

PEER GROUPING

2015 FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Funding Priorities

County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2015 PEER GROUPING INITIATIVE Estimated - \$800,000

Subgrant Term: January 1, 2015 — December 31, 2015

Match Requirements: None

Minimum Funding Request: \$1,000

****For 2015 Peer Grouping funds will be a Full application.***

Funding Specifications: All applications for Peer Grouping services must meet the following criteria:

- Services must be designated for those 60 years of age or older and/or people who have a disability.
- Special consideration will be given to proposals that specifically address the needs of:

IMPOVERISHED - MINORITY — FRAIL - DISABLED - VULNERABLE/AT-RISK
POPULATIONS

Service Priorities: The primary purpose of the Peer Grouping Initiative Funding is to ***ensure the availability of community-based services as alternatives to institutionalization.*** Priorities include needed services for the primary target populations of Peer Grouping funding: the elderly, and people who are physically disabled or have a developmental disability.

The Department of Human Services, in conjunction with consumers and providers, identified priority service needs in Morris County. Based on focus groups, planning documents, program monitoring, quarterly reports and ongoing requests for services, the Department of Human Services is looking to purchase the following services:

Care Management: The development of a coherent care plan for arranging and coordinating the delivery of multiple services to vulnerable and/or functionally impaired older individuals.

Housekeeping Assistance: A service provided by a volunteer or paid staff person for routine basic upkeep and management of homes, for the purpose of enabling older persons to maintain themselves in their place of residence by removing housekeeping barriers.

Home Delivered Nutrition: The provision of nutritionally adequate meals to older persons in their places of residence.

Respite Care: Provide well-trained, reliable volunteers affiliated with community and faith-based organizations that can respond quickly and courteously to caregivers' requests for help.

Information and Assistance: The provision of specific information or assistance to or on behalf of older persons or caregivers that provides individuals with information on services available within the communities; links individuals to the services and opportunities that are available within the communities; and to the maximum extent practicable, establishes adequate follow-up procedures.

Personal Care: Providing personal assistance, stand-by assistance, supervision or cues for persons having difficulties with one or more of the following activities of daily living: eating, dressing, bathing and toileting.

Legal Assistance: Legal advice, assistance, and/or representation provided by or under the supervision of a lawyer, in order to protect and secure the rights of older persons.

Outreach: A service, initiated by the service provider designed to locate and identify specific older persons or their caregivers in need of specific service(s), and is conducted to encourage and assist older persons to utilize a particular benefits and/or programs available to them.

Should the County receive notification of a reduction in State or Federal funds, 2015 funding and/or future funding through this initiative may be reduced or terminated. Morris County will not be responsible for replacing or maintaining funding levels in the event that any possible reductions occur in the 2015 allocation process.

The County of Morris reserves the right to renew Subgrant renewals for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, based upon annual program review and the availability of funding.