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BUCKEYE HILLS AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Application for
TITLE III-D DISEASE PREVENTION AND HEALTH PROMOTION PY 2011

OVERVIEW

The **Buckeye Hills Area Agency on Aging** Planning and Service Area (PSA) 8 is soliciting proposals from agencies which provide evidence-based disease prevention and health (EBDP/HP) promotion programs to individuals who are 60+ in Athens, Hocking, Meigs, Monroe, Morgan, Noble, Perry and Washington Counties. Successful applicants will be awarded funds for the 12 month period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding for Program Year (PY) 2011 is provided through the Ohio Department of Aging. The total available funding is estimated to be approximately **\$19,785.00**. However, the *State of Ohio Budget* for PY 2011 has not been finalized. Therefore, funding amounts may be different when awards are granted. Awards may be reduced at any time if federal or state funding is reduced, even during the contract period.

It is the policy of the BH-AAA8 that available funds shall be allocated to each county in the PSA by formula. Each county will have only those funds allocated by formula available to it. The allocation formula utilizes 2000 census data for those elements for which 2000 census data is available.

In the event that a service gap is identified after reviewing all proposals received, BH-AAA8 reserves the right to allocate funds in a manner that ensures service delivery.

WEIGHT	20%	20%	20%	40%		100%
WEIGHTED % OF BALANCE	\$2,357.00	\$2,357.00	\$2,357.00	\$4,714.00		\$11,785.00
	60+	60+ MINORITY	60+ POVERTY	Underserved	Base Funding	TOTAL
ATHENS	\$413.87	\$574.32	\$405.03	\$377.05	\$1,000.00	\$2,770.26
HOCKING	\$272.21	\$330.81	\$227.01	\$240.83	\$1,000.00	\$2,070.86
MEIGS	\$240.26	\$225.13	\$326.31	\$1,305.60	\$1,000.00	\$3,097.30
MONROE	\$177.32	\$64.32	\$241.38	\$923.66	\$1,000.00	\$2,406.69
MORGAN	\$166.86	\$310.13	\$156.13	\$808.42	\$1,000.00	\$2,441.54
NOBLE	\$130.08	\$59.73	\$169.52	\$32.47	\$1,000.00	\$1,391.81
PERRY	\$290.63	\$153.92	\$267.19	\$984.30	\$1,000.00	\$2,696.03
WASHINGTON	\$665.76	\$638.64	\$564.43	\$41.67	\$1,000.00	\$2,910.49
TOTAL	\$2,357.00	\$2,357.00	\$2,357.00	\$4,714.00	\$8,000.00	\$19,785.00

APPLICATION PROCESS TIME LINE

PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Request for Proposal Announcement	July 19, 2010
PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion application and instructions made available to prospective bidders	August 9, 2010
Questions about the Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion application packet/process due to AAA8 in writing.	August 25, 2010
Answers to questions about the Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion application packet/process posted on AAA8 website.	September 1, 2010
Proposal Application Due Date	September 13, 2010
Award Decisions Announced via mail to successful bidders	October 18, 2010
PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Contracts mailed to successful bidders for signature	November 8, 2010
PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Contracts due back to BH-AAA8	November 26, 2010
First day of PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	January 1, 2011
Last day of PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	December 31, 2011

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Request for Proposals (RFP): July 19, 2010

- Posted on BH-AAA8 website www.areaagency8.org
- Sent via email and fax to all *Older Americans Act Service* and *PASSPORT service providers* currently contracted with BH-AAA8.
- Posted in legal notice section in newspapers throughout the eight-county service area.

APPLICATION MATERIALS

All instructions and materials needed to apply for PY 2011 Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding are available to download from the BH-AAA8 website www.areaagency8.org; **no hard copy applications will be available.** Required forms are in Microsoft Word and Excel. Applicants must use these forms and formats to apply for services; other forms and formats will not be accepted for review. All responses must be typed in a legible font style and size. Acceptable font styles are *Arial* or *New Times Roman*. Acceptable font sizes must be 10, 11 or 12 font; hand written or typed responses are not accepted.

The instructions and application documents are intended to assist applicants in applying for funding under this *Request for Proposals (RFP)* announcement. Nothing in the instructions or application documents is intended to impose any paper work beyond those specifically required under the regulations of the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) and the Buckeye Hills – Area Agency on Aging 8 (BH-AAA8) competitive bidding process.

In 2009, the Ohio Department of Aging issued rule changes which are now in Ohio Administrative Code and will be effective for all new competitive bidding processes, new

contract agreements, and will change service specifications which define how services are delivered. These rule changes include: Introduction and Definitions (rule 173-3-01), Competitive Bidding Process (rule 173-3-05), Appeals (rule 173-3-09), Provider Agreements (rule 173-3-04), Mandatory Clauses (rule 173-3-06), Criminal Background Check (rule 173-9-01), Consumer Cost Sharing (rule 173-3-07).

All applicants are encouraged to read all instructions and application materials before making a decision to apply for the Title III-D Disease Prevention and Health Promotion funding. The BH-AAA8 is not liable for any costs incurred or associated with the preparation of any applicant's application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE REQUIREMENTS

One (1) complete original and one (1) complete copy application in hard copy must be received by the Buckeye Hills-Area Agency on Aging 8 (BH-AAA8) at: (Physical Address) 1400 Pike Street, Marietta, Ohio 45750 or (mailing address) P.O. Box 370, Reno, Ohio, 45773 by 4:00 p.m. on September 13, 2010. Faxed or emailed proposal applications will be rejected. If mailed, bidder is required to use certified return receipt. If hand delivered, bidder will be given a receipt at time of delivery.

Applications will be reviewed for completeness and compliance with required formats. The Buckeye Hills-Area Agency on Aging 8 will reject the following applications:

1. The application is not received by the required stated due date and time.
2. The application is missing any required document listed on the document checklist.
3. The application is missing any required signature.
4. The application is emailed or faxed.
5. The application contains altered application forms and/or formats.
6. The application responses are hand written and/or not in a legible font style or size.

It is not the responsibility of the BH-AAA 8, upon receipt of the proposal application, to notify applicants if they have not met any of the above listed application deadline requirements for completeness and/or compliance with required formats, even if the proposal is submitted before the application deadline.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

If you have questions about the application process call or email Mindy Cayton, AAA8 Planner Buckeye Hills-Area Agency on Aging 8 at 740-373-6400 or mcayton@buckeyehills.org
Your questions will answered by the appropriate BH-AAA8 staff.

APPLICATION REVIEW PROCESS

1. All applications accepted for review are evaluated by a team of *BH-AAA8 staff*. Funding recommendations to *Regional Advisory Council on Aging* will be made.
2. The *Buckeye Hills- Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee* reviews *Regional Advisory Council on Aging* recommendations.
3. The *Buckeye Hills- Hocking Valley Regional Development District Executive Committee* will make the final funding decision.

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Each proposal accepted for review will be evaluated and scored using the following criteria:

	SCORE
PROBLEM STATEMENT	15
Does this section clearly describe the need for developing EBDP programs in the proposed service area?	
Does the applicant describe EBDP programs that are already in place and the accessibility of these programs to older adults?	
Does the applicant provide appropriate demographic and epidemiological information as it applies to the service area where the intervention program will be implemented?	
Does the applicant include a description of the problems this proposal is intended to address through the intervention program?	
PROPOSED INTERVENTION	25
Has the applicant stated clear and meaningful goals and objectives for the proposed program as well as problems that relate to the proposed intervention program?	
Are the goals and objectives reasonable and likely to be achieved?	
Has the EBDP intervention program been identified and realistic implementation plans provided?	
Is a clear and practical work plan included in the application?	
Has the applicant clearly described a coherent approach to implementing the intervention program that would successfully address the problems described?	
Is it likely the approach will achieve the specified goals?	
COORDINATION AND LINKAGES	20
Has the applicant demonstrated that the proposed activities will:	
a. complement the activities of existing evidence-based disease prevention programs where they exist	
b. utilize existing programs and services in a coordinated way to expand or enhance the capacity of partners to make EBDP programs available to seniors; and	
c. reflect a commitment from partners and include descriptions of activities and areas of responsibility?	
Does the applicant describe linkages with public and private groups?	
Does the application include letters of commitment from local key partners?	

WORKPLAN AND TIMELINE	20
Has the applicant included a work plan that documents reasonable benchmarks, measurable outcomes, milestones, timeframes, and identifies the parties responsible for accomplishing each specified objective?	
PROJECT OUTCOMES AND EVALUATION	20
Are the anticipated outcomes of the proposed project likely to be achieved?	
Are the expected benefits/results of the proposed project clear and realistic?	
Does the applicant describe all the evaluation activities requested by the RFP?	

Each proposed service will be evaluated and scored separately. All services will be ranked by score within each county.

The scoring system is used to compare and rank proposed services among provider agencies within each county. Funding is not determined by scores and rankings alone.

BH-AAA8 priorities related to geographic, demographic, and socioeconomic factors are considered in the review process.

BH-AAA 8 reserves the right to select one or more lower ranked services in order to achieve a continuum of services for targeted populations.

BH-AAA 8 reserves the right to award applicants less funds than requested if federal or state funding is not sufficient to fully fund all applicants that merit awards.

BH-AAA 8 reserves the right to reject any proposals received in response to this Request for Proposals; to request additional materials from any or all applicants; and to conditionally select proposals for funding.

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

Notification of preliminary awards will be made in writing on or about October 18, 2010. Final approval will take the official form of the contract agreement with the Buckeye Hills-Area Agency on Aging 8. Service shall begin on January 1, 2011.

AWARD APPEAL PROCESS

An applicant may appeal its award. The specified process for an appeal is as follows:

1. The complainant agency requesting an appeal must submit a certified letter to the AAA within thirty (30) days from the final decision of adverse action, which outlines the request for an appeal and supported reasons for a hearing.
2. Upon receipt of the request, the AAA will inform the complainant agency through a certified letter of the date, time, and location of the hearing to be held.
3. All receipts of such requests by complainant agencies shall be time/date stamped by the AAA.
4. The AAA will hold the hearing within forty-five days after the receipt of the request of the complainant agency.
5. The BH-HVRDD Executive Board, on the specified hearing date, will hear both parties present their case.
6. The Executive Board may terminate the hearing procedures at any point if the AAA or the complainant agency:
 - a. Negotiate a written agreement that resolves the issue(s) prompting the hearing; or
 - b. The complainant agency, in a written statement, withdraws their appeal.
7. Upon completion of the hearing, the Executive Board will make a decision and forward it to the AAA Director. The AAA Director will inform the complainant agency of the decision by a certified letter.
8. An agency may request a hearing by the Ohio Department of Aging in the event of an "adverse action", which means an AAA's action concerning a particular provider to not award a provider agreement to that provider. ODA shall only honor a request for an appeal hearing before ODA if the provider has fully complied with the written process for appealing an adverse action by the AAA that committed the adverse action and that AAA has rendered its final decision on the appeal. To request a hearing before ODA, the provider shall submit a written request to ODA's director via certified mail no later than fifteen (15) business days after the date the AAA renders its final decision. ODA shall hold a hearing and render its final decision on the appeal no later than thirty (30) business days after the date of the hearing. *Rule 173-3-09.*

SUMMARY OF FUNDED SERVICES

Services funded under this Request for Proposal are summarized below. These rules govern the use of these funds. All contracted providers must comply with these rules and will be monitored for compliance by the Buckeye Hills - Area Agency on Aging 8 Quality Improvement Department. **Printed hard copy of Rules, Service Specifications and Conditions of Participation will NOT be furnished to bidders.** Rules are posted on the Ohio Department of Aging website and are accessible through a link in the Provider Information section of the AAA8 website.

www.areaagency8.org

SERVICE UNIT DEFINITIONS

Service	Service Program	Unit Definition
Health Education	Traditional OAA	A unit of service is one client contact.

