

EAST BATON ROUGE COUNCIL ON AGING

ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 25-26







GOVERNANCE

The EBRCOA is mandated by the Older Americans Act (OAA), to respond to the needs of Americans aged 60 and over in the local community with the goal of keeping seniors living independently in their own homes. AAAs plan and provide social services and nutrition services for elders, and support for caregivers

The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) is both an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) and a Council on Aging (COA). EBRCOA is governed by the Administration of Aging which is responsible for enforcing the Older Americans Act and the Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) which manages the Louisiana State Plan on Aging. The EBRCOA is allocated funding through the Area Plan which is a grant application the agency submits to the GOEA for the period of fiscal years 2022 – 2027.

PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS

The Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs (GOEA) has provided the following performance indicators as a means of measuring COA performance.

- **Increase** the number of older persons who have access to an integrated array of health and social supports;
- **Increase** the number of older persons who stay active and healthy;
- **Increase** the number of families who are supported in their efforts to care for their loved ones at home and in the community; and
- **Increase** the number of older people who benefit from programs that protect their rights and prevent elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation.
- **Facilitate** leadership in developing and improving transportation options for the elderly in the Public Service Area and;
- **Providing** assistance with applying for benefits and programs.
- The seventh and final goal is to **educate** consumers on services provided by Ombudsman and display and distribute flyers provided by GOEA, and provide opportunities for Ombudsman to speak to staff and clients about the service to promote awareness.

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO



The East Baton Rouge Council on Aging (EBRCOA) concludes Fiscal Year 2025–2026 in a position of strength, clarity, and forward momentum. This year reflects disciplined execution, organizational accountability, and intentional growth in impact. Across all operations, one principle remains constant: ***What We Do Matters***, because EBRCOA serves as a lifeline for seniors throughout our community.

We maintained a strong focus on financial transparency and the responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars. The successful completion of a clean financial audit affirms the integrity of our fiscal operations and the strength of our internal controls. It also reflects a culture where accountability is embedded in daily practice, ensuring resources are directed toward sustaining a lifeline for seniors across East Baton Rouge Parish. ***What We Do Matters*** continues to guide every decision we make.

That standard is carried by Team EBRCOA. Our staff demonstrates professionalism and purpose in serving seniors with consistency and dignity.

Across every program, EBRCOA provides essential services to seniors who depend on them. Their work reflects disciplined execution and a clear commitment to serving seniors at the highest level.

What We Do Matters is evident in every service delivered.

During this fiscal year, we strengthened operational capacity, expanded service reach, and improved program consistency while maintaining focus on outcomes that matter most to seniors. Growth has been intentional, aligned with the evolving needs of an aging population in East Baton Rouge Parish. We continue to elevate expectations for what it means to serve seniors effectively and to ensure EBRCOA remains a dependable lifeline for seniors.

Looking ahead, our focus remains clear. We will continue strengthening operational excellence, advancing service innovation, and deepening community impact. Serving seniors requires steady leadership, disciplined execution, and clear vision. EBRCOA is positioned to meet that responsibility while reinforcing its role as a lifeline for seniors and ensuring ***What We Do Matters*** remains central to our work.

I extend sincere appreciation to Team EBRCOA for their commitment, to our Board of Directors for their guidance, and to our community partners for their collaboration. To our community, thank you for your trust. ***What We Do Matters*** today, tomorrow, and always.

