The logo for Dunn County Office on Aging features a large, stylized 'CD' in black with a purple outline. To the right of the 'D' is a grey square with a purple border. The text 'Dunn County Office on Aging' is written in a black serif font, with 'Dunn' on the top line, 'County Office' on the second line, and 'on Aging' on the third line. The grey square partially overlaps the 'D' and the text 'County Office' and 'on Aging'.

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Annual Report **2007**

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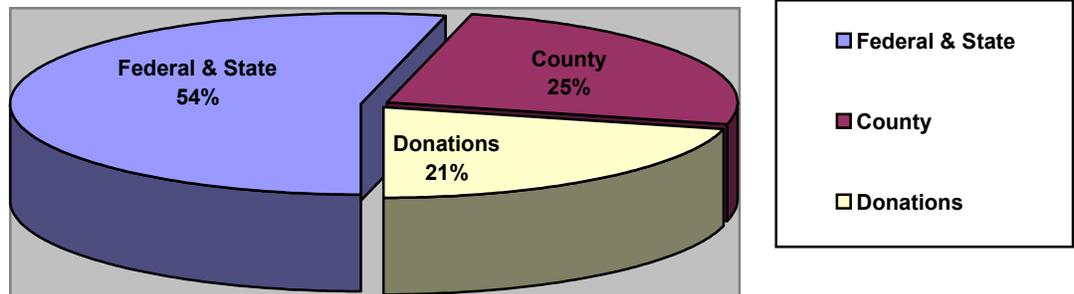
An Aging Resource for you!

Office on Aging Administered Programs

The Dunn County Office on Aging (OOA) provides a variety of services for older people in the areas of nutrition, benefit counseling, transportation, information and assistance, as well as support for family caregivers. The 2007 Annual Office on Aging Report will address sources of funding, volunteerism, services provided, and future directions for the Office on Aging.

Sources of Funding

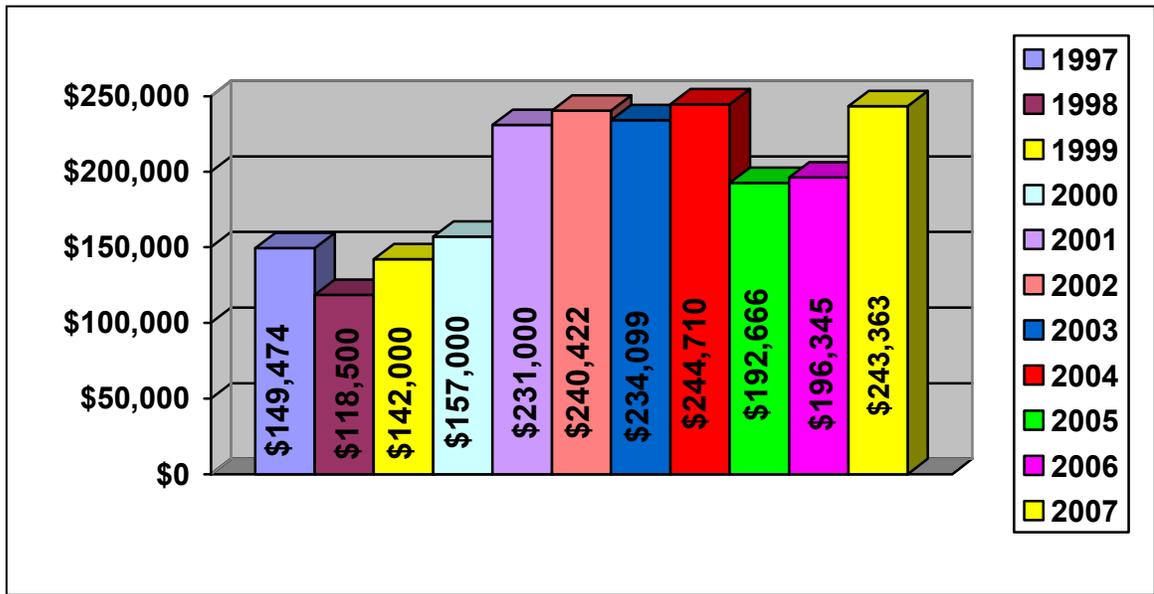
The OOA had a final operating budget of **\$894,335** for 2007. Funding from state and federal grants made up the majority of the funding. Next were participant donations plus program income carryover, followed by County levy dollars. The OOA had a budget surplus in 2007 and returned \$26,719 to the County.



2007 Percentage of Funding by Source

Volunteerism

The Office on Aging utilized approximately 300 volunteers to help meet the needs of elderly participants. Volunteers make a considerable contribution to the programs provided by the Office on Aging. In fact, volunteers contributed over 24,336 hours of service, equaling **\$243,363.00** in cash value for the calendar year 2007. One dollar of in-kind match is required for every \$10 received from federal grants. As usual, the Office on Aging exceeded the requirements for the match, which helps to make the programs cost effective and readily available throughout Dunn County.



Services Provided by the Office on Aging

Alzheimer's (AFCSP) and Family Caregiver Support Programs (FCSP)

The AFCSP and FCSP funds are used to support family caregivers by providing them with increased access to resources, education, training, respite, and some personal care services for the care receiver. The Office on Aging has revised and distributed the annual Dunn County Resource Guide; provided 12 issues of the "Caregivers' Corner" in the Senior Hi-Lites; sponsored a booth at the regional Alzheimer's Convention; facilitated a monthly Alzheimer's Support Group meeting; and provided 27 families with funding for in-home services. A new monthly Caregiver Support Group was started in conjunction with the Red Cedar Medical Center.

