

DHS-DIVISION OF AGING & ADULT SERVICES (725)
FY2016
As Enacted by Act 926 of 2015

I) AGENCY SUMMARY & REVENUE SOURCES

MISSION

The 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), administers the Elder Choices program and provides legal services to the elderly.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

The total appropriation is \$58,291,483 in FY2016.

FUNDING SOURCES

The budget is funded by general revenues (39%), federal funds (56%), and special revenue and other support (5%).

II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

- The **Division of Aging and Adult Services Operations and Grants** appropriation, funded by General, Federal, Other and Special Revenues - \$55,801,483 with increases of \$7,921,144, which includes:
 - Regular Salaries increase of \$235,981 and a Personal Services Matching increase of \$95,163 for the restoration of eight (8) positions and the reclassification of one position.
 - Operating Expense increase of \$500,000 to allow for increases in grant awards.
 - Professional Fees increase of \$500,000 for professional and administrative costs associated with increases in grant awards.
 - Project Grant increase of \$2 million to allow the division to utilize any unanticipated increases in federal grant awards.
 - Older Worker Program increase of \$500,000 to promote part-time employment of older workers in the event that additional funding becomes available.
 - Community Based Care \$90,000 yearly restoration of previous appropriation level in the event that Title V funding utilization is required.
 - Nursing Home Care Alternatives increase of \$2 million to allow the division to utilize the appropriation in the event unanticipated grant awards become available.
 - Nutrition Programs increase of \$2 million to allow the division to utilize additional funding for implementing food

programs for the elderly.

III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total FY2015 Authorized Positions: 213)

Total Authorized Positions for FY2016: 212

Total Base Level Positions for FY2015: 205

Increase/(Decrease) over Base Level: 7

Extra Help Positions FY2016: 18 (Total FY2015 Extra Help: 18)

Restoration of 8 Positions to currently authorized level (+8)

Reclassification of one position; no grade change

Surrendered two positions in swap pool for a single added position (-1)

IV) SPECIAL LANGUAGE

- **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.