

**OFFICE ON AGING**

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**BUDGET (CODE 23.01.07)**

Funds	FY1992 (actual)	FY1993 (actual)	FY1994 (approp.)
General	\$13,163,566	\$13,629,649	\$14,609,441
Special	\$ 63,148	\$ 75,145	\$ 61,012
Federal	\$16,028,312	\$16,789,971	\$16,102,818
Total Funds	\$29,255,026	\$30,494,765	\$30,773,271
<b>Staff</b>			
Authorized	55.5	50.5	50.5
Contractual (FTE)	1.5	1.5	1.5
Total Staff	57.0	52.0	52.0

**MANDATED REPORTS**

*Annual Report of Commission on Aging to Governor & Director on Aging.*

*Annual Report to Governor & General Assembly due Jan. 1.*

**ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

**DIRECTOR ON AGING**

Rosalie S. Abrams, *Director On Aging*  
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**COUNSEL**  
 Rachel E. Pappafotis . . . . . (410) 225-1074

**COMMISSION ON AGING**  
 Bishop Monroe R. Saunders, Sr., *Chairperson*, 1995

*Appointed by Governor (who names chair):* Charles M. Rouzer, 1991; Laura H. Dale, 1994; Paul A. L. Haber, M.D., 1994; Peter P. Lamy, Sc.D., 1994; George J. Weems, M.D., 1994; Gordon F. Brown, 1995; Sandra C. Wheeler, 1995; J. Bruce Edemy, 1997; Harold P. Gross, 1997; Gerard F. B. Miller, 1997; one vacancy.

*Nonvoting members appointed by Governor:* vacancy, Senate; Pauline H. Menes, House of Delegates.

**FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**  
 Frederick M. Hudson, *Chairperson*, 1995

*Appointed by Director on Aging:* Edward P. Crouch, 1993; George Greenleaf, 1993; Robert Hedeman, 1994; Brian Coughlin, 1995; Stephanie Hull, 1995; Irwin Wolkstein, 1995.

**MANAGEMENT DIVISION**  
 Bernard Popick, *Chief*. . . . . (410) 225-1064

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**  
 Suzanne R. Bosstick . . . . . (410) 225-1106

**HOUSING & LONG-TERM CARE DIVISION**  
 Ilene W. Rosenthal, *Chief*. . . . . (410) 225-1118

**PLANNING & INTERGOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS DIVISION**  
 Violet Sloat, *Chief*. . . . . (410) 225-1270

**COMMUNITY SERVICES & NUTRITION DIVISION**  
 Janette C. Martin, *Chief*. . . . . (410) 225-1095

**SENIOR INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE OFFICES**

Formed in 1975, the Office on Aging administers, consolidates, and coordinates statewide programs to meet the needs of Maryland senior citizens (Chapter 261, Acts of 1975). Origins of the Office trace to 1959 when the State Coordinating Commission on the Problems of the Aging was created (Chapter 1, Acts of 1959). The Commission was renamed Commission on the Aging in 1971 (Chapter 595, Acts of 1971). The Governor, in 1974, established the Governor's Coordinating Office on Problems of the Aging. In 1975, staff from the Commission and the Governor's Coordinating Office were merged to form the Office on Aging, a cabinet-level agency. The Commission on Aging was reassigned both as an advisory and as a policy-making board to the Director.

Appointed by and responsible to the Governor, the Director on Aging serves on the Governor's Executive Council; the Governor's Volunteer Council; the Advisory Council on Landlord-Tenant Affairs; the State Advisory Council on Nutrition; the State Commission on Neighborhoods; and the Domiciliary Care Facilities Board. To evaluate services needed by elderly persons and to set priorities for meeting these needs, the Director chairs the Interagency Committee on Aging Services. The Director also serves as advocate for the elderly at all levels of government.

The Office on Aging has four divisions: Management; Housing and Long-Term Care; Planning and Intergovernmental Affairs; and Community Services and Nutrition. The Office is aided by the Commission on Aging and the Financial Review Committee (Code 1957, Art. 70B).

**COMMISSION ON AGING**

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The Commission on Aging advises the Director on Aging about programs and responsibilities of the Office on Aging. The Commission consists of thirteen members appointed by the Governor to four-year terms. At least seven members must be fifty-five years of age or older. Eleven members representing various regions are selected because of their interest in the problems of the elderly. One member of the State Senate and one member of the House of Delegates serve as nonvoting Commission members. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 70B, sec. 3).

**FINANCIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Frederick M. Hudson, *Chairperson*, 1995

The Financial Review Committee was created in 1985 (Chapter 752, Acts of 1985). Upon referral by the Office on Aging, the Committee evaluates the financial condition of providers of continuing care who are experiencing financial difficulty. The Committee then recommends what action the Office should take.