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**To:** LCOG Executive Committee  
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**Subject:** Senior & Disabled Services Funding Outlook for 2007-08

This memo is an update on the potential 2007-08 funding for Senior & Disabled Services. While there are still many unknowns, the trends seem to indicate some good news for S&DS and the population it serves, with some challenges.

**Funding received as an Area Agency on Aging  
through the Older Americans Act Services**

The Older Americans Act funding that Senior & Disabled Services receives is used to provide an array of services intended to help people over 60 remain in their own home and prevent or delay the need for Medicaid assistance with their care. This is 100% federal funding, as currently the State of Oregon does not contribute state funding to these programs. The most recent information available regarding 2007 funding indicates the House and Senate Appropriations Committees of the 110<sup>th</sup> United States Congress plan to enact a continuing resolution (CR) for the remainder of FY2007. This will keep most programs funded at the current FY2006 funding levels, with one exception. The DHS calculation error that was recently discovered for the Family Caregiver Support Program (FCSP) results in a 35% decrease in projected funding for the 2007-09 biennium. Both service and staffing reductions (fewer hours, no layoffs) in this program are planned for next year.

**Funding received as a “Type B-2 Transfer” Area Agency on Aging  
to provide Medicaid and Food Stamp- related services**

In December 2006, the Governor’s Recommended Budget (GRB) was released, which for the first time in several years did not include significant cuts to services.

Due to increased State revenue and a positive economic forecast, the GRB was very positive for most state-funded services. As it pertains to Senior & Disabled Services, the GRB addressed the “Equity” issue, proposing funding for Transfer Area Agencies on Aging at ninety-five percent. This is great news for us, as we are currently funded at around 85%. If the Legislature also supports the funding, this will allow S&DS to add staff in 2007.

## **Potential Grants**

### Lane Transit District

S&DS is participating in LTD’s grant proposal for a discretionary grant through the Public Transit Division, due to be funded beginning July 2007. Consistent with the work already being done by Senior Connections and Medicaid staff, S&DS is applying under the Mobility Management category to do information sharing, transportation consultation for Medicaid and Older Americans Act participants, and eligibility assessments for ADA services. The grant proposal reflects an innovative approach to collaboration between a public transportation provider and a social service organization.

### Other Grant Opportunities

S&DS continues to pursue appropriate grant opportunities that are in keeping with our mission. In particular, a grant proposal requesting funding for respite services for unpaid family caregivers has been submitted to the United Way. Also, in the past year S&DS has received funding through the Chambers and McKay Foundations for emergency respite for family caregivers. These grants have provided important services to an under-served population.