



City of Seattle
Human Services Department

July 27, 2011

To: Interested Persons
From: Rosemary Cunningham, ADS Interim Director
Subject: Public Hearing Notice Re:
1) Part I – Draft Area Plan on Aging, 2012-2015
2) Part II – Draft 2012 Discretionary Allocations

Part I – Draft Area Plan on Aging, 2012-2015

The draft Area Plan on Aging – 2012-2015 is now available for public review. To access the plan, and related documents, follow the direct link to the AAA site:

http://www.agingkingcounty.org/area_plan.htm

Also included in this memorandum is a summary of the draft 2012 Discretionary allocation recommendations. As you review both documents, please consider the following questions:

- 1) Have we presented the right issue areas?
- 2) Have we overlooked potential partnership opportunities?
- 3) Is there anything that needs further development or clarification?
- 4) Do you have any suggestions regarding the recommended allocations?

In addition, our Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services will host three public hearings. We invite you to attend one of the following:

Thursday, August 4
10:30 a.m.
Kent Senior Center
600 East Smith Street
Kent, WA 98030
Directions: [Click](#) here.

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Monday, August 8

12:00 p.m.

Douglas Truth Library
2300 East Yesler Way
Seattle, 98122

Directions: <http://www.spl.org/locations/douglas-truth-branch/dth-getting-to-the-branch>

Tuesday, August 9

10:00 a.m.

Bellevue City Hall, Room 1E112
450 110th Ave. NE
Bellevue, WA 98009

Directions: http://www.ci.bellevue.wa.us/directions_to_city_hall.htm

The meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please direct questions regarding the plan or accommodations at the hearings to Karen Winston at (206) 684-0706.

PART II – DRAFT 2012 DISCRETIONARY ALLOCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

State Senior Citizens Services Act (SCSA)

SCSA received further reduction of 5% for the 2011-2013 bienniums. This equates to a \$151,000 per year reduction to services for older adults in King County. Due to the late completion of the legislative session, contracts that operate on a fiscal year basis, (e.g. SCSA), will be extended three months with estimated revenue. Final revenue will be allocated this summer for the remaining nine months.

Family Caregiver Program

There was a state budget increase to Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) funding of just under \$1 million. The FCSP will need to identify 422 new clients by December 31, 2011, to continue the funding beyond June 30, 2012.

Federal Older Americans Act (OAA)

The 2011 allocation was finally received with a slight increase in most allocations:

- 1% increase for III-C, plus Elder Abuse
- .03% increase for Titles III-B, III-D, and III-E

The 2012 federal budget has not been released.

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City of Seattle General Fund (GF)

The Seattle Human Services Department, along with the City of Seattle Fire and Police departments, were asked to submit proposed budget reductions of 3-6% for 2012. Items that were identified were submitted to the City budget office in May. Final cuts will not be made public until September when the Mayor submits his budget for review by the City Council. The Council's final vote on the budget will happen by the end of November.

The Advisory Council Planning and Allocations Committee considered the following when developing their recommendations:

- Allocation guidelines from ADS Sponsors
- 2011 Discretionary Allocations approved by Sponsors
- Volunteer Transportation service area trends and issues
- Continued interest in prioritizing services that enable elders to access services, especially in the midst of difficult economic times

Presented below are recommended strategies for allocating 2012 discretionary funds:

- 1) Reduce Home Health Maintenance (\$18,000 reduction).
- 2) Reduce Client Specific Fund if needed to balance discretionary budget.
- 3) Should a net increase in discretionary funding occur (possibly due to increased revenue in Older Americans Act, or actual carry-over from 2010 exceeding the budgeted amount):
 - ADS staff may allocate up to \$50,000 to one or more programs in the Access Service category, which includes Case Management, Transportation, and Information and Assistance.
 - In making the funding decisions, staff will consider trends in client demographics, community needs, and agency performance.

The public comment period will end on August 9, 2011. You may also present your comments by email to karen.winston@seattle.gov or by regular mail to: Aging and Disability Services, Attn: Karen Winston, Planner, Seattle Human Services Department, Seattle Municipal Tower, PO Box 34215, Seattle WA 98124-4215.

Thank you.