

Agenda

Advisory Committee on Aging

Friday, April 24, 2026

11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

In-Person Meeting - Seniors Resource Center

3227 Chase St, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033

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- 1 11:00 a.m. Call to Order and Introductions
- 2 11:05 a.m. Public comment
Up to 45 minutes is allocated now for public comment and each speaker will be limited to 3 minutes. If there are additional requests from the public to address the Committee, time will be allocated at the end of the meeting to complete public comment.
- 3 11:10 a.m. Report of the Chair – Bob Brocker
- 4 11:20 a.m. Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

Consent agenda

- 5 11:35 a.m. Move to Approve Consent Agenda
Minutes from March 27, 2026, meeting. (Attachment A)

Action item

- 6 12:00 p.m. Fiscal Year 2027 Older Americans Act and State Funding for Services Funding Recommendations – Travis Noon (Attachment B)
- 7 12:20 p.m. Fiscal Year 2027 Choice Services Providers – Travis Noon (Attachment C)

Informational briefings

- 8 12:30 p.m. Seniors Resource Center Update – Chris Lynn (Attachment D)
- 9 1:00 p.m. DRCOG Board Report
- 10 1:10 p.m. County Reports
- 11 12:55 p.m. DRCOG Board Report
- 12 1:00 p.m. County Reports

Administrative items

Next meeting May 22, 2026.

- 13 1:20 p.m. Other Matters by Members
- 14 1:30 p.m. Adjourn
- 15 1:30 p.m. **Optional Seniors Resource Center tour.**


Calander of future meetings

June 26, 2026 – In person

July 24, 2026 – Virtual

August 28, 2026 – In person

September 25, 2026 – Virtual



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October 23, 2026 – In person

November 2026 – To be determined

December 2026 – To be determined

January 22, 2027 – Virtual

February 26, 2027 – Virtual

March 26, 2027 – Virtual

April 23, 2027 – In person

May 28, 2027 – Virtual



ATTACH A

Advisory Committee on Aging (ACA)

Meeting Summary

Friday, March 27, 2026

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Members Present

Andrea Suhaka	Arapahoe County
Barbara Boyer	Arapahoe County
Bob Brocker	Denver
David Appel	Jefferson County
Dawn Perez	Adams County
Donna Mullins	Jefferson County
Edward Moss	Broomfield County
Gretchen Lopez	Douglas County
Jim Dale	Jefferson County
Judi Kern	DRCOG Board Louisville
Karie Erickson	Douglas County
Paula Hillman	Arapahoe County
Perla Gheiler	Denver
Phil Cernanec	Arapahoe County
Shari Haidvogel	Clear Creek County
Steve Conklin	DRCOG Board Edgewater
Val Robson	Jefferson County
Wynne Shaw	DRCOG Board-Lone Tree

Guests Present

Frank W. Bruno, Chief Executive Officer Via Mobility

DRCOG Staff Present

AJ Diamontopoulos, Senior Management Analyst, Jayla Sanchez- Warren, AAA Division Director, Jennifer Reeves, Veterans & Community Options Manager, Juliana Malchman, Integrated Health Navigator, Kelly Roberts, Community Resource Specialist, Kendra Carmickle, Service Coordinator Transportation, Malorie Miller, Senior Planner, Mason Green, Compliance Specialist Grants AAA Bus Operations, Mindy Patton, Division Assistant, Norberto Cororna, Mobility Coordinator, Rich Mauro, Director Legislative Affairs, Shannon Gimbel, Ombudsman Manager, Susan Anderson, Case Management Program Manager, Travis Noon, AAA Grant Compliance Program Manager.

Call to Order

Bob Brocker Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

Public Comment Period (Non-ACA Members)

There was no public comment.

Report of the Chair – Bob Brocker

Chair Brocker provided a brief report, noting the receipt of AARP's newly released *Cost of Caregiving* report, which estimates that family caregivers contribute approximately \$1 trillion in essential services. Link to the [Family Caregivers Account for \\$1 Trillion in Essential Care](#) report.

Report of the AAA Director – Jayla Sanchez-Warren

The Older Americans Act is moving through reauthorization with bipartisan support and would expand services such as mental health, technology access, caregiver respite, and fall prevention, though funding for these expansions is uncertain. At the state level, no direct program cuts have been made yet, but one million dollars was removed from the Older Coloradans Cash Fund, and more reductions may occur as the legislature works through the long bill. Aging remains a stated priority, but the overall budget outlook is unstable.

Jayla also presented to the Metro Area County Commissioners group, which is considering making aging one of its top three priorities. The commissioners also learned that adults over sixty-five are the fastest-growing segment of the homeless population, and many had not previously considered the unique needs of older adults experiencing homelessness. Jayla encouraged them to integrate aging considerations into all policy discussions moving forward.

AJ Diamontopoulos shared progress on his work with Medicare Advantage Dual Special Needs Plans. He and partners are developing a cost avoidance study with the State Unit on Aging and the University of Denver Action Lab; they are preparing a pilot in which two health plans would refer about five hundred people to Area Agencies on Aging for navigation support and potentially funded services. The pilot will evaluate

outcomes and could open the door to Medicare dollars as a new funding stream for AAA's.

