

South Carolina Department on Aging



Agency Budget Hearing
FY 2022-2023

Agency Attendees

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Agency Information

Aging and Disabled Individuals

We serve others in addition to our 60 and older population.

For Example:

- Vulnerable adults of any age in need of a Guardian ad Litem.
- Residents of long term care facilities needing assistance from the Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO).
- Family Caregivers who are caring for an older adults (60+) and persons with Alzheimer's and related dementias of any age.
- Older Relative Caregivers (55+) who are caring for a child 0-18 (not their own) known as "Seniors Raising Children" or persons with disabilities.
- Adults with disabilities who benefit from the services of the AAA who are also Aging & Disability Resource Centers.

Budget Request

Add a new funded program for State Long Term Care Ombudsman (LTCO)

- Similar to segregating out funding and reporting for the Vulnerable Adult Guardian ad Litem, we would like to create a specific budget group for the LTCO group.
- The Legislative Audit Council item 70 recommended that a line item in the appropriations be set up as funding for the agency's Long Term Care Ombudsman Program.
- This will ensure consistent funding for the mission of the Long Term Care Ombudsman Program and increase accountability of funds.

Long Term Care Beds in South Carolina

Type of Long Term Care Facilities	Number of Beds
Nursing and Care Facilities (Skilled Nursing Homes, Assisted Living)	41,941
Department of Mental Health	4,463
Department of Disabilities and Special Needs	6,302
Total	52,706

- SCDOA's LTCO serve as advocates for the residents of nursing homes, assisted living, DDSN and DMH facilities.
- They work to resolve problems related to the health, safety, welfare and the rights of individuals who live in long term care facilities.
- It is vital that funds be set aside in a funded program to ensure those services continue.

Long Term Care Ombudsman

- Administration for Community Living recommends that there be one Long Term Care Ombudsman for each 2000 beds in an area.
- Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) provide federal and state long term care ombudsman functions, therefore, funding for those positions will be provided as allocations to the AAA entities.
- The total number of long term care ombudsman required for DDSN and DMH facilities is just under 5.5 staff. Two of those positions are in the SC Department on Aging. The remaining will be state funds through Allocations to Entities.
- In order to provide appropriate services to long term care facilities, as well as volunteer coordinators to recruit and train volunteers to perform friendly visits, AAA must employ 21 federally funded ombudsman.
- SCDOA will provide the federal funding as Allocations to Entities.
- In addition, state and federal funds provide a portion of the support staff within the Department on Aging State Long Term Care Ombudsman program.

Budget Request

Recurring funds request:

- State funding increase of \$280,000
- Federal funding increase of \$200,000
- Additional staff are needed to provide monitoring as requested in recommendations 33 and 34 of the LAC report to:
 - improve on-site monitoring visits
 - to observe and evaluate staff who are directly responsible for providing the service.
- The agency has sufficient authorized FTEs for future needs.
- As the agency continues to seek new funding sources, positions will be funded through temporary grant positions.

Budget Request

Non-recurring funds request:

American Rescue Plan funds \$22,992,925 awarded April 2021

- Non-recurring funds request American Rescue Plan 3 year award
 - Unlike previous COVID funds, this award requires matching funds.
 - State funds over two years \$3,553,000
 - Federal funds over two years \$17,245,000
- Current year match is available from prior year state funds.
- A request for supplemental federal funds for SFY 22 has been made.
- Any funds not expended at the end of 2023 will need to be carried forward until the grant funds are expended.

Budget Request

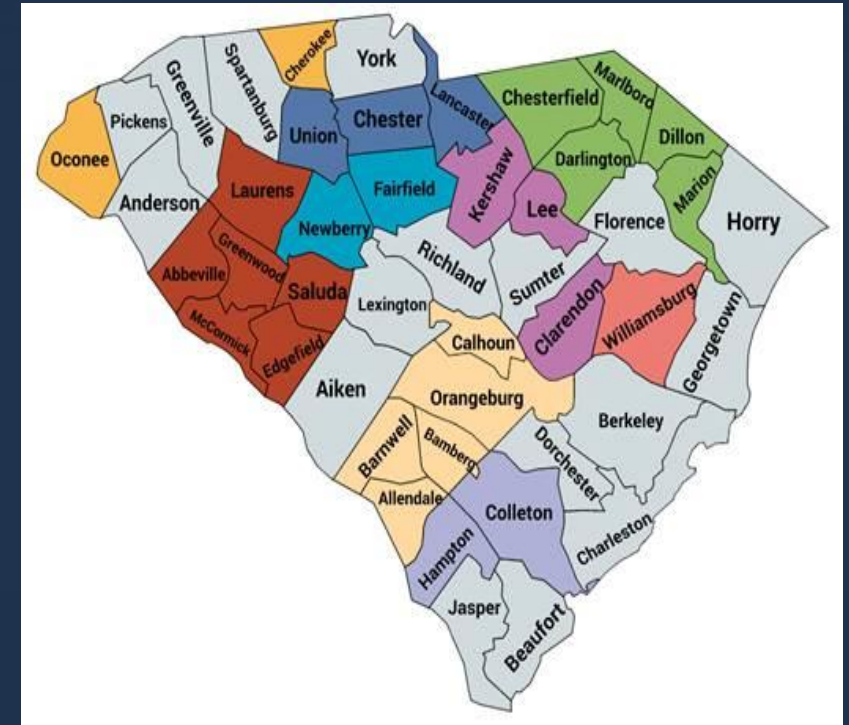
Non-recurring funds request:

HUD Older Americans Home Modification Project Award	\$1,000,000
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- 1 million in federal funds were awarded to the agency October 2021
- Requesting state funds \$150,000
- Requesting federal funds authorization \$800,000
- The agency has sufficient federal authorization for the first 9 months of the grant as a portion of that will be for start-up time.
- Because the grant limits administrative costs, and some items are not allowable to the HUD grant, state funds are needed to supplement the grant award.
- Unspent funds would carry forward to the end of the 3 year grant.

