

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AGENCY ON AGING
TITLE III PROGRAMS FOR FY 2008**

Effective October 1, 2007, 27 grants in the amount of \$1,797,888 were awarded to 15 non-profit organizations serving elders throughout Central Massachusetts. These federal grants, authorized under the Older Americans Act, are targeted to meet the highest priority needs of persons 60 years of age and older. A volunteer allocations committee reviewed all grant applications and recommended funding for the following programs. The Advisory Council and Board of Directors approved the recommendations.

1. **Central Mass Housing Alliance** **Exec. Dir.: Grace Carmark**
7-11 Bellevue Street
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 755-1105

Elder Home Repair \$54,400 *Contact: Sam Niford*

Service Area: Central/Southern Worcester County and West Norfolk County

This program focuses on elders living in unsafe housing who are at risk for their health and safety, or homelessness. It expands housing options for elders who want to remain in their own residence.

2. **Centro Las Americas** **Exec. Dir.: Juan Gomez**
11 Sycamore Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 798-1900

Hispanic Elders Program \$25,306 *Contact: Marieta Vazquez*

Service Area: Worcester

Provides life skills development, health education and screening, recreational and social opportunities as well as information services to Spanish-speaking elders in Greater Worcester.

3. **Elder Services of Worcester** **Exec. Dir.: Louis Swan**
411 Chandler Street
Worcester, MA 01602
(508) 756-1545

Crisis Intervention \$23,140 *Contact: Mary Parenteau*

Service Area: Central Worcester County

Counseling, referral and support for elders in immediate critical need. Provides crisis case management; training to providers, especially minority programs; and purchase of emergency services. Coordinates with the ESWA Protective Services program.

Financial Services \$8,706 *Contact: Pam Sweeney*

Service Area: Central Worcester County

Provides money management services to elders in need.

Nutrition Project \$456,670 *Contact: Maggie Woodward*

Service Area: Central Worcester County

Serves congregate and home delivered meals to elders in their service area.

4. Great Brook Valley Health Center
19 Tacoma Street
Worcester, MA 01605
(508) 852-1805

Exec. Dir.: Zoila Torres Feldman

Medical Transportation \$5,000 Contact: Liz Davis

Service Area: Worcester

Provides transportation to and from Great Brook Valley Health Center for low-income elders to access health care services.

5. Jewish Family Service
646 Salisbury Street
Worcester, MA 01609
(508) 755-3101

Exec. Dir.: Steve Slaten, Ph.D.

Guardianship Program \$48,660 Contact: Steve Slaten, Ph.D.

Service Area: Central Mass Region

Provides guardianship/conservator services to frail elders who are adjudicated to be incompetent. Professional staff conduct evaluations, act as guardians, consult with caregivers and elder service providers as to options on referrals, provide training and community education.

Elder Independent Living Initiative \$4,623 Contact: Steve Slaten, Ph.D.

Health promotion programs will be offered monthly in varied neighborhood locations, with activities promoting independence and healthy aging. The mission of the Elder Independent Living Initiative (EILI) is to provide resources so elders can "age in place" to live as independently as possible to support health and safety, and to maintain optimal functioning and social connection.

6. Legal Assistance Corporation
of Central Massachusetts
405 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 752-3718

Exec. Dir.: Jonathan Mannina

Senior Citizen Law & Advocacy Project \$115,000 Contact: Jonathan Mannina

Service Area: Central Mass Region

Provides free legal assistance to elders on many issues including benefits, housing, civil matters, Medicaid/Medicare eligibility, and elder abuse and nursing home issues. Also conducts education programs and distributes literature on critical topics.

7. Leominster Spanish American Center
112 Spruce Street
Leominster, MA 01453
(978) 534-3145

Exec. Dir.: Neddy Latimer

Ancianos Latinos Unidos \$29,757 Contact: Neddy Latimer

Service Area: Fitchburg & Leominster

Services include outreach, information and assistance, home visits, interpretation, and translation. One of the key aspects of the program is to prevent social isolation and increase elder involvement in the community.

8. MAB Community Services
799 West Boylston Street
Worcester, MA 01606
(508) 854-0700

Exec. Dir.: Joseph Collins

Medical Transportation \$3,000 Contact: Carol Curdo

Service Area: Central and North Worcester County

Provides out of town medical transportation to visually impaired elders in Greater Worcester.

Vision Rehabilitation for Low Vision Elders \$10,000 Contact: Carol Curdo

Service Area: Central and North Worcester County

Provides information, resources, and instruction in the areas of daily living skills, safety and recreation with the goal of maintaining independence for elders with visual impairments, but not legally blind.