Move to approve consent agenda

Items on the consent agenda included: February 27, 2026, meeting summary.

Phil Cernanec motioned for approval with change to date of the Adams County Senior Resource Fair. Wynne Shaw seconded the motion; the consent agenda was unanimously approved.

Informational Briefings

Legislative Preview – Rich Mauro

Rich Mauro delivered a legislative update. House Bill 1010, a workforce measure now in the Senate Business, Labor, and Technology Committee, is awaiting scheduling until the state budget is finalized. While DRCOG has not taken a position, Jayla noted the bill's positive focus on older workers.

He then reviewed House Bill 1018, now amended to direct Health Care Policy and Financing (HCPF) to conduct a study using an existing advisory group. Jayla observed that federal rules already cover much of the bill's intent, and Shannon Gimbel cautioned that the study could add significant workload for counties and rural providers, particularly given delays in transitions from long-term Medicaid to home and community-based services.

Rich next summarized House Bill 1107, now narrowed to transparency in memory care facilities after removal of a staffing provision. With no fiscal impact, it is awaiting action in House Appropriations.

He also outlined the broader budget situation. Although State Funding for Senior Services was preserved, the Joint Budget Committee (JBC) swept \$1 million from the Older Coloradans Cash Fund to help address the state's major shortfall. A wide range of potential cuts is under review, including a possible 1% reduction to senior services and changes to the senior homestead exemption. While several JBC members hope to

avoid altering the exemption, its cost keeps it in consideration. Selling Pinnacol has been floated as a one-time revenue option but remains controversial.

Rich emphasized the difficulty of the budget environment and the challenging decisions ahead for the JBC.

Ride Alliance and Coordinated Transit Plan Project Update – Malorie Miller

Mallory Miller reported on the Ride Alliance project, which reconnects Denver-area transportation providers to reduce trip denials for older adults. After restarting in 2024, the team enhanced the Trip Exchange Hub and completed a six-week pilot across six counties with four integrated providers. The pilot demonstrated effective cross-provider trip sharing, though winter weather kept volumes low. The project has been extended through June to add system improvements, integrate with the AAA's Aspire platform, and continue rebuilding regional reciprocity. DRCOG is also seeking additional funding and incorporating Ride Alliance into long-term planning.

Malorie also noted that DRCOG is updating its Coordinated Transit Plan, which inventories regional transportation services and identifies gaps for older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income communities. The update will feature clearer goals, a brief executive summary, and a more accessible layout, with adoption anticipated in October.

Via Mobility Services Update – Frank Bruno

Frank Bruno from Via Mobility Services described the growing pressures on paratransit as Colorado's aging population increases and costs rise. Via once provided about 130,000 trips a year in Boulder and Larimer Counties, but the pandemic reduced service and left the organization with higher operating costs, staffing shortages, and challenges transitioning to electric vehicles. After taking over Seniors Resource Center's service, Via expanded into the Denver metro area, but demand still exceeds capacity.

New funding from Senate Bill 24 230 will bring about \$800,000 in 2026 to expand paratransit, mostly in the metro area, though Via is still waiting on a contract to access the funds. They are also concerned that potential cuts to the Multimodal Transportation

Operations Fund could offset these gains. Via continues to rely heavily on fundraising and competitive operating contracts to subsidize paratransit, while facing competition from large national and app-based companies.

The group emphasized the need for regional collaboration, noting that no single county or agency can meet transportation needs alone. They discussed pooling resources to improve cross county mobility and shared frustration with federal regulations that complicate coordination.

Frank added that Via is exploring smaller, more nimble electric vehicles but must ensure they are accessible for wheelchair users. Any new vehicle type would be tested with drivers and trainers before being added to the fleet.

DRCOG Board Report

Members discussed the upcoming DRCOG peer exchange trip to Seattle, where they will meet with the Puget Sound Regional Council and local leaders to learn about regional approaches to transportation and aging services, including King County's mill levy. They noted similarities between Colorado and Washington and hope to bring back strategies for meeting rising demand amid limited funding. Concerns were raised about Colorado's budget shortfall and potential cuts to senior services, with several members suggesting that new local revenue sources may be needed.

County Reports

Arapahoe County

Andrea Suhaka reported that Arapahoe County has officially launched its Countywide Transit and Micro Mobility Study, first initiated in 2022. The county has hired Felsburg Holt and Ullevig to lead the project, now branded as ArapaGo. The study aims to gather broad community input on simpler transit options such as scooters, e bikes, and small vans. Andrea joined the effort to ensure the needs of seniors without RTD service are included and noted that the project team is visiting various groups to share information and collect feedback.

Jefferson County

Dave Appell shared that Jefferson County is continuing to strengthen its meetings by having members present on their work and by advancing both the advocacy and caregiving committees. The county is also preparing for its annual Senior Heroes event, which will take place at Lutheran Hospital on May 14 at 2 p.m. He noted that the group is growing with new members, which has been helpful.

