



# UTAH STATE PLAN FOR ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DEMENTIAS

Legislative Funding Request—\$1,959,500

Fiscal Year 2019

## State Plan Fulfillment (Division of Aging) — through RFP by the Area Agencies on Aging (\$1,159,500)

### 1. In-home services (Medicaid Aging Waiver) [GOAL #2] .....\$150,000

- Assists **Medicaid-eligible** seniors at-risk of nursing home placement to remain at home, reducing the taxpayer burden.
  - Medicaid pays 100% of skilled nursing home costs for individuals on Medicaid residing in nursing homes. (Federal share 70% - State share 30%)
  - Individuals must be on Medicaid or be eligible to obtain Medicaid and must meet nursing home level of care requirements.
  - An array of non-medical support services such as homemaking, personal care, adult day care, emergency response systems, and case management provided.
  - \$150,000 plus the federal match of \$450,000 would increase the Aging Waiver budget by \$600,000, allowing an additional 61 seniors to be served, reducing the current waiting list of 140 by 79 individuals.
  - 764—Participants served in FY17
    - Seniors assisted represents 1 out of every 403 seniors (65+) in Utah
    - The annual cost of an Aging Waiver client is \$9,800 versus the \$70,000+ cost of a Medicaid skilled nursing home resident.
    - 140—Individuals are waiting for assistance.
  - \$7,480,400 – Medicaid Aging Waiver Program Budget FY17
 

○ State	\$2,041,754	27.3%
○ Federal	\$5,437,646	72.7%
○ Local	\$ 1,000	00.01%

### 2. In-home services (Alternatives Program) [GOAL #2] .....\$503,000

- Assists **Non-Medicaid-Eligible** seniors at risk of assisted living placement. Prevents or delays premature institutional care serving individuals 18 and older (approximately 95% of participants are seniors 60+) who are: at risk of nursing home placement; meet federal poverty income guidelines (\$1,508 per month); and have limited assets (\$6,000).
- \$503,000 would serve an additional 80 individuals, reducing the current waiting list of 588 by 14%.
- Services provided are non-medical services and include assistance such as: personal care; homemaker services; transportation; chore services; and emergency response systems.
- 802 – Participants served in FY2016
  - Seniors assisted represents 1 out of every 549 seniors (60+) in Utah
  - \$6,292- approximate average annual cost per participant versus the \$65,000- \$70,000 annual cost of skilled nursing home care in Utah

## State Plan Fulfillment—Provided directly by Utah Department of Health, State Alzheimer’s Plan Specialist (\$115,000)

- 5. Healthcare Provider Education [GOAL #4] ..... \$50,000**
  - CME quality training on diagnosis methods, critical conversations with patients, and related research in partnership with HealthInsight.
  
- 6. Caregiver Training [GOAL #3] ..... \$50,000**
  - Increase Dementia Dialogs training programs currently offered to caregivers, with increased focus on rural communities
  
- 7. BRFSS Survey [GOAL #5] ..... \$15,000**
  - Inclusion annually of Cognitive and Caregiver modules in BRFSS to capture statewide data

## State Plan Fulfillment—Provided through RFP by the Alzheimer’s Association (\$300,000)

- 8. Community Care Consultation [GOALS #2 & 3] .....\$200,000**
  - \$153,600 to hire 3 community outreach specialists @ \$40,000 each plus benefits
  - \$46,400 in additional materials and program supplies
  
- 9. Alzheimer’s Public Awareness [GOAL #1].....\$100,000**
  - To be used for state-wide public awareness campaign focused on three key issues:
    - Raise awareness of the growing prevalence of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementia and to break down stigma associated with the disease
    - Promote cognitive assessments to seniors as part of their annual wellness visit while simultaneously educating healthcare professionals about available assessment tools
    - Create awareness of community resources available (i.e. Alzheimer’s Association Helpline and website, Area Agencies on Aging, Public Health Offices, etc.)
  - Promote other community partners to contribute a match to enhance the campaign. Partners include:
    - Media companies (Provide matches to nonprofit partners)
    - Healthcare systems
    - Insurance companies
    - Other health related companies
    - Municipalities
  - Campaign will consist of:
    - Social/digital
    - Print ads in major news outlets
    - Billboard/bus signage
    - Radio
    - Television