

Greene Co. Senior Citizens' Services Fund

- State Legislation
 - 2003 Allowed MO counties to levy a tax of 5 cents per \$100 assessed value of property for services to persons aged 60 & older who are residents of their jurisdiction (Section 67.993 RS MO)
 - 2005 Greene Co. Commission authorized voters an opportunity to adopt a levy
 - In April 2005, Voters approved the levy by a 12% margin & tax was formally imposed by the Commission in June.

- State gave sole authority on management of the tax to a seven member board, appointed by the Commission. The Commission's role was to appoint Board members & approve the budget.
- First Board appointed in June 2005
- Board adopted By-Laws for its governance "to provide programs which will improve health, nutrition and quality of life of persons 60 years and older, with a focus on those services that will enable the older person to remain self-sufficient and independent in his or her residence as long as possible.

- Number of options to providing services
 - For cost effectiveness, the Board chose to provide grants to existing service providers in the community
 - Escaped having to pay for general management, oversight & coordination
 - Keep administrative costs to a minimum (currently less than 1% of total budget)

- How the Board operates:
 - Budget is submitted & authorized by the Commission
 - Fiscal year commences in January
 - Take applications for service delivery from providers on first-come, first served basis
 - Presentations made to the Board
 - Evaluated on basis of mission

- Accomplishments

- About 25 grants awarded
 - in-home services
 - transportation
 - home safety & repairs
 - meals & food
 - senior centers
 - legal services

- Several thousand seniors served annually