

Bay Path Elder Services

Older Americans Act FFY 2020 Funding Priorities and Request for Proposals

Title III-B Supportive Services Title III-E Support Services for Family Caregivers

BayPath Elder Services announces the availability of Older Americans Act funds for **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2020**. All proposed programs must address those service categories mandated by the Older Americans Act that target minority and lower-income older adults (considered at age 60+). Priority will be given to proposals which address priorities set forth under the Act, as well as the categories of need identified through the most recent Needs Assessment, and top priorities as established by the Planning & Allocation Committee.

Title IIIB FUNDING PRIORITIES FFY2020

Top priorities as established by the Planning & Allocation Committee:

- **Programs that Reduce Loneliness/Isolation/Depression**
Proposals must be for pilot projects or projects that *expand upon currently funded programs, such as, but not limited to:*
 - Friendly visitor programs
 - Educational programs
 - Age friendly community projects
 - Dementia friendly community projects
 - Culturally diverse social/recreational programs

- **Transportation Programs**
 - Proposals must be for pilot projects or projects, *such as, but not limited to:*
 - Transportation for medical appointments with assistance (escort)
 - Transportation for medical appointments in Boston and Worcester area.
 - Transportation for social/recreational activities.
 - Transportation on weekends/evenings

The committee is also encouraging proposals that serve multiple towns.

The program categories for funding are as follows:

Proposed Title III-B programs should focus on supportive services specifically for access, in-home, community, and legal services. Proposals must be for pilot projects or projects that *expand upon current programs. (exception; legal services)*

Proposed Title III-E programs should focus on respite care for the caregiver. Specific eligibility guidelines are as follows: Individuals of any age who are caring for individuals over age 60 OR a grandparent or relative caregiver (age 55+years) who is caring for grandchildren age 18 years or younger.

The Area Agency on Aging is currently encouraging Letters of Intent from organizations wishing to apply for funds to support individuals 60+ within our service region. Our communities are: Ashland, Dover, Framingham, Holliston, Hopkinton, Hudson, Marlborough, Natick, Northborough, Sherborn, Southborough, Sudbury, Wayland, and Westborough. Letters of Intent should include a brief program description, budget estimates, estimated number of older adults or caregivers to be served, estimated service units, and community(ies) to be served.

Program funding is for a one-year grant cycle. Beginning October 1, 2019 and ending September 30, 2020. Last year 8 grants were allocated in amounts ranging from \$2,775.00-\$17,849.00. One additional grant of \$55,632.00 was made for legal services. Title IIIB requires a 15% local match, and Title IIIE programs require a 25% local match. Some programs may be funded at amounts less than requested. Allocation decisions will take into account the experience and organizational capacity of the applicant organization. Proposals which require on-going or long term funding are discouraged. For all recipients, there are grant-reporting fiscal and program monitoring requirements. Applicants unfamiliar with the Title III grant requirements should request and carefully review a copy of the Title III Grant Procedures Manual for FFY 2020.

The **deadline for a Letter of Intent is 5 p.m. Thursday, April 18, 2019**. The deadline for the completed grant application is 5 p.m. Monday June 3, 2019. A technical assistance session for prospective applicants will be held Thursday May 9, 2019 @ 10:00am at BayPath Elder Services, 33 Boston Post Rd West, 5th Floor, Marlborough, MA 01752.

The Title III application process follows the timeline on attached schedule. Also, see attached guidelines for the Letter of Intent.

Questions regarding the “Letter of Intent”, Grant Procedure Manual, attendance at the technical assistance session, or for further information, contact Fran Bakstran, at (508) 573-7346 or fbakstran@baypath.org