

PUBLIC HEARINGS

<p>Thursday, May 9, 2019 9:30 a.m.</p> <p>AgeSmart Community Resources 801 W. State St. O'Fallon, IL 62269</p>	<p>Thursday, May 9, 2019 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Waterloo Senior Center 207 W. 4th St. Waterloo, IL 62298</p>
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Written comments accepted until 4:00 p.m. May 16, 2019 at the:

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Serving counties of Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Randolph, St. Clair and Washington

Purpose of the Public Hearings and the Public Information Document

AgeSmart Community Resources (AgeSmart) is conducting the public hearings on the FY19 Area Plan on Aging for the three-year cycle FY19-21. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend the public hearings to discuss and make comments on the Area Plan on Aging.

The Area Plan on Aging is a planning, management and grant award document. The full Area Plan format is prepared by the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA). The Area Plan may be fine-tuned or even redesigned during the year as activities and funding dictate. Some proposed activities might be reconsidered after research and feedback during the planning stages. AgeSmart submits amendments to the Area Plan each year in the format required by IDOA.

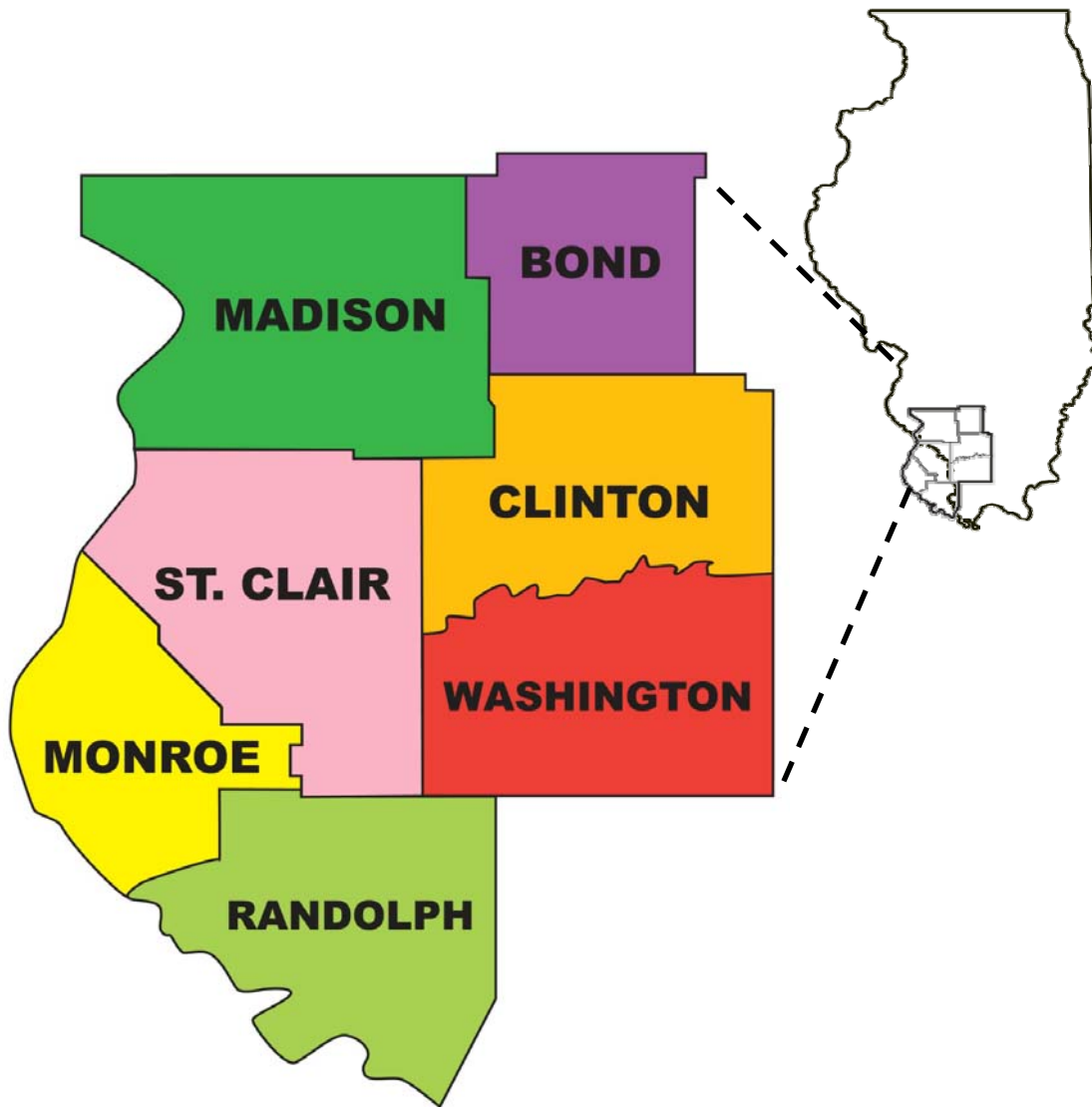
This Public Information Document is the official summary of the proposed Area Plan for FY20 beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. All activities are subject to available funding.

The Public Information Document is for the reader to use as a tool to stimulate comments and questions at the Public Hearings. (See above for the dates, times and locations.) Comments must be written and presented orally at the Public Hearings or in written form only and delivered to AgeSmart no later than 4:00 p.m. on May 17, 2019.

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Planning and Service Area (PSA) 08



In accordance with the federal Older Americans Act regulations, the Illinois Department on Aging has divided Illinois into thirteen Planning and Service Areas. The thirteen Planning and Service Areas in Illinois are each managed and served by an Area Agency on Aging. AgeSmart is a nonprofit organization serving the seven counties in Southwestern Illinois highlighted above.

The Aging Network

In 1965, Congress enacted the Older Americans Act (OAA) in response to concern by policymakers about a lack of community social services for older persons. The Act created an interconnected structure of agencies and services known as the National Aging Network.

Administration for Community Living (U.S. Department of Health & Human Services)

Provides national leadership on aging issues. Recommends policy, develops regulations to implement the OAA, allocates and administers the OAA budget, and disseminates grants for research, training and model projects.

State Units on Aging (Illinois Department on Aging)

Serves as the state governmental agency for aging issues. Administers, designs, and advocates for benefits, programs, and services for the older persons and their caregivers. Also designates Area Agencies on Aging within the state.

Area Agencies on Aging (AgeSmart Community Resources)

Planning agency at the local level. Responsible for advocacy on behalf of older persons, planning and service development, and administration of a wide variety of funds for community-based services.

Our Mission

AgeSmart enhances the lives of older adults, persons with disabilities and veterans through advocacy, action, and answers on aging.

Who We Are

AgeSmart is an **independent non-profit** organization and is one of over 600 Area Agencies on Aging across the country authorized by the Amended Federal Older Americans Act (OAA) to plan and administer services to persons 60 and older, their caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren. AgeSmart is one of 13 Area Agencies in Illinois authorized by the Illinois Act on Aging and designated by the Illinois Department on Aging.

