Section 89-e of the State Finance Law (SFL) established the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund, which is under the joint custody of the Commissioner 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 2018.

During calendar year 2018, $714,430.53 was disbursed from the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund. The funds were disbursed as follows:

**Recipient: Alzheimer’s Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP): $384,985.54**

New York State funds the Coalition of NYS Alzheimer’s Association Chapters, Inc. to implement the Alzheimer’s Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP). The goal of AlzCAP is to reduce the enormous toll of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias (AD/D) have on individuals and their families by promoting effective patient management, education and appropriate support for individuals 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 Education and Training
- Support Groups
- 24-hour Helpline
- Community Awareness
- Increased Training for Important Constituencies

*Award Process Used: Provided to existing contractor and its subcontractors selected through a sole source process and re-procured through competitive solicitation process*

**Recipient: Support for Two Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Modules: $80,000.00**

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: $136,864.45**

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 and ended on December 31, 2017. The goal of this demonstration project was 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 components of the Alzheimer’s Association of the Hudson Valley’s project during the second year of the initiative included in-person training of medical professionals on identifying and addressing disparities related to Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, provision of 70 outreach events and 34 educational programs and informational sessions to African American and Hispanic communities through faith-based organizations and training of 42 faith-based leaders.

The program has submitted an evaluation report as well as a year-end report demonstrating the effectiveness of the 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: $92,780.54**

Two broadcasts were developed and presented, as follows:

*Advance Planning for Independence and Autonomy*: This webcast covered clinical community linkages, tools for use in primary and specialty care, messaging for public health, emergency departments and hospital strategies, and values related to stress reduction and respect for persons needs and quality of life.

*Alzheimer’s Disease and the Importance of Accurate Death Reporting*: This webcast provided an overview of the impact of Alzheimer’s disease, including the disparities in diagnosis and treatment, the importance of early diagnosis, and the problem of underreporting of deaths related to Alzheimer’s disease.

Continuing education credits are available, and the broadcasts can be viewed here: [https://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/phlchron.shtml](https://www.albany.edu/sph/cphce/phlchron.shtml).

*Award Process Used: Added to an existing MOU between the University at Albany School of Public Health and NYSDOH*
Recipient: Recruitment Partners LLC to Evaluate and Make Recommendations for Clinical Trials with the Current Centers of Excellence for Alzheimer’s Disease: $19,800.00

New York State funds 10 Centers of Excellence for Alzheimer’s Disease (CEADs) which serve as regional experts in the provision of diagnostic services and patient care management. These Centers are required to provide information about clinical trials and related research opportunities, in addition to training medical and health care providers related to the detection, diagnosis and treatment of cognitive impairment and engaging in activities that increase AD awareness. The goal of this 9-month contract is to better position the CEADs as leaders in promoting participation in Alzheimer’s disease research and to successfully transition individuals living with dementia into appropriate clinical trials.

Award Process Used: Discretionary Contract

Summary Financial Plan for the Alzheimer’s Disease Assistance Fund

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