

**CENTRAL MASSACHUSETTS AGENCY ON AGING
TITLE III PROGRAMS FOR FY 2010**

Effective October 1, 2009, 27 grants in the amount of \$ 1,846,201 were awarded to 16 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: Billy Ayala*

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 \$476,722 *Contact: Jennifer Snell*

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.: Antonia McGuire

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.

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 \$119,806 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.: Barbara Salisbury

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 \$9,765 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. **MassMedLine**

Director: Mary B. Sullivan

Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences
19 Foster Street
Worcester MA 01608
(508) 373-0031

Medication Management \$11,253 Contact: Mary B. Sullivan

Service Area: Central Mass Region

Provide public presentations on medication management issues as well as one to one consultation with elders where needed. In addition, MassMedLine will develop educational media regarding medication management for distribution throughout Central Massachusetts

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

Co-Exec. Dir.: Margaret Woovis
Carol Dubour

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 \$10,002 Contact: Lydia Henshaw

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

Provides money management services to elders in need.

Ombudsman Program (N) \$83,906 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) \$113,679 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.

11. Montachusett Opportunity Council

Exec. Dir.: Kathleen McDermott

**MOC Elder Services
66 Day Street
Fitchburg, MA 01420
(978) 345-8501**

Nutrition Project \$312,081 Contact: Ayn Yeagle

Service Area: North Worcester and West Middlesex County

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

Elder Home Repair \$24,433 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.

Seniors On The Move \$3,490 Contact: Ayn Yeagle

Service Area: Fitchburg, Gardner

An eight-week nutrition education curriculum designed for approximately 12 to 15 elders targeting low-income elders with a chronic illness to provide the skills necessary to better self-manage their condition through diet and exercise.

12. New England Homes for the Deaf

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

**154 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923
(978) 774-0445
(978) 753-2526 (Thursdays)**

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.

13. Tri-Valley Inc.,

Exec. Dir.: Marilyn Travinski

**10 Mill Street
Dudley, MA 01571
(508) 949-6640**

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 \$9,978 Contact: Jane Cacciapuoti

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

Provides money management services to elders in need.

Nutrition Project \$325,047 Contact: Carol Muschler

Service Area: South Worcester County and West Norfolk County

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

Ombudsman Program \$73,080 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.

14. VNA Care Network

Exec. Dir.: Karen H. Green

**120 Thomas Street
Worcester, MA 01608
(508) 756-7176**

Community Fall Prevention Program \$5,815 Contact: Maureen Sendrowski

Service Area: Central Mass Region

This program provides public presentations to elders and caregivers on fall prevention at locations throughout Central Massachusetts. In collaboration with Leominster Council on Aging, VNA Care Network will provide a more comprehensive intervention targeting up to 30 elders identified as at elevated risk for falls. In addition, the VNA will conduct fall prevention trainings for case managers and outreach workers in the Central Massachusetts service area.

15. VNA Greater Milford-Northbridge Area

Exec. Dir.: Jean Masciarelli

**25 Birch Street
Building B
Milford, MA 01757
(508) 473-0862**

Alzheimer's Project \$5,859 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.

16. 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 \$6,836 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.