

OFFICE OF ADVOCATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MISSION

The Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (APD) assists persons with disabilities in seeking opportunities to be productive, active citizens and provides access to emerging technology and current information on the legal rights, services and programs available to them.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Headed by the State Advocate who is appointed by the Governor, the Agency is administered from Albany. APD will have a workforce of 20 positions for 2000-2001. Approximately 75 percent of these positions are paid by State tax dollars from the General Fund and 25 percent are financed by Federal grants and other funding sources.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2000-2001 All Funds Executive Budget recommendation of \$1,577,000 maintains APD's ability to disseminate comprehensive information on services and programs available to persons with disabilities and to collaborate with other agencies, businesses and organizations to increase the effectiveness of public and private sector services. Despite a loss of \$120,000 in Federal grants, all core services will be preserved.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

APD operates a statewide clearinghouse through which individuals can access information and obtain referrals to a variety of disability-related services. Key components of the system are a statewide telephone hotline (800-522-4369), an electronic bulletin board service, and a website. It is anticipated that more than 60,000 individuals will utilize these services in 2000-2001.

The Agency's Federally funded Technology Related-Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID) Project supports a statewide system which helps New Yorkers with disabilities access technology devices and services to strengthen their ability to participate in the mainstream workplace and community. This program is coordinated through an Interagency Partnership on Assistive Technology and twelve Regional TRAIID Centers, which are funded collaboratively with the Department of Health. During 1998, these Regional TRAIID Centers provided awareness training, device demonstrations, information, and referrals to over 17,000 persons with disabilities.

APD also provides comprehensive education, public awareness, and technical assistance programs which promote increased voluntary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). During 2000-2001, more than 4,900 individuals are expected to participate in ADA-related activities conducted by APD.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS

Category	Available 1999-00	Appropriations Recommended 2000-01	Change	Reappropriations Recommended 2000-01
State Operations	\$1,712,000	\$1,577,000	-\$135,000	\$600,000
Aid To Localities .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Capital Projects .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	\$1,712,000	\$1,577,000	-\$135,000	\$600,000

ALL FUND TYPES LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Program	2000-01 Recommended Average Fill Level				Change
	Available 1999-00	Personal Service (Regular)	Maintenance Undistributed	Total Recommended 2000-01	
Advocate for the Disabled					
General Fund	15	15	....	15	....
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	3	3	....	3	....
Expendable Trust Funds	1	1	....	1	....
Subtotal, Direct Funded Programs	19	19	....	19	....
Suballocations:					
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	2			1	-1
Total	21			20	-1

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS

Fund Type	Available 1999-00	Recommended 2000-01	Change
General Fund	\$1,040,000	\$1,015,000	-\$25,000
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	580,000	460,000	-120,000
Enterprise Funds	15,000	25,000	+10,000
Fiduciary Funds	77,000	77,000	....
Total	\$1,712,000	\$1,577,000	-\$135,000

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS

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STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL AND OFFSET FUNDS SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)		Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	\$895,000	....	\$889,000	....	\$6,000	....
Total	\$895,000	....	\$889,000	....	\$6,000	....

STATE OPERATIONS — GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	\$120,000	-\$25,000	\$18,000	....
Total	\$120,000	-\$25,000	\$18,000	....

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	\$23,000	....	\$76,900	....
Total	\$23,000	....	\$76,900	....

Program	Equipment	
	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	\$2,100	....
Total	\$2,100	....

STATE OPERATIONS — OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2000-01 RECOMMENDED

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	\$562,000	-\$110,000	\$562,000	-\$110,000
Total	\$562,000	-\$110,000	\$562,000	-\$110,000