AgeSmart plans, coordinates, and acts as an advocate for the development of a comprehensive service delivery system for over 150,000 individuals aged 60 and older in Planning and Service Area 08 (PSA). The PSA is comprised of two high-density counties (Madison and St. Clair) and five low-density* counties (Bond, Clinton, Monroe, Randolph and Washington), two of which are rural (Randolph and Washington). **Low Density: Community with population under 5,000*

FY19 Board of Directors

A 12 member Board of Directors governs AgeSmart chaired by Michael Niermann of Madison County, IL. The Board sets policy and makes decisions about programs and funding distribution. Over 60% of the Board members are over the age of 60.

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- Eugene Dunkley.....Bond County
- Anita Ewing..... St. Clair County
- Dennis Fancher.....Washington County
- Donna Frederick..... St. Clair County
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- Rachel Lugge..... Clinton County
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- Beverly Schroeder.....Clinton County
- Klay Tiemann.....Randolph County

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FY19 Advisory Council

A 12 member Advisory Council is led by Lori Key Vernier of St. Clair County, IL. The Council advises AgeSmart on assessing the needs of older adults and their caregivers and makes recommendation on service priorities.

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Greenville, IL
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- Centerstone**
Alton, IL
(618) 462-2331 ext.412
- Children's Home & Aid**
Granite City, IL
(618) 452-8900
-  **Clinton County Collaborative**
Carlyle, IL
(618) 594-2321
New Baden
618-224-9913
Trenton
618-224-9913
-  **Collinsville Area Ministerial Association**
Collinsville, IL
(618) 344-5008
- Edwardsville/Glen Carbon-Faith in Action**
Edwardsville, IL
(618) 692-0480
-  **Health Visions**
East St. Louis, IL
(618) 271-7000
- Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc.**
East St. Louis, IL
(618) 398-0958 ext.261
• *Senior Citizens Legal Services Project*
(618) 398-0958 ext.226
- Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House**
East St. Louis, IL
(618) 295-3474
- Mascoutah Senior Services Program**
Mascoutah, IL
(618) 566-8758
- Millstadt Township Senior Services**
Millstadt, IL
(618) 476-3731
-  **Northeastern Randolph County Senior Services, Inc.**
Sparta, IL
(618) 443-4020
-  **Senior Services Plus, Inc.**
Alton, IL
(618) 465-3298
- South Central Illinois Mass Transit District**
Centralia, IL
(618) 532-8076
- SWIC Programs & Services for Older Persons (PSOP)**
Belleville, IL
(618) 234-4410
- Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association**
Swansea, IL
(618) 236-5863
- The Oasis Institute**
St. Louis, MO
(314) 862-2933
- Tri-Cities Faith In Action**
Granite City, IL
(618) 877-9020
- Village of Steeleville**
Steeleville, IL
(618) 965-3134 ext.5
-  **Washington County Senior Services, Inc.**
Okawville, IL
(618) 243-6533
- Western Egyptian Economic Opportunity Council**
Steeleville, IL
(618) 965-3458
-  **Waterloo Senior Center**
Waterloo, IL
(618) 939-8880
-  **Chester Senior Center**
Chester, IL
(618) 826-5108
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Area Plan on Aging

Planning Process

AgeSmart assesses service needs of older adults in the seven-county region every three years as a part of the planning process and establishes a priority service list annually. The service priorities reflect those services found to be the greatest need for those older adults in the planning and service area (PSA). A variety of methods are used to identify the needs of older adults, caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren in the PSA as outlined below.

- Studying national trends and reports on the needs of older adults, caregivers and grandparents raising grandchildren
- Analyzing U.S. and local census data and other relevant demographic statistics
- Analyzing service utilization using National Aging Program Information System and Enhanced Services Program
- Collecting community input through surveys

AgeSmart presents the findings from the assessments to AgeSmart’s Board of Directors and Advisory Council to establish service priorities and develop new programs. Through monitoring efforts, open dialogue with service providers, and contact with the public, AgeSmart gathers information to make nuanced or significant changes in programs within the planning cycle. The service priorities reflect those services found to be the greatest need for the older adults and their caregivers in the region.

2016 Population Estimates for PSA 8

County	Total 60+	60+ Poverty	60+ Minority	60+ Live Alone	75+
Bond	4,054	298	187	1,105	1,294
Clinton	8,727	740	258	2,160	2,870
Madison	60,903	4,037	4,559	14,340	18,924
Monroe	8,168	447	149	1,350	2,687
Randolph	7,983	719	323	2,055	2,675
St. Clair	55,266	4,529	15,092	13,760	16,560
Washington	3,731	279	49	855	1,300
PSA TOTAL	148,832	11,049	20,617	35,625	46,310
STATE TOTAL	2,652,297	223,714	688,026	615,325	798,608

(2016 Census Population Estimates)

Summary of the Needs Assessment for FY19-21 Area Plan

In January 2018, AgeSmart conducted two surveys. An online survey was sent out to 105 local aging service providers to capture their input on the services needed to help older adults maintain their health and independence. We received 37 responses from a variety of different organizations including for-profit and local governments. 61% of the respondents receive funding from AgeSmart.

In addition, 250 surveys were mailed out to the residents of St. Clair County Senior Housing units. The goal was to better understand service needs of older adults and activities and program they are interested in. At the end of the survey, respondents had an option to choose to be contacted by our Answers on Aging specialist to learn more about our programs and services. 65 residents participated in the survey using pre-paid, self-addressed envelopes.

We also reviewed FY17 I & A Consumer Surveys that were completed by consumers who received assistance at the I & A sites. Special attention was given to responses to the open-ended question "What services would help you stay independent and help you age well?" 146 samples were collected.

Other methods to assess the needs of older adults, family caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren (GRG) include: Regular communication with respite recipients and conversation about their support needs, Options Counselors working with consumers are collecting information about gaps in services and consumer needs and GRG gap filling service trends are used in the analysis of available resources.

In the current year, AgeSmart has engaged the assistance of the Southern Illinois University School of Nursing to address the needs of older adults who are not currently connected to the local aging network. These students are also scheduling outreach and enrollment events. Working with the Aging and Disability Network local health departments are working collaboratively on how to further meet the needs of older adults. Using three practicum students AgeSmart has been able to expand its efforts to assist people to access benefits. These students have also been working with the St. Louis Food Bank and local food pantries who distribute senior food boxes.

AgeSmart is also working with the Illinois Department on Aging and local organizations to help communities become Dementia Friendly and better support those individuals with cognitive challenges. This work also allowed AgeSmart to offer Savvy Caregiver Training to older adults.

Key Findings

Provider Survey

The results of the aging service provider survey were consistent with the findings from the similar survey conducted in FY15, which asked local professionals for their input on senior services in the region.

