



South Carolina **DEPARTMENT ON AGING**

House Ways and Means Healthcare
Budget Hearing
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Agency Attendees

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Agency Information

Mission

Meet the present and future needs of seniors and to enhance the quality of life for older South Carolinians through advocating, planning, and developing resources in partnership with federal, state, and local governments, nonprofits, the private sector, and individuals.

Vision

Provide leadership, advocacy, and collaboration to assure a full spectrum of services, so that South Carolina seniors and/or adults with disabilities can enjoy an enhanced quality of life, contribute to their communities, have economic security, and receive the support necessary to age with choice and dignity.

Agency Information

The Older Americans Act (OAA) requires each state to have a federally designated State Unit on Aging (SUA). The South Carolina Department on Aging (SCDOA) serves as the designated SUA.

The SCDOA works to meet the critical needs facing South Carolina's rapidly growing senior population.

Agency Information

Aging and Disabled Individuals

In addition to our 60 and older population, SCDOA serves:

Vulnerable
Adults

Long Term
Care
Residents

Family
Caregivers

Seniors
Raising
Children

Disabled
Adults

Our Aging Network: A Regional Snapshot

As the State Unit on Aging, the federal Older Americans Act stipulates that the South Carolina Department on Aging shall divide the state into planning and service area regions with designated Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs). In South Carolina, there are 10 AAAs, as indicated in the map below.

Region I Appalachian: (Anderson, Cherokee, Greenville, Oconee, Pickens, and Spartanburg)

Region II Upper Savannah: (Abbeville, Edgefield, Greenwood, Laurens, McCormick, and Saluda)

Region III Catawba: (Chester, Lancaster, York, and Union)

Region IV Central Midlands: (Fairfield, Lexington, Newberry, and Richland)

Region V Lower Savannah: (Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Calhoun, and Orangeburg)

Region VI Santee- Lynches: (Clarendon, Kershaw, Lee, and Sumter)

Region VII Pee Dee: (Chesterfield, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Marion, and Marlboro)

Region VIII Waccamaw: (Georgetown, Horry, and Williamsburg)

Region IX Trident: (Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester)

Region X Lowcountry: (Beaufort, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper)

