

DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
Office of Services to the Aging
Request for Proposal (RFP) – Mini Grants
Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT)

Background

Elder abuse is one of the fastest growing crimes in Michigan impacting an estimated 90,000 older adults each year at significant financial and human cost to our citizens and our service systems including Medicaid and Adult Protective Services (APS). Despite recent elder abuse prevention and education efforts, national data reveals that less than one in ten cases is brought to the attention of authorities with this ratio increasing as high as one in 25 for financial exploitation cases. Recent studies reveal an even more frightening reality for vulnerable adults with disabilities or cognitive deficits – almost half report being victimized. The Michigan Office of Services to the Aging (OSA) recently announced that it has awarded more than \$800,000 to three organizations in an effort to combat one of the fastest growing crimes in Michigan, elder abuse. Funding was available to applicants under OSA’s Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) initiative. The PREVNT initiative was made possible through state funding. The state budget, signed into law in late June, included a \$1 million investment for elder abuse prevention efforts. Gov. Snyder included this funding request in his executive budget recommendation and again called for its support when he delivered his Special Message on Aging on June 2.

Purpose

OSA invites organizations to submit proposals to apply for funding under the PREVNT initiative. The purpose of this Request for Proposal (RFP) is to solicit applications from the legal, non-legal, community-based, for-profit, non-profit, or those working in collaboration within the aging networks, who are interested in the opportunity to impact elder abuse. We are looking for strong applicants that want to help support ongoing efforts of prevention and detection at a local level.

Objectives

To create a project that addresses elder abuse and/or prevention at a local level. (E.g. interdisciplinary teams, education summits, task force development).

Please describe your plan to incorporate project objective.

Any proposed subcontracted activities would need to be approved by OSA.

Project Period

To begin April 1st, 2015 through September 29, 2015.

Minimum Criteria for PREVNT applicants

- The grantee(s) must have the ability to enter into a grant award agreement with OSA.
- The grantee(s) must actively be serving older adults.
- The grantee(s) must comply with elder abuse prevention standards set forth by OSA.

Required Activities

Project must relate to elder abuse and/or prevention at a local level.

Allowable Expenses

- Salary and wages
- Fringe benefits
- Outreach and education activity support
- Travel related to the objectives of the project
- Contracts with partners participating in the project
- Administrative expenses not to exceed 10% of the project grant total

Budget

Applicants should assume a budget up to \$25,000 for application purposes. The budget must include the allowable expenses that will be used for this project as well as a narrative describing how the funds will be used to reach stated goals and objectives.

Reporting Requirements:

- Financial Status Reports due on the 15th of each month following provision of service.
- Monthly reports on project activities.
- Quarterly reports on project activities.
- End of year report on project activities, goals and outcomes.
- Other information as requested by OSA.

Proposal Submissions

Proposals must include the following information:

- Statement on the ability to meet the minimum criteria for this project.
- Statement agreeing to the required activities for this project.
- Projected number of older adults to be reached.
- An outline of the outreach plan, including types of activities and potential audiences with a timeline for activities.
- A budget for the project including a narrative. Please use the attached form.

Applications should be submitted electronically to Dawne Velianoff, velianoffd@michigan.gov by COB Wednesday, March 11th, 2015.