

### **Aging Services:**

A postcard you may have received states, “Steve makes various claims about social services for seniors that do not add up and are misleading. One claim: ‘(Steve’s) political pressure’ and the county’s pull out caused more grant funds to be allocated to Seniors. Reality: Title XX and CDBG funding have remained stagnant while the senior population has grown resulting in a higher demand!”

The framing of this issue is looking backwards, I am looking forward. The Title XX Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) increase are **effective July 1, 2006**. Utah County did not receive a final answer from the Federal Government about becoming the Area Agency on Aging until March 20 of this year, so none of the funding changes negotiated between County Commissioner Steve White, Commission Chairman Larry Ellertson, and the Executive Director of MAG, Darrell Cook, take place until July 1, 2006. In that meeting in Commissioner Ellertson’s office, Darrell Cook agreed to have MAG increase the Senior portion of the SSBG from 30% to 70%. This year’s approved CDBG awards for July 1, 2006 have two projects over \$100,000 each for Senior Projects (Mapleton & Heber City) substantiating my claim of the increase from ~\$50,000 to over \$200,000.

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