

The Agency

Department of Elderly Affairs

Agency Operations

The Department of Elderly Affairs is the designated State Agency on Aging for Rhode Island. As such, the department is responsible for the development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated system of community-based care for persons sixty years of age and older and adults with disabilities. The department is headed by a director who is appointed by the Governor. Departmental responsibilities include developing and implementing a State Plan on Aging under the Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) and serving as the state's Single Planning and Service Area on Aging under the Older Americans Act. The primary focus of the Department of Elderly Affairs is to preserve the independence, dignity and capacity for choice of seniors, their families and caregivers. The department is the lead state agency advocate to protect and preserve the rights of older individuals; operates services designed to assist seniors in remaining independent in the community and administers and funds a wide range of community programs, activities and services. Some services are provided directly by the department staff, but many are provided through a strong and coordinated community-based network of senior centers, adult day centers, nutrition programs, senior housing and assisted living facilities, home care, advocacy groups, the Aging and Disability Resource Center (The POINT), Community Information Specialists (statewide regional POINTS), and other community partners. The department's grants management staff and DEA Program staff coordinate the efforts and activities of the State Aging Network through the allocation and monitoring of federal and state funds.

Agency Objectives

As outlined in the department's State Plan on Aging under the Older Americans Act, (OAA) and in the relevant laws and policies of the State of Rhode Island, the department is dedicated to providing leadership and advocacy in emerging elder issues. The department is committed to providing services that are consumer-focused, high quality and easily accessible. The department will continue to enhance and implement a comprehensive coordinated system of elder service delivery that expands the options for community-based care for all older Rhode Islanders, their families, caregivers and adults with disabilities. The department will work to strengthen programs and services that enable older Rhode Islanders to live an independent, healthy and dignified lifestyle while continuing to make meaningful contributions in the community. DEA will also continue to serve as the statewide advocacy agency for the needs of elders and adults with disabilities.

Statutory History

The Department of Elderly Affairs was created in 1977. R.I.G.L. 42-66 established and provides for the organization and functions of the department. Federal authority rests under the Older Americans Act of 1965 as amended.

The Budget

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	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Actual	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2010 Revised	FY 2011 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Administrative Services	1,390,257	1,011,014	1,019,226	930,745	998,252
Program Services	31,031,170	29,568,036	22,969,062	25,898,744	24,493,420
RIPAE	1,961,841	1,607,421	1,534,878	1,619,930	1,779,015
Total Expenditures	\$34,383,268	\$32,186,471	\$25,523,166	\$28,449,419	\$27,270,687
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	3,572,954	2,804,101	2,944,341	2,900,030	3,115,366
Operating Supplies and Expenses	77,198	197,771	619,623	752,056	485,488
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	22,554,211	21,018,171	21,847,563	24,676,374	23,571,330
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$26,204,363	\$24,020,043	\$25,411,527	\$28,328,460	\$27,172,184
Capital Purchases and Equipment	(22,798)	14,340	111,639	120,959	98,503
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	8,201,703	8,152,088	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$34,383,268	\$32,186,471	\$25,523,166	\$28,449,419	\$27,270,687
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	16,969,063	14,056,863	9,920,687	9,940,985	10,806,690
Federal Funds	11,980,485	12,831,308	15,210,364	18,149,650	16,333,157
Restricted Receipts	956,578	850,000	392,115	358,784	130,840
Other Funds	4,477,142	4,448,300	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$34,383,268	\$32,186,471	\$25,523,166	\$28,449,419	\$27,270,687
FTE Authorization	44.0	32.0	31.0	31.0	31.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	89.0%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%	93.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	12.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Program Measures					
Percentage of Elderly Abuse Involving the Same Victim	33.2%	36.0%	54.2%	39.0%	42.1%
Self-Neglect Percentage of Reports Involving the Same Victim	48.1%	39.0%	38.8%	31.6%	25.6%
Percentage of Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect Reports Involving the Same Victim following Early Intervention	17.6%	10.1%	6.2%	6.2%	6.2%