

# LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE HEARING

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# FY 24 APPROPRIATION REQUEST

TYPE	PROGRAM	COST	RATIONALE
Expansion	Transportation (AND)	\$3,000,000	Targeted transportation services for rural seniors: medical and non-medical appointments
Expansion	New Medicare (APS)	\$10,000,000	Provides financial support to those aging in place & their caregivers Nearly 25% of US households provide caregiving; this will provide appropriate support and compensation to ease some of the burden of caregiving
Base	Senior employment program	\$50,000	Minimum wage reimbursement for approximately 75 older workers, in ALTSD's statewide provider network
Base	OIEA/IAAA	\$300,000	Help equalize the distribution of tribal allocations and finalize the establishment of an equitable allocation based on tribal population census data
Base	OIEA.IAAA	\$966,000	Training & support to increase number of adult day care programs, including billing and program requirements



TYPE	FTE Requests	COST	RATIONALE
Expansion	Alzheimer's and Other Dementias - FTE	\$91,100	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perform outreach, data collection, grant support</li> <li>• Carry out the NM State Plan for Alzheimer's and Other Dementias</li> </ul>
Expansion	Community Health Worker - FTE	\$68,900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State agencies collaboration</li> <li>• Perform community-based services, focusing on rural seniors</li> </ul>
Expansion	Aging Network Division - Deputy Director	\$110,400	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversight &amp; guidance for AND</li> <li>• Contracts, grant writing, initiatives, outreach</li> </ul>
Expansion	Food, Farm & Hunger Initiative - FTE	\$89,700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supporting new &amp; established programming, distribution, outreach &amp; initiatives</li> </ul>
Expansion	Senior Services Bureau - FTE	\$100,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oversight of AAA contracts, volunteer programs, junior bill &amp; special assignments data requests</li> <li>• Improve monitoring and reporting for state and federal level</li> <li>• Improve senior services throughout the state</li> </ul>



# FY 24 NON-RECURRING

PROGRAM	COST	RATIONALE
Intergenerational Child Care & Senior Care	\$500,000	Create intergenerational programming in senior centers and long-term care facilities (dance, theatre and art) to reduce social isolation in a cost-effective way.
IT Medicaid Management System	\$280,300	Language to extend the spending period to FY24. The Medicaid management system is a collaboration between other agencies with Human Services Department (HSD) as the lead. This request ensures ALTSD can continue in collaboration with HSD.
Area Agencies on Aging	\$800,000	The ability to increase the budget can help our agency ensure there is a safety net for such emergencies, while staying in compliance with statute.
Kiki Saavedra Senior Dignity Fund	\$40,000,000	For expenditure in FY24 and subsequent fiscal years to address high-priority services for senior citizens in New Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving



# BAR AUTHORITY & REVERSION LANGUAGE

TYPE	PROGRAM	LANGUAGE
Non-Reverting Language	Kiki Saavedra Dignity Fund	Any unexpended balances remaining from the Aging & Long-Term Services Department section 4 general fund at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall revert to the Kiki Saavedra dignity fund and shall be expended in fiscal year 2024 to address high-priority services for senior citizens in New Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving.
BAR Authority (FY23 & FY24)	Kiki Saavedra Dignity Fund	The Aging & Long-Term Services Department can request increases up to one million dollars (\$1,000,000) from the Kiki Saavedra Dignity Fund balance for the purpose of providing high-priority services for senior citizens in New Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving.

# SECTION 4 LANGUAGE

DIVISION	PROGRAM	LANGUAGE
Aging Network Division	Conference on Aging	Any unexpended balances remaining in the aging network from the conference on aging at the end of fiscal year 2023 from appropriations made from other state funds for the conference on aging shall not revert to the general fund.
Aging Network Division	Tax Refund Contribution	Any unexpended balances remaining from the tax refund contribution senior fund, which provides for the provision of the supplemental senior services throughout the state, at the end of fiscal year 2023 shall not revert to the general fund.
Aging Network Division	AAAs	The general fund appropriation to the aging network program of the aging and long-term services department in the other category shall allow for an additional twelve and one-half percent distribution from the department of finance and administration for initial payments to aging network providers at the beginning of the fiscal year.
Program Support	Kiki Saavedra Dignity Fund	Any unexpended balances remaining from the aging and long-term services department section 4 general fund at the end of fiscal year 2024 shall revert to the kiki saavedra dignity fund and shall be expended in fiscal year 2025 to address high-priority services for senior citizens in New Mexico, including transportation, food insecurity, physical and behavioral health, case management and caregiving.

# KIKI SAAVEDRA SENIOR DIGNITY FUND SPENDING PLAN

\$40,000,000 ask to incubate new projects, including:

- Special Populations Registry
- NM Ramp Project
- Smart Home technologies
- Covering windshield time for home hospice workers
- paying immigrant & refugee processing fees to receive expedited work permits & train them as caregivers
- Increasing adult day care
- Operation C.H.I.L.E.
- Increasing senior socializing events

In FY21, the Kiki Saavedra fund was created, but authorization to spend funds did not occur until FY23.

FY23 budget was \$2,553,000.

We are actively issuing contracts and RFPs to spend that allocation.





