

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ACT AMENDMENTS OF 1967 2721

SPECIAL SERVICES TO THE AGED

Initiated by: FDL-EOC Conduct and Administration.

Multi-purpose Senior Citizen Centers to serve the many needs of the aged were initiated through research, leadership and coordination of the Fond du Lac Area Economic Opportunity Committee, Inc.

Since this is an area that can be well handled by the local communities, the committee arranged for all funding of Centers to be arranged directly by local governmental units and the Commission on Aging.

The role of FDL-EOC was primarily catalytic, organizational and coordinating. It does not retain any direct control and finds that the Centers are very well attended, serving multiple needs regularly and will unquestionably be continued indefinitely in our communities.

Senior centers, Fond du Lac County—Projects funded

	Number (months)	Total funds	Federal	Non- Federal
North Fond du Lac.....	36	\$11,498.00	\$7,626.40	\$3,871.60
Fond du Lac.....	36	22,677.00	17,008.74	5,668.26
Rosendale.....	36	3,000.00	1,850.00	1,150.00
Campbellsport.....	36	11,842.28	7,389.91	4,452.37
Total.....		49,017.28	33,875.05	15,142.23

Employees:

Fond du Lac: 1 full time Center Director—Volunteers.

North Fond du Lac: 1 part time Center Hostess—Volunteer Center Mgr.

Rosendale: 1 part time Center Hostess.

Campbellsport: 1 part time Center manager 2 part time Center Hostesses.

The Senior Centers Function as Follows:

A drop-in Center available without charge to all older people. A place to drop in, have a cup of coffee, read the paper or magazine, visit and talk with friends, rest, leave parcels, participate in games, pool, television.

A social Center with regular programs offered: parties, pot luck suppers, movies, lectures, community singing, games, trips.

An information center with printed materials on Medicare, Social Security, Tax Rebate, health needs, retirement, etc. Speakers, specialists and resource people will be invited at times to personally aid in these areas.

A referral Center to refer people to the services they need in Welfare, nursing, health and finance.

An employment clearing house to help older people find part time jobs that they are able to handle.

An educational center bringing courses to the elderly. Driver's re-training, retirement planning, budgeting, family living, arts and crafts, etc.

Volunteer service coordination center . . . helping older people use their time and talents, skills, abilities and experience to serve others in the community.

The funding for Senior Centers is done thru the State Commission on Aging on a three year basis; divided as follows:

Year 1: Federal Funds 75%, Local 25%.

Year 2: Federal Funds 60%, Local 40%.

Year 3: Federal Funds 50%, Local 50%.

Year 4 and after: Local 100%.

This is achieved by arranging for the local governing bodies to contract with the State Commission on Aging.

THROUGH CONDUCT AND ADMINISTRATION: SPECIAL PROJECT

No special Funding.

HOMESTEAD TAX RELIEF

What It Is

Homestead Tax Relief Act provides for a rebate of real estate taxes or rent paid by Senior Citizens with low incomes. Few eligible people have applied because they either had not heard of it or did not understand how to use it.