Local Services, Senior Centers & Meals

The 52 Area Agencies on Aging serve residents of all 67 counties and coordinate services at the local level, including:
- Assessments & program referrals
- Home-delivered meals
- Health insurance counseling
- Ombudsman services
- Legal assistance
- Protective services
- Transportation
- Senior centers

For information, visit www.aging.pa.gov or call the Department of Aging at 717-783-1550.

Free & Reduced-Fare Transportation

Anyone age 65 or older can ride fixed-route public transit for free, while commuter rail trips are $1 each. Those 65 and older also qualify to use on-demand, shared-ride services at a reduced rate.

For information, contact your local Area Agency on Aging, visit www.PennDOT.gov and review the Travel in PA/Public Transit Options, or call the Department of Transportation at 717-783-8025.

In 2019-20, the Lottery contributed more than $293.8 million to Area Agencies on Aging across Pennsylvania.

Among other services, these funds helped to provide 9.3 million total meals served at senior centers and delivered to homes. Lottery funds helped to provide more than 25,400 meals for older Pennsylvanians, every day.

In 2019-20, more than $145.5 million in Lottery funds provided for over 27.5 million free transit rides and 2.6 million shared rides.

On average, Lottery funds helped to provide more than 82,000 free and reduced-fare shared rides for older Pennsylvanians, every day.
Care Services for Older Pennsylvanians

The Pennsylvania Lottery funds care services for qualified older residents, including long-term living services provided at home, in the community or in a care facility.

For information, contact your Area Agency on Aging or call the Long-Term Care Helpline, toll-free, at 1-800-753-8827.

In 2019-20, the Lottery provided more than $334 million for care services delivered to 36,515 residents.

On average, the Lottery funded more than $915,000 in care services, every day.

Low-Cost Prescription Assistance

The PACE and PACENET programs offer low-cost prescription medications to qualified residents age 65 and older.

For information, visit www.aging.pa.gov, ask your pharmacist or call, toll-free, 1-800-225-7223.

In 2019-20, Lottery support for these prescription programs totaled more than $128.3 million.

Enrollees received more than 4.8 million prescriptions, and Lottery funding helped to fill nearly 13,300 prescriptions for older Pennsylvanians, every day.

Property Tax & Rent Rebates

This program provided an average refund approximately up to $477 to eligible Pennsylvanians age 65 and older; widows and widowers 50 and older; and people with disabilities 18 and older.

For information, visit www.revenue.pa.gov or call, toll-free, at 1-888-222-9190.

In 2019-20, Lottery and slots revenue provided more than $242.3 million in rebates to more than 508,200 households.

On average, about $664,000 was refunded, every day.