

Central West Virginia Aging Services, Inc.

Helping Hands Program

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Helping Hands

- The Helping Hands program was formally developed in 2006 to meet the needs of many individuals in the community that did not qualify for other programs and could not pay for Private Pay Services.



- Although this program was developed formally in 2006, Central West Virginia Aging Services has been providing Charity Care Services for many years.



- The program was named Helping Hands so that individuals would realize that our agency was lending a “Helping Hand”. Many that were in need of help were apprehensive about receiving free services because they had always worked until they became ill and did not want to feel like they were taking free handouts.



- Over the years The Helping Hands Program has expanded from providing In-Home Services. Currently a variety of assistance has been provided through this program.



Services Provided Through Helping Hands

- In-Home Services
- Transportation
- Purchase of Medications
- Purchase of Medical Equipment
- Assistance with Heavy Duty Cleaning
- Purchase of Cleaning Supplies
- Purchase of Smoke Alarm/Carbon Monoxide Detectors
- Purchase of Air Conditioners
- Purchase of Groceries



Services Provided Continued

- Assistance with Building Ramps
- Assistance with Minor Home Repairs

Each need is looked at on an individual basis and can include a variety of items in addition to the items previously mentioned.

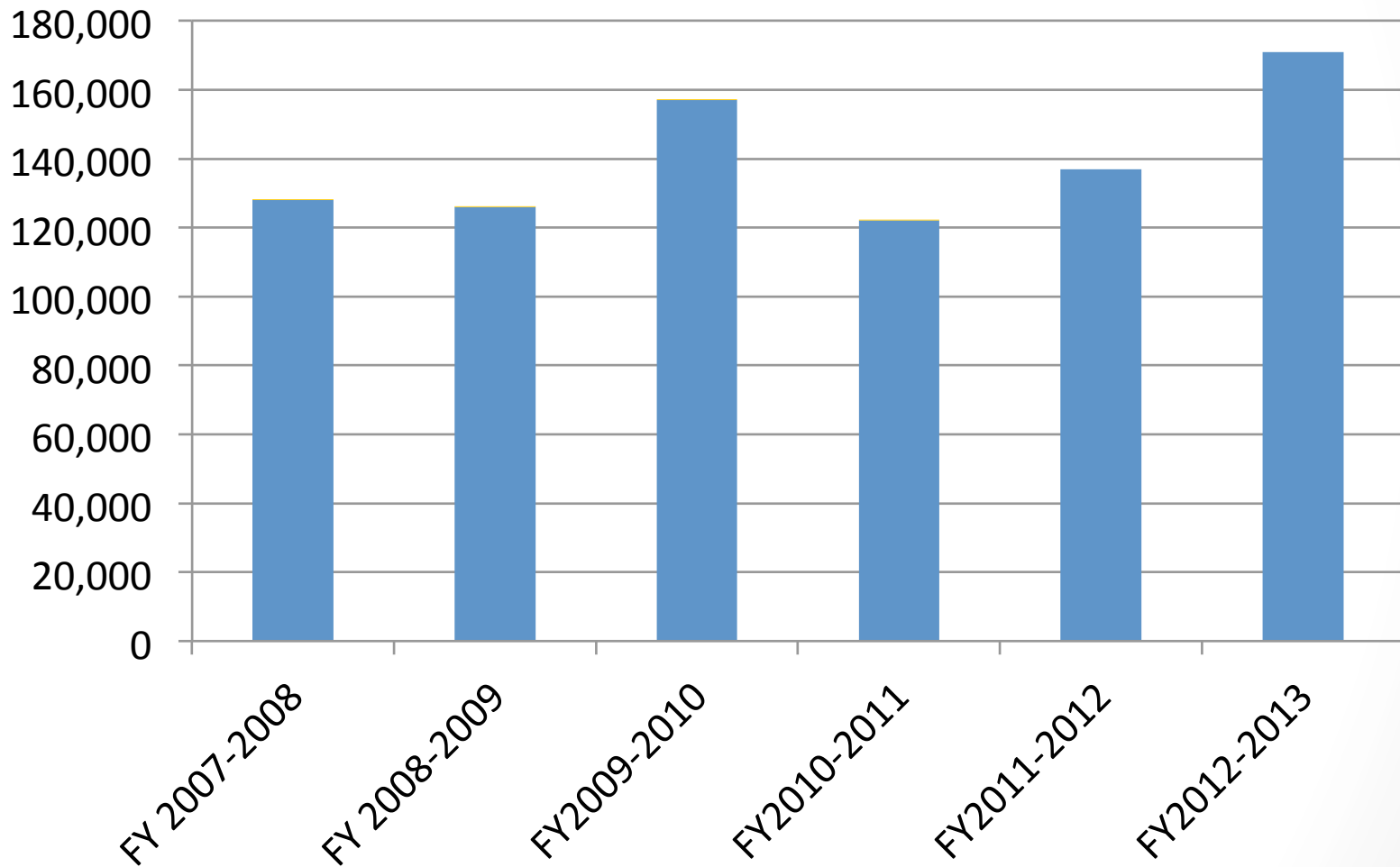


How is the Helping Hands Program Funded?

