



Utah Association of Area Agencies on Aging

## **FY18 Legislative Funding Request - \$500,000**

**On-going funding for the Alternatives Program being added to the base budget of the Division of Aging & Adult Services.**

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- Prevents or delays premature institutional care serving individuals 18 and older (approximately 95% of participants are seniors 60+) who are: at risk of nursing home placement; meet federal poverty income guidelines (\$1,375 per month); and have limited assets (\$6,000).
- Services provided are non-medical services and include assistance such as: personal care; homemaker services; transportation, respite to caregivers; chore services; and emergency response systems.
- **\$500,000 would serve an additional 103 individuals, reducing the current waiting list by 20%.**
- 816 - Participants served FY15.
  - Represents assisting 1 out of every 514 seniors (60+) in Utah.
  - \$4,867 - average annual cost per participant.
  - \$65,000 - \$70,000 – annual cost of skilled nursing home care in Utah.
  - 500 – individuals are on state-wide waiting list for Alternatives Program assistance.
- \$3,971,900 – Alternatives Program Budget FY15.
  - \$2,922,200 - State.
  - \$1,049,700 - Federal SSBG. (accounting preference, actually state \$)

**ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM - FY2018 Funding Request - \$500,000**

**Increase Base Budget Funding to the Division of Aging & Adult Services**

**Utah Area Agencies on Aging (U4A)**

**LINE ITEM BUDGET**

<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>Line Items</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
<b>Direct Services Provided to Clients Receiving Alternatives Services</b>		
<b>Case Management Services</b>		
Licensed Social Workers of Area Agencies on Aging (fringe included)	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Contracted Services</b>		
Home Health Agencies Personal care, homemaker services, emergency response systems, transportation, chore services, etc.	\$350,000	\$350,000
<b>PERFORMANCE MEASURES</b>		
100 Alternative Clients Served		
Estimated cost saving for client remaining at home or delayed placement into skilled nursing facility		
<b>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUEST</b>		<b>\$500,000</b>



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**FY18 Legislative Funding Request - \$250,000**

**On-going funding for the Ombudsman Program being added to the base budget of the Division of Aging & Adult Services.**

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- Provides advocacy and complaint resolution on behalf of residents, of all ages, residing in skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, and intermediate care facilities for the intellectually disabled (ICF/ID).
- **\$250,000 of additional funding would increase local ombudsman positions in the state by 5.0 F.T.E.'s, from 8 to 13, reducing by (26%) the scope of their oversight from 2,057 beds to 1,519 beds each (includes increases in beds listed below), which will allow Ombudsman to meet minimum visiting requirements established in regulation.**
- This service is a requirement to receive federal funding for our core programs such as: meals on wheels; senior center meals and programs; caregiver support; in-home services; transportation; legal services, etc.

Service Levels FFY15

- 1523 complaints were logged resulting in 1,012 cases being opened, of which, 1,003 were closed.
  - Complaint categories: 38% - resident rights, 24% - resident care, 19% - quality of life, 6% - administration, 13% - complaint outside of facility.
- 312 facilities state-wide, 16,456 beds.
- 39 facilities per ombudsman, 2,057 beds per ombudsman.

Increased work load since the end of FFY15

- Residents living in facilities that are under 60 years of age were added to the ombudsman's responsibility.
- We are realizing a 20% increase in beds (3,288) added, or under construction since October 1, 2015.
  - 2,897 assisted living facilities.
  - 383 skilled nursing facilities
  - 8 ICF/ID's

Budget

- \$502,248 – Ombudsman Program Budget FY17
  - State - \$214,675 - Local \$190,573 – Federal \$97,000

**OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM - FY2018 Funding Request - \$250,000**  
**Increase Base Budget Funding to the Division of Aging & Adult Services**  
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**LINE ITEM BUDGET**

CATEGORY	Line Items	Total Cost
<b>PERSONNEL</b>		
	\$250,000	
Hourly wages and fringe for 5.0 F.T.E. Ombudsman at Area Agencies on Aging		\$250,000
<b>Performance Measures</b>		
Increase in the number of cases/complaints handled and resolved		
Increase in compliance of facility visiting requirements		
<b>TOTAL LEGISLATIVE REQUEST</b>		<b>\$250,000</b>