

Municipalities 2008 Special Funding Initiative

Statement of Purpose

The Department of Social Services, Aging Services Division is requesting that municipalities apply for one-time funding to be used for case management services for older adults age sixty years old and older.

All municipalities are encouraged to apply. Each municipality will receive up to fifteen hundred dollars (\$1,500) in grant funds to provide case management services. Funds must be spent by June 30, 2008. ***A final programmatic and financial report is due to the department on August 15, 2008.***

Case management is defined as: "Services that assist participants in gaining access to needed waiver and other State plan services, as well as medical, social, educational and other services, regardless of the funding source for the services to which access is gained. " (Connecticut Home Care Program for Elders)

Rationale:

In Connecticut, there are 169 towns or municipalities. Since 1972, the number of older adults age 65 or older in the state grew by 30%. In 1980, Connecticut had about 365,000 older adults out of a population of about 3.1 million. Older adults made up 11.74% of the total state population. By July 2005, their numbers had increased to an estimated 474, 150 (13.5% of the state's total 3.5 million population). The U.S. Census Bureau projects Connecticut's age 65+ population will grow from 470,183 (13.8% of the total state population) in 2000 to 794,405 in 2030, constituting 21.5% of the projected total state population. Here are additional facts regarding Connecticut older adults according to the U.S. Census Bureau. There are 30,818 persons age 65+ living in poverty. There are 7,478 African-Americans, Hispanics and other people of color age 65+ living in poverty. There are 162,931 persons with disabilities, age 65+ that makes up 37% of all older adults age 65+. There are 132,061 people age 65+ living alone (28.1% of the population). Also, in Connecticut, approximately 18,898 persons age 60+ are raising grandchildren.

Along with the growth in the population of older adults 65+, Connecticut is also seeing a growing population of older adults remaining in their homes and community. Many older adults would like to remain in the community with support services for as long as possible.

This has redefined the role of the Municipal Agent (MA) who in many municipalities provides case management services. Based on the needs and values of older adults, and in collaboration with other service providers, many municipal agents link older adults with appropriate services and resources. Municipal Agents offer their services in a climate that allows direct communication with older adults living in the community. Many municipalities have folded the MA responsibilities into the role of the senior center

director or social services. Case management serves as a means for achieving older adults autonomy through advocacy, communication, education, identification of services and resources.

Each municipality is required by Connecticut General Statute to appoint a Municipal Agent for older adults. The Municipal Agent for the Elderly Program was established in 1972 in order to assure that older adults in each of Connecticut 169 towns have a Municipal Agent. The intent of the statute was to ensure that the Municipal Agents (MA) would be available to older adults to provide information and referral services as well as assist them in applying for federal and other benefits.

Available Funds: A total of \$250,000; Up to \$1,500 per municipality

Who can apply?

Municipalities only

Proposals may be forwarded electronically to Cheryl Jackson at Cheryl.Jackson@ct.gov or mailed to the address below no later than the close of business, **March 14, 2008**.

Instructions for completing the Proposal

The following information must be provided in writing by the above due date:

1. Cover Sheet:

A cover sheet must be included with the proposal. The cover sheet must include the following information:

- a. Name of Municipality
- b. Full Address
- c. Contact Person
- d. Telephone Number
- e. Fax Number
- f. Email Address
- g. Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)

2. Narrative Description:

- a. A written statement that the municipality has a Municipal Agent, include the name of the municipal agent and date of appointment
- b. Background and Need narrative
 - Describe in detail the need for case management services. What type of case management services will be provided, what case management services presently exist in the municipality, who will provide the case management services if not provided by a

municipal agent, where will the services be housed, how will case management services be sustained after June 30, 2008.

- c. Include the total population in the municipality, number of people that will be served in specific target populations. These populations must include but are not limited to:
- Number of individuals that will be served between the ages of 60 and 74;
 - Number of individuals age 75 and older that will be served;
 - Number of minority individuals who will be served;
 - Number of low-income individuals who will be served
 - Number of individuals served who reside in rural areas;
 - Number of individuals served who have limited English-speaking ability;
 - Number of individuals served who have disabilities; and
 - Number of caregivers of the aged and disabled to be served

3. Evaluation Process:

Describe the approach/method that will be used to evaluate older adults satisfaction with case management services provided.

4. Financial Information:

- a. A Line Item Budget for the utilization of the requested funds
- b. A Budget Narrative that explains all budget items.

All questions regarding this proposal should be directed to:

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