

**BUDGET FOOTNOTES**  
**SENIOR SERVICES – FY 11/12**

**\* All Senior Services expenditures were formerly allocated within the Special Programs Fund and have been transferred to the General Fund beginning with FY11/12. Revenue formerly allocated within the Special Programs Fund has also been transferred to the General Fund to fund these expenditures.**

1. **Salaries: (\$40,000)** Provides funding for two part-time Senior Services Coordinators who share a weekly work schedule of 30 hours at the Senior Center hosted by Grace Lutheran Church located in downtown Glen Ellyn. These positions serve as a counseling, outreach and referral service to Glen Ellyn seniors and their families. The Senior Service Center is a Senior Health Insurance Program site, providing assistance with insurance questions and help completing the Circuit Breaker Application, which provides grants to seniors to reduce the impact of taxes and medication costs. The service also utilizes volunteers including high school students, community leaders, senior citizens and representatives from service clubs such as Kiwanis, Junior Women and Glen Ellyn Women's Club.
2. **Community Assistance Program: (\$400)** The Community Assistance Program began under the Federal General Revenue Sharing Program of 1972. Its purpose was to provide property tax assistance and rent subsidies for Glen Ellyn senior residents. The program provides \$400 per year to help these seniors cope with property taxes and rental costs, with the goal of assisting them to remain in their homes and function independently. Because no new participants have been added since the mid-1980s, the number of participants decreases by attrition (FY11/12 – one participant).
3. **Senior Transportation: (\$65,000)** Beginning in July, 2004 Glen Ellyn became a participant in a new transportation program initiated in DuPage County. "Ride DuPage" is the result of efforts of the Inter-Agency Para-transit Coordination Council (IAPCC) to create a seamless transportation system for senior citizens and disabled persons in DuPage County. Highlights of the Ride DuPage program include use of one central reservation phone number and a central dispatching location. In addition to taxi cabs, PACE mini-busses are available to service riders with special needs. Expanded availability of transportation also means fewer restrictions on service hours and trip destinations. Users of the program pay their discounted fare at the time of their trip, eliminating the previous requirement to advance-purchase individual coupons. The Village is billed monthly by PACE for services used by Glen Ellyn's registered riders.

Interest in the Ride DuPage program has been strong. The level of participation, and Village cost, has grown significantly compared to the previous program, Pilot II, which has since been phased out. Historical increases in the Village's cost of participation in Ride DuPage have been due to increases in demand for service as well as program cost increases by PACE.

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In May, 2006 the Village increased the rider share of overall costs from \$1.50 to \$3.00 for the first 6 miles of a scheduled trip in an effort to balance the level of Village subsidy to a 60% level, the same as the subsidy provided under the Pilot II program. Since that time, demand and overall program costs have continued to increase. A restructuring of the rider cost was initiated on May 1, 2007 (\$1.00 flat fee, plus \$1.00 per mile traveled) to continue an effort to transition to our stated 60% subsidy level and to promote greater equity in fares charged among riders based on trip length.

The Village's share of senior transportation costs began to stabilize in FY07/08. The Village's costs are projected to continue at a level rate in FY 11/12, resulting from the formation of the Glen Ellyn/Milton Township/Wheaton partnership and the additional Pace funding that was brought into the program. In FY10/11 (June, 2010), the netting of Ride to Work program grants against our monthly billings were discontinued. These grant funds will now be received as reimbursement from the RTA, through the City of Naperville as administrator, and will be recorded as Special Programs Fund revenue. There is no appreciable change in the total program cost from FY10/11 to FY11/12.