- The Helping Hands Program is funded by carry-over funds from each fiscal year.
- As a 501-c-3 agency, Central West Virginia Aging Services believes in giving back to the community.



Summary of Helping Hands

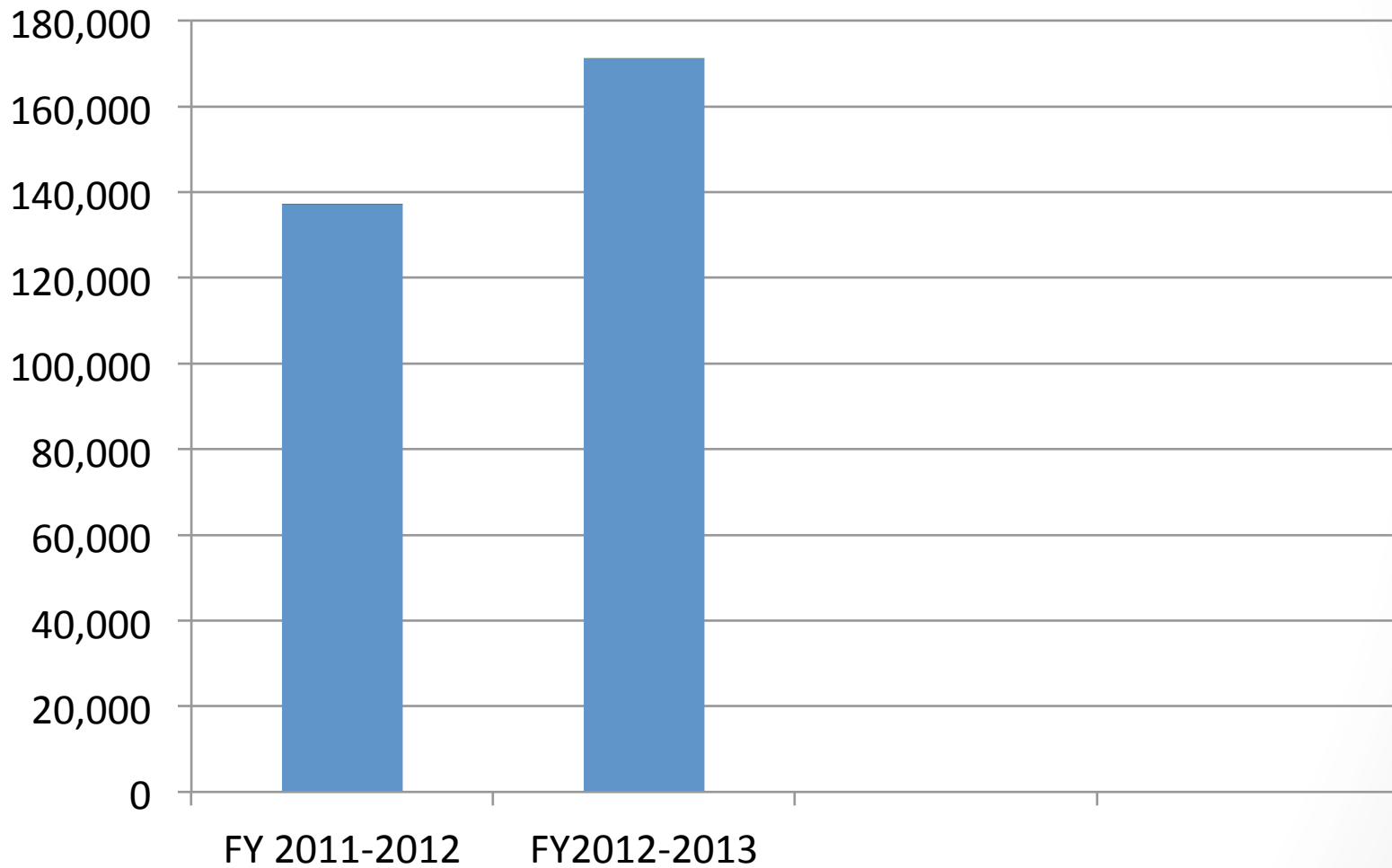


Helping Hands Program as a Result of the Medicaid Waiver Freeze

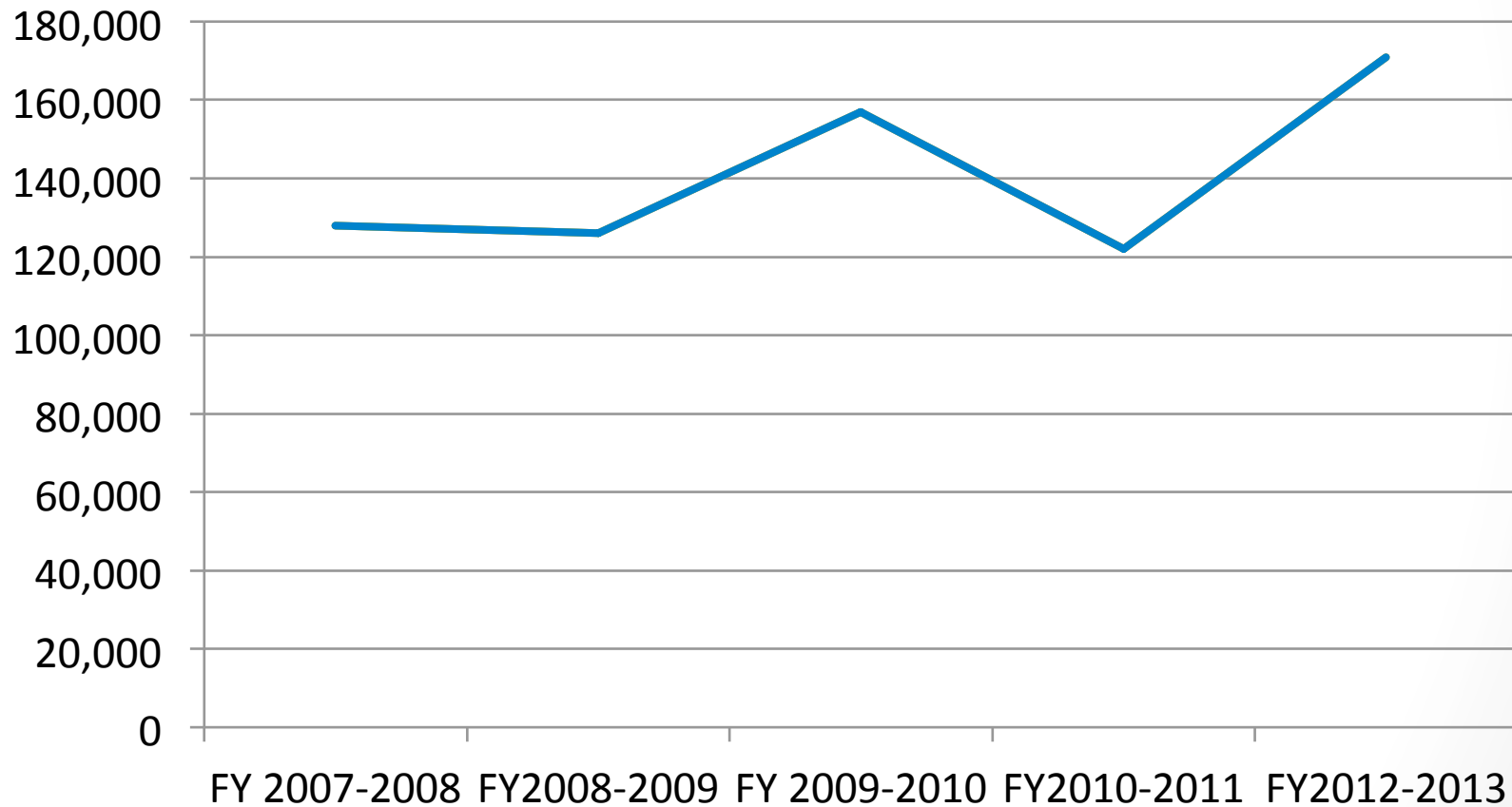
- Due to the Medicaid Waiver Freeze, there has been an increased need for the Helping Hands Program. We receive numerous requests daily from individuals needing help.



Effects of Medicaid Waiver Freeze



6 Year Total \$841,000



Conclusion

As the Medicaid Waiver “Freeze” continues, there is an increasing demand on the Helping Hands Program to meet the needs of the elderly and disabled of West Virginia. Through our efforts, it is our hope that we can make a difference in the lives of the many deserving West Virginian’s still waiting for help.

