

Department Name	Aging
Account(s)	6772

Department Function
The Aging Department connects older adults and their families or caregivers with supportive services that help promote independence, self-direction, and dignity, resulting in an improved quality of life. The Department implements comprehensive in-home and community-based services with a special focus on those with the greatest social and economic needs.

Current Year Highlights
• Conducted our annual “Stop the Flu” outreach program. • Arranged hundreds of in-home COVID-19 vaccinations by setting up appointments with the Health Department, Caring Wellness Pharmacy, and local EMS agencies. • Distributed over two-thousand COVID-19 Test Kits. • Organized two booster clinics for retired priests of the Diocese of Albany. • Opened three (3) NEW congregate meal sites in New Scotland, Voorheesville, and Glenmont. • Held two “Sage Table” events dedicated to fighting isolation in the LGBTQIA+ elders community in June and September. • Organized a folk concert and racism workshop, “Deeper than Skin,” featuring Reggie Harris and Greg Greenway. The artists explore race through music, telling their own stories and leaving the audience with a call to action. • Distributed Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP) coupons at local farmers’ markets to increase low-income older adults’ access to fresh fruits and vegetables, and outreached to bring the program to a more diverse audience. • Working with the Age Friendly community, advocated for the “Village Movement” in Albany County. The Village Movement is a national model for seniors who want to age-in-place affordably; villages are locally developed membership organizations offering comprehensive support and social engagement to seniors wanting to maintain independence. • Launched a friendly dance challenge, “Jerusalema,” with local service providers. Staff learned the steps and taught the dance to seniors at various forums, including the Colonie Senior Services Center. • Organized a vigil in support of Ukraine that was attended by over 500 people. • Participated in outreach events, including: Centro Civico Women Health Fair, Hindu Temple Health Fair, The Altamont Fair, and the Health and Mental Health Departments’ Ice Cream Social.

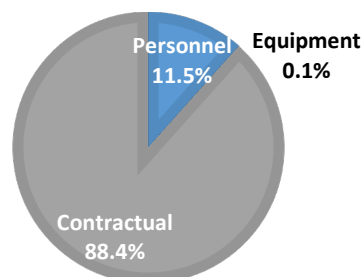
Next Year Projects
• Launching the “Restaurant Program” to provide dining vouchers in local restaurants for seniors, in place of traditional congregate lunch settings. • Conduct our annual “Stop the Flu” outreach campaign. • Introduce the Albany County “Seniors on the Go” mobile unit. This outfitted van will allow the Department for Aging to provide services and information to seniors where they reside. • Host two (2) more “SAGE Table” events. • Continue to collaborate with community and business partners.

Link to Website	www.albanycounty.com/Aging
-----------------	--

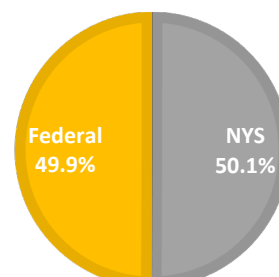
Department Name	Aging
Account(s)	6772

Financial Charts

FORECASTED COSTS, BY TYPE



FORECASTED REVENUES, BY TYPE

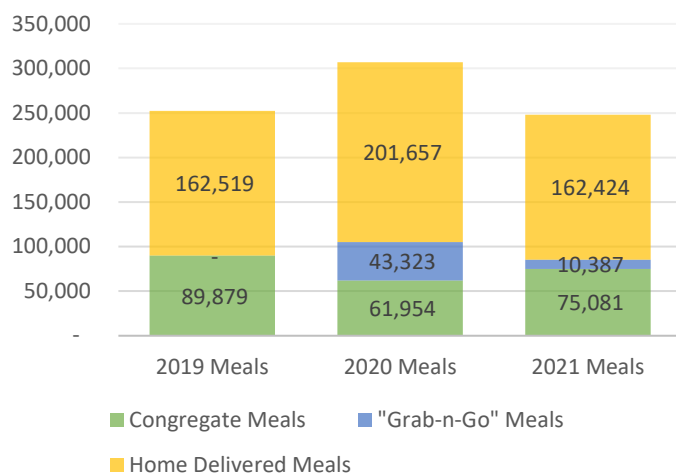


The Department's annual contractual costs are attributable to procuring services for their clientele under the different mandated programs run they oversee. As the chart indicates, only a small portion of the annual appropriations (12%) stem from the County personnel, who manage all aspects (applicant intake, review, etc.) of the services and programs provided.

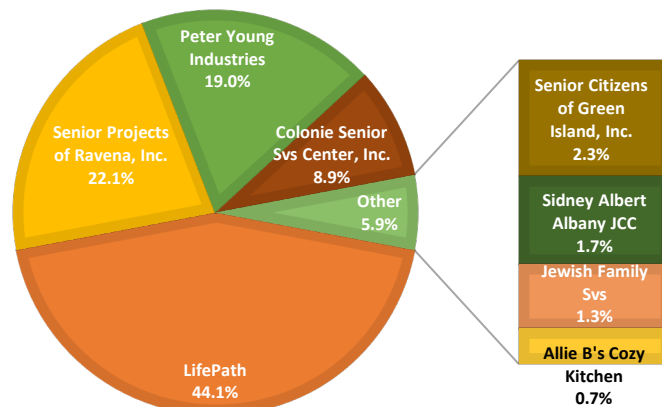
Revenues flowing into the Department are State or Federal reimbursement for mandated services provided. Reimbursement percentages are split between NYS and the Federal Government are formulaic and remain fairly consistent.

The 2023 Budget has a forecasted County Share of \$2.77 million for the Department of Aging.

Programmatic Highlights – Congregate & Home-Delivered Meals Programs



COMMUNITY PARTNERS



The Department for Aging annually contracts with several community partners to provide nutritious meals for members of the senior community. Congregate meal sites located throughout the County allow participants to eat and socialize. For those who are unable to attend at congregate sites, the Home Delivered Meals program can be utilized.

The COVID pandemic complicated the delivery of both these programs but, through innovative thinking, the Department adapted and introduced a "Grab-n-Go" option to take the place of Congregate Meals during the shutdown. As a result, the number of meals provided across both programs actually increased at the height of the pandemic.

Link to Website www.albanycounty.com/Aging