

Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund 2015-2016 Annual Report

Section 89-e of the State Finance Law (SFL) established the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund, which is under the joint custody of the Commission of Taxation and Finance and the Comptroller of New York State. Section 89-e (2-b) of the SFL requires the Commissioner of Health to annually report to the Legislature, the Comptroller, and the public specified information concerning the utilization of such funds during the preceding calendar year. This report sets forth that information for calendar year 2015.

During calendar year 2015, \$765,649.91 was dispersed from the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund. The funds were dispersed as follows:

Recipient: Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Centers (ADACs): \$246,000

Purpose of Funding

New York State currently funds nine ADACs, which serve as "Centers of Excellence" for the diagnosis and management of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias.

ADACs provide the following services:

- Diagnosis and Assessment
- Patient Management and Care
- Training, Education and Consultation
- Clearinghouse of Alzheimer's Disease Information

Award Process Used: Provided to existing contractors selected through a competitive solicitation

Recipient: Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP): \$422,000

New York State funds the Coalition of Alzheimer's Association Chapters (AlzCAP) to implement the Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program. The goal of AlzCAP is to reduce the enormous toll of Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias (AD/D) on patients and their families by promoting effective patient management, education and appropriate support for patients with AD/D, family caregivers, health care personnel, volunteers, community agencies first responders and self-help groups. Each organization provides the following services:

- Care Planning and Consultation
- Caregiver Training
- Support Groups
- 24-hour Helpline
- Community Awareness
- Increased Training for Important Constituencies

Award Process Used: Provided to existing contractors developed through a sole source process

Recipient: Support for Two Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Modules: \$80,000

Purpose of Funding

Funds are utilized to support questions which are part of the cognitive impairment and caregiver modules in the BRFSS. These questions allow for better data to study the incidence and impact of Alzheimer's disease in NYS as well as the impact of the disease on families and caregivers.

Award Process Used: Not applicable

Recipient: Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley for a Demonstration Project to Reduce Disparities in Persons with Dementia: \$167,000

The Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley received a contract for a two-year demonstration project focused on addressing disparities in Alzheimer's disease. The contract began on January 1, 2016. The goal of this demonstration project is to increase AD/D screenings in primary care settings for African American and Hispanic populations, to promote earlier diagnosis and treatment of AD/D among these populations, and to connect those diagnosed with AD/D to community support, medical services and clinical trials. Long term objectives include effective disease management, continued community residence and decreased caregiver burden.

The Alzheimer's Association of the Hudson Valley's project, *Increasing Access to Dementia Diagnosis and Care: Faith-Based Outreach and Continuing Education for Primary Care Providers and Other Medical Professionals*, will educate medical professionals on identifying and addressing disparities related to Alzheimer's disease and other dementias through a statewide webinar, outreach to African American and Hispanic communities through faith-based organizations, and expansion of its Rapid Referral program.

Award Process Used: Competitive solicitation process

Recipient: State University at Albany School of Public Health "Public Health Live" to Produce Two Public Health Live Broadcasts: \$50,000

Two broadcasts have been conducted:

The first broadcast, *Alzheimer's Disease and Advance Directives: A Primer for Primary Care Physicians*, raised awareness among health care providers, especially primary care physicians about the looming crisis of the increasing rate of Alzheimer's disease in this country. The program provided critical information and tools to prepare these health care providers to have constructive conversations with patients who have remaining capacity about their preferences for medical care in the advance stage of disease. In addition, the webcast provided participants with a working knowledge of the ethical basis for advance directives, including the professional obligation to fully disclose the diagnosis of dementia and to have a meaningful conversation with each patient and his or her caregiver about advance directives.

The second broadcast, *Parkinson's Disease: The Importance of an Interdisciplinary Approach for Identification, Treatment and Patient Support*, focused on dementia related to Parkinson's

disease; it provided an overview of Parkinson's disease, including how a clinical diagnosis is made and how symptoms can be managed with medication and exercise. The program oriented public health practitioners to the signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease and will help medical professionals know when to refer patients to neurological specialists in Parkinson's disease. The importance of patient support and the critical role of community public health, nurses, physicians and other medical professionals in an interdisciplinary team-based approach to supporting patients with Parkinson's disease was featured in the webcast.

Award Process Used: Added to an existing MOU between the University at Albany School of Public Health and NYSDOH

Recipient: Albany Medical College Contract for Continuing Medical Education Activity: \$35,000

This one time mini-grant supported the development of content for the Public Health Live (PHL) broadcast on advance directives and dementia. Experts in gerontology, bioethics and primary care developed the content of the PHL broadcast, which is now housed on-line for five years at the UAlbany School of Public Health.

Award Process Used: Sole Source Contract

Summary Financial Plan for the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund

	SFY 2014-15	SFY 2015-16	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20
	Actuals	As of 3/31/16	Projected	Projected	Projected	Projected
Receipts	\$546,790	\$527,045	\$543,000	\$543,000	\$543,000	\$543,000
Disbursements	\$764,206	\$702,515	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
Balance	\$2,315,329	\$2,139,858	\$1,682,858	\$1,225,858	\$768,858	\$311,858