Sincerely,

Tasha Clark-Amar
Chief Executive Officer

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- Tasha Clark-Amar, CEO EBRCOA







IMPACT

PARTICIPANT DATA

Date Range 5/1/2025 thru 4/1/2026

13
Total Number of Transit Buses in Operation

121
Average Number of Daily Riders

22,099
Total Lotus Rides Trips (For the recent fiscal year)

5,346
Total senior participants (Congregate & Feeding sites)









PARTICIPANT DATA

Date Range 5/1/2025 thru 4/1/2026

1,129,854
Total Meals Served
(Congregate & MOWs combined)

840
Total Food Pantry Clients

343
Power to Care

38,667
Material Aid

IMPACT

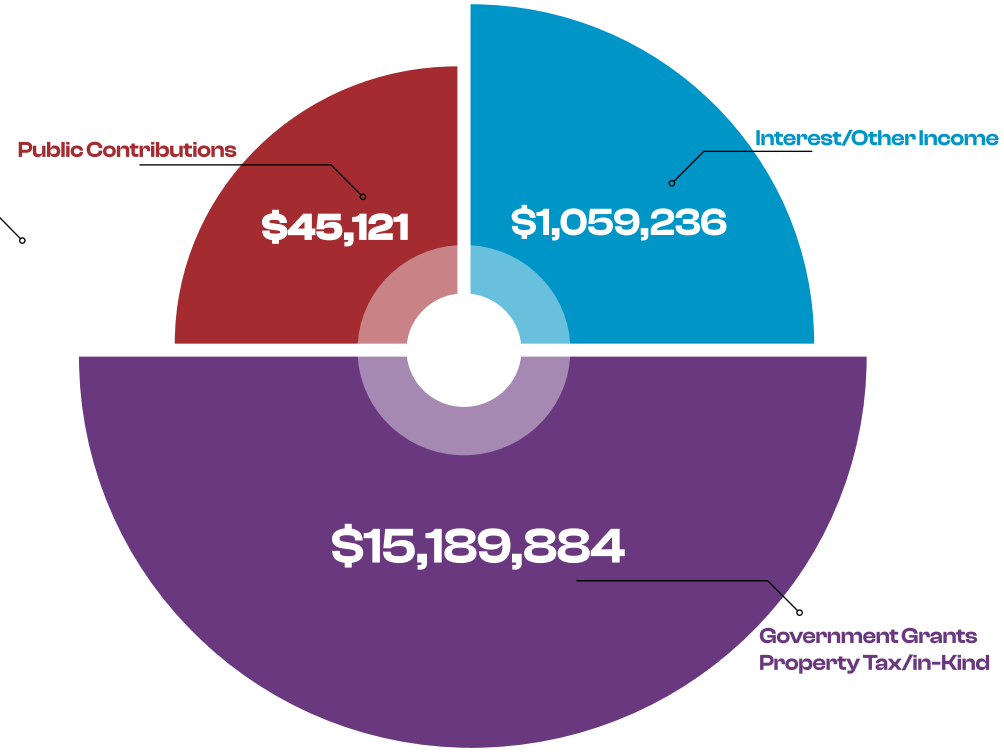
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FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

Twelve Months Ending June 30, 2025

Total Support and Revenue

$16,294,241



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Total Expenses

$15,194,300

$5,445,130
Programs and Overhead

$3,256,130
Operating Services

$654,477
Operating Supplies

$3,824,264
Kitchen Operations/Other Cost

$854,217
Capital Outlay

$1,106,773
Principal Retirement, net

$52,571
Interest

Change in Net Assets **$1,099,941**

Net Assets, End of Year **$2,807,814**

Net Assets, Beginning of Year **$1,707,873**

Information taken from EBRCOA Audited Financial Statement as of June 30, 2025. Audited by L.A. Champagne & Co. LLP - Certified Public Accountants

A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Serving Seniors and Supporting Independence is more than a mission. It is a promise kept each day through the collective effort of so many. The work reflected in these pages is made possible through the extraordinary dedication of our community partners, sponsors, Board of Directors, Senior Advisory Board, along with the entire Team EBRCOA family. Because of you, the seniors of East Baton Rouge Parish are not only served. They are seen, valued, and supported. With sincere gratitude, thank you.