Findings indicated that the respondents highly valued a wide variety of the home and community-based services. When asked how important the services are in helping older adults maintain their independence and dignity,

- 80% of the respondents rated Congregate Meal as either 'Extremely Important' (46%) or 'Very Important' (34%)
- 86% of the respondents rated Home Delivered Meals as either 'Extremely Important' (66%) or 'Very Important' (20%)
- 83% of the respondents rated Transportation as either 'Extremely Important' (66%) or 'Very Important' (17%)
- 86% of the respondents rated Information & Assistance as either 'Extremely Important' (57%) or 'Very Important' (29%)
- Services most respondents considered 'Very Important' or 'Somewhat Important' include health promotion programs, legal, adult protective services, and ombudsman program.

When asked what the most pressing needs of older adults and family caregivers they serve, meals, transportation, and financial assistance were mentioned most often. Non-Older Americans Act services emerged as needed services are Money Management, Medication Management, and Home Repair services.

Consumer Survey

In order to better understand service needs of older adults and programs and activities they desire, we reviewed results of both housing residents survey and I & A consumer survey. Some common themes emerged from both survey responses.

Most respondents from both surveys reported that they needed help with routine housework and transportation. Balancing a checkbook/paying bills on time, home repair/yard work, and employment were among others.

A recurring theme throughout both surveys is **wellness program** and **socialization**.

In the I & A consumer survey, when asked what services would help them stay independent and help them age well, 43% of the respondents mentioned some form of wellness or physical exercise program. See Fig. 1.

24% of the housing survey respondents indicated that they would like to receive information on wellness programs. When asked about interested activities, 24% of the housing survey respondents chose physical exercises, 23% entertainment, 18% educational lunch event, and 15% recreation. 32% of the respondents indicated that they would like more companionship or contact with other people.

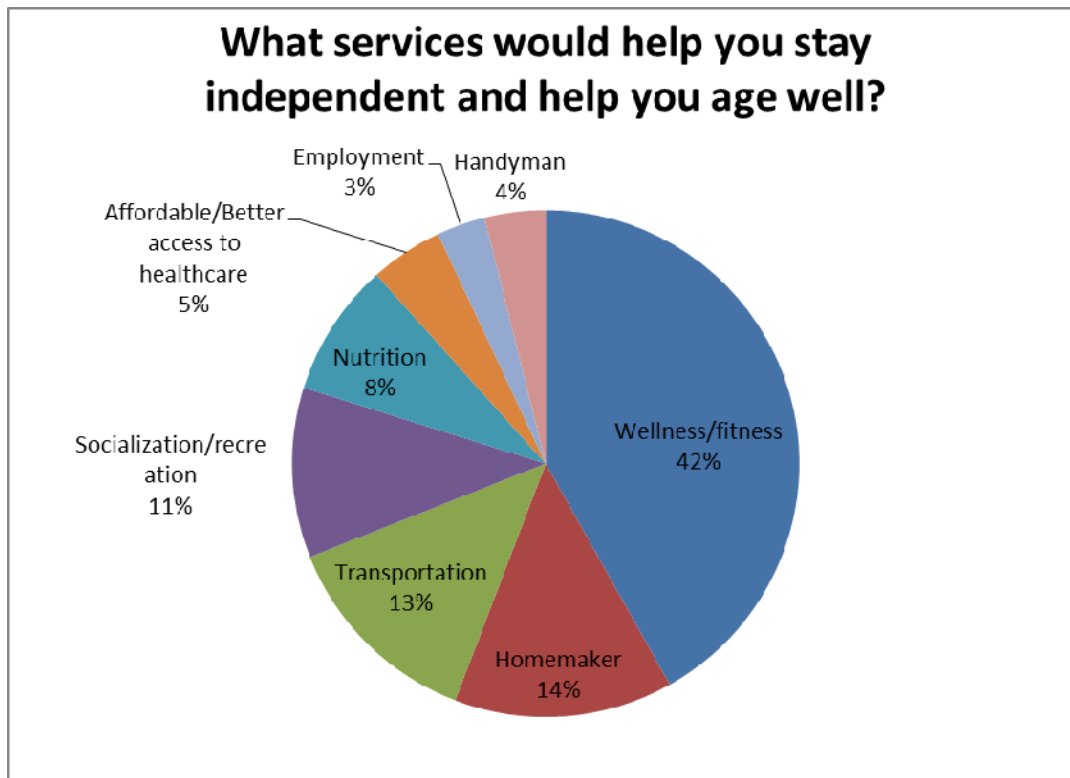


Fig. 1 2017 I & A Consumer Survey, Question 6

Conclusions

The results of the aging service provider survey once again validated the importance of the home and community-based services in helping older adults maintain their health and independence. Nutrition, Information & Assistance, and Transportation services were rated highest in terms of the importance. Both consumer surveys indicated that many older adults want wellness programs that help them get fit and strong, opportunities for socialization and entertainment. While there are programs and activities to address this need in the community, more consistent, effective, and low cost programs can be found at local senior centers within the Older Americans Act network.

The Older Americans Act programs are designed to promote health and wellbeing of older adults and to reduce isolation. Evidence-based wellness programs such as “A Matter of Balance” and “Live Well, Be Well” and congregate meals program are some of the great examples. Senior centers are perfect platforms to provide all of these programs and beyond, serving as a venue for older adults to connect with peers and stay active and engaged in life.

AgeSmart will continue to promote and expand the wellness programs responding to local need and explore creative opportunities to encourage socialization.

Based on the results of the needs assessment and evaluation of the existing service system, AgeSmart establishes the service priorities and develops local initiatives.

Statewide Initiative

Enhance Illinois' Existing Community-Based Service Delivery System to Address Social Isolation among Older Adults

During FY2019-2021, the Illinois Department on Aging and Area Agencies on Aging will work in collaboration with other community-based providers within the planning and service area to address social isolation among older adults. The overall goal is to reduce social isolation and promote well-being in older adults.

Background

Social isolation and loneliness are associated with increased mortality in older adults. Social isolation also has been linked to other adverse health effects, including dementia, increased risk for hospital readmission and increased risk of falls. The AARP Foundation has called social isolation a “growing health epidemic” among older adults. It equates the health risks of prolonged isolation with smoking 15 cigarettes daily.

A recent study by researchers from the AARP Public Policy Institute, Stanford University, and Harvard finds that Medicare spends an estimated \$6.7 billion more each year on seniors who have little social contact with others. About 14% of study participants were identified as socially isolated, which meant they had little contact with adult children, other relatives, or friends. The study found that Medicare spent about \$1,600 per year more on older adults who are socially isolated than those who are not. They were one-third more likely to require care in a skilled nursing facility, perhaps because they could not be safely discharged home after a hospitalization.

Risk Factors associated with social isolation are:

- Living alone
- Mobility or sensory impairment
- Major life transitions
- Socioeconomic status
- Being a caregiver for someone with severe impairment
- Psychological or cognitive vulnerabilities
- Location: rural, unsafe, or inaccessible neighborhood/community
- Inadequate social support
- Language barrier

Regardless of the facts of a person's isolation, seniors who feel lonely and isolated are more likely to report also having poor physical and/or mental health, as reported in a study using data from the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project. Connecting seniors with social resources, such as senior centers and volunteering programs, is one way to combat subjective feelings of isolation.

AgeSmart's strategy to reduce social isolation among older adults

AgeSmart will continue to work with the Department on Aging and the colleagues from the Area Agencies on Aging in Illinois to create a statewide impact to reduce social isolation. With the department's assistance, a plan for the statewide public awareness campaign is being developed. The statewide campaign will provide a consistent message throughout Illinois educating the public on this national issue and resources that are available to help older adults stay connected.

Home and community-based services are designed to connect people to communities. From nutrition services to transportation to caregiver support programs, community-based services enable older adults to maintain and strengthen their ties to family and friends and the community. AgeSmart along with other Area Agencies on Aging in the state will focus on promoting the aging network as part of the social isolation awareness campaign. The statewide public education material will amplify our message.

To help identify older adults who may be at risk of social isolation, an effort is being made to develop a statewide data collection tool to measure loneliness and effectiveness of intervention. AgeSmart is also working with local health departments to develop strategies to identify individuals who may be isolated and engage community groups to combat this problem.

At the local level, AgeSmart is collaborating with community partners that have taken the initiative to address social isolation. We are especially delighted to work with a group of students from Greenville University. The students are tasked to develop a media campaign that targets the Greenville community promoting intergenerational connections. Some students will be working with Bond County Senior Center and the area's clergy council to develop an outreach program for seniors who may be at high risk of isolation. We are hopeful that both projects will create a model that can be replicated in other communities.

AgeSmart is also assisting Madison County TRIAD and the sheriff's office in developing a telephone wellbeing check program for seniors to ensure the staff and volunteers are aware of the aging network and the resources it offers. The sheriff's office is very interested in using the statewide survey tool, when it becomes available, to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Local Initiative

“Senior Center without Walls”

- Develop and Implement a unique educational program with healthy meals at community locations where older adults naturally congregate

Congregate meals program provides independence for older adults, allowing them to age in place while increasing their health and providing socialization. Participation in the congregate meals programs enhances the daily nutrient intake and nutritional status and also provides opportunities for social interaction and access to a variety of activities and social services.

Despite the benefits and an increasing older population, AgeSmart's congregate dining programs have been declining in attendance like many other congregate programs across the country. Aging baby boomers who do not identify themselves as “seniors” do not find traditional congregate programs appealing. The lack of innovation or change leads to a further decline in attendance as the older generation dies off. Being able to meet the needs of future generations of older adults, while still meeting the needs of the current generation of older adults is a major challenge. AgeSmart supports and advocates for revitalizing the traditional congregate programs and also seeks solutions to address underserved areas that have no senior dining programs.

“Sole to Soul”, a unique congregate model that AgeSmart is piloting with a community partner is designed to bring a variety of educational topics with nutritious meals to community places where older adults naturally congregate. The pilot targets limited communities in St. Clair County with no senior centers or dining programs. It creates a place in the community for older adults to learn, socialize, and enjoy nutritious meals and also serves as a link to community resources.

The pilot is being implemented by a grantee with strong local presence and decades of experience in serving older adults. The program is being offered on a monthly basis at different community places such as library, community center, and senior housing. The program has been well received touching many older adults who have never exposed to the OAA programs before and is actively seeking feedback from participants to help fine-tune the program and stay relevant.

It is our hope to expand and replicate this model throughout the region in the future. Innovative strategies learned from this pilot will be shared with the network and help modernize the congregate programs in the PSA.

FY20 Service Priorities

The service priorities for FY20 are outlined below. Should the amount of federal or state funding for FY20 decrease, AgeSmart will revise the service priorities based on the needs of a service developing a plan that would cause the least harm to consumers.

SERVICE DEFINITION	PROJECTED PERSONS SERVED IN FY20	PROJECTED UNITS OF SERVICE IN FY20
Title III-B Access Services		
Assisted Transportation	450	9,500
<i>(Provided by multiple grantees in portions of Clinton, Madison and St. Clair counties)</i> Providing transportation and an escort to older persons who have difficulty using regular transportation. Assisted Transportation is "door-to-door", and the escort will often wait with the older person at the doctor's office or other destination.		
Information & Assistance (I & A)	26,000	32,000
<i>(Provided by AgeSmart and multiple grantees throughout the service area)</i> Providing current information on opportunities and services available within their communities; links the individuals to the opportunities and services that are available; and, to the maximum extent practical, ensures that the individuals receive the services needed by establishing adequate follow-up procedures.		
Options Counseling	400	1,200
<i>(Provided by multiple grantees throughout the service area)</i> Providing a person-centered, interactive, decision-support process whereby individuals receive assistance in their deliberations to make informed long-term support choices in the context of their own preferences, strengths, and values.		
Transportation	1,000	38,000
<i>(Provided by multiple grantees throughout the service area)</i> Transporting older persons to and from community facilities and resources for the purpose of acquiring and receiving services, participating in activities and attending events in order to reduce isolation and promote successful independent living.		
Title III-B In-Home Services		
Residential Repair & Renovation	250	250
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> Assisting older persons with physical or cognitive problems to maintain or adapt their homes to meet their specific needs.		
Title III-B Community Services		
Legal Assistance	620	4,500
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> Services include arranging for and providing assistance in resolving civil legal matters and the protection of legal rights, including legal advice, research and education concerning legal rights and representation by an attorney at law, a trained paralegal professional (supervised by an attorney), and/or a law student (supervised by an attorney) for an older person.		

Title III-C1 Community Services		
Nutrition Services: Congregate Meals	5,100	122,000
<i>(Provided by multiple grantees throughout the service area)</i> Providing nutritious meals in congregate setting.		
Title III-C2 In-Home Services		
Nutrition Services: Home Delivered Meals	2,200	325,000
<i>(Provided by multiple grantees throughout the service area)</i> Providing nutritious meals delivered to older persons who are homebound because of illness or disability.		
Title III-D Community Services		
Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Program	231	1,584
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> Providing evidence-based wellness programs to promote better health among older persons.		
Title III-E Access Assistance Services		
Case Management for Caregivers	110	110
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> A service to assess caregivers' needs and eligibility for Respite Care Service		
Case Management for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	65	200
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> A service that assists Grandparents Raising Grandchildren in obtaining access to the services and resources available within their communities. To the maximum extent practical, it ensures that the individuals receive the services needed by establishing adequate follow-up procedures.		
Information & Assistance for Caregivers	2,100	2,600
<i>(Provided by AgeSmart throughout the service area)</i> A service for caregivers that provides current information on opportunities and services available within their communities; links the individuals to the opportunities and services available. The term "family caregiver" means an adult family member, or another individual, who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction.		