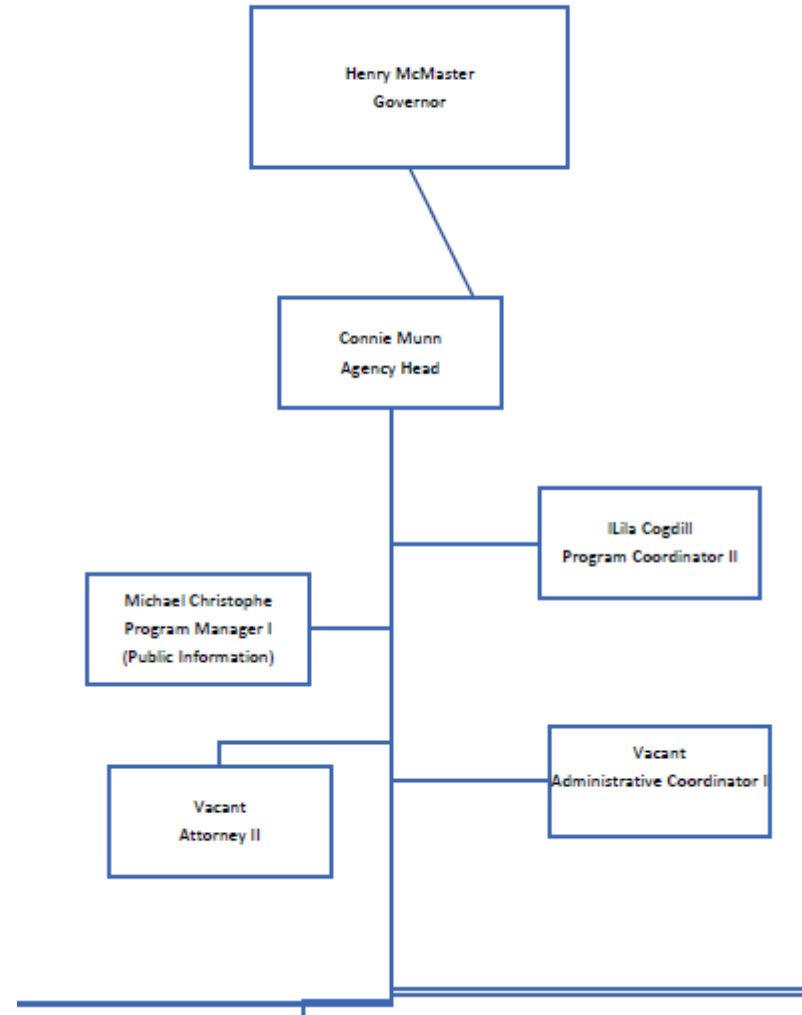


Programs and Services

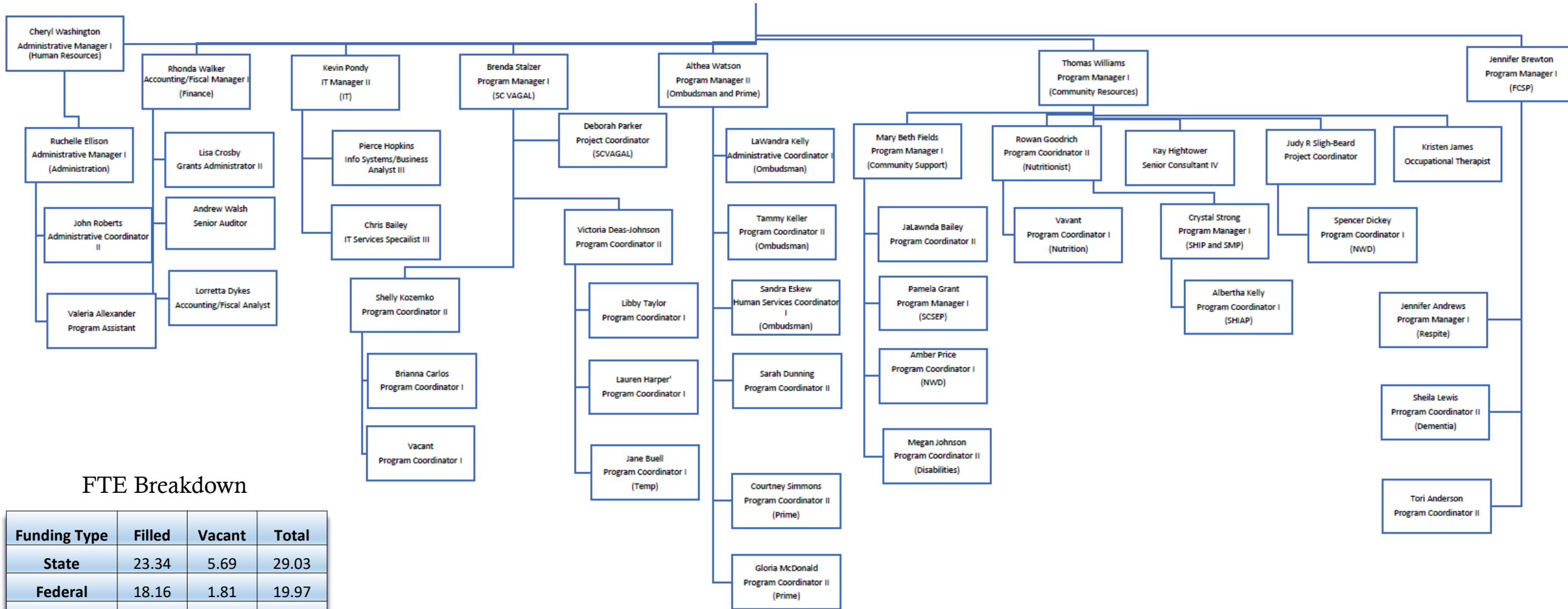
- Family Caregiver Support Program
- State Long Term Care Ombudsman Program
- Lifespan Respite
- Insurance Counseling for Medicare (SHIP)
- Geriatric Physician Loan Forgiveness Program
- Alzheimer's Support
- Healthy Connections Prime Ombudsman
(Insurance Counseling for Dual-Eligible (Medicare
and Medicaid) Individuals)
- Senior Community Service Employment Program



