

Grant Selection Process Report

Legal Applicant: Eastern Maine Area Agency on Aging **Program name:** EAAA Aging in Place
Recommendation: Fund at Requested Level
Reviewers: Laflin, Young

Grant Category: Other Competition - VGF **Performance Period:** Initial 6 month review
Type: Cost Reimbursement **Start/End Date:** [4-1-2018] to [9-30-2019]
Focus Area: Aging In Place
 Food Security & Supports **Fed Priority Area(s):** Capacity Building
 Transportation Services

Request for New Resources	CNCS	Local
New CNCS Funds: <u>\$14,714</u>	Cost sharing proposed 45%	55%
Match Committed: <u>\$17,951</u>	Min. Match required <u>55 %</u>	
Total Grant Budget: <u>\$32,665</u>		

Total prior years with CNCS funding: [0]

Prior experience with CNCS funding: [describe type of grant and how many 3 year grants applicant has had; any special notes about prior funding such as whether it was same or different model, another category of funding.]

Program Summary (from application):

The Eastern Area Agency on Aging proposes to develop a Volunteer Generation Fund program providing service in in Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington Counties that will focus on the CNCS focus area of capacity building while increasing volunteerism. The CNCS investment of \$14,717 will be matched with \$17,951, \$11,668 in public funding and \$6,283 in private funding.

Statement of Need (from application narrative):

The community of focus will be the EAAA catchment area encompassing Penobscot, Piscataquis, Hancock, and Washington counties. The issue of focus will be aging-in-place. As the oldest and most rural state in the nation, Maine faces several challenges to aging-in-place that are addressed by EAAA programming.

Specifically, the proposed VGF effort will focus on building volunteer capacity within the following programs: Money Minders, Meals on Wheels, Commodity Supplemental Food Program, SHIP insurance counseling, Furry Friends, and the EZ-Fix programs. These programs were selected based on current need demonstrated through waitlists or the lack of ability to take on clients due to a lack of volunteer-run sites or volunteers to deliver direct services. The distinct community needs these programs address are outlined below.

I. Economic Insecurity

Maine currently ranks 7th in the nation for older adult economic insecurity. Washington and Piscataquis have the two lowest median household incomes of Maine counties, while Penobscot has the 9th lowest and Hancock the 7th lowest (Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, 2017). The demographic shift underway in our country coupled with the ongoing impact of the recent recession on retirement savings and employment options for older adults and adults with disabilities has created a perfect storm of increased financial risk for many Mainers. AARP Maine states that a third of Mainers 65+ rely solely on Social Security, providing an annual income of only \$14,000 (AARP Maine, 2016). On an individual

level, the ability to manage one's finances can be challenged by age-related or disability-related decline placing older adults and adults with disabilities at particular risk for financial exploitation. Concerns about economic insecurity in older age are a significant issue among citizens in Eastern Maine. For instance, in the Piscataquis County town of Dover-Foxcroft, 58% of 100 community members surveyed as part of an age-friendly communities initiative identified lack of finances in old age as being their primary concern about living well as they grow older (UMaine Center on Aging, 2017).

Identified partners:

- list partners identified by reviewers

None

SCORING DETAIL

I. Summary of Reviewer Consensus Scores

Sections	Consensus Assessment	Consensus Score
Organization Qualifications and Experience (25%)		
Current volunteer management practices	Strong	11
Management of Planned effort	Strong	14
Program Design & 18-month Work Plan (50%)		
Focus Area(s) and Need	Adequate	6.7
Current Effort	Adequate	6.7
Planned Effort	Strong	10
Implementation - Work Plan	Adequate	13.4
Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy (25%)		
Cost Effectiveness	Adequate	8.375
Budget Adequacy	Adequate	8.375
Reviewer Consensus TOTAL:		[78.55] of 100 possible

Reviewer Recommendation: Fund at Requested level

Final Recommendation of Excellence and Expertise Task Force: