

2024 Legislative Session

Budget Update – AAA network and AAAPP

The Florida Legislature has concluded its work on the budget for State Fiscal Year 2024-2025 by increasing Florida’s flagship General Revenue-funded program serving seniors by \$17 million in recurring funding. In addition, the Budget Conference Committee also agreed to budget conforming bill language that allows Area Agencies on Aging and Service Providers to carry forward up to ten percent of unexpended Community Care for the Elderly funds each year allowing more seniors to be served. Major increases to the following programs were agreed to by the budget conference committee:

- Community Care for the Elderly: **\$6 million**
- Home Care for the Elderly: **\$5 million**
- Alzheimer’s Respite Care: **\$6 million**

Total: \$17 million INCREASE in RECURRING General Revenue

IF APPROVED, OUR AAA WILL RECEIVE AN ALLOCATION BASED ON SENIOR POPULATION DENSITY OF 60+ AND 85+

In addition, the Legislature kept whole, ALL Local Service Program funding as Recurring, and also funded a number of new local service programs (Local Projects), further increasing funding for services to seniors.

The budget will now go to the Full House and Senate for a final vote on March 8, 2024 and then to the Governor for veto deliberations.

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 398, the following projects are funded from **nonrecurring** general revenue funds:

Alzheimer’s Association Brain Bus (HF 1867) (SF 1164).....	491,614
Alzheimer’s Community Care Critical Support Initiative and Facility Repairs and Renovations (HF 1113) (SF 1155)	750,000
Baker Senior Center Naples Dementia Respite Support Program (HF 2663) (SF 3489).....	150,000
Baker Senior Center Naples, Inc. - Geriatric Mental Health Services (HF 2664) (SF 3490).....	110,000
City of Deerfield Beach Alzheimer’s Daycare and Senior Transportation Services (HF 1163) (SF 2163).....	125,000
Lauderdale Lakes Alzheimer’s Care Center Services Expansion (HF 1803) (SF 1393).....	150,000
LifeStream Dementia and the Baker Act - An Alternative for Better Outcomes (HF 3270) (SF 2504).....	925,656

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 401, the following **recurring** base appropriations projects are funded from recurring general revenue funds:

Aging and Disability Resource Center of Broward County, Inc Provider Service Area (PSA) 10.....	681,080
Alliance for Aging, Inc.....	152,626

Alliance for Aging, Inc. - Provider Service Area (PSA) 11.	693,456
Area Agency on Aging of North Florida, Inc.....	105,571
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco - Pinellas, Inc.....	105,571
Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. - Provider Service Area (PSA) 5.....	1,046,000
Areawide Council on Aging of Broward County.....	167,292
City of Hialeah Elder Meals Program.....	250,000
City of Sweetwater Elderly Activities Center (Mildred & Claude Pepper Senior Center).....	418,242
Congregate & Homebound Meals for At-Risk Elderly, Non-Ambulatory, & Handicapped Residents (Allapattah)....	361,543
Elder at Risk Meals (Marta Flores High Risk Nutritional Program for Elders).....	623,877
Holocaust Survivors Assistance Program - Boca Raton Jewish Federation.....	92,946
Lippman Senior Center.....	228,000
Little Havana Activities and Nutrition Centers of Dade County.....	334,770
Miami Beach Senior Center - Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.....	158,367
Michael-Ann Russell Jewish Community Center - Sr. Wellness Center.....	83,647
Mid-Florida Area Agency on Aging, Inc. - Model Day Care Project.....	105,571
Senior Connection Center, Inc. - Provider Service Area (PSA) 6.....	113,000
Seymour Gelber Adult Day Care Program - Jewish Community Services of South Florida, Inc.....	23,234
Southwest Social Services.....	653,501
St. Ann's Nursing Center.....	65,084
West Miami Community Center - City of West Miami.....	69,071

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Aging in Place with Grace, by Rales Jewish Family Services (HF 1955) (SF 1046).....	494,100
Austin Hepburn Senior Mini-Center - City of Hallandale Beach (HF 1834) (SF 2822).....	111,006
Bridging the Digital Divide for Older Adults in Florida Technology Literacy Training (HF 1791) (SF 2777).....	854,461
Broward Senior Support Services (BSSS) (HF 1441) (SF 1135)	250,000
City of Hialeah Elder Meals Program (HF 3351) (SF 1743)...	2,000,000
City of West Park Senior Program (HF 1838) (SF 2818).....	400,000
Florida Guardianship Ethics Project (HF 1419) (SF 1647)...	96,000
Green Cove Springs Senior Center Emergency Generator (HF 3015) (SF 1575).....	200,000
Hialeah Gardens Elder Meals Program (HF 1769) (SF 1740)...	150,000
Hope for Grateful Hearts (HF 1166) (SF 3132).....	750,000
Jewish Community Services (JCS) Delivers: Tailored Grocery Delivery Program for Seniors (HF 2457) (SF 1795)	125,000

Jewish Community Services (JCS) Homecare Services (HF 1917) (SF 2773)..... 250,000
 Jewish Community Services Nutritional Equity for Seniors Keeping Kosher (NESKK) (HF 2544) (SF 1516)..... 600,000
 Jewish Family Services (JFS) - Holocaust Survivors Support (HF 1299) (SF 3524)..... 250,000
 Little Havana Activities & Nutrition Centers: Elderly Personal Care, Referral, and Information Services (HF 1555) (SF 1962)..... 500,000
Meals on Wheels - Pinellas County (HF 3554) (SF 2723)..... 1,000,000
 Miami Beach Senior Services and Programming (HF 2524) (SF 2804)..... 175,000
 Miami Springs Senior Center Supplemental Meals & Services (HF 3143) (SF 1724)..... 375,000
 Miami-Dade County Senior Congregate Meals (HF 3431) (SF 2803)..... 1,000,000
 Miramar Southcentral/Southeast Focal Point Senior Center (HF 1830) (SF 1531)..... 298,916
 North Miami Foundation for Senior Citizens Services, Inc. (HF 3111) (SF 1097)..... 550,000
 Osceola Council on Aging Personal Care and Meals Program (HF 1883) (SF 3608)..... 300,000
 Senior Friendship Centers (HF 1927) (SF 1141)..... 755,890
 The LJD Jewish Family & Community Services, Inc.: Holocaust Survivor Support Services (HF 3314) (SF 2437). 250,000
 Town of Medley Elder Meals and Care Services (HF 2794) (SF 1729)..... 100,000
 United Way of Florida, Inc. Transportation for Seniors Project (HF 3100) (SF 3235)..... 1,000,000

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 406A, nonrecurring funds from the General Revenue Fund are provided for the following projects:

Alzheimer's Community Care Critical Support Initiative and Facility Repairs and Renovations (HF 1113) (SF 1155) 1,000,000
 Badia Center Facility Expansion (HF 3142) (SF 1317)..... 1,750,000
 City of Wauchula Senior Center Facility (HF 2235) (SF 3307)..... 500,000
 Elder Care Services, Inc. - Meals on Wheels Expansion (HF 1469) (SF 2273)..... 990,000
 Hialeah Housing Authority Elderly Affordable Housing - Hoffman Gardens Phase II (HF 3350) (SF 1748)..... 250,000
 Lauderdale Lakes Alzheimer's Care Center Services Expansion (HF 1803) (SF 1393)..... 101,449
 Nancy Renyhart Center for Dementia Education (HF 1363) (SF 2745)..... 375,000
 Northwest Florida Area Agency on Aging Critical Infrastructure Improvements (HF 2810) (SF 3156)..... 275,000
Pasco County Senior Center (HF 3065) (SF 1456)..... 1,300,000

Appropriations Conforming Bill – Senate Bill 2518 – regarding the carry forward of unexpended Community Care for the Elderly Funding:

Area Agency on Aging - authorizes an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) to carry-forward documented unexpended state funds from one fiscal year to the next. The cumulative amount carried forward may not exceed 10% of the AAA's area allocation for the CCE program. Any unexpended state funds above the percentage must be returned to the department. The funds carried forward may not be used in any way that would create increased recurring future obligations and such funds may not be used for any type of program or service that is not currently authorized by existing contracts; expenditures of funds carried forward must be separately reported to the department; any unexpended funds that remain at the end of the contract period shall be returned to the department; and funds carried forward may be retained through any contract renewals and any new procurements as long as the same AAA is retained by the department.