Title III-E Information Services		
Public Education	750	75
<i>(Provided by AgeSmart throughout the service area)</i> Information service that is directed to large audiences of current and potential caregivers.		
Title III-E Counseling		
Counseling	200	600
<i>(Provided by two grantees for Bond, Madison, and St. Clair Counties)</i> In-home personal counseling service for caregivers.		
Title III-E Respite Services		
Respite	80	13,300
<i>(Provided by AgeSmart throughout the service area)</i> Providing temporary, substitute support to allow Family Caregivers a brief period for rest or to attend to other needs.		
Respite for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	8	1,500
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> Providing temporary, substitute support to allow Grandparents a brief period for rest or to attend to other needs.		
Title III-E Supplemental Services		
Gap Filling for Caregivers	3	3
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> A supplemental service for caregivers that provides financial assistance on a case-by-case basis.		
Gap Filling for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	40	45
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> A supplemental service for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren that provides financial assistance on a case-by-case basis.		
Legal Assistance for Caregivers	90	380
<i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i> Services include arranging for and providing assistance in resolving civil legal matters and the protection of legal rights, including legal advice, research and education concerning legal rights and representation by an attorney at law, a trained paralegal professional (supervised by an attorney) and/or a law student (supervised by an attorney) for caregivers of older persons.		

Legal Assistance for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	20	120
<p><i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i></p> <p>Services include arranging for and providing assistance in resolving civil legal matters and the protection of legal rights, including legal advice, research and education concerning legal rights and representation by an attorney at law, a trained paralegal professional (supervised by an attorney) and/or a law student (supervised by an attorney) for grandparents raising grandchildren.</p>		
Title III-B/VII Ombudsman		
Long Term Care Ombudsman		
<p><i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i></p> <p>Advocating for residents of long term care facilities, developing rapport with residents and providing advocacy, support and education about their rights.</p>		
Title VII Elder Rights		
Adult Protective Services		
<p><i>(Provided by one grantee throughout the service area)</i></p> <p>A service that responds to reports of abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation of older adults 60+ and adults with disabilities 18-59 providing investigation, intervention and follow-up services to victims.</p>		

Other Services

Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Services

AgeSmart works in partnership with the Marion and St. Louis Veterans Administration Medical Centers to help veterans live independently in the community. Options Counselors support veterans in developing a service package to meet their needs, helping them to maintain their independence.

Volunteer Money Management Program

AgeSmart is collaborating with Lutheran Senior Services to offer Volunteer Money Management Program (VMM). It is designed to help older adults manage day-to-day financial tasks so they can remain self-sufficient. A volunteer meets with a client in his/her home to assist with the following:

- Sorting and organizing mail
- Disposing of solicitations and junk mail
- Explaining forms
- Balancing checkbooks
- Reconciling bank statements
- Creating a budget
- Finding other resources as needed

VMM serves adults age 60-plus and those age 50-plus with disabilities. After an initial home visit, qualified adults will be matched with a volunteer. A participant must maintain an active checking account and be able to sign checks.

VMM is currently available in St. Clair county. For more information or volunteer opportunities, contact AgeSmart at 618-222-2561.

Senior Medicare Patrol

Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) empower and assist Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to prevent, detect, and report health care fraud, errors, and abuse through outreach, counseling, and education.

The Illinois SMP program is administered through AgeOptions in Suburban Cook County and AgeSmart participates in this statewide initiative serving as the SMP Coordinator for the Southern Illinois counties.

Senior Health Assistance Program

Senior Health Assistance Program (SHAP) offices offer seniors information and free help filling out applications for programs.

Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP)

SHIP is a free health insurance counseling service for Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. Consumers are provided information, assistance and resources about applying for and maintaining their Medicare coverage.

Alzheimers Disease Supportive Services

The goal of this program is to create and sustain dementia-capable service systems for people with dementia and their family caregivers and to ensure people with dementia and their family members have access to a sustainable home and community-based service system that is dementia friendly.

Senior Farmer's Market Nutrition Program

The Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program provides low-income seniors with vouchers that can be exchanged for eligible foods at farmers' markets and roadside stands. AgeSmart distributes the vouchers to eligible seniors who self-report their income.

Adult Protective Services

Each year hundreds of thousands of older persons are abused, neglected, and exploited. Many victims are older, frail, and vulnerable and cannot help themselves and depend on others to meet their most basic needs. Abusers of older adults are both women and men, and may be family members, friends, or "trusted others." The **Adult Protective Services**, under authority of the Illinois Adult Protective Services Act, responds to reports of alleged abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation of persons 60 years of age and older, and of persons age 18-59 with disabilities living in the community. It is designed to build upon the existing legal, medical, and social service systems in place, and ensures the system is more responsive to the needs of abuse victims.

Types of Abuse

- Physical Abuse – inflicting physical pain or injury on a senior, e.g. slapping, bruising, or restraining by physical or chemical means.
- Sexual Abuse – non-consensual sexual contact of any kind.
- Neglect – the failure by those responsible to provide food, shelter, health care, or protection for a vulnerable elder.
- Exploitation – the illegal taking, misuse, or concealment of funds, property, or assets of a senior for someone else's benefit.
- Emotional Abuse – inflicting mental pain, anguish, or distress on an elder person through verbal or nonverbal acts, e.g. humiliating, intimidating, or threatening.
- Abandonment – desertion of a vulnerable elder by anyone who has assumed the responsibility for care or custody of that person.
- Self-neglect – characterized as the failure of a person to perform essential, self-care tasks and that such failure threatens his/her own health or safety.

AgeSmart serves as the Regional Administrative Agency for the Illinois Adult Protective Services as designated by IDOA and, in turn, grants funds to a local agency to insure direct client services are provided. Every month, approximately 80 abuse and neglect cases are reported to Adult Protective Services in PSA08.

To Report Abuse

Call the Southwestern Illinois Visiting Nurse Association: **1-800-642-5429** or 24-hour **Elder Abuse Hotline: 1-866-800-1409, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)**. Any person can voluntarily report. By law, anyone making an Adult Protective Services report in good faith has civil and criminal immunity from liability and professional disciplinary action.
All reports are kept confidential and anonymous reports are accepted.

Administration

Administrative Activities

The OAA restricts AgeSmart administrative cost to 10% of the Title III funding. AgeSmart's proposed administrative expenses and activities for FY20 are as follows.

Budget: \$313,000

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Implement Area Plan assurances
- Implement Area Plan Statewide and Local Initiatives
- Procure Federal and State funds
- Develop and implement RFP process to award grants for services
- Maintain NAPIS/ESP program databases
- Monitor grantees in program and fiscal performance including on-site reviews
- Provide technical assistance and training for grantees
- Comply with IDOA requests and requirements
- Complete annual Agency financial audit
- Write and disseminate an annual report
- Follow Civil Rights regulations and monitor grantees' adherence
- Provide Board Management training for the Board of Directors
- Provide Service Procurement training for the Advisory Council
- Provide administrative support for the Board of Directors and Advisory Council
- Maintain AgeSmart's website (www.AgeSmart.org) to provide the public with 24/7 access to comprehensive aging resources
- Administer and coordinate Farmers Market Coupon Program

Administratively Related Activities

In addition to the 10% administrative cost, AgeSmart retains part of III-B supportive service funds for the Administratively Related Direct Services, which are Advocacy, Coordination, and Program Development. AgeSmart's proposed administratively related expenses and activities for FY20 are as follows.

Advocacy

AgeSmart educates public officials and the community on aging issues and assist them in addressing the needs of the aging population. We also monitor proposed legislation and polices at the federal, state and local levels.

