FIND THE DOLLARS YOU DESERVE

A ROAD MAP TO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR AGING SERVICES: NAVIGATING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER ORGANIZATIONS





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Introduction

In terms of research and aging services, LGBT elders are continuously overlooked by federal, state, and local governments. Not surprisingly, a majority of LGBT elders do not avail themselves to aging programs and services typically offered to the mainstream population. According to the National Needs Assessment and Technical Assistance Audit conducted by SAGE (Services and Advocacy for GLBT Elders), the majority of LGBT elders do not live in communities that offer services specifically developed for the primary needs of this community. In fact, elder services that do exist are more likely found in larger urban settings and those programs tend to only offer social activities that are organized for LGBT elders to find each other, reduce isolation, and share a common interest. Although important, these activities are only a piece of the necessary services that this growing population needs to pursue healthy, independent, and dignified lives.

As the Post-Stonewall/Baby Boomer generation approaches retirement, demographic projections show that by 2030, 20% of the American population will be over 65 years of age (SAGE, Post-Stonewall/Baby Boomer Generations' Impact on Aging in GLBT Communities). Of that percentage, the number of LGBT elders is estimated to increase by 50-80%, representing 4-5.5 million LGBT elders by 2030. Because funding resources are often difficult to locate, the LGBT community continuously fails to provide comprehensive services to their own aging population. This guide serves as a roadmap for local and state LGBT centers and non-profit organizations to identify federally funded resources to meet the specific needs of our growing aging community.

The Older Americans Act (OAA), administered by the Administration on Aging (AoA), is the primary funding mechanism for aging services. Specifically, the OAA's purpose is to "encourage and assist State Agencies and Area Agencies on Aging to concentrate resources in order to develop greater capacity and foster the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated systems."

Most recently, the AoA requested \$1.381 billion for the FY 2009 budget, a slight decrease from the FY 2007 appropriated amount of \$1.383 billion (AoA Press Release, Statement of Josefina G. Carbonell, Monday, February 4, 2008). These dollars support a wide range of social and support services for the aging population. In addition to the OAA, a small number of other federal agencies such as the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the United States Food and Drug Administration (USDA), and the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) also provide funding opportunities for the aging population. While LGBT elders are not specifically addressed as a target population, there is potential for

funding within these agencies that could meet the specific needs of this community.

Because the majority of aging services are administered by the Older Americans Act, the federal dollars are primarily distributed directly to State Agencies or Area Agencies on Aging. Thus, local LGBT centers must generally look to these agencies for more information on the application process. The Administration on Aging's Eldercare Locator is a helpful tool to locate these agencies and facilitate this process. However, local non-profit organizations may apply directly to the federal government for a number of grant opportunities.

With direction from the Task Force National LGBT Aging Roundtable, this "Find the Dollars You Deserve" identifies seven priority areas that encompass comprehensive services necessary to ensure the health and independence of LGBT elders. These areas include: *Nutrition Services, Housing, Community and Supportive Services, Older Workers Programs, Senior Employment and Opportunity Programs, Elder Rights and Protections, and Grants for Native Americans.*

Within each area, this guide provides a list and description of potential grant opportunities for LGBT centers and organizations available on the federal level. The map also includes specific information on the administrative agency of the program, the governing statutory authority, as well as the amount of federal dollars allocated to each program. Finally, the map provides information regarding specific participant and program requirements, funding and eligibility requirements, and information on the application process. This guide creates a foundation for LGBT centers and other non-profit organizations to locate federal resources that may fund services addressing the comprehensive needs of LGBT elders.

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NOTE ON THE ELDERCARE LOCATOR

The Administration on Aging established the Eldercare Locator as a nationwide service to help families and friends find information about community services for older people. The Eldercare Locator provides access to an extensive network of organizations serving older people at state and local community levels. To locate a State or Local Area Agency on Aging, call the Eldercare Locator toll free at 1-800-677-1116 or go to http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp.

NUTRITION SERVICES

Congregate Nutrition Services (Older Americans Act, Title III)

The OAA's Congregate Nutrition Services aims to reduce hunger and food insecurity, promote socialization of older individuals, and assist older individuals in gaining access to nutrition and disease prevention services. Specific services include providing nutritious meals in a group setting, delivering nutrition education, and providing other appropriate services to help older American's maintain their health, independence and quality of life.

