

Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund 2019 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 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 2019.

During calendar year 2019, \$691,785.93 was disbursed from the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund. The funds were disbursed as follows:

Recipient: Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP): \$461,307.40

New York State funds the Coalition of NYS Alzheimer's Association Chapters, Inc. (Coalition) to implement the Alzheimer's Disease Community Assistance Program (AlzCAP). The goal of AlzCAP is to reduce the enormous toll that Alzheimer's disease and other dementias (AD/D) has on individuals and their families by promoting and providing critical support services and education to individuals living with AD/D, family caregivers, health care personnel, volunteers, community agencies, first responders, and other important constituencies. The Coalition subcontracts with the seven NYS Alzheimer's Association Chapters to provide 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: Competitive solicitation process

Recipient: Support for Two Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Modules: \$100,075.00

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: State University at Albany School of Public Health “Public Health Live” to Produce Two Public Health Live Broadcasts: \$106,203.53

Two broadcasts were developed and presented, as follows:

New York’s Public Health Approach to Alzheimer’s Disease: This webcast profiles the New York State’s Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Initiative, that includes information on how to access services or refer to service providers in any area of the state. The Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Initiative takes a two-pronged, systems approach to the investment—both focusing on community support while also equipping the medical system to provide early diagnoses, quality care management, and linkages to community services. The emerging findings from a multi-level evaluation and what they mean for New York State and the future of Alzheimer’s disease programs and policy are discussed.

Sex, Guns and Driving: Considerations in Dementia Care: The onset of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias (ARD) impact cognitive skills including changes in perception, judgement, organization and the ability to recognize cause and effect. This can lead to risky behaviors. The considerations of safety, wellbeing and respect for individuals with ARD and their caregivers are at the forefront in dealing with issues around sexuality, driving and gun safety. Through this webcast, service providers are given information and tools to effectively address them.

Continuing education credits are available, and the broadcasts can be viewed here: <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: \$24,200.00

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. The goal of this 9-month contract was 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. This project was completed in March 2019. Final reports were produced describing opportunities at each of the 10 CEADs to increase program effectiveness in the promotion of clinical trials or related studies and the engagement of interested individuals in Alzheimer’s disease research. Guidance strategies were also provided by Recruitment Partners that could potentially enhance NYS’s role in advancing the treatment of Alzheimer’s disease or other forms of dementia.

Award Process Used: Discretionary Contract

Summary Financial Plan for the Alzheimer's Disease Assistance Fund

	SFY 2016-17	SFY 2017-18	SFY 2018-19	SFY 2019-20	January to March 2020	SFY 2020-21
	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals	Actuals as of 12/31/19	Estimate	Estimate
Receipts*	\$538,170.50	\$543,051.38	\$530,859.20	\$171,351.19	\$348,648.81	\$520,000.00
Disbursements	\$916,817.93	\$665,990.09	\$584,692.85	\$565,140.53	\$254,859.47	\$820,000.00
Balance	\$1,761,210.63	\$1,638,271.92	\$1,584,438.27	\$1,190,648.93	\$1,284,438.27	\$984,438.27

**Receipts = contributions made by taxpayers on the IT-201, the general fund match (equal to the amount of contributions made during prior CY), and interest earned by the fund.*