



**LEGAL NOTICE
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**FUNDING AVAILABLE:
FFY 2022 & 2023 Older Americans Act Grants
Title III-B Elder Support Services
Title III-E Family Caregivers Support**

WestMass ElderCare announces the availability of Older Americans Act funds in Federal Fiscal Years (FFY) 2022 and 2023, through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

Grants will be awarded through a competitive proposal review process, to support and extend comprehensive and coordinated services enabling persons age 60 and over to remain living in their homes and communities. The WestMass ElderCare Area Agency on Aging service region includes the communities of Holyoke, Chicopee, South Hadley, Belchertown, Granby, Ware and Ludlow.

Letters of Intent (“LOIs”) are required for all applicants. We encourage LOIs from organizations interested in using these funds to offer innovative programming to assist populations in the greatest social and economic need including racial/ethnic minorities; individuals with limited English proficiency (LEP); members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ+) community; elders residing in rural areas; and other populations living in isolated conditions. Proposals from minority- and women-owned businesses are encouraged.

FFY 2022 grant year is October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. FFY 2023 grant year is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. Satisfactory program performance is required during the first year of funding in order to receive the grant for a second year.

Title III-B grant programs require a 15% local match. A single grant award will be provided for elder legal services in the amount of \$20,000.00. Title III-B proposals must support or extend (1) access to services, (2) in-home services, (3) legal services, and/or (4) community-based services, for minority and lower income elders (60 years +). Examples of targeted services that will receive priority consideration by WestMass

ElderCare include transportation, elder law, nutrition counseling, dementia-related support, and other essential gap filling programs designed to promote the independence of elders.

Title III-E grant programs require a 25% local match. Title III-E proposals must support (1) Adult family members or other non-paid caregivers aged 18 & older providing care to individuals 60 years of age or older, or to an individual of any age living with Alzheimer's Disease or related dementia; (2) Grandparents or other relatives (not parents) 55 years of age and older providing care to children under the age 18; (3) Grandparents and other relatives (including parents) 55 years of age and older providing care to an adult with a disability who is age 18-59 years old.

Letters of Intent must include: A brief program description, projected starting/ending dates, community(ies) to be served, estimated number of unduplicated elders/caregivers to be served, estimated number of service units to be delivered in each grant year and projected program budget.

Letters of Intent must be received by mail no later than **4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 2021** and addressed to: WestMass ElderCare, Inc., 4 Valley Mill Rd., Holyoke, MA, 01040 Attn: Sarah Aasheim, Director of Community Programs. LOIs will not be accepted after that time.

WestMass ElderCare, Inc. reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or request additional information if needed.

Two virtual Technical Assistance meetings will be hosted on Zoom for applicants:

Friday, 4/9/21, 11:00-12:00

Wednesday, 4/14/21, 2:00-3:00

Zoom Access Info for both meetings: Meeting ID#913-5539-1786, Passcode: 138439

Information on diversity certification with the Massachusetts Supplier Diversity Office is available through WestMass ElderCare (AA/EOE) or at <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/supplier-diversity-office-sdo>.

Additional questions may be directed to: Sarah Aasheim, Director of Community Programs: saasheim@wmeldercare.org or 413-538-9020, ext. 536.



FFY 2022-2023 Older Americans Act Request for Proposal (RFP) Timeline

- April 1, 2021** Notice of invitation for Letters of Intent (Provided through local media outlets, mailings and WMEC's website).
- April 9, 2021** RFP Virtual Technical Assistance Meeting - Zoom (optional)
11:00- 12:00
- April 14, 2021** RFP Virtual Technical Assistance Meeting - Zoom (optional)
2:00-3:00
- Zoom Access info for both meetings:**
Meeting ID#913-5539-1786, Passcode: 138439
- April 30, 2021** Letters of Intent due (no later than 4:00 p.m.).
- May 1-30, 2021** Submitted Letters of Intent are reviewed by WMEC staff and Citizen's Advisory Council.
- June 8, 2021** WMEC Citizen's Advisory Council presents recommendations on letters of intent and invitations to submit a complete proposal. Instructions for preparing proposals are provided to applicants and available on WMEC website.
- July 9, 2021** Proposals due (no later than 4:00 p.m.)
- August 2, 2021** WMEC Board of Directors votes on Title III-B and III-E grant proposals. Award letters mailed to applicants.
- October 1, 2021** Service delivery begins for FFY 2022.
- October 1, 2022** Service delivery begins for FFY 2023.