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, Section 331

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$434,269,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$440,783,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include:
 - Persons who are age 60 or older, especially those older individuals with the greatest social or economic need, and their spouse of any age
 - Persons under age 60 with disabilities who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly where congregate meals are served
 - Persons with disabilities who reside at home with, and accompany, older individuals
 - Volunteers who provide services during the meal hours.
- o Nutrition Service Providers are required to:
 - Provide at least one meal per day five days a week or more (except in rural areas if five days a week is not feasible and a lesser frequency has been approved by the state agency on aging)
 - Provide at least one "hot or other appropriate meal per day."
 - Provide services in congregate settings, including adult care facilities and multigenerational meal sites; AND
 - Provide nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and other nutrition services, as appropriate, based on the needs of meal participants.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

o All States and US Territories which have State Agencies on Aging designated by the governors are eligible for funding.

o Funds are awarded to State Agencies through a statutory formula.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or State Agency on Aging for more information.
- o Information on these agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

• Web site:

o http://www.aoa.gov

Home Delivered Nutrition Services (Older Americans Act, Title III)

Home Delivered Nutrition Services, informally referred to as "Meals on Wheels", aims to reduce food insecurity and assist older individuals in gaining access to nutrition and disease prevention services. Service providers deliver nutritious meals to the homes of older Americans at least once a day, 5 days a week.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, Section 336

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$214,459,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$217,676,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include:
 - Persons who are age 60 or older, especially those older individuals with the greatest social or economic need, and their spouse of any age
 - Persons under age 60 with disabilities who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly where congregate meals are served
 - Persons with disabilities who reside at home with, and accompany, older individuals
 - Volunteers who provide services during the meal hours.
 - An older individual must be assessed to be homebound.

- A spouse of a homebound individual regardless of age or condition may receive a meal if receipt of the meal is assessed to be in the best interest of the homebound older adult.
- o Nutrition service providers are required to:
 - Provide at least "one hot, cold, frozen, dried, canned, fresh or supplemental foods" meal per day; AND
 - Provide nutrition education, nutrition counseling, and other nutrition services as appropriate based on needs of meal recipients.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o All States and US Territories which have State Agencies on Aging designated by the governors are eligible for funding.
- o Funds are awarded to State Agencies through a statutory formula.
- o The law requires State Agencies to provide a 15% match to the amount appropriated by the federal government.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your Area Agency on Aging (AAA) or State Agency on Aging (SAA) for more information.
- o Information on these agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp.

• Web site:

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Nutrition Services Incentive Program (NSIP)

The OAA's Nutrition Services Incentive Program awards funds to State Agencies on Aging (SSAs), Area Agencies on Aging (AAAs), and Indian Tribal Organizations to purchase foods of United States origin or to purchase commodities from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). These foods are to be used in the preparation of congregate and home-delivered meals by nutrition services programs. Community organizations may be eligible to receive funds through their designated SSA or AAA.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$161,015,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$161,015,000

• Statutory Authority:

- o Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, section 311
- o Agricultural Act of 1949, section 416
 - Provides that a grant recipient shall receive food commodities from the Commodities Credit Corporation
- o Food and Agricultural Act of 1965, Section 709
 - Dairy products shall be used to meet the requirements of nutrition services in accordance with OAA.

• Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include:
 - Persons who are age 60 or older, especially those older individuals with the greatest social or economic need, and their spouse of any age
 - Persons under age 60 with disabilities who reside in housing facilities occupied primarily by the elderly where congregate meals are served
 - Persons with disabilities who reside at home with, and accompany, older individuals
 - Volunteers who provide services during the meal hours.
 - An older individual must be assessed to be homebound
 - A spouse of a homebound individual regardless of age or condition may receive a meal if receipt of the meal is assessed to be in the best interest of the homebound older adult.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Funds are awarded to SSAs, AAAs, and Indian Tribal Organizations through a statutory formula.
- o If community organizations enter into a contract or grant agreement with their SSA or AAA to provide meals in compliance with Title III of the OAA, the community organization may receive NSIP funding from that entity.
- o Some community organizations are not eligible to participate in NSIP. For example, privately funded Meals on Wheels programs that are not associated with a SSA or AAA or assisted living facilities that do not provide meals to the general public and are not associated with a SSA or AAA are not eligible to participate in NSIP.

How to Apply:

- o Funds for Nutrition Services Incentive Grants are allotted to states based on a statutory formula that takes in account the number of meals served by each state's nutrition program the prior year.
- o Contact your SAA or AAA for more information.
- o Information on these agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

• Web site:

o http://www.aoa.gov

Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)

The Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides food and administrative funds to SAs, AAAs, and Indian Tribal Organizations to supplement the diets of older adults, pregnant and breastfeeding women, and children up to six years of age. These agencies distribute funds to participating local public or private nonprofit agencies. The CSFP food packages do not provide a complete diet, but rather are good sources of the nutrients typically lacking in the diets of the target population.