9. Montachusett Home Care Corporation
Crossroads Office Park
680 Mechanic Street
Leominster, MA 01453
(978) 537-7411

Exec. Dir.: Margaret Woovis

Crisis Intervention \$23,480 Contact: Jeanine DiMarzio

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Counseling, referral and support for elders in immediate critical need. Provides crisis case management; training to providers, especially minority programs; and purchase of emergency services. Coordinates with the MHCC Protective Services program.

Volunteer Money Management \$15,406 Contact: Lydia Henshaw

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Provides money management services to elders in need.

Ombudsman Program (N) \$82,125 Contact: Diane Reed

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Serves all nursing and rest home residents in the service area. The program investigates and resolves complaints made by or on behalf of residents. Recruits and trains volunteers and stipend staff who serve as ombudsmen. Reports to the State Nursing Home Ombudsman at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

Ombudsman Program (C) \$113,315 Contact: GERALYN BAILEY

Service Area: Central Worcester County

Serves all nursing and rest home residents in the service area. The program investigates and resolves complaints made by or on behalf of residents. Recruits and trains volunteers and stipend staff who serve as ombudsmen. Reports to the State Nursing Home Ombudsman at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

10. Montachusett Opportunity Council
MOC Elder Services
66 Day Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 345-8501

Exec. Dir.: Kathleen McDermott

Nutrition Project \$294,641 Contact: Mary Giannetti

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Serves congregate and home delivered meals to elders in their service area.

Elder Home Repair \$29,975 Contact: Mary Giannetti

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Provides basic home repair and some modification enabling seniors to remain safely and securely in their homes.

Nutrition Education \$4,964 Contact: Mary Giannetti

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Provides nutritional education to elders living alone that suffer from one or more chronic conditions with the main focus on cardiovascular disease and diabetes. The program will promote behavior modifications to encourage program participants to incorporate exercise and good nutrition into their everyday lives.

11. New England Homes for the Deaf
154 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923
(978) 774-0445
(978) 753-2526 (Thursdays)

Exec. Dir.: Barry Zeltzer, Ph.D.

Drop-In Cente \$7,000 Contact: Judith Good

Service Area: Central Mass Region

Supports the operation of a weekly program for hearing-impaired seniors on Thursdays, including nutrition, socializing, educational programs, referral and advocacy. Provides sign language interpreting services at the Center.

12. Tri-Valley Inc.,
10 Mill Street
Dudley, MA 01571
(508) 949-6640

Exec. Dir.: Marilyn Travinski

Crisis Intervention \$26,000 Contact: Ginger Wills Howe

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

Counseling, referral and support for elders in immediate critical need. Provides crisis case management; training to providers, especially minority programs; and purchase emergency services. Coordinates with Tri-Valley Protective Services Program.

Volunteer Money Management \$7,091 Contact: Barbara Dupuis

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

Provides money management services to elders in need.

Nutrition Project \$313,317 Contact: Carol Muschler

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

Serves congregated and home delivered meals to elders in their service area.

Ombudsman Program \$72,284 Contact: Catherine Stone

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

Serves all nursing and rest home residents in the service area. The program investigates and resolves complaints made by or on behalf of residents. Recruits and trains volunteers and stipend staff who serve as ombudsmen. Reports to the State Nursing Home Ombudsman at the Executive Office of Elder Affairs.

13. VNA Care Network
120 Thomas Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 756-7176

Exec. Dir.: Karen H. Green

Medication Management \$11,028 Contact: Maureen Sendrowski

Service Area: Central Mass Region

Provides "Brown Bag" clinics to assess medication management issues, home visits for elders where needed, and educational programming regarding safe use of medications. In addition, a more extensive intervention program will target a specific Central Massachusetts community.

14. VNA Greater Milford-Northbridge Area
25 Birch Street
Building B
Milford, MA 01757
(508) 473-0862

Exec. Dir.: Jean Masciarelli

Alzheimer's Project \$6,000 Contact: Jean Masciarelli

Service Area: Blackstone Valley/Greater Milford Area

Offers weekly caregiver support group, community education and respite services for families who have a member with Alzheimer's disease.

15. Worcester Department of Health & Human Services **Dir.: Amy Vogel Waters**
Elder Affairs Division
128 Providence Street
Worcester, MA 01604
(508) 799-1232

Osteoporosis Prevention Project \$7,000 Contact: Amy Vogel Waters

Service Area: Worcester and neighboring towns

Provides osteoporosis education and screening to senior citizens in Worcester and surrounding towns. The program is a collaborative effort of the City Manager's Executive Office of Elder Affairs, Worcester Senior Center, other agencies and funders.