HUD Older Americans Home Modification Project

- Low income seniors over 62 residing in the 29 rural counties selected are eligible to participate in the program.
Note: 17 counties not eligible due to either being in a flood zone and/or being designated as an urban area.
- The Area Agencies on Aging will utilize their assessors to determine eligibility and needs.
- SCDOA has hired a Licensed Occupational Therapist (OT) who will assess the home during an in-person home visit.
- The OT will work with the senior in determining what low-cost, high impact modifications would best allow the senior to age in place, avoiding costly institutionalization.



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Proviso Request Summary

Proviso #	Title	Summary	Action
117.169	Employee Compensation	Strike the requirement for Area Agencies on Aging to increase compensation as the Council of Governments administer aging and other programs.	Amend

2021 Funds Carry Forward to 2022

	Description	Amount
Proviso 40.1	Carry Over as match funds for grants	4,125,023.30
Proviso 40.5	Carry Over for HCBS funds	10,180,667.07
Proviso 40.7	Carry Over of Alzheimer ARCC funds	197,091.76
Proviso 40.7	Carry Over of Caregiver's funds	2,750,058.27
Proviso 40.8	Carry over of for Vulnerable Adult GAL	551,834.86
	10% allowed carry forward	104,159.67
	Total funds	17,908,834.93

COVID-19 Federal Funds

FFCRA and CARES Act Funds	\$21,621,450
ARP Funding	\$22,995,925
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Total additional federal funding	\$44,617,375

COVID -19 Funding

• Families First Corona Response Act	AWARD
• Home Delivered Meals	\$2,600,874
• Support Services	\$1,300,437
• Cares Funding	
• Home Delivered Meals	\$7,802,623
• Support Services	\$3,251,093
• Family Caregiver Services	\$1,618,038
• Title VII Ombudsman	\$ 325,109
• Supplemental Nutrition HDM	\$2,755,035

COVID -19 Funding

Vaccination Assistance

- Vaccination Assistance to Seniors \$819,951
 - No Wrong Door Disabled Vaccine Assistance \$392,836
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- The CDC passed through funds to ACL in order to facilitate agencies with getting at-risk populations vaccinated.
 - Grants designed to fund informational campaigns and transportation to and from vaccination sites.
 - 95% of funds for seniors were distributed to the AAA network.
 - Funds to assist those with disabilities are being allocated now, with a portion held to provide statewide outreach and transportation to citizens with special needs.



COVID -19 Funding

ADRC No Wrong Door - Special Program Discretionary Grant

\$755,454

- SCDOA applied for and received funding to assist seniors and persons with disabilities.
- These funds were used to provide nutritional services, rent and utility assistance, and technology to combat isolation.
- The agency will be applying for additional federal funds to assist more of South Carolina's disabled adults in the coming year.

COVID -19 Expenditures

- Served 5.6 million meals through November 2021
- Created a partnership with Palmetto Care Connection to provide 100 IPADs to seniors in rural areas such as Richland, Allendale, Clarendon, Barnwell, and Williamsburg counties.
- Distributed over 100 animatronic pets to older adults.

South Carolina Department on Aging Relief Funds Received as of December 31, 2021

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	\$ 2,633,046.71	\$ 121,988.29
\$ 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.	\$ 490,734.11	\$ 264,719.89
\$12,996,863.06	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	\$ 12,713,502.31	\$ 283,360.75
\$ 819,951.00	4/1/2021	9/30/2022	COVID Vaccine	Promote vaccinations to seniors as defined by the Older Americans Act	\$ 90,601.97	\$ 729,349.03
\$ 392,836.00	5/5/2021	9/30/2022	COVID Vaccine	Improve vaccination access to older adults and people with disabilities under the COVID Response Relief Supplemental Appropriations	\$ 6,586.97	\$ 386,249.03
\$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	\$ 179,990.44	\$ 22,812,934.56
\$ 65,596.00	4/1/2021	9/30/2022	COVID Response and Relief supplement	Education and outreach on abuse and neglect identification and prevention during the COVID public health Emergency	\$ 2.20	\$ 65,593.80

Other Information

- SCDOA has hired the Dementia Coordinator
- SCDOA continues to progress with the Alzheimer Disease Prevention Initiative that provides training to those caregivers of Alzheimer patients in rural areas
- Work with regions needing assistance with helping seniors in applying for SNAP benefits through a private foundation grant
- AAA's will utilize funding from the American Rescue Plan to provide new and innovative services to seniors which include pest control, hearing aid, and dental assistance
- Produce videos outlining how to recognize and report elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation
- Continuing to develop an online portal to provide citizens with a way to submit a long term care facility complaints electronically



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