

COUNTY EXECUTIVE - 1230

2010 Accomplishments

Program Review

A comprehensive review of all County programs and services was completed in order to identify the level of mandate (Federal, State, local or none) associated with each, related expenditures, staff and outcomes. Once established, this information was used to identify redundancy in services, options for further collaboration or consolidation and guidance for future policy decisions.

Long Term Care

The Care Coordination Program, a partnership between the Department of Social Services and RSS, was implemented. The program staff has made more than 900 contacts to assist 25 individuals and their caregivers to develop a comprehensive long term care plan prior to a crisis occurring to avoid hospitalizations or nursing home stays. Clients have been linked with programs to assist with activities of daily living, accessing medications, home modifications, adult day care, respite, caregiver support services, transportation, mental health services, legal services, financial and budgeting issues, and entitlement programs.

Seniors continue to benefit from improved access to nutritious meals through the Home Delivered Meals program and the expanded Congregate Dining Program. In home services are now being provided through the newly implemented Consumer Directed program of the Enhanced In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP). Seniors and disabled individuals also have more access to community based services and increased control over their health care decisions through the implementation of the Aging and Disability Resource Centers grant.

Economic Development & Housing

The County Executive brought Albany Nanotech, the NYS Department of Transportation and the State University of New York at Albany into a collaboration to address the transportation issues of congestion, pavement and bicycle/pedestrian traffic on a regional level. The \$22 million project allows costs to be shared and for three new buildings to be constructed on the Albany Nanotech campus beginning in November 2011 which has already produced significant secondary economic benefits.

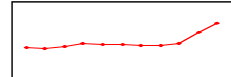
To support the region's emerging technology sector, Albany County partnered with the Towns of Colonie and Guilderland and the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) to produce a Railroad Avenue Transportation and Revitalization Plan. This plan will identify promising redevelopment and urban renewal strategies for this older industrial, potential brownfield area of the Railroad Avenue Corridor.

In September of 2010, the \$750,000 federal grant for home repairs for low income homeowners was completed. This program has assisted nearly 200 low income residents and leveraged our investment into nearly \$1 million of housing improvements.

Shared Services

With a \$55,000 grant from the New York Department of State, Albany County has begun a feasibility study of a single regional management authority. This study is supported by over 20 municipalities in the Capital Region with the goal of

APPROPRIATION HISTORY



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| 1998: | \$635,739 |
| 1999: | \$612,479 |
| 2000: | \$673,982 |
| 2001: | \$768,997 |
| 2002: | \$759,970 |
| 2003: | \$730,427 |
| 2004: | \$716,523 |
| 2005: | \$707,534 |
| 2006: | \$792,332 |
| 2007: | \$1,143,368 |
| 2008: | \$1,452,335 |
| 2009: | \$1,188,037 |
| 2010: | \$851,540 |

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reducing solid waste disposal cost and increasing recycling.

The County Executive's office is partnering with the Sheriff's Office to consolidate the County's 10 emergency 911 call centers. A study is currently under way that analyzes the most effective means to centralize dispatch operations and respond to emergencies quicker, more efficiently and less expensively.

2011 Strategic Initiatives

- Ongoing implementation of the County Executive's long term care plan
- Development and implementation of shared services initiatives
- Completion of the historic Albany County Courthouse renovations