



Annual Report 2025

St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage
Commission on Aging

Supporting independence, health, and quality of life for residents age 60+

Serving 12,000+ seniors across St. Clair County

Supporting St. Clair County seniors since 1979

Commission on Aging

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Supporting Older Adults Throughout St. Clair County

The Senior Citizens' Millage

The St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage helps older adults remain independent, healthy, and connected to their communities by supporting a coordinated network of local programs and services.

In 2025, Senior Citizens' Millage funding helped older adults access nutritious meals, transportation, in-home support, health and wellness programs, housing assistance, legal services, caregiver support, and opportunities for social engagement throughout St. Clair County.

These programs help older adults remain safely in their homes, maintain independence, and continue participating in the communities where they live.

The pages that follow highlight the community impact, service providers, financial stewardship, and collaborative partnerships that made these services possible during the 2025 program year.

COMMUNITY IMPACT AT A GLANCE

Supporting independence, health, and quality of life for St. Clair County residents age 60+

2025 Highlights

\$6.5M

Total Funding

12

Service Providers

28

Programs

12,000+

Seniors Served

1,100,000+ services delivered in 2025

239,519 meals

52,245 rides

2,416 care days

Community Impact

Helping seniors maintain independence and remain in their homes longer

Providing access to essential services across St. Clair County

SENIOR SERVICES

Senior services funded by the St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage are available to residents age 60 and older. Services are delivered through a coordinated network of local providers and may be offered at no cost, on a sliding fee scale, or for a suggested donation, depending on the program. To determine eligibility, residents should contact the appropriate service provider.

Services include:

Nutrition • Transportation • In-home Support • Health & Wellness • Housing & Safety • Social & Enrichment

The following organizations work together to provide essential services that support independence, health, and quality of life for older adults across St. Clair County.

The Senior Citizens' Millage supports 12 service providers offering 28 programs throughout the county, forming a coordinated network of services.

SERVICE PROVIDERS

AGEWAYS NONPROFIT SENIOR SERVICES

(800) 852-7795

Service Area:

Regional Coordination & Grant-Funded Services

Overview:

Serves as the regional Area Agency on Aging, connecting St. Clair County to federal and state-funded programs that support older adults.

2025 Impact:

- Uses local millage funding to help secure additional state and federal funding for senior services
- Leverages additional federal and state resources to expand services available to county seniors

Community Impact:

Strengthens the senior service system by securing additional resources that expand programs and increase access to services for older adults in St. Clair County.

BLUE WATER HOME CARE & HOSPICE

(810) 984-4131

Service Area:

Health Care, Hospice & In-home Support

Overview:

Provides home care, hospice, respite services, and supportive programs to assist seniors and their families with medical, personal, and end-of-life care needs.

2025 Impact:

- 1,002 seniors served (*combined across programs*)
- 15,742 hours of service and 508 nights of care provided

Community Impact:

Supports seniors and their families by providing compassionate care, medical support, and comfort during times of illness, recovery, and end-of-life.

BLUE WATER SAFE HORIZONS

(810) 989-5246

24-Hour Crisis Hotline: (810) 824-7948

Service Area:

Crisis Support & Shelter

Overview:

Provides shelter, advocacy, and support services for seniors experiencing domestic violence, abuse, neglect or crisis situations.

2025 Impact:

- 15 seniors served (3 shelter + 12 case management)
- 1,267 service hours and 134 shelter nights provided

Community Impact:

Provides safety, protection, and support for vulnerable seniors, helping them transition out of crisis situations.

COUNCIL ON AGING, SERVING ST. CLAIR COUNTY

(810) 987-8811

Service Area:

Nutrition, Transportation, In-home Support, Health & Wellness, Social & Enrichment

Overview:

Provides a comprehensive range of services designed to support the health, safety, and independence of older adults throughout St. Clair County.

