

# South Carolina Department on Aging



FY 2020-21 Budget Hearing

# Agency Attendees

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# Agency Information

- The Older Americans Act (OAA) requires each state to have a federally designated State Unit on Aging (SUA). Department on Aging (DOA) serves as the designated SUA.
- DOA works to meet the critical needs facing South Carolina's rapidly growing senior populations through
  - Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem program.
  - State Long Term Care Ombudsman.
  - 10 Area Agencies on Aging.
  - Other designated partnerships.

# Accountability Report Highlights

- Home delivered meal clients increased by 1,127.
- 348,405 additional meals were delivered to homes during the year.
- 7,000 Emergency shelf stable meals were delivered to seniors in preparation for Hurricane Matthew.
- A Public Service Announcement to promote the Elder Care Trust Fund was created and aired on South Carolina broadcast, cable and radio stations during tax season.
- Respite Caregiver Clients have increased by 622 for a total of 3,677 served during the year.

# Current Year “New” Funding

- \$93,750 is allocated to the Ombudsman program in order to comply with the final federal rule that required state funds to be used to pay for state mandated investigations of DDSN and DMH.
- \$734,998 was requested and awarded to DOA be used as Federal Matching Funds. These funds will be awarded to the AAA with the January 2020 Notice of Grant Award for the federal funds awarded to SCDOA October 2019.
- These funds will also be used as match for the new grant awarded for Alzheimer Outreach.

# Recurring Budget Requests

- SCDOA has not requested any increase in funding levels for the coming year.
- The agency is looking for additional funding from other sources.
  - An amended or additional request would be made if other funds awarded exceed our current authorization.

# Non-Recurring Budget Requests

- The agency has not made any non-recurring budget requests.

# Capital Budget Requests

- The agency will carry forward unspent capital funds, but does not anticipate other capital projects.

# Proviso Requests

- SCDOA is asking that all current provisos in Section 40 be continued.

# Cost Savings

- A 3% General Fund reduction would reduce funding to SCDOA by \$565,388.
- 83% of state funds are restricted to allocations to other organizations.
- State Administrative funds are used in part as match for Federal Administrative expense.
- \$86,388 in savings would be achieved through a 5 day furlough and reduction in operating cost for administration as well as Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem and Ombudsman.
- The balance would be a reduction in services of \$150,000 for Family Caregivers and \$329,000 to Home and Community Based Services.

# Reducing Cost and Burden to Businesses and Citizens

- Please give a brief overview of the proposed savings to businesses and citizens (Form F) along with the list of fees/fines or regulations impacted.
- The agency did not collect fees or fines.
- Agency is progressing to electronic communications for invoices and payment requests as well as Notice of Grant Awards.
- Working with South Carolina DHHS to share client data to eliminate duplication of services by the two agencies.

# Wrap-up

- On September 27, 2019 DOA received notification that DHHS Administration for Community Living AOA had awarded a 3 year grant worth \$600,000 to assist African American Alzheimer patients in rural communities.
  - These funds are designated for 16 counties who are in rural area, have been served minimally by the Family Caregiver Support program or have a high African American population.
- Other items?