

Legislative Review of Westchester County 2009 Proposed Operating Budget Department Budget Worksheet

County Department:	<u>Senior Programs & Services</u>	Date of Presentation:	<u>11/21/08</u>
Commissioner Name:	<u>Mae Carpenter</u>	Commissioner Phone:	<u>(914) 813-6431</u>
Committee with Oversight Responsibility for Dept:	<u>Generation, Cultural & Ethnic Diversity</u>	Committee Chair:	<u>Bernice Spreckman</u>
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Budget: Proposed 2009:	<u>\$4,485,886</u>	Approved 2008:	<u>\$4,777,551</u>	%Increase/Decrease:	<u>-9.4%</u>
Staffing: # employees 2008:	<u>1</u>	Proposed staffing 2009:	<u>1</u>	% +/- Staffing:	<u>0</u>
Sources of Funding: County:	<u>\$0</u>	State:	<u>\$0</u>	Federal:	<u>\$0</u>
				Grants:	<u>\$15,686,575</u>
Mandated portion of department budget:	\$ <u> </u>	% of total dept budget:	<u> </u>	% of county budget:	<u> </u>

2008 DEPT. HIGHLIGHTS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Did committee invite commissioner in this past year to discuss specific areas of concern? Describe.

Yes. Commissioner Mae Carpenter recently spoke (10/21/08) to the GCED members regarding new departmental initiatives including Project Lifesaver, Livable Communities Village Plan, and AARP "Get Around" Program.

Report on 2008: Highlight of dept's accomplishments *(Usually in executive summary of dept budget)*

The Office of Senior Programs and Services has cut its budget for 2009 by \$235,000 without a reduction in services. Director Mae Carpenter is especially proud of the Livable Communities project, especially the villages that they are currently establishing and developing which will help seniors stay in their own homes longer and in a safer environment.

2009 Operating Budget

Impact of State budget cuts on dept: \$ unknown

Specific cutbacks to accommodate reduced spending? Program areas most affected:

What's expected public impact of proposed cuts? *[EXAMPLES: Public won't notice? Closing sites in these locations? Less funding for specific programs. Consolidating program areas to economize.]*

Mae Carpenter stated a concern that if there are budget cuts made by the State the therapeutic day care programs will come to an end and the burden will be placed on families.

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QUOTES/COMMENTS

Quote from Oversight Committee Chair

“Mae Carpenter is a very dedicated and hard working advocate for senior citizen rights and healthcare throughout Westchester. She fights to provide programs and funding that keeps them active and healthy in their communities; it’s a pleasure to work with her.” – *Legislator Bernice Spreckman*

Quote from Budget & Appropriations Chair

“Mae Carpenter is an outstanding Director of Senior Programs and Services. She hits the road and is out in the community advocating for seniors. I see her often at functions that I attend in my district and around the County. She has done an incredible job on this budget and for her Department.” – *Legislator Jose Alvarado*

Other Comment(s)/Quotes, Facts