Executive Summary

Last year, 400 individuals received almost 50,000 total units of services delivered via Butler County Senior Services and Aging Partners. The need to grow services continues as services are currently only reaching 21% of county citizens who are 65+.

Butler County is aging. The total population decreased 9% between 2000 & 2015 while the 60+ population increased 12%. These changes increased the county’s median age from 38.8 years to 44.7 years. This trend will continue with 40% of the county’s population projected to be over 60 by 2030.

Revenue to support this work includes county tax support (17%), state and federal funds from Aging Partners (29%), state & federal funds direct to the county program (20%), and local private funds (34%).

Dues paid to Aging Partners, the area agency on aging that supports Butler County, ensures that federal and state funds for aging services flow into the county. This year, Aging Partners is requesting $22,750, a 2.5% increase in funding from FY18.

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## 2017-18 Aging Services in Butler County

Contacts made to assist older adults and caregivers with questions: 12,466 contacts
Meals provided that met dietary needs of older adults: 14,435 meals
Service coordination or equipment for older adults who live at home: 184 client months
Hours of individualized services for people who want to live at home: 523 hours
Sessions of health, nutrition & caregiver programs/events/services: 3,467 sessions/people
In-home assistance for older adults and caregivers: 158 units
Hours county senior center & meal site was open: 2,121 hours
Number of visits to senior center in David City: 11,696 visits
Rides provided to older adults: 4,910 rides

**Services provided to older adults in Butler County**

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<td>• 14,435 Meals</td>
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<td>• 2,735 Health services</td>
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<td><strong>Aging Partners Care Management</strong></td>
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<td>• 284 Case hours</td>
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<td>• 20 Medicare Part D lookups</td>
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<td>• 353 Foot clinic sessions</td>
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2017-18: Programming

Butler County Senior Services (BCSS) Program
Hot, homemade meals were served at noon Monday thru Friday, with salad bar offered twice a week during the winter months and 4 times a week during vegetable season. On an average, 35-45 meals were served daily. Additionally, home delivered meals were provided Monday thru Friday, with an average of 25 meals a day delivered by a team of wonderful volunteers.

Once a month, we have a birthday celebration for anyone that had a birthday during that month. Whoever has a birthday that month provides the cake & ice cream. Other activities that we provide are quilting, cards, bingo, Tai Chi, puzzles and games. We also offer Tuesday evenings for the participants to get an evening out and come play a hot game of Pitch.

Fundraising efforts continued with a potato bake every 2nd Thursday of the month, a Sunday Brunch once a month, a semi-annual vendor fair, and on-going garage sales, bake sales and raffles for donated items.

A Pop-Up Senior Center was held on April 26, 2018 in Brainard. Speakers at the event included a local banker who talked about senior fraud, staff from Aging Partners spoke about what their agency has to offer for caregivers and clients Butler County Senior Services staff shared more about local senior services and a representative from Four Corners spoke on senior depression.

Transportation needs in Butler County continue to grow. Volunteers drive the van in David City to take the public to doctor appointments, banking, groceries, shopping, or just to visit family or friends. The other three vans are available to go anywhere, any day Monday thru Friday for $.40 per mile. Every Tuesday and Thursday a van is available for special rates to take riders to Omaha, Lincoln, and Columbus. Because this is a public transportation program, riders of all ages can use the service.
In total, 400 people were helped last year by the aging network in Butler County.
2017-18: Programming

Aging Partners

Licensed nurses from the Aging Partners Health & Wellness program in partnership with Butler County Senior Services provided 89 older adults in Butler County with foot clinic services. Additionally, all county participants in Health & Wellness services received access to medication management services as part of the enrollment process.

The care management office in David City, staffed by Aging Partners, assisted 88 individuals in assessing needs, developing plans and arranging for home and community based services.

The Aging Partners Care Manager assisted 20 Butler County older adults with the Medicare Part D enrollment process resulting in $39,362 in premium and drug cost savings in 2018.

As part of a care plan that included an in-home assessment, 30 Polk County residents were provided with grants for in-home services such as assistance with chores and housekeeping. In some cases, the services were provided to support the resident’s caregiver. The Butler County Care Manager provided assistance with locating a provider and monitoring service provision.

Living Well magazine, an informational publication produced by Aging Partners, is mailed quarterly to 347 households in Butler County.
**FY19: Looking Forward**

**County Age Demographics**

Butler County is aging. The total population decreased 9% from 8,767 to 8,052 between 2000 & 2015. In this same period the 60+ population increased 12% from 1,925 to 2,182. These changes increased the county’s median age from 38.8 years to 44.7 years.

Population projections for the county show that continued investment in aging services is necessary as the percentage of residents that are age 60 and older will increase to 40% by 2030.