• Federal Oversight:

o Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$160,430,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$171,409,000

Statutory Authority:

- o Agriculture and Consumer Protection of 1973, Section 4(a)
- o Agricultural Act of 1949
- o Child Nutrition Act of 1966
- o Commodity Credit Corporation Charter of 1933
- o Section 32 of the Agricultural Act of 193
- o Part 247 CSFP Regulations of Food and Nutrition Services of USDA
- o Part 250 Food Distribution Programs FDP Donation of Food Regulations

• Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants must reside in a State participating in CSFP
- o Elderly persons must be at least 60 years of age who meet income eligibility requirements.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o States establish an income limit for eligible participants that is at or below 130% of the federal poverty line.
- o State agencies store the food and distribute it to public and non-profit private local agencies.
- o Local agencies determine the eligibility of applicants, distribute the food to participants, and provide nutrition information.

How to Apply:

o Contact your State Distributing Agency (SDA) for further assistance. For a list of SDA contacts, go to http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/contacts/sdacontacts.htm

• Web site:

o http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/csfp

HOUSING

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly (HUD)

Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly aims to provide interestfree capital advance grants to private, nonprofit sponsors to finance the development of supportive housing for the elderly.

Federal Oversight:

o Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$765,000,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$765,000,000

Statutory Authority:

- o The Housing Act of 1959
- o Section 210 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974
- o Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act
- o Housing and Community Development Act of 1992
- o The Rescissions Act
- o American Homeownership and Economic Opportunity Act of
- o Program regulations are in 24 Code of Federal Regulations Part 891

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Section 202 housing is open to any very low-income household comprised of at least one person who is at least 62 years old at the time of initial occupancy.
- o Capital advances do not have to be repaid as long as the project serves very low-income elderly persons for 40 years.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Applicant must have private, nonprofit status (Public entities are NOT eligible)
- o Applicant must have a financial commitment and acceptable control of an approvable site.
- o For more requirements, see www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/mfh/progdesc/eld202.cfm

How to Apply:

- o An applicant should consult the office or official designated as the single point of contact in his or her state for more information on the process the state requires to be followed in applying for assistance.
- o A Notice of Fund Availability is published in the Federal Register each fiscal year announcing the availability of funds to HUD Field Offices.
- o Applicants must submit a Request for a Fund Reservation, using Form HUD-92015-CA, Section 202 application for capital advance, in response to the Notice of Fund Availability (or a Funding Notification issued by the local HUD Field Office).
- o The application for a capital advance is used to determine the eligibility of the applicant and proposed project as well as the acceptability of the site and market, correctness of zoning, and the effect on environment.

• Web site:

o www.hud.gov

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program

HOPWA provides grants to local communities, states, and nonprofit organizations to devise long-term comprehensive strategies for meeting the housing needs of low income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families. Funds may be used for a wide range of housing, social services, program planning, and development costs. In addition, funds may be used for health care and mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, nutritional services, case management, assistance with daily living, and other supportive services.

• Federal Oversight:

o Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$276,088,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$298,485,000

Statutory Authority:

o AIDS Housing Opportunity Act

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants are low income persons with HIV or AIDS and their families.

• Pursuant to Section 574.3, Title 24 (Housing and Urban Development) of the Code of Federal Regulations, "family" means a household composed of two or more related persons. The term family also includes one or more eligible persons living with another person or persons who are determined to be important to their care or well being, and the surviving member or members of any family described in this definition who were living in a unit assisted under the HOPWA program with the person with AIDS at the time of his or her death.

o Specific uses and restrictions are available at http://www.hud.gov/offices/ cpd/aidshousing

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o HOPWA funds are awarded as grants from one of three programs:
 - HOPWA Formula Program (90% of funding) uses a statutory method to allocate HOPWA funds to eligible States and cities on behalf of their metropolitan areas.
 - **HOPWA Competitive Program** a national competition to select model projects or programs.
 - **HOPWA National Technical Assistance** funding awards are provided to strengthen the management, operation, and capacity of HOPWA grantees, project sponsors, and potential applicants of HOPWA funding.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your Regional or Local HUD Office
- o Visit http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing for more information

• Web site:

o www.hud.gov

COMMUNITY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

Supportive Services and Senior Centers Program (Older Americans Act, Title III)

Supportive Services and Senior Centers Programs make grants available to State Agencies and Area Agencies on Aging to encourage the development and implementation of comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems of service for older individuals. The objective of these services and centers is to maximize the informal support provided to older Americans to enable them to remain in their homes and communities. By providing transportation services, in-home services and caregiver support services, this program ensures that elders receive the services they need to remain independent.

• Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$361,348,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$368,348,000

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act of 1965, Title III, Part B, Section 321

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants must be 60 years and over, targeting those individuals with the greatest economic needs, the greatest social needs, and those residing in rural areas.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o The Administration on Aging awards funds through a statutory formula.
- o State Agencies approve and award funds to sub-state level organizations.
- o The law requires State Agencies to provide a 15% match to the amount appropriated by the federal government.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your State Agency on Aging.
- o Information on State Agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

National Family Caregiver Support Program (Older Americans Act, Title III)

The National Family Caregiver Support Program aims to assist states, territories, and Indian Tribal Organizations in providing multi-faceted systems of support services for family caregivers and grandparents or older individuals who are relative caregivers. Services to be provided include, but are not limited to: information to caregivers about available services; assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services; individual counseling and caregiver training; respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their care-giving responsibilities; and supplemental services to complement the care provided by caregivers.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title III, Part E

Federal Budget:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$154,220,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$154,220,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants must be 60 years and over, targeting those individuals with the greatest economic needs, the greatest social needs, and those residing in rural areas.
- o Pursuant to the Older Americans Act, "the term 'family caregiver' means an adult family member, or another individual, who is an informal provider of in-home and community care to an older individual or to an individual with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder with neurological and organic brain dysfunction." (42 U.S.C. 3030s)

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o The Administration on Aging awards funds through a statutory formula to State Agencies on Aging.
- o State agencies then approve and award funds to local organizations.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your State Agency on Aging.
- o Information on State Agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services (Older Americans Act, Title III)

The OAA's Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services aim to develop and strengthen preventive health service and health promotion systems for older Americans. Funds are used to design and implement programs for periodic preventive health services that are provided at senior centers or alternate sights as appropriate. Funded services include, but are not limited to: health risk assessments; routine health screenings; nutrition screening; counseling and educational services for individuals and primary care givers; health promotion; and screenings for the prevention of depression.

• Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title III, Part D

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Older individuals over age 60, especially those living in areas of states which are medically underserved and in which there are a large number of older individuals who have the greatest economic need for the services.

Funding and Eligibility Information

o The AoA awards funds through a statutory formula to State Agencies on Aging.

- o State agencies approve and award funds to sub-state level organizations.
- o The law requires State Agencies to provide a 15% match to the amount appropriated by the federal government. Additional funds may be in the form of cash or in-kind contributions.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your State Agency on Aging.
- o Information on State Agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Activities for Health, Independence, and Longevity (Older Americans Act, Title IV)

As authorized by Title IV of the Older Americans Act, the Administration on Aging (AoA) awards funds to states, public agencies, private nonprofit agencies, institutions of higher education, and organizations for training, research, and demonstration projects in the field of aging. Specific grant programs include: Violence Prevention (Section 413), Computer Training (Section 415), Transportation Improvement Projects (Section 416), Multigenerational and Civic Engagement Activities (Section 417), Native American Programs (Section 418), Multidisciplinary Centers and Systems (Section 419), Legal Assistance for Older Americans (Section 420), Ombudsman and Advocacy (Section 421), and Community Innovations for Aging in Place (Section 422).

Total Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 enacted \$18.172.000
- o FY 2010 enacted \$19,023,000

Older Individuals Protection from Violence

This program aims to develop, strengthen, and carry out programs for the prevention and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. Funds may be used to: support projects in local communities; coordinate activities concerning the intervention and prevention of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation; and expand access to family violence and sexual assault programs.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 413

• Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.
- o Grantees shall:
 - Support projects in local communities to coordinate activities concerning intervention and prevention of violence against older individuals.
 - Develop and implement outreachprograms directed toward assisting elder victims of abuse.
 - Expand access to family violence and sexual assault programs
 - Promote research on legal, organizational, or training impediments to providing services to older individuals through shelters and other programs

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Discretionary grants and contracts may be made to any public or non-private agency, organization, or institution.
- o These programs have no statutory formula.