Challenges:

1. Growing population
2. New reporting requirements (Title III)
3. New initiatives & programs
4. Performance measures & monitoring

Volunteer Program

Increase for recruitment & consistent mileage reimbursement to sustain volunteers in the SCP, RSVP, FGP, CHW, and OMB programs  
FY22: 250 volunteers exited the FGP, SCP, and RSVP programs

Rural Food Box Initiative

- Collaborating with 3 food banks serving 7 rural counties
- Directly delivering non-perishable food boxes to 12 senior centers (500/mo average)
- Collaborated with 50 senior centers (est. 15,000 seniors have benefitted from services)
- Goal: Enhancing the congregate, grab-n-go and home bound lunches to 35,000 senior consumers

# AGING NETWORK DIVISION (AND)

MEALS SERVED

(congregate & home-delivered)

FY21: 5,143,059

FY22: 4, 443,066

Consumers served who are

nutritionally at risk

FY21 14.87%

FY22 16.56%



# FLOWTHROUGH FUNDING TO AREA AGENCIES ON AGING

## BREAKDOWN OF 7.5 MILLION

### Total Positions

779- 558 positions paid under \$15

Metro AAA 166 positions  
Non-Metro AAA 392  
(average pay rates for kitchen staff, cooks, driver, homemakers/caregiver respite staff, center staff, adult day program, legal service staff \$12.64)

Additionally, 221 positions directly impacted and would need to be scaled up.

### Metro AAA

(PSA1) 23% of the 7.5 million (\$1.725 million total) 53% (\$914,250) for direct service personnel wage increase, 13% (\$224,250) to support food/non-food cost increase, 34% (\$586,500) to support the 2% unduplicated consumer increase/expansion of services

### Non-Metro AAA

(PSA2-4) 60% of the 7.5 million (\$4.5 million) 53% (\$2,385,000) for direct service personnel wage increase, 13% (\$585,000) to support food/non-food cost increase, 34% (\$1,530,000) to support the 2% unduplicated consumer increase/expansion of services.

### IAAA

(PSA6) 17% of the 7.5 million (\$1.275 million) 53% (\$675,750) for direct service personnel wage increase, 13% (\$165,750) to support food/non-food cost increase, 34% (\$433,500) to support the 2% unduplicated consumer increase/expansion of services.

# ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS) THREE-PRONGED APPROACH

Clients Served FY 21: 4457  
Clients Served FY22: 5546

## APS Investigations

### Clinical unit and case management

- Support clients with higher needs
- Ensure clients do not fall through the cracks
- Coordinate with partners to support client

## Intervention

## Prevention

## Harm Reduction

### Community Engagement Specialist

- Creating 5 regional sponsored term community engagement specialists
- Will be certified community health workers
- Will be Certified Aging in Place Specialists
- Provide Outreach, Engagement and Support to APS population using our Prevention Model

## NEW MEXICARE


New Mexi-Care provides all-inclusive caregiver support services through a participant-centered/self-directed model of service delivery. New Mexi-CARE offers incentives, services, and supports to those caring for loved ones. This program provides financial assistance, training, and support. Each participant will be provided with an individualized budget allotment that can be used for the following:




Home care services



Respite Services



Adult day services



Chore services



Home health safety monitor



Transport services

# ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES (APS)

**\$10,000,000** ask

Approximately 18%, of New Mexicans 65+ are eligible for Medicaid.

2% of applicants were rejected by Medicaid Assistance Division because they did not meet the eligibility criteria.

The remainder of New Mexicans 65+ rely solely on Medicare coverage.



## **Phase 1 (January 2023)**

Budget: \$190,000 (Kiki Saavedra Fund)

Monthly Stipend Budget: \$450 stipends per month for 6 months (January – June 2023)

Phase 1 Total Caregivers supported: 70

- Identify 3 New Mexico Counties based on poverty, limited home health services, and rural;
- Open applications for caregiver stipends for the following population:
  - Adults with income above the Medicaid threshold.
  - Qualify for nursing home level of care (NFLOC)
  - The adult is over the age of 75
  - Requires 24/7 care from a caregiver
  - The caregiver is currently providing unpaid assistance

# **NEW MEXICARE ROLLOUT**

## **Phase 2 (July 2023)**

Budget: \$10,000,000 (FY24 budget request)

Monthly Stipend Budget: \$450 stipends per month for 12 months – (July – June 2023)

Total Caregivers supported Phase 2: 1,388 + 70 (phase 1) total 1,458

- Identify 17 rural counties
- Follow same requirements

## RE-CLASSIFICATION

- \$60,000
- ADRC has 44% vacancy rate, impacting day-to-day operations
- Current pay band is low for job requirements, education & experience
- Complexity of calls justifies the need for higher classification of this position
- This increase will help recruit & retain staff, allow for cross-training with APS, and improve responsiveness to calls and accuracy of referrals

FY21 clients served:  
107,203

Moving towards  
appointments, less  
callbacks

FY22 clients served:  
48,577

Since June 22, # of  
appointments: 3,675

# CONSUMER & ELDER RIGHTS DIVISION (CERD)



# QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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