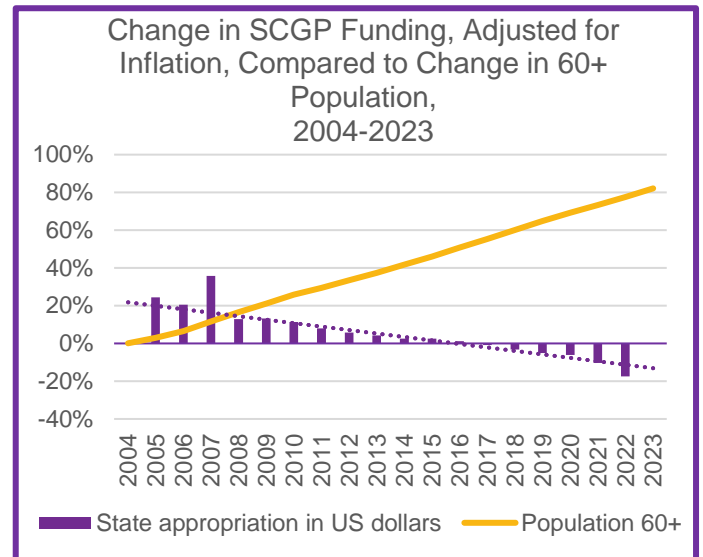


2023-24 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

#2 Increase the Senior Center General Purpose appropriation by \$1,265,316 in recurring funds.
 Senior Center General Purpose (SCGP) funding is currently \$1,265,316, which is not meeting the demands of a growing older adult population.

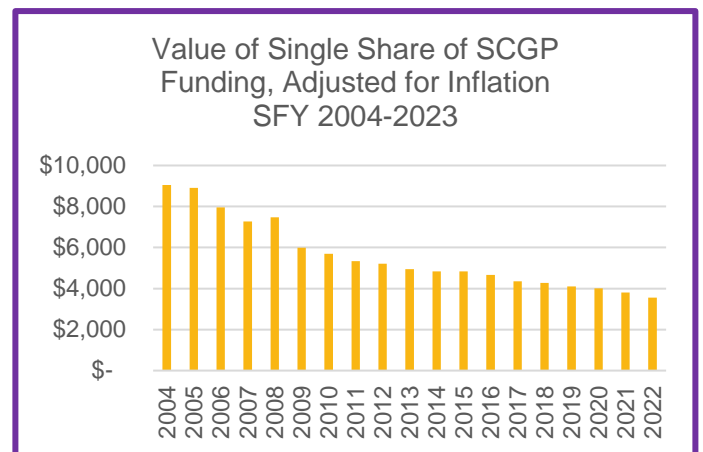
The Background

- Senior centers offer programs that promote health, improve access to services, and decrease social isolation.
- Senior centers can become certified as centers of merit or excellence. Certification levels are based on progressively higher levels of programming.
- SCGP funding is distributed based on certification status via a share system. This system provides an incentive for pursuing certification.



The Issues

- SCGP funding helps expand programs and staffing.
- Adjusting for inflation, SCGP funding has **decreased by 18%** since 2004, while the population 60+ has grown by 82%.
- The number of certified centers has increased over time, further reducing the value of a SCGP share. The adjusted value of a single share has **decreased by 61%** since 2004.



The Solution

Increase Senior Center General Purpose funding by \$1,265,316 in recurring funds.

- **Distribute \$500,000 evenly amongst all 100 counties to help offset increased administrative costs.**
- **Allocate the remaining \$765,316 for the Division of Aging and Adult Services certification program to increase the allocation each center receives.**