2025 Impact:

- **\$4,719,160** in millage funding administered
- Largest millage-funded senior service provider in St. Clair County
- Delivered meals, transportation, in-home support, and community-based services
- **9,677 seniors served**
- **131,174 hours of service provided**

Key Services Include:

- Home-delivered and congregate meals for older adults, including homebound seniors
- Transportation to medical appointments, senior centers, and essential services
- Personal care, homemaking, and chore services
- Home repair and safety improvements
- Adult day services (Starpath)
- Senior center programs including fitness, health, education, social, and recreational activities
- Hearing and vision services, including assistive devices for qualifying seniors
- Outreach, advocacy, and resource coordination
- Foster Grandparents program
- Miles for Memories safety program for seniors in the early stages of dementia

Community Impact:

Supports seniors in remaining safely in their homes while maintaining independence, access to essential services, and connection to their communities.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN

(810) 987-9100

Service Area:

Mental Health & Counseling

Overview:

Provides counseling services for seniors and caregivers to support emotional well-being and life transitions.

2025 Impact:

- 130 seniors served
- 1,412 hours of counseling services provided

Community Impact:

Supports seniors and caregivers in navigating life changes, improving emotional health, and maintaining overall well-being.

HOUSING MATTERS, INC.

(810) 984-3173 x405

Service Area:

Housing Support & Stability

Overview:

Provides temporary housing and support services for seniors who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

2025 Impact:

- 5 seniors served
- 314 days of housing support provided

Community Impact:

Helps vulnerable seniors secure stable housing and maintain independence through coordinated support services.

HUNTER HOSPITALITY HOUSE

(810) 824-3679

Service Area:

Housing & Medical Crisis Support

Overview:

Provides free lodging, transportation, and support for seniors experiencing a medical crisis, including those receiving treatment at a local medical facility, as well as seniors with a hospitalized loved one.

2025 Impact:

- 9 seniors served
- 82 nights of lodging provided

Community Impact:

Supports seniors and their families by reducing barriers to medical care and providing stability during times of medical need.

LAKESHORE LEGAL AID

(810) 985-5107

Service Area:

Legal Services

Overview:

Provides civil legal assistance and representation for older adults, addressing issues such as housing, consumer protection, public benefits, estate planning, probate services and elder abuse.

2025 Impact:

- 998 seniors served
- 10,150 hours of legal services provided

Community Impact:

Protects the rights and stability of older adults by providing access to critical legal support and advocacy.

LIFE SKILLS CENTERS, INC.

(810) 385-3710

Service Area:

Memory Care & Cognitive Support

Overview:

Provides a structured memory care program for seniors with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, along with supportive services during program participation.

2025 Impact:

- 13 seniors served (*2 memory care, 11 dietary support*)
- 1,372 hours of care provided

Community Impact:

Supports seniors with cognitive impairments by providing structured care, supervision, and daily support, helping maintain quality of life and offering relief for caregivers.

PORT HURON HOUSING COMMISSION

(810) 984-3173

Service Area:

Housing Support & Safety

Overview:

Provides housing support services including bed bug remediation, essential furnishings, and housing stability assistance for low-income seniors.

2025 Impact:

- 22 seniors served (*4 remediation + 18 beds*)
- 22 housing interventions completed

Community Impact:

Improves living conditions and housing stability for seniors, helping maintain safe and healthy home environments.

PUBLIC GUARDIAN'S OFFICE

(810) 985-2095

Service Area:

Guardianship & Crisis Support

Overview:

Provides court-appointed guardianship and conservatorship services for seniors who are unable to manage their personal or financial affairs.

2025 Impact:

- 121 seniors served
- 1,950 hours of service provided

Community Impact:

Ensures vulnerable seniors receive appropriate care, housing, food, and support through legal oversight and case management.

SANBORN GRATIOT MEMORIAL HOME

(810) 985-5631

Service Area:

Housing & Assisted Living Support

Overview:

Provides emergency and transitional assisted living placements for seniors who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

2025 Impact:

- 12 seniors served
- 1,378 nights of care provided

Community Impact:

Offers safe housing and essential care for seniors in crisis, supporting stability and long-term well-being.

Seniors Being Served and Statistics

Services are provided through a coordinated network of local providers working together to meet the needs of older adults across the county.

2025 Senior Citizens' Millage Impact		
Service Provider	Seniors Served	Provider's Measurement
Blue Water Safe Horizons – Shelter	3	134 nights
Blue Water Safe Horizons – Case Management	12	1,267 hours
Catholic Charities of Southeast MI – Counseling Services	130	1,412 hours
Council on Aging – Adult Day Services (Starpath)	25	10,631 hours
Council on Aging – Chore Services	491	6,816 hours
Council on Aging – Foster Grandparents	64	51,419 hours
Council on Aging – Homemaker/Personal Care	833	24,566 hours
Council on Aging – Home Repair	378	7,580 hours
Council on Aging – Community Liaison	2,466	30,162 hours
Council on Aging – Programs / Senior Centers	2,582	720,790 programs
Council on Aging – Transportation	554	52,245 rides
Council on Aging – Congregate Meals	841	9,475 meals
Council on Aging – Home Delivered Meals	1,380	239,519 meals
Council on Aging – Hearing Services	41	73 hearing devices
Council on Aging – Vision Services	22	21 eyeglasses
Housing Matters – Foundations Homeless Program	5	314 days
Hunter Hospitality House – Accommodations	9	82 nights
Lakeshore Legal Aid – Legal Services	998	10,150 hours
Life Skills Center – Memory Care Program (subsidized)	2	1,372 hours
Life Skills Center – Dietary supplements	11	
Port Huron Housing Commission – Bed Bug Remediation	4	4 rooms
Port Huron Housing Commission – New Bed	18	18 beds
Public Guardian's Office – Housing Crisis Program	121	1,950 hours (1 Full Time staff)
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home – Emergency Placements	12	1,378 nights
Blue Water Home Care & Hospice – Bereavement	463	4,922 hours
Blue Water Home Care & Hospice – Blue Water Hospice Home	43	508 nights
Blue Water Home Care & Hospice – PERS Program	410	1,179 hours
Blue Water Home Care & Hospice – Personal/Respite Care	86	9,641 hours
TOTAL	12,004	163,066 hours of service 2,416 days/nights of care

Program services are partially funded through St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage. Service Provider numbers are not audited.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The Senior Citizens' Millage provides stable, locally controlled funding to support essential services for older adults across St. Clair County.

Millage Revenue

The Senior Citizens' Millage fund is supported by four primary sources: tax collection, interest income, Local Community Stabilization Act (LCSA) funds, and other service reimbursements.

In 2025, total revenue collected was **\$6,539,503**.

Revenue Breakdown

- **Tax Collection:** \$6,216,250
- **Interest Income:** \$171,038
- **LCSA Funds:** \$120,935
- **Other/Reimbursements:** \$31,280

Millage Expenditures

The Commission on Aging reviews funding requests and makes recommendations for service provider allocations. The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners adopts the Senior Citizens' Millage budget annually as part of the County's Special Revenue Funds.

The following page outlines the 2025 budget and actual expenditures by service provider.