How to Apply:

- o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx
- o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Computer Training

This program aims to provide computer training and enhanced Internet access for older individuals as a means to improve their self-employment and employment related technology skills and their ability to use the

Internet. Funds may be used to provide training that relates to the use of computers and related equipment. Trainings shall be provided at senior centers, housing facilities, elementary schools, secondary schools, and institutions of higher education.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

• Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 415

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.

o Grantees shall:

- Uses funds that relate to the use of computers and related equipment;
- Provide trainings at senior centers, housing fcilities for older individuals, elementary and secondary schools, or institutions of higher education.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Priority is given to organizations that will provide serves to older individuals in rural areas and have demonstrated expertise providing computer training to older individuals.
- o Discretionary grants and contracts may be made to any public or non-private agency, organization, or institution.
- o These programs have no statutory formula.

How to Apply:

- o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx
- o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Technical Assistance and Innovation to Improve Transportation (Older Americans Act, Title IV)

This program provides funds to nonprofit organizations to carry out demonstration projects or to provide technical assistance to local transit providers, AAAs, senior centers, and local senior support groups to encourage and facilitate coordination of transportation services and resources for older individuals. Specific activities include: volunteer driving programs; economically sustainable transportation programs; and programs that allow older individuals to transfer their automobiles to a provider of transportation services in exchange for their services.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 416

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.
- o Grantees shall use funds to provide technical assistance to assist local transit providers, area agencies on aging, senior centers, and local senior support groups to encourage and facilitate the coordination of Federal, State, and local transportation services and resources for older individuals.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Discretionary grants and contracts may be made to any public or non-private agency, organization, or institution.
- o These programs have no statutory formula.

How to Apply:

- o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx
- o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

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o www.aoa.gov

Demonstration, Support, and Research Projects for Multigenerational and Civic Engagement Activities

The purpose of these programs are to carry out and evaluate projects that promote older individuals' involvement in multigenerational and civic activities. Multigenerational activities include activities that connect older individuals and youth in a child care program, a youth day care program, an educational assistance program, an at-risk youth intervention program, a juvenile delinquency treatment program, a before or after school program, a library program, or a family support program.

• Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 417

• Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need, particularly to minority individuals and those living in rural areas.

o Programs shall:

- Provide opportunities for older individuals to participate in multigenerational and civic engagement activities designed to meet critical community needs OR
- Develop and coordinate multigenerational and civic egagement activities, promote volunteerism, and facilitate participation in these programs.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Discretionary grants and contracts may be made to any public or non-private agency, organization, or institution.
- o These programs have no statutory formula.
- o Preference is given to eligible organizations with a demonstrated record carrying out multigeneratal or civic activities and organizations with the capacity to develop meaningful roles and assignments that use the time, skills, and experience of older individuals to serve public and nonprofit organizations.

How to Apply:

o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the

AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx

o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Multidisciplinary Centers and Systems

Multidisciplinary Centers and Systems aim to establish or support multidisciplinary centers of gerontology and gerontology centers of special emphasis, disabilities, income maintenance, counseling services, supportive services, minority populations, diverse populations of older individuals residing in urban communities and rural areas. Funded centers shall conduct research and policy analysis and function as a technical resource for the federal government and policy-makers.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 419

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.
- o In general, Multidisciplinary Centers shall conduct research and policy analysis and function as a technical resource for the AoA, policymakers, service providers, and Congress.
- o Specifically, the centers shall:
 - Recruit and train personnel, conduct basic and applied research in the field of aging, stimulate the incorporation of information into teachings at colleges and universities, and serve as a repository of information and knowledge.
 - Provide information and other technical assistance to public and voluntary organizations, including State agencies and area agencies on aging.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Grants are made to public and private nonprofit agencies,

organizations, and institutions

How to Apply:

o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx

o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Community Innovations for Aging Place

This program encourages projects that promote aging in place for older individuals in order to sustain their independence. Specifically, projects aim to create innovative strategies for providing and linking older individuals to comprehensive and coordinated health social services. Services include, but are not limited to the following: case management; volunteer opportunities for older individuals; and education, socialization, and recreational activities.

Federal Oversight

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Section 422

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Older individuals over age 60, targeting those with the greatest economic and social needs.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Eligible entities include nonprofit health or social service organizations, community-base nonprofit organizations, area agencies on aging or other local government agencies, tribal organizations, or other entities that the AoA determines to be appropriate to carry out a project and demonstrates a record of and experience in providing individual health and social services for older individuals.