Organizational Chart



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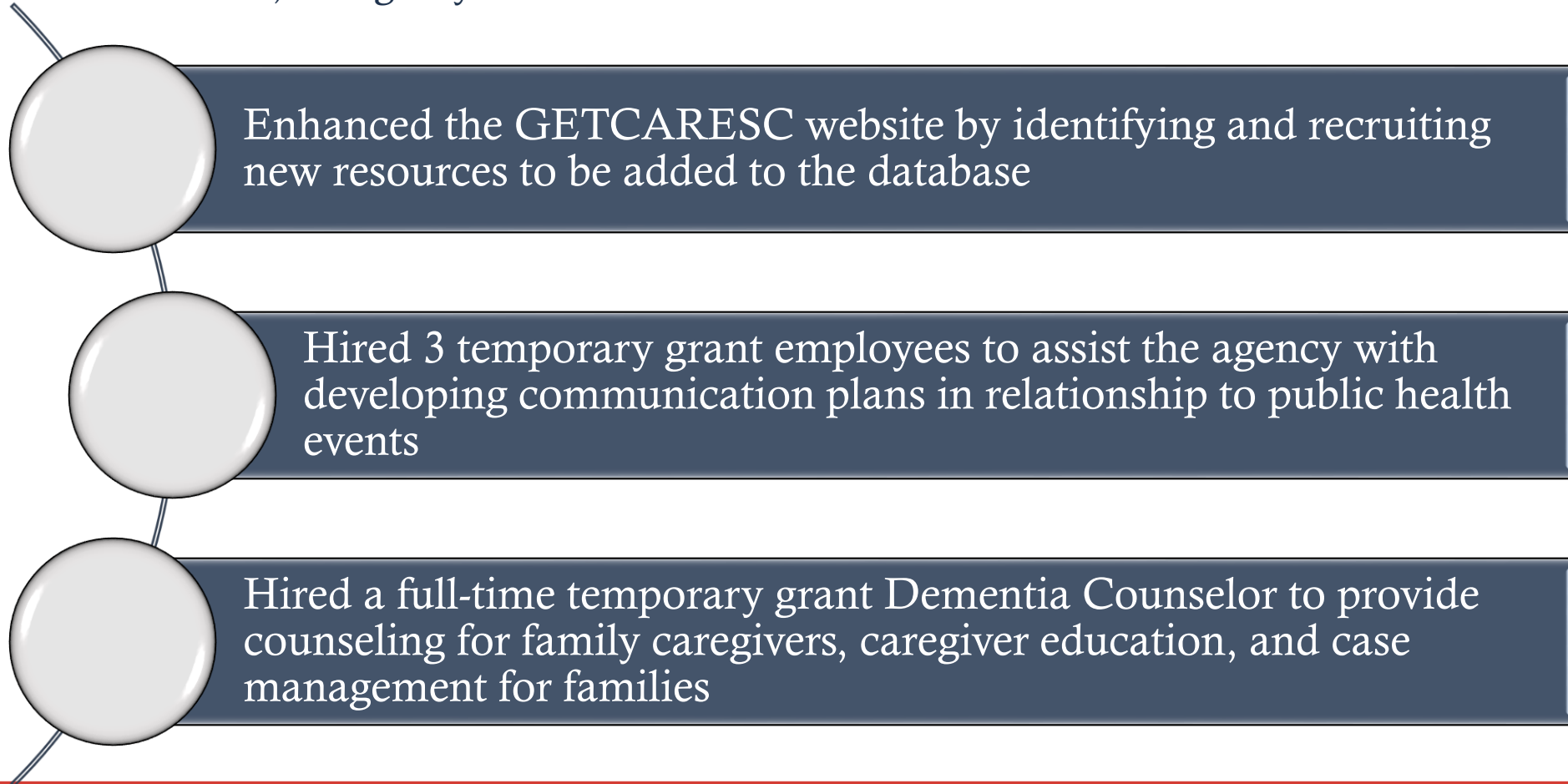


FTE Breakdown

Funding Type	Filled	Vacant	Total
State	23.34	5.69	29.03
Federal	18.16	1.81	19.97
Other	0.50	0	0.50
TOTAL	42.00	7.50	49.50

COVID-19 Expenditures

During the past state fiscal year, the agency received three federal grants related to expanding the Public Health Workforce. With these funds, the agency has:



COVID-19 Expenditures

Provided an additional 200 robotic pets to seniors and disabled adults to reduce isolation.

