

## **FY 2012-2013 Older Americans Act Title III Funding Priorities**

*The goal of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging is to address the most critical needs of elders throughout the region. Generally, preference will be given to applicants who are locally-based providers, collaborative proposals and to those that intend to serve the entire planning and service area.*

### Title III-B – Supportive Services

#### Access for Elders

a. Outreach and Interpretation programs targeting one or more of the following groups: minority and/or non-English speaking populations, rural, low-income, disabled, Native Americans, and Alzheimer's victims and their caregivers. Proposals should address areas and/or populations that are demonstrably without services, or are underserved.

b. Medical Transportation in areas where significant unmet need is clearly demonstrated. Proposals should include service to residents in more than one community whose residents would otherwise not have access to medical transportation and/or escorted transportation where necessary to access health care.

#### Crisis Intervention

Short term intensive counseling or problem solving assistance to help seniors deal with crisis situations

#### Emergency Home Repair

Repair and maintenance services for elders within the entire CMAA service area who are at risk from health and safety hazards or at risk of being homeless. Grant funds will be limited to providing the skilled labor required to make needed repairs and modifications with the expectation that homeowners or other resources will provide any required materials. CMAA wishes to contract for home repair services in:

- Central and southern regions of the PSA
- Northern region of the PSA.

Money Management for eligible seniors throughout the CMAA service area to provide financial counseling, checkbook balancing, bill paying and related services to elders in multiple communities.

#### Legal Services (mandated) /Guardianship

Includes help in obtaining or restoring public benefits, guardianship services, resolving housing problems or other appropriate concerns.

#### Long Term Ombudsman (mandated)

Volunteers and stipended staff serving nursing home residents by investigating and resolving complaints made by the residents, or on their behalf.

### III-C – Nutrition Services.

Regional congregate and home delivered meal services. Projects must meet federal regulations governing Nutrition Programs.

### III-D - Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Services

Programs may focus on: Health Education (including mental health), Chronic Disease Management, Nutrition Screening/Education (including obesity reduction), Exercise, Cardiovascular Health, Cancer Awareness, Substance Abuse, Respiratory Health (including smoking cessation) and Medication Management. Programs may offer individual interventions, group programs, media materials (both creation and/or distribution) as well as other activities that can demonstrably improve the health status of elders in Central Massachusetts.