

Services for Seniors

In 1970, only 3.0 percent, or 13,764, Fairfax County residents were age 65 or older. By 2003, the size of this demographic group had grown to 8.4 percent of the County's population, or nearly 83,000 individuals. The number of County residents age 65 or older is projected to nearly double in the next 20 years, and grow to almost 13 percent of the total population. Given this aging of the population, the County has begun highlighting the services currently provided to seniors. It should be noted that the figures in the following table do not reflect the cost of all services provided to seniors, as only those services specifically designed for seniors, or those where participation by this population has been tracked or can be reasonably estimated, have been included. There are many general County services that are used extensively by the senior population, such as Emergency Medical Services and cultural tours, but limited data on actual utilization rates makes it difficult to isolate and quantify those costs.

The cost of services provided specifically to seniors included in the FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan totals \$61.6 million, or 1.9 percent of General Fund Disbursements of \$3.2 billion. Excluding the General Fund Transfer to Fairfax County Public Schools and School Debt Service of \$1.7 billion, spending on services for seniors is approximately 4.0 percent of the remaining General Fund Disbursements. Some of these expenditures are partially offset by revenues.

FAIRFAX COUNTY
FY 2005 - FY 2007
County Funded Programs for Seniors¹

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2007 Advertised Budget Plan	FY 2007 Adopted Budget Plan
Facilities Management Department:				
Lease for the Lorton Senior Center	\$79,903	\$90,051	\$92,753	\$92,753
Department of Transportation:				
Seniors On the Go Taxi Cab Voucher Program	\$330,072	\$544,222	\$502,538	\$502,538
Community and Recreation Services:				
Senior Centers and Senior Plus Program	\$1,318,269	\$1,596,996	\$2,427,034	\$2,427,034
Fairfax County Public Library	\$263,606	\$253,757	\$262,678	\$262,678
Department of Tax Administration:				
Tax Relief for the Elderly and Disabled	\$14,809,591	\$24,626,543	\$24,025,644	\$24,025,644
Department of Family Services:				
Adult Protective Services	\$1,058,415	\$1,191,812	\$1,221,740	\$1,221,740
Long-Term Care Services	6,158,565	7,200,117	7,069,705	7,069,705
Adult Services	1,930,450	2,237,812	2,297,289	2,297,289
Transportation Services	2,537,357	2,289,944	2,987,507	2,987,507
Subtotal Department of Family Services	\$11,684,787	\$12,919,685	\$13,576,241	\$13,576,241
Health Department:				
Adult Day Health Care Program	\$2,055,013	\$2,508,775	\$2,916,133	\$2,916,133
Alzheimer's Family Day Care	0	0	300,000	300,000
Respite Program	26,448	20,223	25,000	25,000
Subtotal Health Department	\$2,081,461	\$2,528,998	\$3,241,133	\$3,241,133
Fire and Rescue Department:				
Senior Safety Programs	\$37,198	\$39,820	\$40,889	\$40,889
SUBTOTAL - GENERAL FUND	\$30,604,887	\$42,600,072	\$44,168,910	\$44,168,910

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Fund 103, Aging Grants and Programs:				
Community-Based Social Services	\$713,189	\$955,316	\$816,168	\$816,168
Ombudsman	336,998	513,254	398,205	441,531
Fee for Service	222,986	323,172	226,931	226,931
Congregate Meals	1,651,769	2,431,926	2,452,837	2,452,837
Home-Delivered Meals	961,477	1,597,187	1,388,389	1,388,389
Care-Coordination	668,315	800,726	710,582	710,582
Caregiver Support	191,555	269,186	209,484	209,484
Subtotal Fund 103	\$4,746,289	\$6,890,767	\$6,202,596	\$6,245,922
Fund 106, Community Services Board:				
Countywide Older Adults and Families Program	\$995,308	\$1,041,091	\$1,080,821	\$1,080,821
Fund 119, Contributory Fund:				
Northern Virginia Healthcare Center/District Home of Manassas	\$901,821	\$1,062,628	\$1,076,083	\$1,076,083
Fund 141, Elderly Housing Programs	\$3,144,260	\$3,664,141	\$3,344,502	\$3,344,502
Fund 303, County Construction:				
Fairfax CARE Fund	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$500,000
Long Term Care Non-Profit	0	0	400,000	400,000
Fairfax County Incentive Fund	0	0	300,000	300,000
Subtotal Fund 303	\$0	\$0	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000
Fund 309, Metro Operations and Construction:				
MetroAccess	\$4,095,768	\$4,020,368	\$4,305,587	\$4,305,587
Fund 505, Technology Infrastructure Services:				
Computer Labs	\$272,269	\$290,892	\$226,896	\$226,896
SUBTOTAL - GENERAL FUND SUPPORTED	\$14,155,715	\$16,969,887	\$17,436,485	\$17,479,811
TOTAL SPENDING ON SENIOR PROGRAMS				
	\$44,760,602	\$59,569,959	\$61,605,395	\$61,648,721
Percentage of General Fund Disbursements	1.6%	1.9%	1.9%	1.9%

¹ This analysis reflects only those services included in General Fund and General Fund Supported agencies, and does not include services supported by non-General Fund or non-appropriated funds, such as rent relief provided through Fund 941, Fairfax County Rental Program, or recreational activities provided by Fund 111, Reston Community Center. Likewise, this analysis does not include capital projects funded in prior years, such as senior centers or adult day health care facilities. Capital expenses vary significantly from year to year and one year's data cannot serve as a proxy for "average" capital expenditures in a particular service area.