

# PEER GROUPING

## 2016 FUNDING FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

### Funding Priorities

#### County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2016 PEER GROUPING INITIATIVE Estimated - \$800,000

Subgrant Term: January 1, 2016 — December 31, 2016

Match Requirements: None

Minimum Funding Request: \$1,000

***\*For 2016 Peer Grouping funds will be a renewal application.***

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

- Services must be designated for people of all ages 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:

#### **Community 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.

**Assisted Transportation:** To provide an individualized linkage for functionally impaired or isolated older persons to enable them to utilize community facilities and services, such as banks, stores, medical resources, and other necessary destinations which they are unable to access due to transportation and/or health 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.

**Public Awareness/Information:** An activity conducted to promote awareness of programs, services and information of relevance to older persons, family caregivers, adults with physical disabilities age 18 and older and private-pay consumers.

Should the County receive notification of a reduction in State or Federal funds, 2016 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 2016 allocation process.

This public funding may only be billed for a specific unit of service when there is no third party insurance, Medicare, Medicaid or any other type of reimbursement, in whole or in part, for that service unit.

***The County of Morris reserves the right to renew Subgrant renewals for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, based upon annual program review and the availability of funding.***

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**Reminder: All 2016 applications due to MCDHS, 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, by 4:30 p.m., June 26, 2015.**

