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FY24 Healthy Aging Grants, Supportive Communities- Service Provision

Funding Opportunity: The Maryland Department of Aging is pleased to announce a competitive funding opportunity for grant awards under the Healthy Aging, State of Maryland, Article – <u>Human Services Article § 10-1101</u> and § 10-1102.

The Maryland Department of Aging is committed to supporting options that allow Marylanders to age with safety and dignity in the setting of their choosing. The purpose of this grant is to establish, expand, and enhance community-based programs that provide access to supportive services for older adults, caregivers and/or adults with disabilities and enhance neighbor-to-neighbor connections to build stronger and more resilient communities. Programs and services may include transportation, social interaction, education, home modifications and improvements, health promotion, grocery shopping and delivery, personal care, care navigation, and others.

This grant option is available to nonprofit organizations or local governments providing programs and services that assist individuals in the community to maintain health and independence.

Preference will be given to:

- applicants that incorporate volunteers in the planning and delivery of programs or services;
- applicants serving individuals who belong to underserved communities that have been denied such treatment, such as Black, Latino, and Indigenous and Native American persons, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and other persons of color; members of religious minorities; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ+) persons; persons with disabilities; persons who live in rural areas; and persons otherwise adversely affected by persistent poverty or inequality;
- applicants proposing multi-sector or multigenerational collaboration;
- applicants that apply jointly with other providers to reduce administrative burden and improve the sustainability of services.

Applicants will have the opportunity to participate in structured technical assistance from the awardees of the FY24 Healthy Aging Grants, Supportive Communities- Technical Assistance.

Funding Level: The total program funding available is \$115,000. No match funding is required. The Department anticipates awarding multiple organizations.



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Eligible Applicants: Applicants are non-profit organizations and local governments in good standing with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

Project Period: The grant will run from the time of award (estimated December 1, 2023) through June 30, 2024. All expenditures must be incurred by June 30, 2024.

Application Instructions: Applicants must submit the signed grant agreement and an accompanying project narrative of no more than 5 pages. Applicants must address the following points:

- 1. Description of Organization—Provide a brief overview of the organization's purpose and current services.
- 2. A Problem Statement—Outline the unmet needs your program or service will address.
- 3. Project Description—Discuss the program or service you will provide to address your problem statement. Please clearly identify how your proposed project incorporates the preferences identified in the Funding Opportunity section, if relevant.
- 4. Outcomes—Outline your outcomes and how they will be measured.
- 5. Organizational Capacity and Project Management—Provide an overview of how you will accomplish your project, including who will conduct the day-to-day management of activities.
- 6. Sustainability Describe your next steps for sustaining services after the grant period.

The following required components of the application are not counted as a part of the 5-page Narrative limit:

- 1. Budget Excel Sheet –using required template only
- 2. Letters of Support from any co-applicant organizations

Submission Deadline: Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and must be submitted by 5:00 pm ET on Friday, October 27, 2023 electronically to chelsead.wheeler1@maryland.gov, with the subject line *FY24 Grants for Maryland Supportive Communities- Service Provision*.

Information Session and Questions: Join the Department for an information session on Friday, October 6th at 2pm. Register here: https://forms.gle/PLuAamxvXUu9Dvjt9

Contact Chelsea Wheeler, Manager, Supportive Communities with questions at (410) 767-5193 or chelsead.wheeler1@maryland.gov.