2025 Budget to Actual Report

St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage Fund Annual Expenditure Report 2025 Pre-Audit							
Provider	Service Type	2025 Budget		Expenditures		Balance	% Spent
AgeWays / AAA 1- B	County Dues/Match Money		\$ 17,250		\$17,250.00	\$0.00	100.00%
Blue Water Safe Horizons			\$ 74,189		\$42,431.06	\$31,757.94	57.19%
	Emergency Shelter	\$ 27,230		\$ 8,442			31.00%
	Outreach/Advocate	\$ 46,959		\$ 33,989			72.38%
Catholic Charities of SE MI			\$ 186,181		\$186,181.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	Counseling			\$ 186,181			
Council on Aging			\$ 4,805,221		\$4,719,159.53	\$86,061.47	98.21%
	Adult Day Care - StarPath	\$ 165,213		\$ 206,410			124.94%
	Chore Services	\$ 159,735		\$ 137,338			85.98%
	Foster Grandparents	\$ 72,640		\$ 65,546			90.23%
	Homemaker/Personal Care Services	\$ 1,113,113		\$ 1,159,136			104.13%
	Home Repair Services	\$ 255,855		\$ 224,679			87.81%
	Community Liaison Programs	\$ 377,917		\$ 401,496			106.24%
	Transportation	\$ 807,091		\$ 793,505			98.32%
	Congregate/Group Meals	\$ 503,331		\$ 426,635			84.76%
	Home Delivered Meals	\$ 34,470		\$ 11,437			33.18%
	Vision Services	\$ 1,093,396		\$ 1,168,643			106.88%
	Hearing Services	\$ 27,542		\$ 7,466			27.11%
	Capital: 3 Air Conditioning Units - WLC	\$ 148,668		\$ 70,620			47.50%
	Other Capital: Chore/Repair Cargo Van	\$ 16,250		\$ 16,250			100.00%
		\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000			100.00%
Housing Matters Inc.			\$ 17,620		\$15,996.94	\$1,623.06	90.79%
	Foundations Program - Rent	\$ 15,120		\$ 15,120			100.00%
	Foundations Program - Supplies & Cleaning	\$ 2,000		\$ 675			33.74%
	Capital: Television	\$ 500		\$ 202			40.41%
Hunter Hospitality House			\$ 8,000		\$4,010.00	\$3,990.00	50.13%
	Lodging, Transportation, Amenities			\$ 4,010			
Lakeshore Legal Aid			\$ 441,148		\$441,148.00	\$0.00	100.00%
	Legal Services	\$ 441,148		\$ 441,148			
Life Skills Centers			\$ 29,704		\$27,042.63	\$2,661.37	91.04%
	Memory Care Program	\$ 26,811		\$ 24,943			
	Dietary Supplement	\$ 2,893		\$ 2,099			
Port Huron Housing Commission			\$ 34,145		\$6,574.44	\$27,570.56	19.25%
	Bed Bug Remediation	\$ 32,025		\$ 3,645			11.38%
	New Bed Program	\$ 2,120		\$ 2,930			138.19%
Public Guardian			\$ 78,259		\$73,695.05	\$4,563.95	94.17%
	Senior Emergency Housing Case Manager			\$ 73,695			
Sanborn Gratiot Memorial Home			\$ 109,150		\$104,762.22	\$4,387.47	95.98%
	Room and Board - Homeless Program	\$ 109,150		\$ 104,762			95.98%
	<i>Client co-pay/Reimbursements - \$16,974</i>						
Visiting Nurses Association			\$ 911,951		\$807,863.90	\$104,087.10	88.59%
	Respite/Personal Care Services	\$ 535,900		\$ 446,546			83.33%
	Hospice Room and Board	\$ 153,725		\$ 120,790			78.58%
	Bereavement Services	\$ 40,030		\$ 39,693			99.16%
	Personal Emergency Response System (PERS)	\$ 179,380		\$ 197,919			110.33%
	Other Capital: Technology	\$ 2,916		\$ 2,916			100.00%
Commission on Aging			\$ 72,378		\$22,926.31	\$49,451.69	31.68%
	Planning and Administration			\$ 22,926			
Contingency			\$ -		\$0.00	\$0.00	
TOTALS			\$ 6,785,196		\$6,469,041.08	\$316,154.61	95.34%
Revenue & Expenditure Overview			Budget		Actual to Date		
Revenue	Tax Collection	\$ 6,320,871		\$ 6,216,250.05			
	Interest Income	185,000		171,038.19			
	Local Community Stabilization Act	66,074		120,934.96			
	State Grants-Capital			14,305.80			
	Refunds and Rebates Received			16,974.29			
	Total Revenues		6,571,945		6,539,503.29		
Expenditures	Total Expenditures for Services/Administration		6,785,196		6,469,041.08		
Estimated Ending Balance			\$ (213,251)		\$ 70,462.21		
Audited Fund Balance 12/31/22		4,432,405					
Audited Fund Balance 12/31/23		4,668,323					
Audited Fund Balance 12/31/24		4,686,348					
Budgeted Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/25		4,473,097					
Estimated Fund Balance 12/31/25		4,756,810					