Provided \$117,000 in rental assistance to seniors.

Partnered with Walton Options and South Carolina Assistive Technology to provide 14 digital devices to reduce isolation.

Partnered with Palmetto Care Connection to provide digital literacy training to seniors, and to provide electronic devices to facilitate telemedicine as well as ways to stay connected with family and friends.

COVID-19 Expenditures

Provided \$337,587 in funding for outreach and vaccination events for seniors, caregivers and disabled adults

\$1,665,000 in additional home delivered meals to seniors

**The total COVID
funds spent in 2022
\$4,271,000**

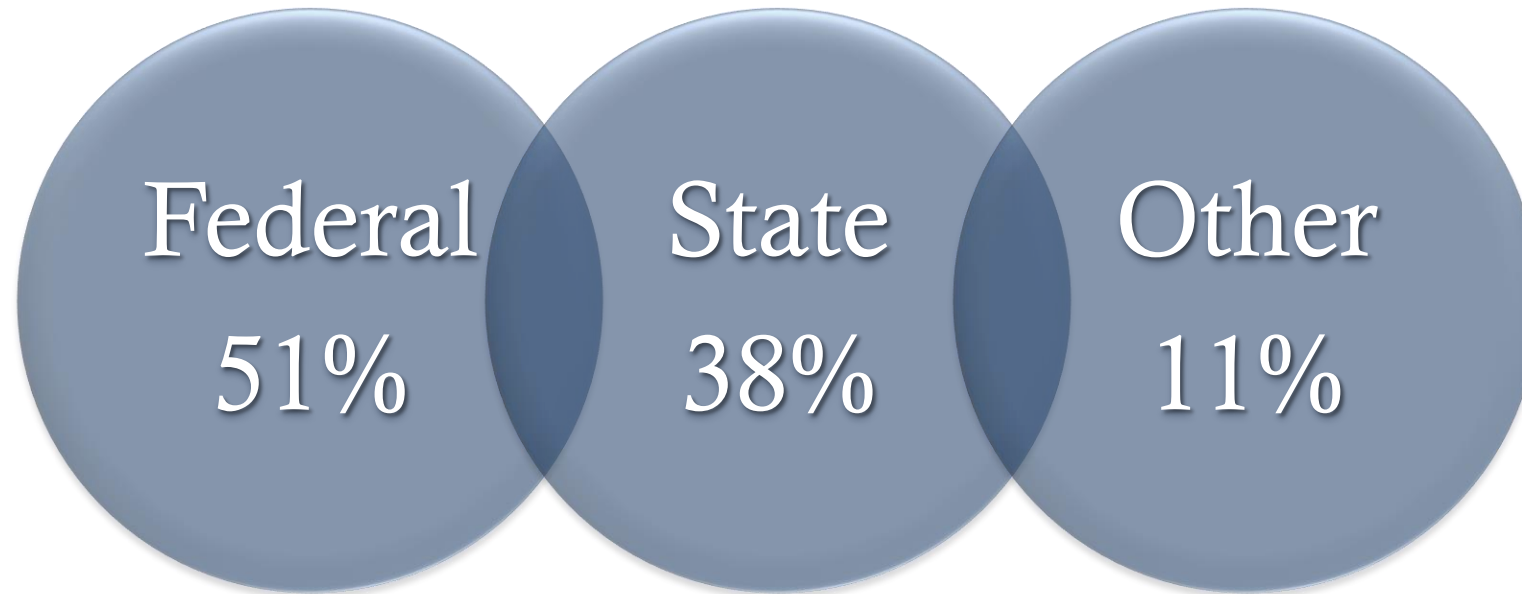
\$216,845 in additional congregate meal funds

Provided \$268,716 in additional family caregiver services

Budget Requests

The agency is not requesting any budget changes for state year 2023.