![Population Chart 2015 and 2030](image)

**FY19 Goals**

**Aging Partners**

- Protect and enhance the rights of older adults and people with disabilities.
- Work with older adults and people with disabilities as they make informed decisions, and exercise self-determination and control about their independence, well-being, and health.
- Enable older adults and people with disabilities to live in the community through availability of and access to long-term services and supports including supports for families and caregivers.
- Implement management practices that support the efficient operations of programs serving people with disabilities and older adults and ensure stewardship of taxpayers’ dollars.

**Butler County Senior Services**

- Host a health fair to educate the older adults of health awareness and what Butler County has to offer.
- Host a *Planning Your Future to the End* evening fair to include Investors, Attorney’s, Nursing homes and funeral homes.
- Continue providing Pop-Up Senior Centers in underserved areas of Butler County that offer activities tailored to the needs and lifestyles of smaller towns outside David City.
- Increase outreach by educating the community with current and new services available to all of Butler County residents, not just individuals living in David City.
- Come up with more entertainment and special activities to bring more people into the senior center.
## FY19 Butler County Senior Services Budget Request

### Expenditures

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FY19 Aging Partners Dues Request

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For every dollar that Butler County provides through dues to Aging Partners and financial support to its county program, it receives $4.94 worth of services.
Program Information

**Aging Partners Mission**

*Aging Partners supports quality of life, independence, and options for older adults and their caregivers in an eight-county area in Nebraska.*

**History**

Aging Partners began in 1971 as one of ten federal model programs. With the creation and funding of the Older Americans Act, Aging Partners became the designated area agency on aging for the eight-county Planning and Service Area B in Nebraska. Aging Partners expanded services into these eight counties through interlocal agreements between the City of Lincoln and Butler, Fillmore, Lancaster, Saline, Saline, Saunders, Seward, and York Counties. Under the terms of the agreement, the authority to operate the area agency is vested with the City of Lincoln who contracts with each County to fund and coordinate Older Americans Act (OAA) and Community Aging Services Act (CASA) services. Aging Partners is a division of the City of Lincoln, and the Director reports to the Mayor.

**Butler County Senior Services Mission**

*To enhance the physical and mental well-being of Butler County’s over 60 residents through programs and activities fostering wellness and a sense of purpose and community.*

**History**

Older Americans Act Services were developed first in Butler County through technical assistance to David City Seniors in 1983. In 1984, the David City Seniors approached the City Council and Mayor of David City regarding the development of a community senior center. In July of 1984, the City Council passed a resolution supporting the development of a center and decided to pursue Community Development Block funding for the building.

In 1985, a community needs assessment survey conducted by the Butler County Hospital indicated the need for in-home services, transportation and a senior center. These results along with the need David City had for operational funding for their center resulted in the County Board agreeing to join the Aging Partners inter-local agreement in July 1986.

In March 1988 the Board voted to sponsor a county-wide senior services program governed by a quasi-governmental program of operation. The Board developed an Aging Services Authority and appointed a policy/governing Board to operate the program.

In February 2012, the Butler County Board of Supervisors had an audit report that included concerns regarding the accountability of funding provided to the Butler County Senior Services Program. Resolution of this issue was to move the program to direct operation of the County resulting in a new inter-local agreement with City of Lincoln and its agent Aging Partners.
Resources

Definitions & Acronyms

Area Agency on Aging (AAA): Public or private agencies responsible for developing and administering a comprehensive and coordinated system of services to meet the needs of older people in a specific geographic area.

Caregiver: Unpaid individual (a spouse, partner, family member, friend, or neighbor) involved in assisting others with activities of daily living and/or medical tasks.

High Nutritional Risk: The DETERMINE standard assessment used nationally by Older American's Act providers to measure whether or not an individual’s diet and lifestyle is nutritionally complete. Individuals assessed with significant deficiencies are at high nutritional risk.

Community Aging Services Act (CASA): Nebraska statutes passed on July 17, 1982 that created the Nebraska Department on Aging, which is now the Nebraska State Unit on Aging as well as provided funding for aging services in Nebraska.

Interlocal Agreements: Agreements authorized by state statute which permit local governmental units to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other local governmental units on a basis of mutual advantage to provide services.

Nebraska Care Management Program: A program operated through the Area Agencies on Aging which assists frail, older individuals to remain in their own home for as long as possible. It provides a client assessment, care plan development, implementation and follow-up.

Older Americans Act (OAA): Federal statute first passed in 1965 which provides older Americans (generally, Americans aged 60 and over) opportunities and benefits.

Poverty Level: Household income level defined by the U.S. Bureau of the Census as the threshold for determining poverty as established by the Bureau. The 2018 level for an individual is $12,140 annually or $1,012 monthly. For a household of two it is $16,460 annually or $1,372 monthly.

Senior Center: A community facility for the organization & provision of a broad range of services for older persons, including: health, social, meals, educational, and recreational services.

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