Budget: \$93,000

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Coordinate advocacy campaigns to promote policies and services for older Illinoisans
- Participate in delivering policy and budget priorities to state legislators
- Participate in the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging's Policy Briefing and Capitol Hill Day; provide AAA board, Advisory Council, service providers, and the general public with advocacy alerts facilitating grassroots participation on issues of importance to seniors and persons with disabilities
- Provide legislators with information regarding constituencies including but not limited to demographics, service trends, number of consumers served to address the area's needs
- Visit legislators (2 senators, 2 congressional representative, 9 state senators, and 7 state representatives) and stay in constant contact regarding important issues regarding beneficiaries (locally and in Springfield)
- Seek contact with 7 county boards, over 50 mayors and village presidents, 133 township and precinct supervisors
- Advisory Council hosts monthly meetings throughout the Aging Network to address advocacy issues
- Serve as a catalyst for local community elected officials who are interested in programs for their 60+ citizens and meet with them individually on multiple occasions
- Encourage the media to highlight issues pertaining to older adults and their caregivers

Coordination

AgeSmart coordinates efforts with a variety of local organizations in the PSA to develop a comprehensive and coordinated system of community-based services for older adults.

Budget: \$51,000

Activities include but are not limited to:

- Coordinate efforts throughout AgeSmart's PSA for the Senior Health Assistance Program (SHAP) / Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) / MIPAA (Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act) / Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) / Options Counseling
- Attend numerous health and senior fairs throughout the PSA
- Participate in quarterly meetings with the CCU and CCP providers

- Serve as a catalyst for local community elected officials who are interested in programs for their 60+ citizens by meeting with them individually on multiple occasions
- Serve as Senior Medicare Fraud Patrol Volunteer Coordinator
- Work with local Lions Clubs to offer eye screenings
- Serve on the following state and local committees:
 - Illinois Alliance of Information & Referral Systems (AIRS)
 - Illinois Nutrition Advisory Council
 - Illinois Coalition of Mental Health and Aging
 - Illinois State 211 Board
 - Southern Illinois Human Service Transportation Planning Committee (Region 9 & 11)
 - United Way of Greater St. Louis 211 Advisory Committee
 - Breakthrough Coalition Steering and Communication Committees
 - Southwestern Illinois Pioneer Coalition Leadership
 - Aging and Disabilities Resource Center Leadership Team
 - Belleville Chamber of Commerce Community Services Committee
 - Belleville Chamber of Commerce Healthcare Committee
 - St. Clair County Emergency Preparedness
 - St. Clair County Healthcare Commission
 - Southwestern Illinois College Human Services Department Advisory Council
 - O'Fallon Chamber of Commerce Healthcare and Wellness Committee
 - Older Adults Health Council
 - Madison County Mental Health Alliance
 - Madison County TRIAD
 - Southern Madison County Community Collaborative
 - St. Clair County Elder Justice Council
 - St. Clair County Suicide Prevention Alliance
 - Reveille Veterans Services Network
 - Community Engagement Network
 - St. Clair County Council of Partners
 - Tri-county Financial Fraud Coalition
 - Make Health Happen-Greater East St. Louis
 - St. Clair County Violence/Safety Committee
 - St. Louis Elder Financial Protection Multi-Disciplinary Team

Program Development

Responding to unique local needs, AgeSmart develops new programs and services that promote health and independence of older adults. Through the process of assessing community needs and analysis of the existing service system, we identify the need and develop a pilot or expand existing programs to fill the gap.

Budget: \$93,000

Activities include but are limited to:

- Encourage innovation through pilot programs and prototypes
- Provide grantees with training opportunities to assist in developing innovative solutions
- Develop and implement new programs
- Follow Request for Proposal procedures to procure service providers
- Utilize the Advisory Council throughout the granting process
- Participate as members on the following IDOA Councils: Nutrition, Elder Abuse, Caregiver, and Long-Term Care Ombudsman
- One staff member is certified in Federal Grants Management by Management Concepts, Inc.
- Train grantees in program, fiscal, and NAPIS reporting
- Attend Adult Protective Services and Ombudsman related trainings
- Maintain Illinois Food Service Sanitation Manager Certified staff member
- One staff member is trained as Master Trainers for A Matter of Balance Program

Services Directly Provided by AgeSmart

AgeSmart proposes to continue to provide III-B/E Information & Assistance, III-B Options Counseling, III-E Public Education, and Respite and requests Direct Service Waivers in order to directly provide these services in FY20.

III-B/III-E Information and Assistance

AgeSmart provides area-wide Information & Assistance (I&A) and Options Counseling as a single point of entry serving older adults, their caregivers and people with disabilities in the seven-county region.

Synopsis of Activities

- Provide individuals with current information on opportunities and services available
- Assess problems and capacities of older adults and caregivers
- Establish adequate follow-up procedures based on the older individual's or caregiver's needs
- Maintain a resource database for PSA 08
- Provide Aging IS and ESP technical assistance to grantees
- Utilizing warm transfer feature to connect callers to grantees and Aging Network services
- Maintain Certified Information & Referral Specialists for Aging (CIRS-A)
- Maintain AgeSmart website (www.AgeSmart.org) to provide consumers with 24/7 access to aging resources
- Provide education programs to the public

Justification

AgeSmart funds eight local service providers to deliver I&A in their communities, additionally AgeSmart itself serves as a single point of entry responding to service requests from the entire planning and service area and beyond. The Elder Care Locator managed by the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging directs callers directly to their local Area Agencies for I&A. This single point of entry is necessary for older adults and caregivers not to be overwhelmed by multiple agencies and numerous phone numbers. At the same time, it is imperative that consumers find "no wrong door" when seeking information. AgeSmart's I&A service complements the area I&A efforts throughout the Aging Network with both grantees and other providers.

AgeSmart's location in St. Clair County, which has nearly 40% of the region's 60+ and 70% of the minority population, allows AgeSmart to directly reach those with the greatest need and to serve as the information hub, providing training and technical assistance to local I&A providers. There is no other local agency for providing I&A at this capacity.

III-B Options Counseling

AgeSmart provides Options Counseling services throughout the entire PSA to all persons with disabilities aged 18+ and older adults who request current long-term support services and/or persons of any age who are planning for the future regarding long term support services without regard to income or assets.

Synopsis of activities:

- Outreach to all communities on the service and its value in planning
- Personal interview
- Exploration of resources
- Decision support
- Goal setting
- Links to available services
- Follow up with consumers

Justification

AgeSmart is the focal point in the seven-county region for Information and Assistance services for coordination of services and training. Options Counseling forces a paradigm shift from an older medical model approach in Information and Assistance services to a person-centered model. AgeSmart is already in the position to coordinate, train, and update the existing network in this more extensive manner of delivering Information and Assistance services. As with Information and Assistance, AgeSmart's Options Counseling complements the PSA efforts in providing consumers with the best, most up-to-date information and resources.