- o Ineligible entities include organizations providing housing under congregate housing service programs carried out under section 802 of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act or multi-family coordinator program carried out under section 202(g) of the Housing Act of 1959.
- o Programs must ensure access by older individuals to community-based health and social services, conduct outreach, and develop and implement innovative approaches for the delivery and coordination of community-based health social services.
- o Preference is given to entities that serve a community of lowincome individuals and services in or close approximation to a location where a large concentration of older individuals has aged in place and resided.

How to Apply:

- o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx
- o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status

Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Demonstration and Support Projects for Legal Assistance for Older Individuals

This program provides a national legal assistance support system and support demonstration projects to expand or improve the delivery of legal assistance to older individuals with social or economic needs. Activities include case consultations, training, the provision of substantive legal advice and assistance, and assistance in the design, implementation, and administration of legal assistance delivery systems to local providers of legal assistance for older individuals.

• Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title IV, Sections 420 and 421

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Grants are made or enter into contracts with national nonprofit organizations experienced in providing support and technical assistance on a nationwide basis to State, area agencies on aging, legal assistance providers, ombudsman, elder abuse prevention programs, and other organizations interested in the legal rights of older individuals.

How to Apply:

o The availability of competitive funds is announced via program announcements published in the Federal Register and on the AoA web site at http://www.aoa.gov/doingbus/fundopp/fundopp.aspx

o Nonprofit organizations which have not previously received Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) program support must submit proof of nonprofit status.

Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Federal Transit Administration's Section 5310 (FTA)

Section 5310 provides financial assistance in meeting the transportation needs of older individuals and individuals with disabilities where public transportation services are unavailable, insufficient, or inappropriate. This program is designed to supplement FTA's other capital assistance programs by funding transportation projects for older individuals and individuals with disabilities in all areas - urbanized, small urban, and rural.

Federal Oversight:

o Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation

Statutory Authority:

o 49 U.S.C. 5310

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$133,823,746
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$133,825,717

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants include elderly persons and persons with disabilities.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Eligible entities include private nonprofit organizations, public bodies approved by the State to coordinate services for elderly persons and persons with disabilities, and public bodies which certify to governor that no nonprofit corporations or associations are readily available in an area to provide the service.

How to Apply:

- o Applicants should submit applications to the State agency designated by the Governor to administer the program. This agency will evaluate, select and approve eligible applicants and submit a program of projects to the Federal Transit Administration.
- o The Federal Transit Administration approves the State's Program of Projects. FTA is responsible for providing notification of approval to the State-designated agency.

• Web Site:

o http://www.fta.dot.gov

Social Service Block Grants (SSBG)

Social Service Block Grant enables each state to furnish social services best suited to meet the needs of the individuals residing within that state. Such services may be, but are not limited to: daycare for children or adult;, protective services for children or adults; special services to persons with disabilities; adoption; case management; health-related services; transportation; foster care for children or adults; substance abuse; housing; home-delivered meals; independent/transitional living; employment services; or any other social services found necessary by the State for its population.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

- o Social Security Act, Title XX
- o Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981, Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1987, Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993
- o Jobs Training Bill
- o Medicaid and Medicare Patient and Program Act of 1987
- o Family Support Act of 1988,

Federal Funding

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$1.7 billion
- o FY 2010 estimate \$1.7 billion

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Under Title XX, each eligible jurisdiction determines the services that will be provided and the individuals that will be eligible to receive services.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Funds are awarded directly to States, not individuals. States are fully responsible for determining the use of such funds.

How to Apply:

o Contact your State Official and Program Contact for more information at http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/ssbg/grantees/Contact_08.html

Web site:

o www.acf.hhs.gov

Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - Discretionary Awards

Community Services Block Grants support program activities of national or regional significance to alleviate the causes of poverty in distressed communities. Services typically assist with childcare, employment, education, emergency services, health care, housing, nutrition, transportation, youth development, and coordination of resources and community participation.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Community Opportunities, Acountability, Training, and Educational Services Act of 1998, Title II, Section 680

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$700,000,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$700,000,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o A project must be targeted to address the needs of a specific segment of low-income individuals or families.
- o Federal funds awarded under the Administration for Children and Family's (ACF) Discretionary Authority may be used for activities that: improve the quality of the economic and social environment of low-income residents by providing resources to eligible applicants, by arresting tendencies toward dependency, chronic unemployment and community deterioration in urban and rural areas; address needs of water and wastewater treatment; and provide national or regional character building, sports and physical fitness programs for low-income youth; and involve significant new combinations of resources.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Awards are granted on a competitive basis.
- o ACF is authorized to make direct grants to states, cities, counties, and private nonprofit organizations.
- o The official poverty line established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services is the criterion for eligibility.