Memory Care Connections Grant

The Memory Care Connections funds are used to promote early dementia diagnosis by offering memory assessments and information on Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. Public outreach is done by offering face-to-face dialogue and informational materials at local dementia, care giving, and senior health related events. Funding is also utilized by offering information, assistance, and caregiver support, including funding for home-care services, to families affected by dementia. Ten families were provided with funding in 2007. This grant will be ending on June 30, 2008.

Benefit Specialist Program

The Benefit Specialist program continued to provide insurance, legal, and benefit assistance for seniors in Dunn County in 2007.

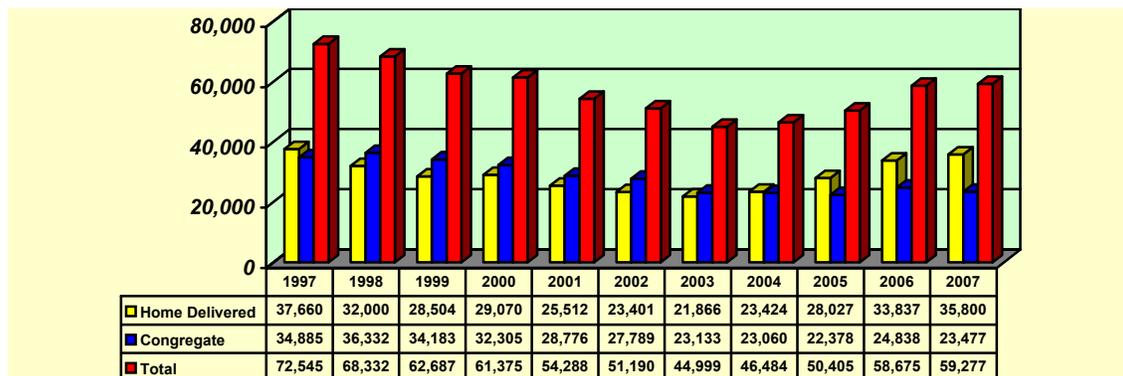
The majority of people seeking information and assistance from the Benefit Specialist had questions about insurance issues, which resulted in over 838 hours of time spent with consumers. Medicare Part D continued to be a prime subject for consultation with over 784 people receiving assistance with Part D enrollment. In addition, issues such as Senior Care, traditional Medicare, Medicare Advantage plans, and other insurance plans were discussed and explained in over 1,127 contacts. Approximately 44% of the people requesting these contacts fell below the 150% federal poverty mark. From these consumers, a total of 350 applications for financial assistance with insurance costs were completed with the help of the Benefit Specialist.

Nutrition

Nutrition is the largest service area managed by the Office on Aging. Congregate meal sites and restaurants around the County served 23,477 meals. Meal participants are provided an opportunity to donate toward the cost of the meals they receive. The average donation for a congregate meal was \$3.15 per meal. The suggested donation was \$3.00 per meal. The Congregate Meal Program served 886 different individuals in 2007.

The Home Delivered Meal Program also includes liquid supplements, such as Ensure. Combinations of supplements are calculated as part of the total home delivered meal count. The total of home delivered meals in 2007 was 35,800 with 452 individuals being served. The total of both home delivered and congregate meals is 59,276. The average donation for a home delivered meal was \$4.08 per meal. The suggested donation was \$3.50 per meal.

One interesting observation is that home delivered meal numbers exceeded congregate meal numbers by almost 12,000. This is a trend that has been seen nationwide as more people are aging and staying in their homes with services. Unfortunately, however, home delivered meals are more expensive to provide due to packaging and transportation costs.

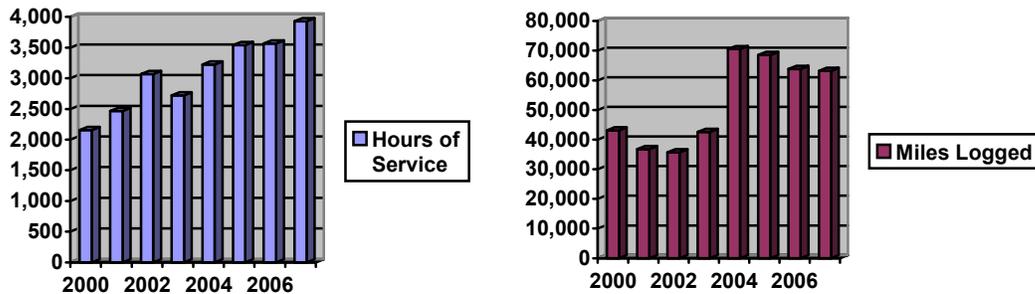


Transportation

An annual grant is written by the Office on Aging to secure funds for elderly transportation from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation. Some of these funds are used to support the transportation services provided by DET, Inc., of Menomonie. In

addition, some funds are used to reimburse volunteer drivers, who transport veterans and other elderly citizens to medical appointments and nutrition sites. The volunteer drivers logged 63,216 miles, made 3,339 one-way trips, and provided 3,927 hours of service in 2007. There were 116 individuals served with the Volunteer Driver Program.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAM



Future Directions and Issues

Issues the OOA is facing, which will have a financial/staffing impact:

- The anticipated development of an Aging and Disability Resource Center in Dunn County in response to the Governor’s long term care redesign and expansion initiative. What will the OOA roll be? Will the current structure be drastically changed?
- Additional funding cuts to the Office on Aging’s core programs, especially the congregate and home delivered meal programs.
- The increasing demand for services by an increasing population of older people. How do we maintain levels of services on decreasing budgets?