

Eldercare Services

AAAs are a focal point for information, advocacy and coordination of eldercare services, including:

- Home Delivered and Congregate Meals
- Nutrition Counseling
- Health Insurance Information & Assistance (HIICAP)
- Home Energy Assistance
- Caregiver Support Services
- Information on Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) through NY Connects
- Adult Day Care Services
- In-home Services
- Legal Services
- Volunteer Opportunities

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AREA AGENCIES ON AGING: Services for Seniors & Caregivers

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) were established under the Older Americans Act of 1965 to respond to the needs of aging Americans through home and community based services and supports to allow them to age in place. Funding is provided through the Older Americans Act, New York State, county government and participants, the New York State residents who receive the services.

Federal Funding

Federal funding through the Older Americans Act (OAA) falls into several categories with varying levels of flexibility. OAA funds are for the purpose of assisting states and Area Agencies on Aging to develop and enhance coordinated community based systems of care.

State Funding

State funding is administered through the New York State Office for the Aging and distributed by way of a funding formula. The following are the main programs.

Community Services for the Elderly (CSE)

CSE is a flexible funding stream that is used for services such as case management, meals, adult day services, home care, transportation, health promotion and information and assistance

Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP)

The EISEP program enables many frail older adults to remain independent in their homes. The program provides well-planned and coordinated non-medical services, including personal care or housekeeping. Case managers determine need through a COMPASS assessment.

NY Connects

NY Connects, predominantly operated by AAAs, provides information and assistance for consumers of all ages seeking long term services and supports, helping them remain independent.

Wellness in Nutrition (WIN)

WIN provides meals for qualifying seniors either in a congregate setting or as a home delivered meal. Each meal provides at least one-third recommended daily allowance (RDA) for nutrition. Nutrition education and counseling are also offered as part of this program.

Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP)

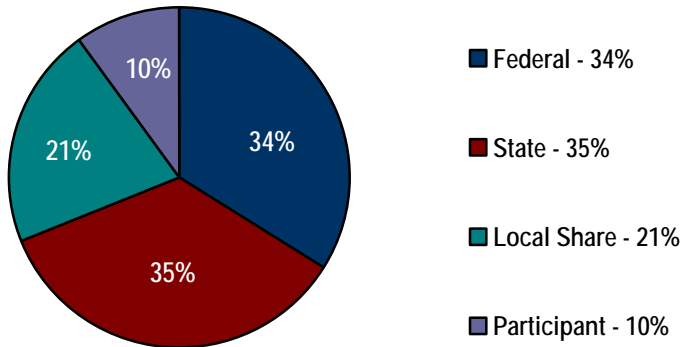
HIICAP provides information to seniors on Medicare, Medicaid, managed care, EPIC, and other health insurance options and issues, and also assists Medicare beneficiaries to access needed health care and to apply for programs such as the Medicare Savings Program. HIICAP counselors are trained and certified professionals

Local Funding

Local funding is required to support the federal and state funded programs. Area Agencies on Aging are required to match at least 25% of the service expenditures for both the EISEP and CSE programs. Several programs through the Older Americans Act require a 10% local match. Therefore, services are provided by a mix of funding, including federal, state and local/county sources, as well as voluntary contributions from participants. In addition, local Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs) rely on volunteers to assist with a number of their programs, including home delivered meals, transportation to doctor's appointments, and health insurance counseling.

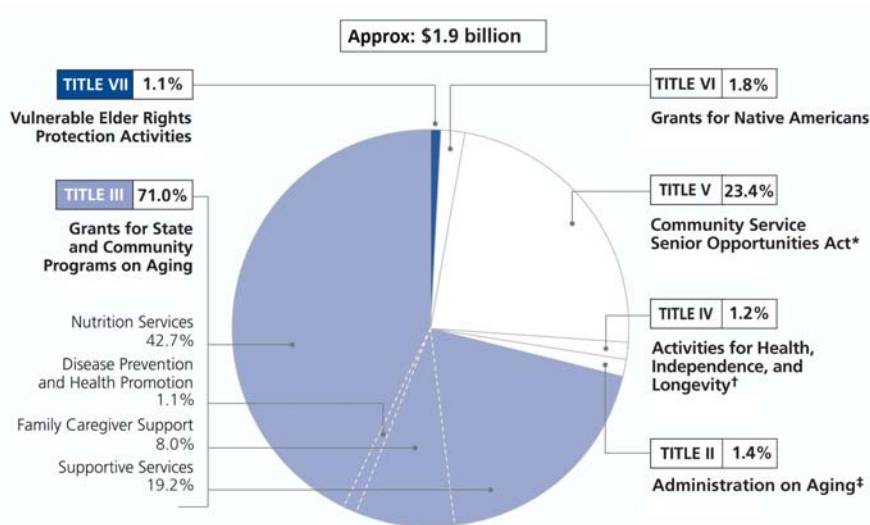
STATE FUNDING OVERVIEW

Typical Funding by Source for New York State



FEDERAL FUNDING OVERVIEW

Older Americans Act
Funds for all States



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