,163,000	110,294,000	(5,869,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	111,985,000	113,985,000	2,000,000
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Community Projects			
General Fund	3,429,950	0	(3,429,950)
Total	232,557,950	225,259,000	(7,298,950)