Program	Budget	Projected Persons	Projected Units
Title III-B Information & Assistance	\$37,500	6,400	7,500
Title III-E Information & Assistance for Caregivers	\$18,600	2,100	2,600
Title III-B Options Counseling	\$12,000	100	300

III-E Public Education

AgeSmart provides Public Education for family caregivers of older adults in the seven-county region. Through educational events, community presentations, and media campaigns, the program provides valuable information, resources, and support for family caregivers and encourages them to utilize available programs and services.

Synopsis of Activities

- Attend local Health and Information Fairs in the communities reaching out to caregivers

- Conduct community presentations which provide information and resources as well as link caregivers to needed services and benefits
- Provide caregivers with on-the-spot access to information through the resource database and website
- Co-Host the annual Surviving Caregiver Conference that is designed to educate and support caregivers
- Host the annual Aging Expo
- Use online newsletter and social media to engage public and promote Home and Community-Based Services

Justification

The area has many Health & Informational Fairs that AgeSmart spends considerable staff time attending. Due to limited time and the high cost of space rental, most grantees are not able to attend these events. AgeSmart also has the capability to have the Resource Database at the events using mobile devices. This allows us to provide on-the-spot individual assistance to caregivers. No other agency exists to fill this gap.

Program	Budget	Projected Persons	Projected Units
Title III-E Public Education	\$27,000	750	75

III-E Respite

AgeSmart administers Respite care program for primary caregivers of persons 60 and older throughout the seven-county region. Respite care is a short-term relief designed to provide a break from the physical and emotional stress of caregiving. The service offers caregivers the flexibility and freedom in choosing their respite care providers.

Synopsis of Activities

- Require Respite Assessments via CCU
- Verify monthly Respite service forms, provide assistance in completing the form and make follow-up phone calls, if needed
- Maintain the Respite client database, tracking service utilization
- Reimburse caregivers up to \$100 per month for Respite care
- Provide caregivers with information on educational opportunities and resources to help with their caregiving

Justification

AgeSmart implemented a consumer-directed Respite program model in 2003 in response to underutilization of the service using a community agency. Although the

service provided was good, clients did not use the service widely because they did not want a stranger in the house and/or the hourly rate did not allow for enough hours of service. Efforts were made to find other agencies with the flexibility needed by caregivers, but none were found.

The consumer-directed model empowers caregivers to select the Respite care provider best suited to their needs and negotiate their own payment amount. AgeSmart, serving as the administrator of the program, then reimburses eligible caregivers up to \$100 per month. Since implementation, the number of caregivers using Respite has significantly increased and the average cost per hour decreased from \$13 to \$8, which remained the same for over a decade. In FY18, the number of eligible caregivers increased by 28% compared to FY17 and the cost per hour was \$8.

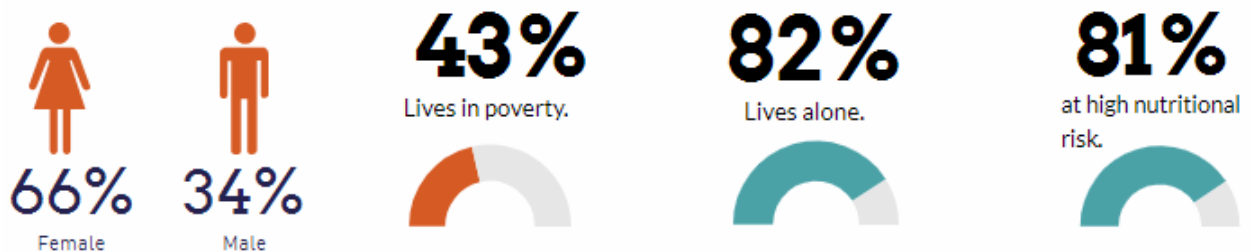
Cutting these costs increases the funds available to caregivers and AgeSmart is the most logical entity to provide the service directly in order to keep the costs down. Over 90 percent of the budget goes directly to the program and AgeSmart retains **\$6,000** for administrative costs. In FY18, 93 caregivers were provided with 17,315 hours of respite.

Program	Budget	Projected Persons	Projected Units
Title III-E Respite	\$100,000	80	13,300

Home Delivered Meals

AgeSmart's seven-county region is served by 10 Home Delivered Meals (HDM) providers. Together they provide 1,300 HDMs daily on average.

AgeSmart Home Delivered Meals Clients Characteristics



In FY18, increased state funds allowed us to provide additional meals through shelf-stable meals and weekend meals. Shelf-stable meals served as emergency meals when normal meal delivery was not feasible due to inclement weather or other emergency situations. AgeSmart served **329,828** Home Delivered Meals to **2,147** frail, homebound older adults in FY18. The number of meals and persons both increased by 9% compared to FY17.

HDM Trend FY16-FY18



During the first and second quarter of FY19, demand for HDM in our region has increased tremendously and the long-term sustainability has become a concern.

In addition, there has been a delay of the State General Revenue Funds that accounts for over 60% of the entire HDM funding, which makes service delivery more challenging. Due to the spike in demand and insufficient cash flow, AgeSmart has instituted a network-wide waitlist as of March 2019.

The waitlist does not apply to individuals who have been determined to be at imminent risk and they will be placed on the program in a normal timeframe. AgeSmart will continue to closely monitor the network's monthly service utilization to ensure sustainability of the current capacity.

At the time of writing, there are 45 individuals on the waitlist.

Other Funding Possibilities

While AgeSmart's main sources of funding are the federal Older Americans Act and Illinois General Revenue Funds, AgeSmart has made progress in securing grant funds from sources other than the Older Americans Act to enhance current programs and develop new programs. The Advisory Council has an active Outreach & Development Committee to assist in accessing additional funds. Possible funding sources for AgeSmart include the following.

The Development Association for the Aging

The Development Association for the Aging (DAA) was created as a response to dwindling State and Federal Funds. The DAA is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes as a nonprofit organization to support the efforts of AgeSmart. The primary purpose of the DAA is to offer and provide support to older persons and the families of older persons as well as to agencies serving these populations. The region will see services for older adults increase and programs to be enhanced as the DAA grows and develops. The DAA is managed by a volunteer board of directors and currently employs no staff. Since FY11, DAA has provided nearly 1,300 home delivered meals to the older adults who would otherwise have been denied the service due to lack of funding. DAA also provided over \$5,000 of emergency funds for older adults in need.

Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Services

AgeSmart is collaborating with the Marion, Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri Veteran's Medical Centers to offer the Veterans Directed Home and Community Based Services Program (VDHCBS). VDHCBS is a program to provide home and community-based services to help veterans stay at home and remain in the community. It is a collaboration between the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), the Administration on Community Living (ACL), the Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA), the thirteen Illinois

Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and currently two Missouri Area Agencies on Aging. VDHCBBS serves veterans of any age that are at risk of nursing home placement, and their family caregivers. This creates another source of revenue for AgeSmart.

Changes in Funding

For the purpose of this document, the FY20 Governor's proposed budget is used to estimate the funding level. When the actual funding allocation is received, AgeSmart will adjust in the way that causes the least disruption to services.

