

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Florida's Area Agencies on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Centers ? Medicaid Managed Long Term Care Program- Direct Client Assistance & Operational Workload

2. Date of Submission: 12/10/2015

3. House Member Sponsor(s): W. Cummings

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	0	1,300,000	1,300,000	0	1,600,000	0	1,600,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: Florida Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Statewide
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Statewide

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Statewide ? 11 Regions are covered by 11 Area Agencies on Aging/Aging & Disability Resource Centers. These include: Region 1: Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Region 2: Area Agency on Aging for North Florida, Inc. Region 3: Elder Options, Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Region 4: ElderSource, The Area Agency on Aging, Inc. Region 5: Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. Region 6: Aging Florida, Inc. Area Agency on Aging Region 7: Senior Resource Alliance, Inc. Area Agency on Aging Region 8: Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc. Region 9: Your Aging Resource Center, Inc., Area Agency on Aging Region 10: Aging & Disability Resource Center, Inc. Area Agency on Aging Region 11: Alliance for Aging, Inc., Area Agency on Aging.

100% of funding requested is used to support the provision of client services provided by the Area Agencies on Aging under Medicaid Managed Long Term Care. Funding supports the operating expenses (Salaries, benefits, building rental, telephones, postage, etc.) of the Medicaid benefits assistance positions performing contract activities associated with assisting seniors and disabled adults seeking eligibility and enrollment into the Medicaid managed long term care program. The services performed by these positions are 100% Medicaid compensable activities.

Contractual Client Services performed by the Area Agencies on Aging under Medicaid Managed Long Term Care include:

- a. Consumer information & education;
- b. Initial intake & program eligibility screening ? 701-B;
- c. Waiting List enrollment assistance;
- d. Obtain 3008 Level of care physician certification;
- e. Perform annual wait list rescreening;
- f. Consumer grievance/complaint intake;

g. Assistance with Medicaid financial eligibility application process.

These services are provided to frail seniors and adults with disabilities who are seeking enrollment and services under Florida's Medicaid managed long term care program. Statewide, the Area Agencies on Aging which are not-for-profit agencies under contract with the Dept. of Elder Affairs, employ 109 FTE who support Medicaid Managed Long Term Care client eligibility & enrollment assistance activities. Area Agencies on Aging operate statewide to assist seniors and disabled adults and perform the services noted on page 1, activities (a. ? g.) for persons seeking enrollment in the Medicaid managed long term care program. Since the program's inception in 2013, the Area Agencies on Aging have assisted over 50,000 seniors and disabled adults with Medicaid managed long term care home and community care program enrollment. Each fiscal year, thousands of additional seniors and the disabled are released from the waiting list by the Department of Elder Affairs to the Area Agencies on Aging to process for enrollment. The Area Agency on Aging enrollment workload in Miami-Dade County has been increasing each year and this Area Agency continues to have the largest backlog in program enrollment. Because of the workload increases in Miami-Dade County, the Area Agencies on Aging are requesting that total statewide funding be increased from the current \$1.3 million to \$1.6 million. The additional funding will be allocated for the Miami-Dade Area Agency on Aging.

ALL new enrollees for the community care side of Medicaid Managed Long Term Care program operations apply/enter the program through the Area Agencies on Aging. Without continued recurring funding and the minimal increase requested for Miami-Dade County, enrollment backlog will increase and more seniors and disabled adults who require long term care will be at risk of institutionalization ? i.e., care in a hospital or nursing home at a much greater cost to taxpayers.

The program results and benefits associated with this appropriation are that frail seniors and disabled adults seeking long term care services receive the assistance they need to enroll in the program. Florida's 11 Area Agencies on Aging employ Medicaid Assistance Specialists who provide hands-on assistance to seniors and disabled adults who are often unable to navigate the enrollment /eligibility maze for Medicaid Managed Long Term Care. Seniors seeking assistance average 81 years of age, live alone, have multiple serious health conditions, at least half have no caregiver living at home, have very limited mobility, and often have cognitive problems or dementia. The Area Agencies on Aging help applicants in every step of the process including assisting with the Medicaid financial eligibility process, program eligibility screening, obtaining the physician level of care form, etc. By ensuring an applicant is successfully enrolled in the program, appropriate long term care placement is made, most often in a home and community care setting thereby reducing more costly nursing home expenditures. Without the assistance of Florida's Area Agencies on Aging, many seniors and disabled adults would have no one to turn to for enrollment and eligibility assistance under Medicaid Managed Long Term Care.

The Department of Elder Affairs contracts with each of the eleven Area Agencies on Aging contain specific performance measures that every Area Agency on Aging must meet. Monthly performance reports and enrollment management system reports are run to ensure that Area Agencies are processing applications and persons released from the waiting list for enrollment. Contract performance is monitored regularly by the Department of Elder Affairs and AHCA to ensure compliance with all applicable performance measures. . Ultimately it is Florida's frail, Medicaid-eligible seniors and disabled adults who benefit from these appropriations and Florida taxpayers because of reduced deep-end, long term care expenditures.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 800,000

State: 800,000 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 0

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes