

**DHS-DIVISION OF AGING & ADULT SERVICES (725)**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2018**  
**As Enacted by Acts 902 and 913 of 2017**

**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 appropriations are \$54,576,718 with total increases of \$1,120,137.

**FUNDING SOURCES**

The budget is funded by federal funds, general revenues, and special revenue and other support.

**II) CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS**

**State Operations**

The recommendation for this appropriation, funded from various sources, is for \$52,106,718 with total increases of \$1,120,137 in the following line items:

- Increases of \$325,855 for **Regular Salaries** and \$151,848 for **Personal Services Matching** for the restoration of 13 unbudgeted positions
- **Extra Help** increase of \$22,434 for restoration of previously authorized appropriation level
- **Operating Expenses** decrease of (\$374,000) to support agency reorganization
- **Conference Fees & Travel** decrease of (\$6,000) to support agency reorganization
- **Senior Citizen Centers** increase of \$1 million to utilize unanticipated funding that may become available

**Ms. Senior Pageant**

The recommendation for this appropriation, authorized \$20,000 in FY2017 and funded from General Revenues, is deletion. **It does not appear in the FY2018 act.**

**Act 913 (HB1289)**

This division has been combined with the Division of Behavioral Health Services per Act 913 of 2017 as part of the agency's reorganization and will be renamed the Division of Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services. The two divisions will appear in the same bill beginning in FY2019.

**III) ADDITIONAL POSITIONS (Total Authorized Positions FY2017: 310)**

Total Positions for FY2018: 291

Total Base Level Positions: 287

Increase(Decrease): 4

-Restoration of 4 positions to allow assistance with the Medicaid waiver programs, investigate allegations of adult maltreatment and determine eligibility for long term services.

Extra Help Positions FY2018: 18 (Base Level Extra Help: 18)

**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 other federal 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 Title III - Older Americans Act.
- **NURSING HOME CARE ALTERNATIVES:** Funding for the Nursing Home Care Alternative line item in the Operations appropriation 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 Older Americans Act.