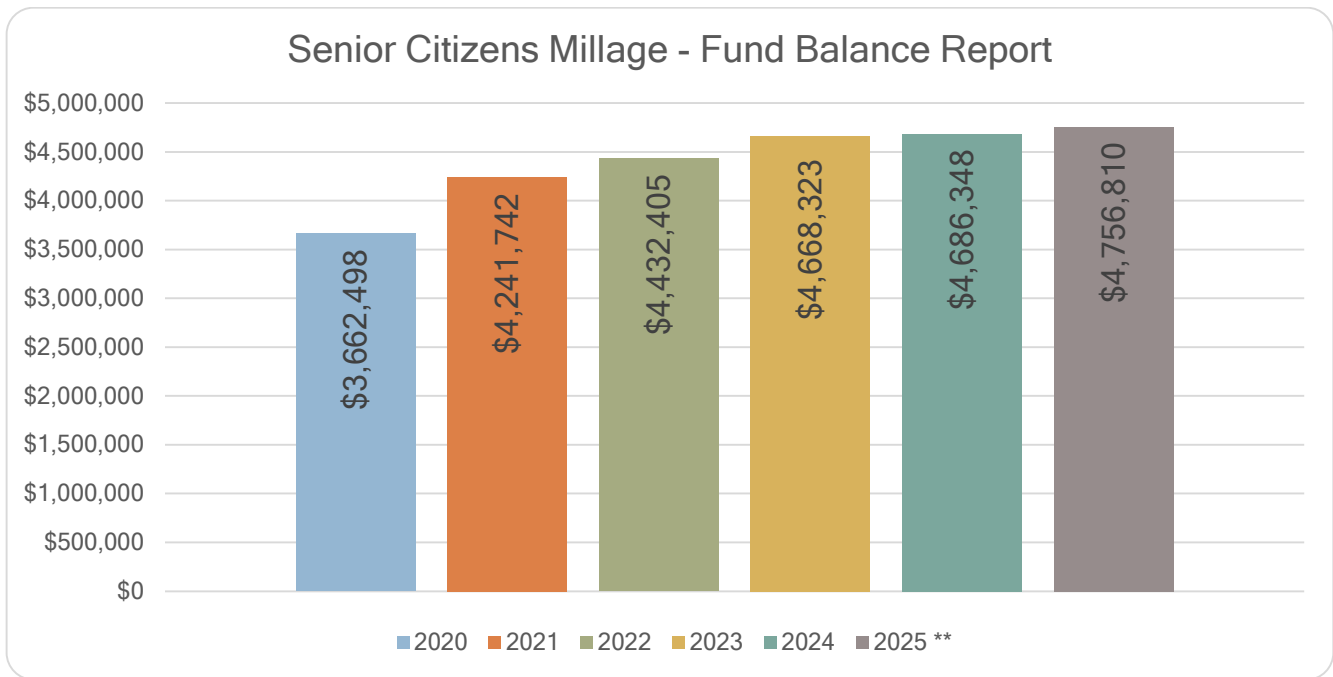
Fund Balance

Fund balance represents the accumulation of operating surpluses over time. These funds may be used for ongoing operations, special requests, new services, or to temporarily sustain programs if the millage is not renewed.

The fund balance increased by **\$70,462** from 2024 to the 2025 pre-audit projection.

