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## Issue Brief – Senior Center Renovations

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DIVISION OF AGING AND ADULT SERVICES

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### **SENIOR CENTER RENOVATIONS**

The Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) under the Division of Aging and Adult Services is requesting one-time General Fund of \$791,300 for the renovation of 23 senior citizen centers.

### **OBJECTIVE**

Senior Citizen Centers provide opportunities for the elderly to socialize, receive congregate meals and access to pertinent information such as taxes, legal issues, Medicaid/Medicare programs, etc.

### **DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Senior Citizen Centers are owned by local area agencies on aging or non-profit organizations; therefore they do not qualify for Alterations, Repairs and Improvements (AR&I) funding from the Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM). However, in section 62A-3-107.5 of the Utah Code, allows appropriations for the “alteration, renovation, or improvement of an existing facility” with a 25 percent match from the local providers.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Subcommittee may want to prioritize this request for one-time funding of \$791,300 for the renovation of the senior citizen centers. This request represents 75 percent of the total funding needed for the renovations. The Analyst further recommends that the Subcommittee may want to consider allowing statutory non-lapsing authority to the Division of Aging and Adult Services for one-time expenditures.