

DHS – Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services (0731)

Fiscal Year 2026

As Enacted by Act 890 of 2025

This division provides support and protective services to physically disabled adults, older adults, and adults with behavioral health issues and also coordinates the state's substance abuse treatment and prevention efforts.

TOTAL APPROPRIATION

Appropriation		2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
		Actual	Authorized	Legislative
1EN	Community Alcohol Safety	\$363,067	\$2,416,834	\$2,416,834
1ET	Alcohol & Drug Abuse Prevention	\$25,970,777	\$59,666,991	\$49,666,991
2MN	Mental Health Grants	\$30,188,200	\$50,477,554	\$47,553,171
418	Meals on Wheels	\$1,930,340	\$2,400,000	\$2,400,000
896	DHS-Admin Paying Account	\$112,956,539	\$129,211,138	\$148,485,553
898	DHS-Grants Paying Account	\$39,797,341	\$58,867,600	\$56,156,659
938	Patient Benefits–Cash in Treasury	\$23,808	\$34,676	\$70,000
978	Senior Olympics	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
E77	Vets Mental Health Grant	\$0	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
V43	Crisis Services	\$4,032,462	\$5,000,000	\$5,000,000
NEW	Independent Choices Grants	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
NEW	Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match	\$0	\$0	\$400,000
Total		\$215,332,534	\$313,144,793	\$317,619,208

FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Sources		2023-2024	%
		Actual	
Fund Balance	4000005	\$19,145,756	7.53
General Revenue	4000010	\$103,551,082	40.73
Federal Revenue	4000020	\$87,579,219	34.44
Special Revenue	4000030	\$1,890,111	0.74
Intra-agency Fund Transfer	4000317	\$227,026	0.09
Miscellaneous Adjustments	4000345	(\$77,044)	-0.03
State Administration of Justice	4000470	\$890,458	0.35
Transfer to Medicaid Match	4000660	(\$32,582)	-0.01
Various Program Support	4000730	\$36,063,524	14.18
Restricted Reserve Fund	4000755	\$5,000,000	1.97
Total Funds		\$254,268,689	100.00

CHANGE LEVEL REQUESTS

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention (Appropriation 1ET)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Education/Prevention/Treatment	\$59,666,991	\$49,666,991	(\$10,000,000)
Total		\$59,666,991	\$49,666,991	(\$10,000,000)

- Decreases incorporate appropriation transfers made as part of first 2025 reallocation of resources.

Mental Health Grants (Appropriation 2MN)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Mental Health Grants and Aid	\$59,666,991	\$49,666,991	(\$10,000,000)
Total		\$59,666,991	\$49,666,991	(\$10,000,000)

- Decreases incorporate appropriation transfers made as part of first 2025 reallocation of resources.

Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services - Administrative Paying (Appropriation 896)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5010000	Regular Salaries	\$54,931,388	\$58,451,995	\$3,520,607
5010003	Personal Services Matching	\$23,798,102	\$24,682,047	\$883,945
5020002	Operating Expenses	\$28,632,158	\$41,332,158	\$12,700,000
5060010	Professional Fees	\$9,850,830	\$11,460,828	\$1,609,998
5120011	Capital Outlay	\$340,135	\$900,000	\$559,865
Total		\$117,552,613	\$136,827,028	\$19,274,415

- Increases incorporate appropriation transfers made as part of first and second 2025 reallocations of resources and the transfer of positions and operations of the Independent Choices program from the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance.

Aging, Adult, and Behavioral Health Services - Grants Paying (Appropriation 898)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Nutrition Programs	\$25,490,328	\$22,790,328	(\$2,700,000)
5100004	Project Grants	\$17,447,582	\$17,436,641	(\$10,941)
Total		\$42,937,910	\$40,226,969	(\$2,710,941)

- Decreases incorporate appropriation transfers made as part of first 2025 reallocation of resources.

Patient Benefits - Cash (Appropriation 938)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Patient Benefit Fund	\$34,676	\$70,000	\$35,324
Total		\$34,676	\$70,000	\$35,324

- Increases incorporate appropriation transfers made as part of first 2025 reallocation of resources.

Independent Choices Grants (Appropriation NEW)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Independent Choices Grants and Aid	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total		\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000

- Program transferred from the Division of Provider Services and Quality Assurance.

Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match (Appropriation NEW)

Commitment Item		2024-2025	2025-2026	
		Authorized	Legislative	Change Level
5100004	Fight Senior Hunger Grant Match	\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000
Total		\$0	\$400,000	\$400,000

- Added as part of a new grant program to allow local senior organizations outside the AAA system to access matching grants for senior feeding programs.

POSITIONS

Total Authorized Positions FY2026: 1,179

Total Authorized Positions FY2025: 1,157

Increase / (Decrease): 22

Extra Help Positions FY2026: 347

SPECIAL LANGUAGE REVISIONS

~~SPECIAL RATES OF PAY AND EMPLOYMENT WORK DAYS.~~ Removes references to a policy stating that teachers at ASH shall be compensated at the same rate as teachers at the Arkansas Schools for the Blind and Deaf. Removes references to payout of accrued holiday and annual leave that had to be made by July 2013.

~~COMMUNITY BASED CRISIS INTERVENTION CRISIS SERVICES.~~ Changes the name of special language title and section reference to match renamed appropriation section.

*****CODE AMENDMENT***** Establishes the Fight Senior Hunger Community Grant Match Program.