

OFFICE OF ADVOCATE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

MISSION

The primary mission of the Office of Advocate for Persons with Disabilities (APD) is to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all aspects of community life. The agency ensures that persons with disabilities are afforded the opportunity to exercise the full range of the rights and responsibilities accorded to all residents of New York State. In addition, APD plays an active role in developing innovative opportunities and supports that respond to the needs of New Yorkers with disabilities.

ORGANIZATION AND STAFFING

Headed by the State Advocate who is appointed by the Governor, the Agency is headquartered in Albany. APD will have a workforce of 19 positions for 2001-02. Approximately 75 percent of these positions are paid by State tax dollars from the General Fund and 25 percent are financed by Federal grants and other funding sources.

FISCAL BACKGROUND AND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The 2001-02 All Funds Executive Budget recommendation of \$1,590,000 maintains APD's ability to disseminate comprehensive information on services and programs available to persons with disabilities and to collaborate with other agencies, businesses and organizations to increase the effectiveness of public and private sector services.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

APD operates a statewide clearinghouse through which individuals can access information and obtain referrals to a variety of disability-related services. Key components of the system are a statewide telephone hotline (800-522-4369) and a website. It is anticipated that more than 65,000 individuals will utilize these services in 2001-02.

The agency's Federally funded Technology Related-Assistance for Individuals with Disabilities (TRAID) Project supports a statewide system that helps New Yorkers with disabilities access technology devices and services to strengthen their ability to participate in the mainstream workplace and community. This program is coordinated through an Interagency Partnership on Assistive Technology and thirteen Regional TRAIID Centers at fifteen sites, which are funded collaboratively with the Department of Health. During 2000, these Regional TRAIID Centers provided awareness training, device demonstrations, information, education, and referrals to over 19,500 persons with disabilities.

APD also provides comprehensive education, public awareness, and technical assistance programs which promote increased voluntary compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Training activities for 2001-02 will continue to focus on accessibility requirements for local code enforcement personnel, architects, and engineers, in addition to customizing technical assistance for individuals, employers, and State agencies.

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ALL FUNDS APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Category</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Appropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>Reappropriations Recommended 2001-02</u>
State Operations	1,721,000	1,590,000	(131,000)	600,000
Aid To Localities	0	0	0	0
Capital Projects	0	0	0	0
Total	<u>1,721,000</u>	<u>1,590,000</u>	<u>(131,000)</u>	<u>600,000</u>

ALL FUND TYPES PROJECTED LEVELS OF EMPLOYMENT BY PROGRAM FILLED ANNUAL SALARIED POSITIONS

Full-Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)

<u>Program</u>	<u>2000-01 Estimated FTEs 03/31/01</u>	<u>2001-02 Estimated FTEs 03/31/02</u>	<u>FTE Change</u>
Advocate for the Disabled			
General Fund	15	14	(1)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	4	4	0
Expendable Trust Funds	1	1	0
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>(1)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY FUND TYPE APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
General Fund	1,135,000	1,030,000	(105,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	479,000	460,000	(19,000)
Enterprise Funds	25,000	25,000	0
Fiduciary Funds	82,000	75,000	(7,000)
Total	<u>1,721,000</u>	<u>1,590,000</u>	<u>(131,000)</u>

Adjustments:

Transfer(s) From	
Special Pay Bill	
General Fund	(70,000)
Special Revenue Funds - Federal	(19,000)
Expendable Trust Funds	(5,000)
Appropriated 2000-01	<u>1,627,000</u>

STATE OPERATIONS ALL FUNDS FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS BY PROGRAM APPROPRIATIONS (dollars)

<u>Program</u>	<u>Available 2000-01</u>	<u>Recommended 2001-02</u>	<u>Change</u>
Advocate for the Disabled			
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STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF PERSONAL SERVICE APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total Personal Service		Personal Service Regular (Annual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	920,000	(45,000)	914,000	(45,000)
Total	<u>920,000</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>	<u>914,000</u>	<u>(45,000)</u>

Program	Temporary Service (Nonannual Salaried)	
	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	6,000	0
Total	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF NONPERSONAL SERVICE AND MAINTENANCE UNDISTRIBUTED APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total Nonpersonal Service		Supplies and Materials	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	110,000	(60,000)	18,000	0
Total	<u>110,000</u>	<u>(60,000)</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>0</u>

Program	Travel		Contractual Services	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	23,000	0	66,900	(10,000)
Total	<u>23,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,900</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>

Program	Equipment		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	2,100	0	0	(50,000)
Total	<u>2,100</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(50,000)</u>

STATE OPERATIONS - OTHER THAN GENERAL FUND SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND CHANGES 2001-02 RECOMMENDED (dollars)

Program	Total		Maintenance Undistributed	
	Amount	Change	Amount	Change
Advocate for the Disabled	560,000	(26,000)	560,000	(26,000)
Total	<u>560,000</u>	<u>(26,000)</u>	<u>560,000</u>	<u>(26,000)</u>

