

DHHS-DIVISION OF AGING & ADULT SERVICES (725) - 2007-09 BIENNIUM  
BUDGET INFORMATION ACCORDING TO ACT 1278 of 2007

**I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES**

**MISSION**

This Division provides services to the elderly citizens of Arkansas through a network of 8 Area Agencies on Aging (AAA's), over 100 community providers and over 200 senior citizen centers. The AAA's provide a wide range of services including transportation, home-delivered meals, personal care, health and wellness activities, adult day care, etc. The Division also serves as an advocate for residents of nursing homes (State Long Term Care Ombudsman), provides protective services for individuals 18 years of age and older who are suffering from abuse, neglect or exploitation (Adult Protective Services Program). The Division also administers the Elder Choices program and provides legal services to the elderly.

**TOTAL BIENNIAL BUDGET**

The total budget of the 2007-09 biennium is \$55,022,958 for FY2008 and \$55,205,785 for FY2009.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by general revenues (34%), federal funds (60%), and by tobacco revenue (6%).

**II) SIGNIFICANT CHANGES**

- Revenue Stabilization Act allocated additional General Revenue of \$2,074,970 for FY2008 and \$2,118,632 for FY2009 above FY2007 General Revenue Forecasted Distribution.
- The Operations and Grants appropriation, funded by General Revenues, Federal Revenues, and other funds, provides for the following:
  1. Restoration of eleven (11) Federally funded positions currently authorized by a Miscellaneous Federal Grant in the amount of \$644,794 each fiscal year for salary and matching appropriation.
  2. 42 New Positions for the Adult Protective Services Unit with salary and matching appropriation and General Revenue funding.
  3. 16 New Positions for the Options Counseling for Long-Term Care Program with salary and matching appropriation and General Revenue funding.
  4. 4 New Positions for the Money Follows the Person federal grant with salary and matching appropriation.
  5. Operating Expenses increased by \$2,106,415 for FY08 and \$2,108,535 for FY09 to support the eleven (11) recommended MFG positions, to enable the agency to utilize any unanticipated increases in Federal or private grant awards, and to support the additional 62 positions.
  6. Conference and Travel Expenses increased by \$55,100 each fiscal year for travel related expenses to support the eleven (11) requested MFG positions and to support the additional 62 positions.
  7. Professional Fees increased by \$608,333 each fiscal year to enable the agency to utilize any unanticipated increases in

Federal or private grant awards and to support the additional 62 positions.

8. Project Grants increased by \$2,000,000 each fiscal year in unfunded appropriation to enable the agency to utilize any unanticipated increases in Federal or private foundation grant awards.
  9. Nursing Home Care Alternatives increased by \$1,000,000 each fiscal year in unfunded appropriation to allow the agency to use any unexpected increases in Fed. or private grants.
  10. Community Based Care increased by \$90,000 each fiscal year in unfunded approp. to be used if an Area Agency on Aging should decide to reenter the Title V Senior Community Service Employment program.
  11. Nutrition Programs increased by \$1,000,000 each fiscal year in unfunded appropriation to enable the agency to utilize unanticipated increases in Federal or private grant awards.
- New Ms. Senior Pageant Expenses appropriation for \$20,000 each fiscal year for expenses associated with the pageant.

### **III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS**

Total positions for FY 2007-09: 203

Total positions for FY 2007: 131

Increase(Decrease): 72

- \* 11 Positions Restorations
- \* 42 New Positions for the Adult Protective Services Unit
- \* 16 New Positions for the Options Counseling for Long-Term Care program
- \* 4 New Positions for the Money Follows the Person grant
- \* 1 position transferred to OCC

### **IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE**

- **CARRY FORWARD:** Provides for carry forward authority for appropriation and funding for Meals on Wheels from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the biennium.
- **MATCHING FUNDS:** Provides for state match for the Arkansas Senior Olympics Program on a two-to-one state/local match ratio and requires certification of match before state funds are paid.
- **STATE MATCH AUTHORIZED:** Authorizes the use of state funds to match federal funds available under Title III & V - Older Americans Act, Social Services Block Grant and federal other funds.
- **GRANT/CONTRACT DISBURSEMENT GUIDELINES:** All appropriations for funding that are distributed under grant or contract methodologies may be disbursed as authorized by the federal regulations in the Older Americans Act.
- **NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES:** Funding may be used for home-delivered meals, adult day care, homemaker-chore, respite care, personal care, health promotion, and Medicaid match.
- **SENIOR CITIZEN CENTERS:** Distributes the appropriation for Senior Citizen Centers in the same manner as the funding

formula requirements set out in federal law.