



Richland County Senior Services Levy

Information Sheet



What is the Richland Senior Services Levy?

The Senior Services levy provides services to senior citizens in Richland County. It was first passed in 2008 and was renewed in 2013. It is administered through the Area Agency on Aging with the guidance of an advisory board comprised of Richland County stakeholders.



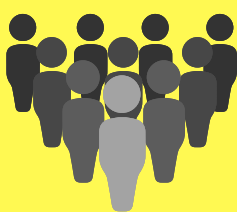
Who will benefit?

All seniors in Richland County age 60 and older. The levy provides services to seniors who are not eligible for traditional programs like PASSPORT, but still need help.



Aging at Home

Seniors overwhelmingly want to stay in their homes. For many seniors, levy services make the difference. Levy services keep seniors independent and provide support for their families.



Consistent Growth

The number of seniors needing services continues to increase and current funding sources cannot meet the need. Wait lists for services are growing by an average of **30 to 40** individuals per month, which could result in seniors waiting up to a **YEAR** for services.



How much will it cost?

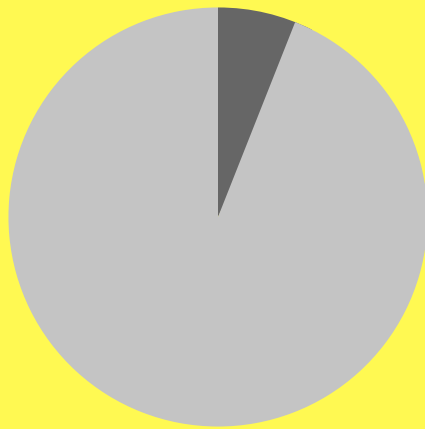
The Area Agency on Aging is requesting \$1.5 mill over 5 years. This will cost a \$100,000 homeowner \$51.59 a year.



What is the Area Agency on Aging?

The Ohio District 5 Area Agency on Aging, Inc. is an Ontario-based non-profit organization that has spent more than 43 years keeping older and disabled adults in Richland County safe, healthy, and independent. We administer programs such as PASSPORT, Home Choice Program, Caregiver Assistance Program, Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Assisted Living Waiver Program, Home Repair Program, and the Ohio Home Care Waiver.

Program Admin
6%



Senior Services
94%

How are levy funds allocated and spent?

Levy funds are allocated as follows:

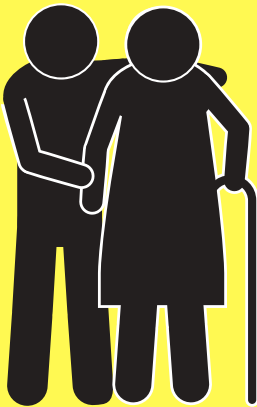
- 6.14% went to the administration of the program
- 93.86% went to services for seniors in Richland County

Levy funds provide the following for Richland County seniors:

- Home Delivered Meals
- Transportation
- Personal Care
- Minor Home Repair
- Homemaker
- Chore
- Adult Day Service
- Emergency Response System
- Information & Referral
- Assessment
- Other Services/Equipment

Hawkins Corner facility is **NOT** supported in any way by levy revenues or any other service dollars.

What did levy funds provide during the past 5 years?



- **107,391** hours of **HOMEMAKER SERVICES**
- **105,596** hours of **PERSONAL CARE**
- **502** repairs through the **MINOR HOME REPAIR PROGRAM**
- **316,720** **HOME DELIVERED MEALS**
- **193** days of **ADULT DAY SERVICES**
- **\$606,699** **FEDERAL FUNDS LEVERAGED**
- **277** annual **EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEMS**
- **45,030** medical trips through **TRANSPORTATION SERVICES**

"Had it not been for the levy, I would have fallen through the cracks a long time ago. It really enabled me to stay independent, and also, to stay safe in my home."

Mary McDonald, levy services consumer

Information provided by Citizens for Senior Services

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Treasurer: John Kastelic

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