Use the following criteria when entering Health Education service delivery into SAMS:

Cluster = Other Ohio-Defined
Level of Care = OAA Related Service
Service Program = Traditional OAA
Service = Health Education

CONTRACTING

The contracting method for Title III-D Service funds is a grant agreement. Contracted providers under this grant agreement will submit a Request for Funds (RFF) on the approved form prior to the start of each quarter. The first RFF should be submitted to AAA8 with the signed 2011 Title III-D contract. This ensures that Title III-D funding will be available to the provider at the beginning of the contract period. The remaining RFF and quarterly reports are to be submitted together; April 2011, July 2011, October 2011 and quarterly report only in January 2012.

If a provider does not utilize all Title III-D funding during the contract period they will forfeit any unused portion. Unused Title III-D funds do not carry over from one program year to another. The BH-AAA8 staff monitors the utilization of Title III-D contracted funds quarterly. If any contracted provider has not utilized at least 75% of contracted funds for service delivery as of September 30, 2011, the award may be reduced and the BH-AAA8 will reallocate funds within the state program year without a new Request for Proposals (RFP).

DONATIONS, COST SHARING AND MATCHING FUNDS

Matching Funds

Older Americans Act funds have a match requirement of 15%; match may be cash or in-kind.

Cost Sharing

Cost sharing is not mandatory for health education in accordance with ODA Policy 316.00. If you choose to cost share, the sliding fee scale has been determined by ODA. The current cost sharing policy and poverty guidelines (Rule 173-3-07) are available for review on the ODA website.

Voluntary Contributions

Providers are encouraged to solicit and accept voluntary contributions (program income) for all Title III-D services.

REPORTING

Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) Database

Each funded provider agency shall be required to report all service delivery in the SAMS database according to the *Ohio Department of Aging Reporting Requirements*. BH-AAA8 will provide successful applicants with a subscription and license to access the Social Assistance Management System (SAMS) on AgingNetwork.com. Access and licenses to SAMS on Aging

Network.com is limited to the contract period. The BH-AAA8 will provide training for the database application. Each funded provider agency must have two staff members who are trained and have access to the SAMS system.

Consumers must be registered by the Provider in the SAMS system, and units of service must be entered into the consumer's record on a monthly basis. A print out of the SAMS Agency Summary Report (in a format designated by BH-AAA8) must be submitted with the quarterly RFF.

The SAMS application is hosted remotely through Harmony Information Systems, Inc. The application is accessible over the internet, without the need to install the application locally. Servers, network administration, updates, installations, maintenance, and disaster recovery are all handled by Harmony and are included in the AgingNetwork.com subscription service. AgingNetwork.com service is a web portal to Harmony applications. Each subscriber has a "domain", which is a controlled access area on Harmony's server where applications and customer databases may be accessed. The BH-AAA8 systems administrator arranges access to the site through user ID's and passwords. When users log in to the domain, they are presented with the applications that the domain owner is licensed. Access to specific database information is controlled by the administrator of the application, just as if it were installed locally. The application is HIPPA compliant.

If a provider chooses to use a software program other than SAMS, a request for waiver narrative must be submitted to BH-AAA8 in the proposal package stating the reason the waiver is being requested, the name of the software and an example of a monthly service delivery report for approval by the fiscal manager. The provider must offer proof that the software is compatible with SAMS and must work with Harmony/Synergy to ensure that the export/import process into SAMS is seamless.

QUARTERLY REPORTING

Each funded provider agency shall be required to submit a quarterly report for each service they have provided with Title III-D Service funding. This quarterly report is due the 10th of the month following the end of the quarter in which the service was provided.

MONITORING

Each Area Agency on Aging is responsible to the Ohio Department of Aging (ODA) for ensuring that all state and federal funds received from ODA are used in the manner that complies with state and federal laws. *Rule 173-3-04 (A)*. The BH-AAA8 monitors all contracted providers for compliance with service specifications and conditions of participation. This includes an annual on site visit to review service records and verify units of service reported for reimbursement.

NEW PROVIDER ORIENTATION

New Title III-D Service funded providers will be required to participate in **Provider Orientation** sessions at the Buckeye Hills-Area Agency on Aging 8 offices. These sessions will include an overview of contracting, reporting, monitoring and basic skills in using the SAMS database application. Schedule to be determined.