How to Apply:

o All information and forms required to prepare a grant are published in the Federal Register.

• Web site:

o http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs

ELDER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

Elder Abuse Prevention Programs (Older Americans Act, Title VII)

This program aims to develop and enhance comprehensive and coordinated programs for the prevention and treatment of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. To accomplish this goal, the OAA assists states, territories and Indian Tribal Organizations in providing multifaceted systems of support services for family caregivers, grandparents, or older individuals who are relative caregivers. Services provided include: information to caregivers about available services; assistance to caregivers in gaining access to the services; individual counseling and caregiver training to assist the caregivers in making decisions and solving problems relating to their care-giving roles; respite care to enable caregivers to be temporarily relieved from their care-giving responsibilities; and supplemental services, on a limited basis, to complement the care provided by caregivers.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title VII, Subtitle A, Chapter 3

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$5,056,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$5,056,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Participants include individuals 60 years of age and older, targeting those individuals with the greatest social and economic need.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o The Administration on Aging awards funds to State Agencies on Aging designated by the governors of that state.
- o Funds are awarded through a statutory formula.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your State Agency on Aging.
- o Information on these agencies are available through the

Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

Long Term Care Ombudsman Programs (Older Americans Act, Title VII)

Long Term Care Ombudsman Programs aim to investigate and resolve complaints made by or on behalf of residents of nursing homes or other long-term care facilities. Specifically, these programs promote policies and practices needed to improve the quality of care an life in long-term care facilities, educate both consumers and providers about resident's rights and good care practices, and help prevent both resident abuse and costly fraud against Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title VII, Subtitle A, Chapter 2

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$16,327,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$16,827,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Older individuals residing in institutional long-term care facilities or requiring assistance in entering or transferring from such facilities.

• Funding and Eligibility Information:

o The Administration on Aging awards funds through a statutory formula to State Agencies on Aging.

How to Apply:

- o Contact your State Agency on Aging.
- o Information on these agencies is available through the Eldercare Locator at http://www.eldercare.gov/Eldercare/Public/Home.asp.

• Web site:

o www.aoa.gov

OLDER WORKERS PROGRAMS

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP)

The Senior Community Service Employment Program aims to provide, foster, and promote part-time work opportunities in community service activities for low-income, unemployed persons who are 55 years of age and older. The individuals who are employed may be placed in work assignments at local service agencies (e.g., schools, hospitals, day care centers, park systems, etc.), or may be given work assignments in connection with community service projects. A portion of project funds may be used to provide participants with training, counseling, and other supportive services.

Federal Oversight:

o Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act, Title V

Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$433,000,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$571,900,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Participants include individuals 55 years of age and older with a family income at or below 125% of the Department of Health and Human Services poverty level.
- o Funds must create and pay for part-time community service job positions.
- o Participants may not be employed in projects involving political activities, sectarian activities, nor may participants displace any employed worker.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o States, US Territories and public and private nonprofit organizations other than political parties but including faith-based organizations.
- o Awards are made directly to eligible applicants by the Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor.

How to Apply:

o The Division of Older Worker Programs will provide information concerning proper application, format and content. Contact the Employment and Training Administration at http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/.

Web site:

o http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/

SENIOR EMPLOYMENT AND OPPORTUNITY PROGRAMS

Senior Corps

Senior Corps makes up a network of programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service. This program provides grants and additional resources to meet the needs and challenges of older individuals aged 55 years and older. Grants provide funding for three special programs within Senior Corps: the Senior Companion Program, the Foster Grandparents Programs, and the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Senior Companion Program

The Senior Companion Program provides grants to qualified agencies and organizations for the dual purpose of engaging person 60 years and older, particularly those with limited incomes, in volunteer service to meet critical community needs and provide high quality experience that will enrich the lives of the volunteers.

• Federal Oversight:

o Corporation for National and Community Service

Statutory Authority:

- o Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Title II, Part C, Section 213
- o National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$46,144,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$46,904,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Senior Companions must be 60 years of age or older, with an income within limits based on the Corporation for National and Community Service.
- o Senior Companions must be interested in serving specialneeds adults, especially the frail elderly, and must be physically, mentally, emotionally capable, and willing to serve on a person-to-person basis. However, non-income eligible individuals may serve as non-stipend volunteers under certain conditions.
- o Adults served are age 21 and over with limitations in one or more activities of daily living which place them at-risk of an inappropriate placement in an institutional setting.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

o Grants are made only to state and local governmental agencies and private non-profit organizations.

How to Apply:

- o Contact the appropriate Corporation for National Service State Program Office. For a list of these offices visit http://www.nationalservice.org /about/contact/index.asp.
- o The Corporation for National and Community Service issues application forms to applicants who have established their eligibility.

Web Site

o http://www.nationalservice.gov

Foster Grandparent Program

The Foster Grandparent Program provides supportive, person to person services to children with exceptional or special needs. Assignments of Foster Grandparents to children and youth may occur in residential and non-residential facilities, including preschool establishments and to children living in their own homes.

Federal Oversight:

o Corporation for National and Community Service

Statutory Authority:

o Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Title II, Part B, Section 211

o National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993

Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$108,999,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$110,996,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Senior Companions must be:
 - 60 years of age or older, with an income within limits based on the Corporation for National and Community Service. (However, individuals who are not income eligible may serve as non- stipend volunteers under certain conditions.)
 - Interested in serving infants, children, and youth with special or exceptional needs.
 - Physically, mentally, and emotionally capable and willing to serve selected infants, children or youth on a person-toperson basis.
- o Assignment of Foster Grandparents to children and youth may occur in residential and non-residential facilities, including preschool establishments and to children living in their own homes.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Grants are made only to States, local governmental organizations, and private non-profit organizations.
- o Program funds are used to support Foster Grandparents in providing supportive, person to person service to children with exceptional or special needs.

How to Apply:

- o Contact the appropriate Corporation for National Service State Program Office. For a list of these offices visit http://www.nationalservice.org /about/contact/index.asp.
- o The Corporation for National and Community Service issues application forms to applicants who have established their eligibility.

Web Site

o http://www.nationalservice.org

Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP) Program

Retired and Senior Volunteer Programs provide service opportunities including intergenerational activities, education, in-home care, consumer education, environmental activities, public safety, and other health and human service activities.

Federal Oversight:

o Corporation for National and Community Service

Statutory Authority:

- o Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, Title II, Part A, Section 201
- o National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993

• Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated \$58,642,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated \$63,000,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

o Senior Companions must be 55 years of age or older and must express a willingness to volunteer on a regular basis.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Grants are made only to public agencies, including state and local governmental organizations and private non-profit organizations.
- o Program funds are used to support Foster Grandparents in providing supportive, person to person service to children with exceptional or special needs.

How to Apply:

- o Contact the appropriate Corporation for National Service State Program Office. For a list of these offices visit http://www.nationalservice.org/about/contact/index.asp.
- o The Corporation for National and Community Service issues application forms to applicants who have established their eligibility.

• Web Site:

o http://www.nationalservice.gov

GRANTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS

Grants for Native Americans (Older Americans Act, Title VI)

Grants for Native Americans promote the delivery of supportive services including nutrition services to older Indians, Alaskan Natives, and Native Hawaiians. In addition, these grants enable tribal organizations to provide multifaceted systems of support services to family caregivers. Services are comparable to services provided under Title III of the Older Americans Act of 1965.

Federal Oversight:

o Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services

Statutory Authority:

o Older Americans Act of 1965, Title VI

Federal Funding:

- o FY 2009 appropriated
 - Total Funding \$33,597,000
 - Supportive and Nutrition Services \$27,208,000
 - Native American Caregivers \$6,389,000
- o FY 2010 appropriated
 - Total Funding \$34,097,000
 - Supportive and Nutrition Services \$27,708,000
 - Native American Caregivers \$6,389,000

Participant and Program Requirements:

- o Indians who are 60 years of age and older, and in the case of nutrition services, their spouses.
- o Tribes have the authority to define Indians under 60 years of age as "older Indian" for eligibility purposes.
- o Services must include nutrition services and information and referral, and may include transportation and other services authorized under Title III.

Funding and Eligibility Information:

- o Eligible entities include tribal organizations of Indian tribes eligible for assistance under Section 4 of the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (25 U.S.C. 450b) and public or nonprofit private organizations which serve Native Hawaiian Elders, which represent at least 50 Indians or Hawaiians 60 years of age or older.
- o Applicants must demonstrate that they have the ability to

deliver supportive and nutrition services. To receive a Part C grant, the organization must have a Part A or Part B grant. o Although the agency maintains discretion in determining when and how many awards will be made under Title VI, a population based formula application process will be used to actually award funds. The formula is based on the number of elders a tribal organization represents who are 60 years of age or older. The minimum number is 50 elderly Indians or Native Hawaiians.

• How to Apply:

o Submit an application in accordance to the Administration on Aging. Contact the State Agency on Aging for more information.

• Web Site:

o www.aoa.gov