

Ongoing Additional Requirements Program

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services
Economic Services Administration • Community Services Division

Program Description

The Ongoing Additional Requirements program provides a state-funded payment to a person with a need of assistance (beyond food, clothing and shelter) that is necessary to help them continue to live independently. Customers may request OAR benefits if they receive assistance on one of the following programs: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families; State Family Assistance; Refugee Cash Assistance; Pregnant Women Assistance; Aged, Blind or Disabled cash assistance; or Supplemental Security Income. A social services specialist must determine that the person has an essential need for an item or service to live independently. Once approved, we review OAR eligibility every six to 24 months depending on the customer and the need.

We provide support through:

- **Cash assistance.** OAR provides payments for:
 - Restaurant or home-delivered meals.
 - Food for service animals.
 - Basic telephone service.
 - Laundry.
- **Link resources.** We work together with OAR customers to build connections with local resources including:
 - Community or social service agencies.
 - Home and Community Services Offices within DSHS's Aging and Long-Term Support Administration.

Highlights in SFY 2022

459 individuals received support through OAR.

Average payment \$45.41 a month.

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OAR Facts

Trends

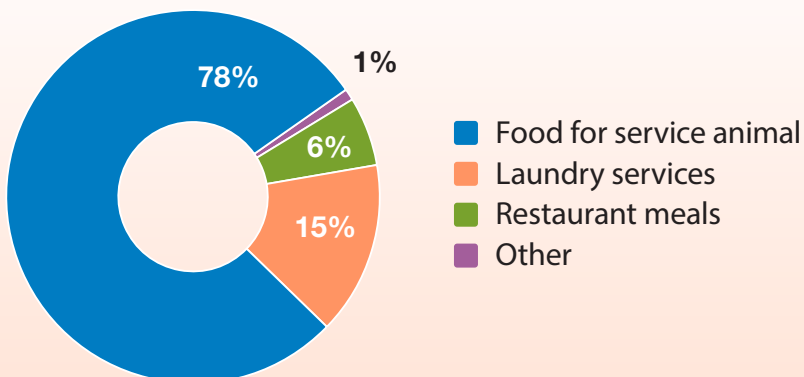
The program served an average of 283 customers each month in SFY 2022.

FY 2021 **234**

FY 2022 **283**

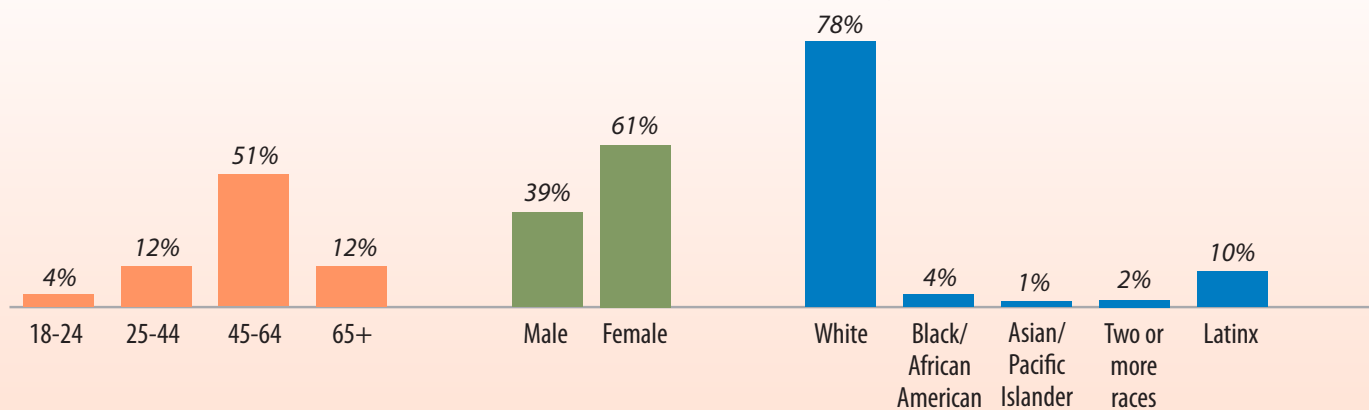
**20.9%
Increase**

Average Monthly OAR Caseload by Service Type



Demographics

The average age of an OAR recipient is 48 years old.



Challenges

16%

Are experiencing homelessness



98%

Have a disabling condition

Budget

OAR accounted for less than 1% of state spending in the 2021-2023 biennium.

→ Share of spending on OAR = 0.001%

