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# ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT

## WHO WE ARE

A department of the County of Saginaw which provides support services to older adults. We are governed by a Board of Directors comprised of 11 members appointed by the Saginaw County Board of Commissioners.

## MISSION

The mission of the Saginaw County Commission on Aging (SCCOA) is to develop and provide a comprehensive array of services, programs, and opportunities to enhance the quality of life for older adults.

The vision is to be the main source that makes a difference in the lives of Saginaw County older adults and their families.

## HOW WE DO IT

We provide nutrition, health/wellness services, transportation, information and referral, volunteer experiences, education, and advocacy services that increase quality of life for older adults. Services are provided throughout Saginaw County to residents who are 60 years of age or better. We are funded by local Millage Property Taxes, Federal and State Grants, and donations.

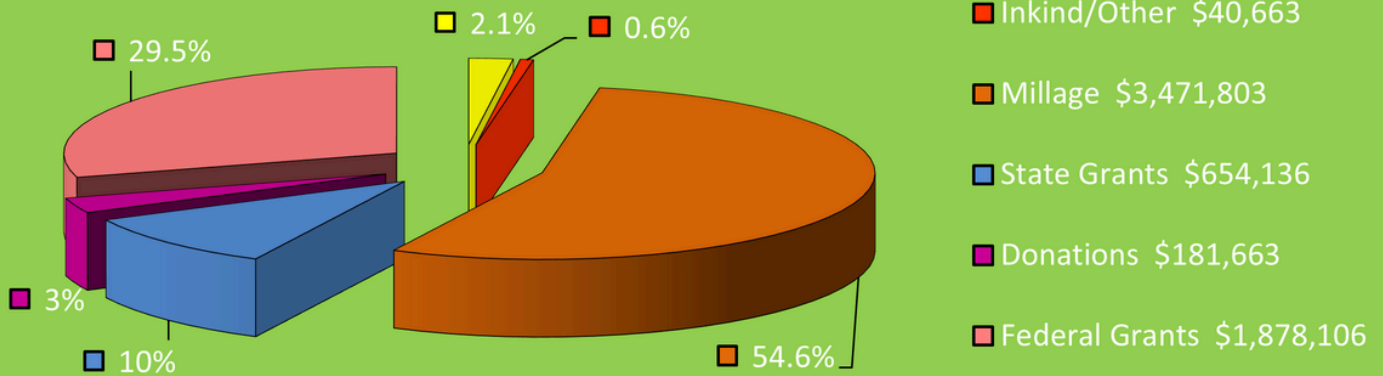


# REVENUE AND EXPENSE REPORTS

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

For The Year Ending September 30, 2024

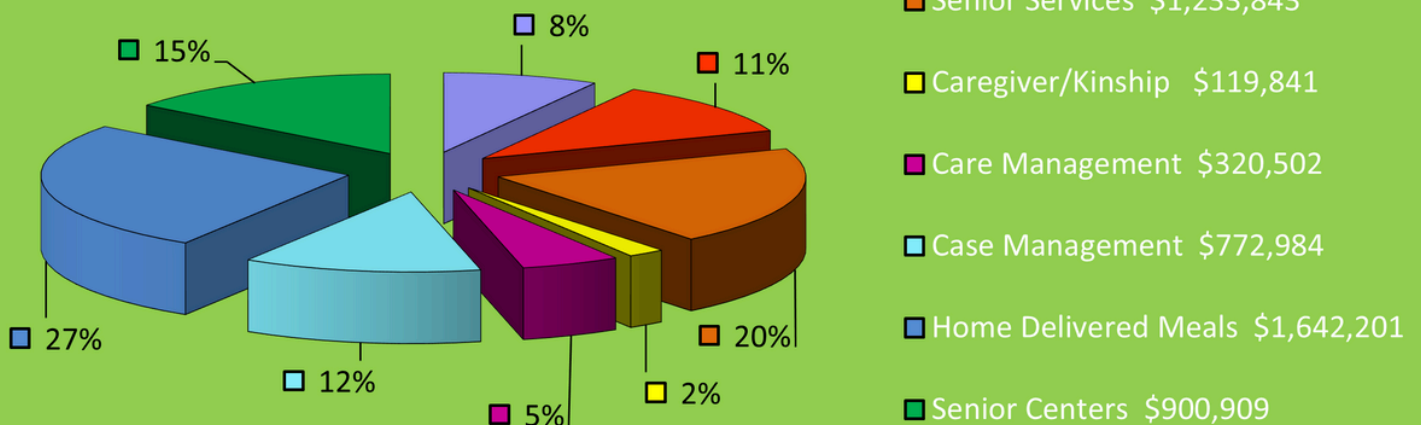
Total Revenue \$6,362,332



## PROGRAM FUNDING

For The Year Ending September 30, 2024

Expenditures \$6,182,627



The agency is supported by local millage property taxes, federal and state grants, and donations.

*\*Do not receive any general operating funding from the County.*

*For FY2024, \$179,705 returned to fund balance.*



# STAFFING

Programs and services are supported by 24 full time, 27 part time and 20 temporary/on-call dedicated employees.

## FULL TIME:

Director  
Accountant II  
Nutrition Program Manager  
Administrative Program Supervisor  
Food Service Supervisor  
Care Management (CM) Coordinator  
CM Registered Nurse  
Office Assistant II (2)  
Account Specialist I  
Food Service Coordinator  
Kitchen Assistant (2)  
Volunteer/Activities Coordinator  
Caseworker (4)  
Program Specialist I (dispatch)  
Driver II (transportation) (2)  
Foster Grandparent Program (FGP) Coordinator  
Program Assistant (FGP) (2)

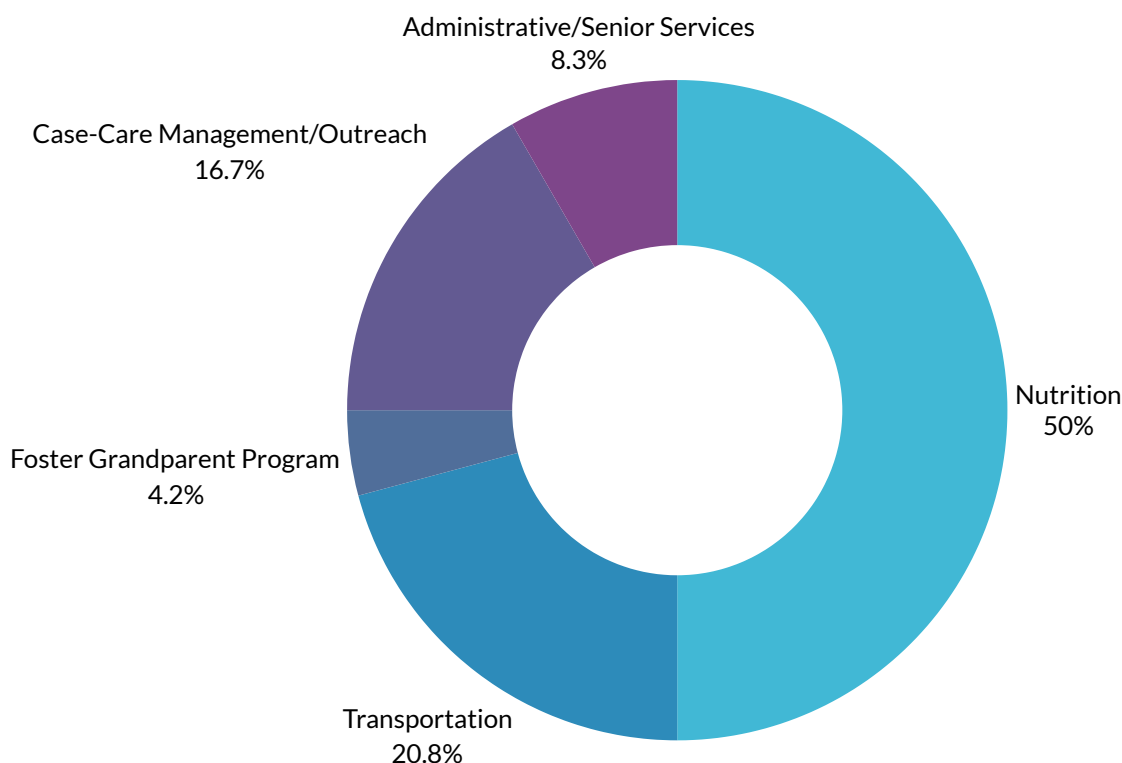
## PART TIME:

Caseworker (4)  
Senior Center Specialist (Outreach)  
Senior Center Coordinator(s) (6)  
Driver I (meals on wheels) (6)  
Driver II (transportation) (4)  
Custodian  
Program Specialist I (nutrition)  
Program Assistant (CM)  
Kitchen Assistant (3)

## ON-CALL/TEMPORARY:

Senior Center Coordinator(s) (7)  
Driver I (meals on wheels) (6)  
Driver II (transportation) (6)  
Program Specialist I (dispatch)

*\*Note on-call/temporary Driver I positions and Senior Center Coordinators at South Colony, Frankenmuth & Freeland work regular schedules but not enough hours to be considered part-time.*



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## SENIOR MILLAGE RENEWAL AND INCREASE



Voters approved a Millage Renewal and Increase, known as Proposal 24-2, at the August 6, 2024, Primary Election. It is a six-year millage at .69 mill. The increase was necessary to maintain operations and offset increase in cost of providing services. The agency does not receive any general operating revenue from the County. Thank you to our community for Supporting the Senior Citizens Millage!

## ARPA FUNDED PROJECTS

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds from the County of Saginaw supported the Marie E. Davis Senior Center building renovations. The \$1,026,027 construction project was awarded to Spence Brothers, with an estimated completion date of May 2025.



Additionally, funds supported the renovation of the Eleanor Frank Multi-purpose center floors, new paint, furniture and a new refrigerator for Frankenmuth, Chesaning, Maple Grove and a new steam table at the Friendship Senior Center.

## CHRISTMAS BASKET DRIVE

Letreanna Brooks and another transportation driver (who is now retired) started organizing Christmas baskets for clients in need five years ago. Lee and the other drivers had regular contact with many clients and wanted to do something special to help lift their spirits during the holiday season.



The Christmas baskets have gained momentum over the last several years, with more and more staff asking to donate and get involved. The last two years, COA board members also made contributions, and we even had volunteers donate items towards the baskets. Lee works with staff in the transportation department and Caseworkers for meals on wheels clients to make sure we are reaching those that could benefit the most from some holiday cheer. We had **18** clients receive gift baskets, which items varied, but were filled with gift cards, transportation punch cards, handmade knit scarves/hats, non-perishable food items, personal care items, puzzles, candy, and more! Thank you to Lee and other COA employees, board members, and volunteers who donated. COA is fortunate to have such kind and giving members as a part of our team!





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## AGENCY SPECIAL EVENTS

Agency special events include: Annual Senior Picnic, Senior Day at the Zoo, Annual Volunteer Luncheon, Foster Grandparent Recognition Luncheon, Caregiver Conference and more!

Thank you to the Saginaw County Parks and Recreation Department for letting Commission on Aging utilize Haithco park for the Annual Senior Picnic and the Saginaw Children's Zoo for providing space and hospitality for Senior Day at the Zoo!

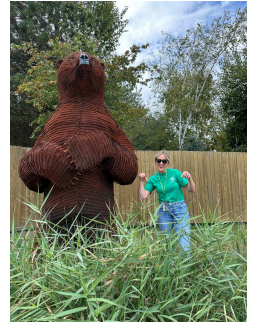
Senior Day at the Zoo had record attendance with 300+ older adults take advantage of this fun event





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## AGENCY SPECIAL EVENTS



*Cherishing Care*  
**CONFERENCE**



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST YEAR

## SOCIAL CONNECTION GRANT KICKOFF

The Meals on Wheels Association of America (MOWAA) awarded a grant in the amount of \$10,000 to support senior technology classes and a friendly caller program. This includes a partnership with Team Texperts (a group with students from Delta, SVSU, and high school grads) as well as new volunteer opportunities to connect isolated seniors with a phone buddy.

## SENIOR CENTER ACTIVITY FUND

Thanks to friends at the Wallace and Irene Bronner & Family Charitable Foundation, a Senior Center Activity Fund has been established. The purpose of the fund is to encourage staff to offer creative new activities or programs to attract attendees at local senior centers and expand service offerings that promote overall health and well being for older adults.

## CONSUMERS ENERGY PROGRAM

Nine senior centers and the foster grandparent program participated in the Smart Service Program. Consumers energy presented on how to conserve energy and provided a free kit to conserve energy for the older adult to use in their home. Each participating center received \$500 if 50 people attended and were able to choose how to utilize the funds.

## CPR/FIRST AID CLASS

Additional ARPA funding was received under Evidence Based/Disease Prevention and Promotion funding. CPR/First Aid Classes were held at Eleanor Frank, South Colony and Maple Grove Senior Centers with a total of 47 participants sign up!



## FREELAND SENIOR CENTER RE-LOCATION



In April 2024, the Freeland Senior Center moved to a new location at the Memorial Park building. We appreciate Tittabawassee Township for their continued partnership for seniors in the community.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## PUBLIC LIBRARIES OF SAGINAW COUNTY



**PUBLIC LIBRARIES  
OF SAGINAW**

A "Book Mobile" program at local senior centers is offered if in their service area. Participants can sign up for a library card, check out and return books.

## PARKINSONS SUPPORT GROUP

Partnership with the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (MPF) to offer support group meetings once per month at the Eleanor Frank Senior Center to educate and provide guidance to those with Parkinson's and related disorders.



## STATE OF MICHIGAN

### SENIOR PROJECT FRESH



Senior Project Fresh Coupons were distributed to Saginaw County seniors that met income requirements. Each senior received a \$25 coupon book to use on Michigan fruits and vegetables at local participating Farmers Markets.

### SECRETARY OF STATE-MOBILE OFFICE

Partnership with the Michigan Secretary of State to offer mobile services at local senior centers.



## REGION VII AREA AGENCY ON AGING

### SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Collaboration with Region VII Area Agency on Aging to host three (3) employees through the Senior Community Service Employment Program. Staff assist at the Marie Davis and Eleanor Frank Center. There is no local cost (only in-kind for supervision) to support these positions and it greatly assists with agency special projects/programming.

### MEDICARE/MEDICAID OPEN ENROLLMENT

Partnered with Region VII Area Agency on Aging's Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) to offer a series of Medicare introductory presentations and one-on-one help with Medicare Planning. Local senior centers were utilized as "hubs" to meet residents in Saginaw County. This eliminated the burden of residents having to drive to Bay City for an appointment.

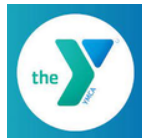


# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## YMCA OF SAGINAW

The agency collaborated with the YMCA of Saginaw to host the **HEALTHY LIVING EXPO**. At the event, the senior center was showcased and information about services available in the community provided.

Sample exercise classes were demonstrated at the expo such as strength and stretch.



The YMCA of Saginaw also provides complimentary studio space to host **TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS** class two days per week. Class is open to anyone age 60 and better that is registered at the Friendship Center.



## SAGINAW VALLEY REHABILITATION CENTER (SVRC)

SVRC Industries, with a job coach and consumer team, partnered to deliver several meals on wheels routes from the Marie E. Davis and Eleanor Frank Senior Centers. Mileage is reimbursed for the length of the route. This past year, four routes were covered by SVRC.



## SAGINAW INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT (ISD)

For 6 years, SCCOA has partnered with Saginaw Intermediate School District (ISD)'s Work Based Learning program. The students and teachers have been such a wonderful extension to our team. We would not be able package meals for homebound older adults, in the capacity we do, without their assistance. We are grateful for partners in our community that make the important services provided by our agency possible.



## UNITED WAY OF SAGINAW



Partnered to supply incontinence supplies as needed throughout the year. They have helped keep our supply closet stocked and supplies are distributed to clients in need.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

SAGINAW VALLEY STATE UNIVERSITY



**Foster Grandparent Program**  
partnered with nursing students  
from SVSU to assist with volunteer  
physicals



**Eleanor Frank and Friendship  
(YMCA) senior centers**  
partnered with SVSU  
occupational therapy students  
to offer Sit & Get Fit Exercise  
classes.



## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

**The program partners  
with the following  
schools:**

Arthur Eddy Academy  
Handley Elementary  
Stone Elementary  
Jesse Rouse  
Kempton Elementary  
Merrill Park  
Jessie Loomis  
Growing Years  
Chester Miller  
Herig Elementary  
Thomas White  
Carrollton  
Saginaw Prep  
International Academy  
Saginaw Twp. Community Edu.  
Francis Reh Academy  
Sherwood Elementary  
Washington Elementary (Bay)  
Head Start- Valley  
Head Start- Claytor  
St. Elizabeth Reese  
St. Brigid Midland  
Coleman Elementary





# SERVICES



## ACTIVITY & DINING CENTERS

Includes all meals enjoyed at one of the eleven (11) senior center locations.

**1,109 SENIORS  
DINED IN 36,738  
MEALS**

## CARRY OUT MEALS

Includes all meals enjoyed “to-go” or carry-out style from one of the eleven (11) senior center locations.

**496 SENIORS  
PICKED UP 14,764  
MEALS**

## MEALS ON WHEELS

A combination of paid delivery drivers and volunteers deliver nutritious, well-balanced meals to those who have difficulty preparing meals or leaving the home. All clients must be screened for eligibility. *\*Wait list for services since August 2023. \*Total number served includes contractual meals provided through A&D, R7 and PACE.*

**DRIVERS DELIVERED  
159,679 MEALS TO  
1,110 SENIORS**

## CAREGIVER/KINSHIP SUPPORT GROUPS

Provides an opportunity for people to share experiences, receive information, receive emotional support and share concerns about their situation. Support group sessions now offered in-person or virtual.

**106 PEOPLE JOINED  
SUPPORT GROUP  
SESSIONS,  
PROVIDING 2,397  
SERVICE HOURS**

## CARE MANAGEMENT

A Care Coordinator/Registered Nurse team works in partnership with an older adult to identify needs and coordinate services for nursing home eligible persons.

**CARE MANAGEMENT  
ASSISTED 80 CLIENTS**

## CASE COORDINATION & SUPPORT (CCS)

A Caseworker works in partnership with an older adult and their family to provide assistance and identify a variety of needs of home bound seniors.

**CCS ASSISTED 1,120  
CLIENTS, TOTALING  
6,351 SERVICE  
HOURS**

# SERVICES



## INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE

Individuals are provided with information relative to their individual situation, and either served within the program or are given referral information to other community agencies which may be able to meet their needs.

**10,890** INDIVIDUALS  
RECEIVED  
INFORMATION AND  
ASSISTANCE

## EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

The Emergency Food Assistance Fund, a grant from FEMA, provides food vouchers for low income adults.

**24** SENIORS RECEIVED  
EMERGENCY  
ASSISTANCE SERVICES

## IN-HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Provides assistance with homemaking, personal care and respite. *\*Wait list for services since January 2018.*

**231** SENIORS  
RECEIVED **1,528**  
SERVICE HOURS

## FOSTER GRANDPARENT PROGRAM

The agency is the grantee for the federal grant from AmeriCorps Senior and offers volunteer placement to mentor children with exceptional needs. Now offering opportunities in Saginaw, Bay and Midland Counties.

**66** VOLUNTEERS  
SERVED IN **23** AREA  
SCHOOLS GIVING  
**45,605** HOURS OF  
MENTORSHIP TO  
**204** STUDENTS

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation services are provided for essential non-emergency medical appointments (NEMT) and grocery shopping services. Door-to-door services are provided to those who no longer drive or have few or little choices to obtain transportation services which is especially important to those riders who utilize walkers, canes and/or wheelchairs. This is a high demand service due to lack of availability of public transportation outside the City limits in Saginaw County.

**358** CLIENTS WERE  
TRANSPORTED ON  
**8,162** ONE-WAY  
TRIPS TOTALING  
**150,297** MILES

**10,605** CALLS  
FOR TRANSIT  
INFORMATION

# SERVICES



## TAI CHI FOR ARTHRITIS

Classes are held in 6-week sessions at the Eleanor Frank, Friendship and South Colony senior center locations. Grant funding is supported through Evidence-based programs/Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.

**156 CLASSES  
PROVIDED TO  
56 PARTICIPANTS  
AT 3 SENIOR CENTER  
LOCATIONS**

## SENIOR PROJECT FRESH

Senior Project Fresh is a program administered by the State of Michigan to encourage consumption of local fresh fruits and vegetables, supporting older adults and local farmers. A \$25 coupon book is available to income eligible adults 60+.

**750 INDIVIDUALS  
RECEIVED A \$25  
COUPON BOOK  
SUPPORTING LOCAL  
FARMERS WITH  
\$18,750**

## OUTREACH SERVICES

For many older adults, there are barriers that prevent access to available community programs and services. Those barriers, could be lack of adequate income, language, inability to read, or medical conditions that affect the ability to hear or understand. Outreach targets those areas of the County where barriers may be prevalent identifying persons who could benefit from our services.

**OUTREACH SERVICES  
ASSISTED 266  
CLIENTS, TOTALING  
545 SERVICE HOURS**

## VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

Volunteers make many of our programs possible and our volunteers deliver home delivered meals, assist in our senior centers, and help with agency events. Without the services of our volunteers, we could not fund or deliver as many home delivered meals that we do. For many of our homebound seniors, the volunteer is the only person they see each day.

**212 VOLUNTEERS  
PROVIDED 24,198  
HOURS OF SERVICE**

**SAGINAW COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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