SCDOA Funding



Relief Funds Received

South Carolina Department on Aging as of Dec. 31, 2022 Relief Funds Received

Amount	Date Received	Date Required to be Spent	Relief Bill or Fed Grant Title	Summary of Need/Use	Spent	Remaining
\$ 3,901,311.00	3/20/2020	9/30/2021	FFCRA	Emergency funding to use for home delivered meals and support services for seniors as defined by the Older Americans Act	\$ 3,901,311.00	\$ -
\$ 2,755,035.00	12/27/2020	9/30/2022	FFCRA2	Supplemental funds for nutrition under Older Americans Act	\$ 2,755,035.00	\$ -
\$ 755,454.00	4/1/2020	9/30/2022	COVID Preparedness	No Wrong Door discretionary grant to be used to provided services to persons who are elderly or disabled. Funds were established to provide nutrition, rental assistance, and to help fight isolation during the pandemic.	\$ 723,306.01	
\$ 12,996,863.00	4/1/2020	9/30/2022	CARES Act	Supplemental funds for Title III and Title VII funds to address the impact of COVID including nutrition, support services, family caregiver support, and PPE	\$ 12,936,296.51	\$ -
\$ 819,951.00	4/1/2021	9/30/2023	COVID Vaccine	Promote vaccinations to seniors as defined by the Older Americans Act	\$ 337,033.22	\$ 482,917.78
\$ 392,836.00	5/5/2021	9/30/2023	COVID Vaccine	Improve vaccination access to older adults and people with disabilities under the COVID Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations	\$ 296,517.44	\$ 96,318.56
\$ 22,992,925.00	4/1/2021	9/30/2024	ARP	Supplemental funds for Title III and Title VII funds to address the impact of COVID including nutrition, support services, family caregiver support, and PPE	\$ 4,359,372.21	\$ 18,633,552.79
\$ 65,596.00	4/1/2021	9/30/2023	COVID Response and Relief supplement	Education and outreach on abuse and neglect identification and prevention during the COVID public health Emergency	\$ 36,885.62	\$ 28,710.38
\$ 299,802.00	8/1/2022	9/30/2025	LTCO ARP	Funds to expand training and outreach for the Long Term Care Ombudsman throughout the state	\$ -	\$ 299,802.00
\$ 1,018,644.00	4/1/2022	9/30/2024	ARP	Hire positions as may be required to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19	\$ 89,237.38	\$ 929,406.62

State Funds Carried Forward to SFY2023

Proviso 40.1	State funds to match grant	\$ 752,851.90
Proviso 40.2	Aging Assistance State Match	5,457,367.90
Proviso 40.5	HCBS Carry forward for same purpose	11,500,704.00
Proviso 40.6	Geriatric Loan Forgiveness	35,000.00
Proviso 40.7	Caregivers Carry Forward	3,980,940.96
Proviso 40.8	Vulnerable Adult GAL Carry forward	759,158.07
Provoso 118.18	Orangeburg Special funding	50,000.00
Total state funds carried forward to SFY23		\$ 22,536,022.83

Notable Achievements 2022

National Conferences

- American Society on Aging to highlight innovative seniors raising children program
- Home and Community Based Services Conference on Purposeful Project Management (better ways to manage large projects)
- Center for Community and Global Health Symposium at Bob Jones University
- Partnership for Your Success Program with Fort Jackson and United States Army

Master Plan on Aging Partnerships

- DHHS
- Joint Committee to Study Services, Programs, and Aging
- Alzheimer's Association
- USC Arnold School of Health
- Richland County Sheriff's Department
- South Carolina Association of Area Agencies on Aging

Public Awareness

- "It's Your Best Shot" television and radio ads for public awareness for vaccinations
- Elder Care Trust Fund Commercial
- Operation Spread the Joy", Department of Corrections



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