

Aging, Office for the

Mission

The State Office for the Aging (SOFA) is responsible for promoting, coordinating and administering State, Federal and local programs and services to the elderly aged 60 and older; their families or other caregivers. The Office provides leadership and direction to 59 Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) and other local programs and providers that comprise the networks of services to the elderly.

Organization and Staffing

SOFA program specialists provide oversight and guidance to the AAAs, service providers, and fiscal analysts who oversee the funding disbursement. The workforce is located in Albany, although SOFA staff routinely travel across the State to provide leadership, direction, and oversight to the AAAs and service providers.

Budget Highlights

The FY 2020 2021 Executive Budget recommends \$270 252 million for Aging. This is an a decrease of \$13 2 million from the FY 2019 2020 budget, driven by . This change is the result of the a \$15 million investment for the Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) and deferment of the discontinuation of one-time legislative adds the FY 2021 COLA increase (-\$3.62.7M).

The Executive Budget recommends a workforce of 95 FTEs, unchanged from FY 2020.

Major budget initiatives include:

- Continuing the implementation of the FY 2020 investment of \$15 million into community-based (non-medical) supports for aging New Yorkers. This investment will continue to help serve more older adults, will help them maintain their autonomy, and delay future Medicaid costs by intervening with less intensive services earlier.
- Deferring the statutory FY 2021 Human Services Cost of Living Adjustment, saving \$3.6 million in FY 2021 and \$3.7 million in FY 2022.

For more information on this agency's budget recommendations located in the Executive Budget Briefing Book, click on the following link:

Program Highlights

Community Services for the Elderly

The Community Services for the Elderly program supports multiple service options, including transportation, in-home services, and case management. Approximately 115,397 people are served annually.

Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly

This program supports non-medical in-home services, case management, non-institutional respite care, and ancillary services for functionally impaired older adults. Approximately 70,000 people are served annually.

Wellness in Nutrition

The Wellness in Nutrition program supports home-delivered meals, nutrition counseling, nutrition education, and congregate meals. Approximately 280,000 people are served annually.

NY Connects

NY Connects provides free, objective, and comprehensive information on long term care services and supports. It has expanded statewide to serve all populations and currently serves approximately 253,000 people annually.

**ALL FUNDS
APPROPRIATIONS
(dollars)**

Category	Available FY 2020	Appropriations Recommended FY 2021	Change From FY 2020	Reappropriations Recommended FY 2021
State Operations	12,071,000	12,071,000	0	12,259,000
Aid To Localities	261,115,500	259,570,500	(1,545,000)	349,562,500
Total	273,186,500	271,641,500	(1,545,000)	361,821,500

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

Program	FY 2020 Estimated FTEs 03/31/20	FY 2021 Estimated FTEs 03/31/21	FTE Change
Administration and Grants Management			
General Fund	18	18	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	77	77	0
Total	95	95	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
General Fund	1,967,000	1,967,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9,754,000	9,754,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250,000	250,000	0
Total	12,071,000	12,071,000	0

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Administration and Grants Management			
Enterprise Funds	100,000	100,000	0
General Fund	1,967,000	1,967,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	9,754,000	9,754,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	250,000	250,000	0
Total	12,071,000	12,071,000	0

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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	1,861,000	0	1,861,000	0
Total	1,861,000	0	1,861,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED
APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	106,000	0	15,600	0
Total	106,000	0	15,600	0

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	29,400	0	53,000	0
Total	29,400	0	53,000	0

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	8,000	0
Total	8,000	0

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES
FY 2021 RECOMMENDED
(dollars)

Program	Total		Personal Service	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	10,104,000	0	7,725,000	0
Total	10,104,000	0	7,725,000	0

Program	Nonpersonal Service	
	Amount	Change
Administration and Grants Management	2,379,000	0
Total	2,379,000	0

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

Fund Type	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
General Fund	145,150,500	143,605,500	(1,545,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	114,985,000	114,985,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Total	261,115,500	259,570,500	(1,545,000)

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

Program	Available FY 2020	Recommended FY 2021	Change
Community Services			
General Fund	145,150,500	143,605,500	(1,545,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	114,985,000	114,985,000	0
Special Revenue Funds - Other	980,000	980,000	0
Total	261,115,500	259,570,500	(1,545,000)

Note: Most recent estimates as of 01/29/2020