

**OLDER AMERICANS ACT (TITLE III) – AGING  
2017 FUNDING FOR THE DIVISION ON AGING, DISABILITIES &  
COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING Funding Priorities**

**County Fiscal Year (CFY) 2017 Older Americans Act  
Estimated - \$870,000 Community Services**

Subgrant Term: January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

Match Requirements: 25% of Total Program Costs

- The minimum 25% match must be non-Federal dollars
- In-Kind match may only be used for Personnel (volunteer hours and Third Party contributions) and Building Space (if donated by a Third Party)

Minimum Funding Request: \$5,000

**The Aging, Disability and Resource Connection (ADRC) is a program offered in all 21 counties to provide seniors and/or their caregivers with direct access to the services needed by those 60 years of age and older. The Morris County Department of Human Services, requires all agencies funded by Older Americans Act funding to participate in this program by providing consumers with the same linkages and support.**

**\*For 2017 Older Americans Act funds will be a renewal application.**

Funding Specifications: In addition to participation in ADRC, all applications for Older Americans Act services will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:

- Services must be designated for those 60 years of age or older, frail, vulnerable or disabled populations.
- Programs may not use income as a basis for eligibility for services
- No fees may be charged for services
- Each program must provide clients with the opportunity to make voluntary donations to offset program costs
- All funded agencies must address the needs of the targeted areas of impoverished, minority, frail/disabled and/or vulnerable/at-risk senior populations.
- Special consideration will be given to providers who can demonstrate enhanced coordination of existing services and cost savings through agency consolidations and/or the merger of specific services offered by more than one agency.

**There is a 25% required match for Title IIIB – Aging Services, Title IIIB- Disease Prevention/Maintenance, Title IIIE- Caregiver Assistance, SSBG- Social Services Block Grant and a 10% required match for SHTP- Safe Housing and Transportation.**

Based on the priorities in the Area Plan Contract, program monitoring, quarterly reports and ongoing requests for services, the Division is looking to purchase the services listed below as identified by the Administration on Aging (AoA) National Aging Program Information System (NAPIS) guidelines. These services are for individuals who require assistance with the following:

**Impairments in Activities of Daily Living (ADL's):** the inability to perform one or more of the six activities of daily living without assistance: eating, dressing, bathing, toileting, transferring in and out of bed/chair, and walking.

**Impairments in Instrumental Activities of Daily Living (IADL's):** the inability to perform one or more of the eight instrumental activities of daily living without assistance: preparing meals, shopping for personal items, medication management, managing money, using telephone, doing heavy housework, doing light housework and transportation ability.

**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.

***Additional services identified as priorities include:***

***Friendly Visiting:*** An organized service that provides regular visits to socially and/or geographically isolated older individuals for purposes of providing companionship and social contact.

***Telephone Reassurance:*** An organized service that provides regular telephone calls to homebound older persons to assure their well-being and safety and to provide social interaction and psychological reassurance.

***Protective Services Investigation:*** Voluntary or court-ordered social, legal, financial, medical or psychiatric services necessary to safeguard a vulnerable adult's rights and resources and to protect a vulnerable adult from abuse, neglect or exploitation as carried out by the designated APS provider. Vulnerable adults are defined as those 18+ who reside in a community setting, lack sufficient understanding or capacity to make and/or carry out decisions concerning their well-being due to mental or physical disabilities **AND** are subject to abuse, neglect or exploitation.

***Supportive Counseling:*** Services designed to assist older persons by advising them or providing them with specific information so that they can make appropriate decisions and/or choices in the arrangement for or delivery of needed services.

***Homemaker/Bill Paying Assistance:*** A bill paying service that provides older or disabled people with volunteer assistance in budgeting, the processing of routine bills, check writing, managing financial matters and/or reconciling bank accounts. The goal of the service is to provide guidance and non-intrusive bill paying assistance to maximize bill-paying capacity.

***In-Home Counseling:*** Mental health screening, assessment and treatment activities that assist older persons to improve or maintain mental health by helping them to identify and understand their mental and emotional health needs and secure necessary medical, preventive or mental health maintenance services.

Please be reminded that all funding is subject to budget availability and is awarded at the discretion of the Board of Chosen Freeholders. Should the County receive notification of a reduction in State or Federal funds, 2017 funding and/or future funding may be reduced or terminated. Morris County will not be responsible for replacing or maintaining funding levels in the event of any reductions.

## **Nutrition Services:**

Based on the priorities in the Area Plan Contact, program monitoring, quarterly reports and ongoing requests for services, the Division is looking to purchase staffing, administration (menu prep, reports, Nutrition Certification) and customer service for 15 Nutrition sites with \$810,689 of Older Americans Act Funding.

*Please Note: Applications are exclusive of food costs. All meals shall be prepared and delivered by the approved county vendor.*

***Congregate Meals:*** provide staff at 15 sites to serve nutritionally adequate meals, (one-third of the RDA) to older persons. *Funding must serve a minimum of 118,000 meals to 300 older persons.*

***Home Delivered Meals:*** for the provision and delivery of nutritionally adequate meals, (one third of the Recommended Dietary Allowance RDA) to older persons in their place of residence. *Funding must serve a minimum of 310,000 meals to 1600 older persons and the Weekend Home delivered meals must serve a minimum of 23,600 meals to 250 older persons.*

***Nutrition Counseling:*** individualized advice and guidance to individuals, who are at nutritional risk (because of their health or nutritional history, dietary intake, medication use, or chronic illness) about options and methods for improving their nutritional status, performed by a health professional in accordance with state law and policy.

***Nutrition Education:*** a program that provides accurate and culturally sensitive nutrition, physical fitness, or health information and instruction to participants in a group or individual setting by a dietician or individual of comparable expertise.

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, 2018 through December 31, 2018, based upon annual program review and the availability of funding.***

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***Reminder: All 2017 applications due to MCDHS, 30 Schuyler Place, Morristown, by 4:30 p.m., June 30, 2016.***