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Ageless Healthcare
Alzheimer's Services
Bethesda Rehabilitation Hospital
BREADA/Red Stick Farmer's Market
Bureau of Community Preparedness
Capital Area Aging Agency
Cardiovascular Institute of the South
CareSouth Medical and Dental
CATS
CenterWell - Senior Primary Care
Chase Bank
Cumulus Media
Currency Bank
Devoted Health
EBR Parish Library
EBR Parish Schools
EBR SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)
Governor's Office of Elderly Affairs
Guaranty Bank & Trust Company
Humana
I CARE
LA Veterans Home
Louisiana Blue (Blue Cross Blue Shield)
Louisiana Department of Health
Louisiana of Department of Insurance
Louisiana Unclaimed Property
Louisiana Volunteers In Action (LAVA)
Mary Bird Perkins
Medicare Simplified
Metro Health
MJM Innovations
NBD Insurance & Community Tax
Ochsner Health Plan
Office of the Attorney General
Our Lady of the Lake - Senior Companion Program
OWHCH - LA Dept of Health
Peoples Health
Performance Food Service
Preach Is Literacy
Primary Care Plus
Southern University Agriculture Center
Vital Caring Group Home Health & Hospice
Volunteers of America Southeast Louisiana
Walgreens
Wellcare
Woman's Hospital

Healthy Aging Conference PRESENTERS

Baton Rouge AIDS Society
BREADA
CareSouth Medical & Dental
CenterWell - Senior Primary Care
Chase Bank
Curvy Girl Fitness
Finding a Foothold Foundation
Governor's Office of Elderly Protective Services
Guaranty Bank & Trust Company
Louisiana Appleseed
Louisiana Department of Insurance
LSU Culinary Nutrition Department
Metro Health
Office of Public Health - Bureau of Community Preparedness
Performance Food Group
SALT (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together)
Southern University Agriculture
Walgreens

Healthy Aging Conference PANELIST

Dr. Leslie Bostick, MD - Baton Rouge General
Dr. Garland Green, MD - Cardiovascular Institute of Baton Rouge
Dr. Johnathan Taylor, MD - Baton Rouge Clinic
Dr. Rani Whitfield, MD - Our Lady of the Lake

2026 Senior Skip Day SPONSORS

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Louisiana Health Connections
Peoples Health
Performance FoodService
Primary Care Plus

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AGENCY **SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTERS**

Antioch Senior Center
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Baton Rouge, LA 70817
Phone: 225-246-7994

Baker Senior Center
3334 Jefferson St.
Baker, LA 70714
Phone: 225-366-6432

Ben Burge Senior Center
9350 Antigua Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Phone: 225-228-2670

Central Lotus Activity Center
11111 Park Place, Suite C
Central, LA 70818
Phone: 225-615-8339

Chaneyville Senior Center
13211 Jackson Rd.
Zachary, LA 70791
Phone: 225-286-4101

Charles R. Kelly Senior Center
3939 Riley St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70805
Phone: 225-389-5464

Dumas House Senior Center
1313 North Sherwood Forest
Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Phone: 225-388-5646

Greater King David Senior Center
131 Elmer Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70807
Phone: 225-775-4996

Highland Road Senior Center
14024 North Amiss Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Phone: 225-454-4773

Homewood Aquatic Senior Center
3654 Granada Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70810
Phone: 225-636-5611

Jewel J. Newman Senior Center
2013 Central Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70707
Phone: 225-239-7796

Leo S. Butler Senior Center
950 Lorri Burgess Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: 225-344-6775

Pearl George Senior Center
4000 Gus Young Ave.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: 225-389-3188

Perkins Road Senior Center
7122 Perkins Rd.
Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Phone: 225-302-9662

The Lotus Center
1701 Main St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: 225-923-8000

Zachary Lotus Activity Center
6363 Main Street, Suite L
Zachary, LA 70791
Phone: 225-306-4102

AGENCY **FEEDING SITES**

St. Martha's Village
7565 Bishop Ott Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Phone: 225-223-6559

Catholic Presbyterian Apartments
655 North St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
Phone: 225-383-5551

Sharlo Terrace I & II
4915 Alvin Dark Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
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Turner Plaza Apt.
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