Funding Increase

Should the amount of Federal or State funding increase during the FY20 funding cycle:

- AgeSmart's Board of Directors will determine the services and funding level based on the needs of the communities.
- Considering greatest needs, any increases in funding by a specific title may be used to expand/enhance existing services, to fund new pilot programs, and/or to offer innovative grants.

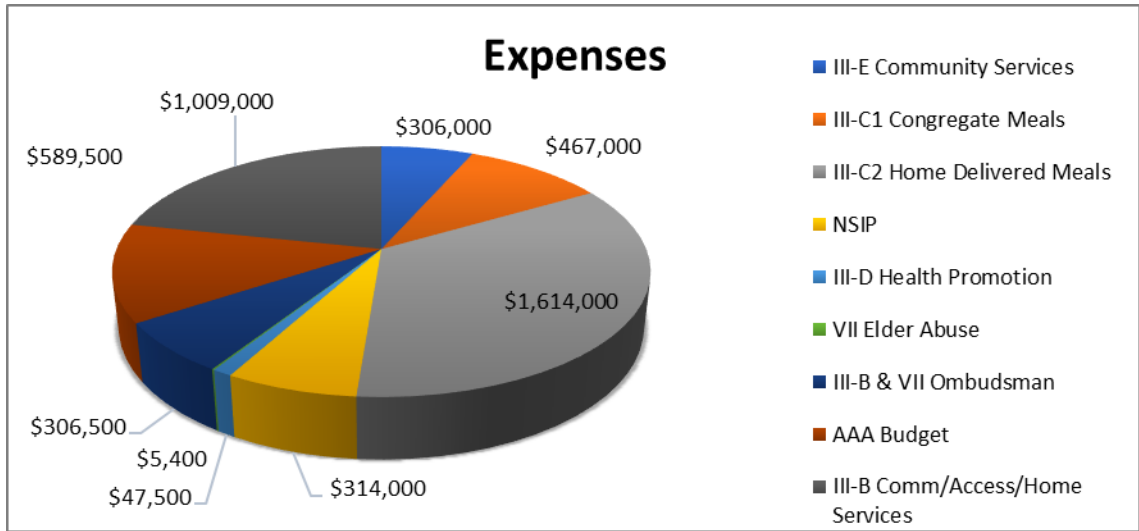
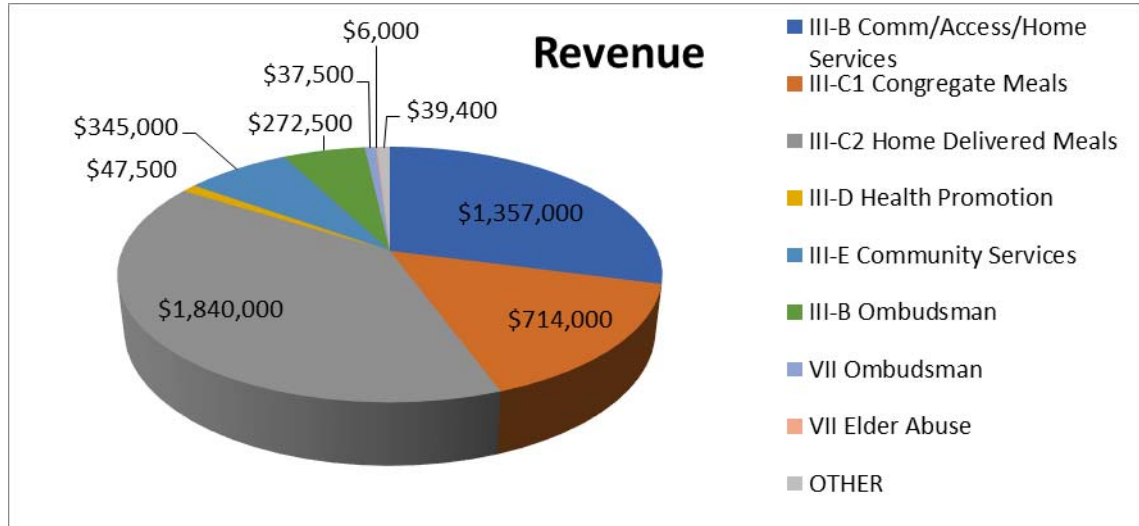
Funding Decrease

Should the amount of Federal or State funding decrease during the FY20 funding cycle:

- Decreases will come from the affected title.
- AgeSmart will revise the service priorities and appropriately adjust the funding to the services so that reduction of the funding will cause the least amount of harm to the consumers.

The following pages demonstrate estimated revenues and expenses for FY20. This projection is subject to change based on changes to funding levels if there is a sequestration or other budgetary impacts from the Federal or State government.

FY20 Projected Revenues and Expenses



Revenues and Expenses Projected for FY20

Revenues Projected for FY20

SOURCE	IIIB	IIIC-1	IIIC-2	IIID	IIIE	III OMB	VII OMB	VII ELD	OTHER	TOTAL
ALLOCATIONS	615,000	830,000	445,000	45,000	320,000	44,500	37,500	6,000	0	2,343,000
TRANSFERS	160,000	-290,000	130,000							0
STATE FUNDS	562,000		1,085,000			228,000			39,400	1,914,400
NSIP		154,000	160,000							314,000
CARRYOVER	20,000	20,000	20,000	2,500	25,000					87,500
TOTAL AVAILABLE	1,357,000	714,000	1,840,000	47,500	345,000	272,500	37,500	6,000	39,400	4,658,900

Title	Older Americans Act Programs
III B	Transportation, Assisted Transportation, Information & Assistance, Options Counseling, Legal, and Residential Repair & Renovation
III C-1	Congregate Meals
III C-2	Home Delivered Meals
III D	Health Promotion Programs
III E	Caregivers & Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Services – Information & Assistance, Public Education, Case Management, Legal, Counseling, Respite and Gap Filling
III OMB	Ombudsman
VII OMB	Ombudsman
VIII ELD	Adult Protective Services

Revenues and Expenses Projected for FY20 (continued)

Expenses Projected for FY20

APPLICATIONS	IIIB	IIIC-1	IIIC-2	IIID	IIIE	III OMB	VII OMB	VII ELD	OTHER	TOTAL
Assisted Transportation	130,000									130,000
Transportation	255,500									255,500
Information & Assistance	352,500				18,600					371,100
Options Counseling	56,000									56,000
Case Advocacy/Management					15,500					15,500
Legal Services	200,000				40,000					240,000
Residential Repair & Renovation	15,000									15,000
Health Screening										0
Congregate Meals		467,000								467,000
Home Delivered Meals			1,614,000							1,614,000
NSIP		154,000	160,000							314,000
Health Programs				47,500						47,500
Public Education					27,000					27,000
Counseling					72,000					72,000
Support Groups					0					0
Training					0					0
Respite					116,900					116,900
Gap Filling					16,000					16,000
Ombudsman						272,500	34,000			306,500
Elder Abuse								5,400	0	5,400
Title V Employment									0	0
AAA Budget	348,000	93,000	66,000		39,000		3,500	600	39,400	589,500
	1,357,000	714,000	1,840,000	47,500	345,000	272,500	37,500	6,000	39,400	4,658,900