At its current level, the fund balance could support existing services for approximately **eight months**. It remains Administration’s recommendation to maintain a **six- to seven-month operational fund balance** as a best practice.

A recent history of the Senior Citizens’ Millage fund balance is shown below.



Note: Fund balance amounts are based on audited figures from the County of St. Clair Comprehensive Annual Financial Reports, with the exception of 2025, which is unaudited.

Independent Auditors

The Senior Citizens Millage fund is audited annually as part of the County of St. Clair’s independent financial audit. The current auditor is **UHY LLP, Certified Public Accountants**.

LOOKING AHEAD

The St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage will continue to play a vital role in supporting programs and services that meet the evolving needs of older adults.

Through ongoing collaboration with service providers and continued community engagement, the millage supports a coordinated system focused on independence, health, and quality of life for residents age 60 and older.

As the needs of the community change over time, the Commission on Aging will continue to evaluate programs, identify service gaps, and make recommendations that ensure responsible use of millage funds and continued access to essential services.

ABOUT THE COMMISSION ON AGING

History of the Millage

Public Act 39 of 1979 authorizes local units of government in Michigan to establish a Senior Citizens' Millage to fund services and programs for older adults. A special election held on September 11, 1979 established the St. Clair County Senior Citizens' Millage at 0.4 mill, generating \$492,605.

Over time, the millage rate has been increased twice: to 0.5 mill in 1986 and to 0.8 mill in 2012. In 2022, the rate was rolled back to 0.7983 mill in accordance with the Headlee Amendment. The Headlee Amendment requires millage rates to be reduced when property value growth exceeds inflation, ensuring that overall tax revenue growth remains aligned with inflation.

The Senior Citizens' Millage has consistently demonstrated strong community support and remains an essential funding source for senior services across St. Clair County. In 2022, over 78% of voters approved the renewal for the 2022-2025 period.

The Senior Citizens' Millage is scheduled to appear on the **August 4, 2026 Primary ballot** as a renewal of the existing millage for a four-year period from 2026 through 2029.



About Us – Commission on Aging

The Commission on Aging (COA) was established in 1979 as an advisory board to the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners appoints nine members to the COA, each serving three-year terms. Members represent each of the seven Board of Commissioners' districts and must reside in the district they represent. Two at-large members may reside anywhere within St. Clair County.

Mission Statement

The Commission's purpose is to recommend prudent use of public funds from the Senior Citizens' Millage and to coordinate programs and services that meet the changing needs of St. Clair County residents age 60 and older, promoting their well-being and quality of life.

Duties and Responsibilities

The duties and responsibilities of the Commission on Aging include:

- Staying informed on issues affecting seniors in St. Clair County
- Educating the public on resources available through the Senior Citizens' Millage
- Making recommendations to the Board of Commissioners regarding senior services and the annual millage budget
- Monitoring the expenditures of millage-funded service providers
- Seeking proposals for new services as the needs of seniors in St. Clair County evolve

Commission Membership

Term Expiration

District 1	Linda Schmitt	12/31/2028
District 2	Kristal Jones (2025-26 Vice Chair)	12/31/2027
District 3	Diane Cooper	12/31/2026
District 4	Karynn Carrell (2025-26 Chairperson)	12/31/2026
District 5	Jared Shirkey	12/31/2028
District 6	CarolAnn Wasilco	12/31/2027
District 7	Judy Wallis	12/31/2026
At-Large position	Sharron DeFever	12/31/2028
At-Large position	Bonnie DiNardo	12/31/2027

Board of Commissioners Representative – Lisa Beedon (non-voting member)

Secretary – Senior Millage Administrator (by virtue of position)

The Senior Millage Administrator serves as Secretary to the COA and is a non-voting member.

COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

Moments from programs and services supporting older adults across St. Clair County



Learn More

To learn more or connect with services for older adults in St. Clair County:

☎ (810) 989-6900

✉ aging@stclaircounty.org

🌐 stclaircounty.org/Offices/aging