

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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1 1988-89

2 LEGAL SERVICES FOR THE  
3 ELDERLY, INCORPORATED

4 Personal Services

\$42,900

5 All Other

1,600

6 Total

\$44,500

7 These funds will be  
8 used to maintain the  
9 Advocates for Medicare  
10 Patients Program,  
11 which provides  
12 assistance in securing  
13 federal benefits to  
14 elderly Medicare  
15 recipients and to  
16 continue the  
17 distribution of  
18 educational materials.

19 STATEMENT OF FACT

20 Legal Services for the Elderly received a federal  
21 grant of \$32,000 in October 1986 to create an  
22 innovative method for delivery of elderly legal  
23 services in rural northern and eastern Maine. The  
24 federal grant ends in February 1988 and the requested  
25 appropriation would assure continued service to the  
26 needy, difficult-to-reach population which was the  
27 focus of the grant.

28 Legal Services for the Elderly, in the course of  
29 its federal grant work, has developed innovative  
30 client educational materials and self-help packages  
31 which are effective in preventing the need for more  
32 intensive legal services in the future. This  
33 appropriation will allow much greater publicity about  
34 and distribution of these materials throughout the  
35 rest of the State.

1        Legal Services for the Elderly has had a highly  
2 successful first year with its Advocates for Medicare  
3 Patients Program. Over 300 Medicare appeals are now  
4 pending across the State to challenge the very narrow  
5 way in which Medicare determines what services it will  
6 reimburse. Preliminary results show this program to  
7 be extremely cost effective in securing the benefits  
8 of federal insurance upon which the elderly rely.  
9 This appropriation will enable the program to secure  
10 the supportive services which are vitally needed to  
11 continue its very effective work.

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