Other Matters by Members

There were no other matters discussed.

Next meeting will be in person at Seniors' Resource Center – April 24, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

ATTACH B

Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee on Aging

Meeting date: April 24, 2026

Agenda Item #: 6

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Fiscal Year 2027 Older Americans Act and State Funding for Services Funding Recommendations

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

This item pertains to the recommended funding for fiscal year 2027 Older Americans Act services.

Background

DRCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging for the eight-county Denver Metro region. As such, DRCOG receives Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services funds to provide community-based services to older adults throughout the region.

DRCOG issues a funding opportunity for service proposals every two years. In November 2025, DRCOG released its Notice of Funding Opportunity to organizations providing eligible services to older adults across the region. For fiscal year 2027, DRCOG received 39 proposals requesting more than \$19.8 million in total funding. Approximately \$13.2 million is available for this cycle.

All proposals were reviewed by DRCOG staff who do not oversee provider contracts. Staff scored each submission using criteria developed in coordination with the DRCOG Advisory

Committee on Aging (ACA) Funding Subcommittee. The scoring criteria evaluated the demonstrated need for the service, cost information, respondent experience, service outcomes, and overall completeness of the proposal.

Following the scoring process, the ACA Funding Subcommittee convened to review the proposals and develop funding recommendations. In forming these recommendations, the Subcommittee considered staff scores, available funding, policy requirements, and county equity. The resulting project recommendations are attached.

Action by others

ACA Funding Subcommittee recommended approval

Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

Move to recommend to the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee the Older Americans Act and State Funding for Senior Services projects, as recommended by the funding subcommittee for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Attachment

1. Fiscal Year 2027 Older Americans Act Funding Recommendations presentation
2. DRCOG Older Americans Act Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Recommendations

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance at 303-480-6775, or tnoon@drcog.org.

DRCOG Older Americans Act Fiscal Year 2027 Funding Recommendations

Congregate Meals

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Congregate Meals	\$1,904,522.42	18.44	Yes	\$1,465,060.00
Total		\$1,904,522.42			\$1,465,060.00

Home Delivered Meals

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Project Angel Heart	Home Delivered Meals	\$787,627.00	17.90	Yes	\$768,029.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Home Delivered Meals	\$3,970,356.00	16.45	Yes	\$3,970,356.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Home Delivered Meals	\$3,000.00	13.69	No	\$0.00
Total		\$4,760,983.00			\$4,738,385.00

Other Nutrition Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Denver Inner City Parish	Material Aid - Groceries	\$111,426.10	17.81	Yes	\$57,953.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Material Aid - Groceries	\$17,820.00	15.75	Yes	\$16,200.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Material Aid - Groceries	\$52,741.00	13.65	No	\$0.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Material Aid - Groceries	\$3,000.00	12.00	No	\$0.00
Total		\$184,987.10			\$74,153.00

Transportation

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
A Little Help	Assisted Transportation	\$25,000.00	17.63	Yes	\$25,000.00
Douglas County Government	Assisted Transportation	\$299,700.00	17.25	Yes	\$299,700.00
City and County of Broomfield	Transportation	\$345,000.00	17.13	Yes	\$345,000.00
City of Lakewood	Assisted Transportation	\$410,185.80	17.00	Yes	\$330,750.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Transportation	\$83,067.22	16.69	Yes	\$83,067.00
Senior Support Services	Bus Tickets	\$40,000.00	16.60	Yes	\$40,000.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Bus Tickets	\$5,890.00	16.35	Yes	\$5,355.00
Metro Volunteers	Assisted Transportation	\$94,835.00	15.90	Yes	\$75,000.00

Volunteers of America, Colorado	Assisted Transportation	\$137,420.80	14.90	Yes	\$100,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Transportation	\$1,838,550.00	14.90	Yes	\$1,522,048.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Bus Tickets	\$2,000.00	12.75	No	\$0.00
Total		\$3,281,648.82			\$2,825,920.00

In-home Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Chore	\$100,000.00	18.44	Yes	\$78,750.00
A Little Help	Chore	\$75,000.00	18.00	Yes	\$63,000.00
Douglas County Government	Chore	\$29,970.00	17.75	Yes	\$16,800.00
Douglas County Government	Homemaker	\$201,972.00	17.75	Yes	\$201,972.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Homemaker	\$341,826.00	17.56	Yes	\$341,826.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Chore	\$353,787.00	17.31	Yes	\$157,500.00
HBA Foundation	Chore	\$201,642.84	17.30	Yes	\$201,642.00
Douglas County Government	Personal Care	\$186,750.00	17.13	Yes	\$186,750.00
City and County of Broomfield	Homemaker	\$80,910.00	16.88	Yes	\$56,160.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Personal Care	\$28,500.00	16.88	Yes	\$11,093.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Homemaker	\$311,865.00	16.65	Yes	\$311,865.00
Arapahoe County Government	Chore	\$200,265.00	16.50	Yes	\$122,529.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Chore - Hoarding	\$385,500.00	16.00	Yes	\$175,000.00
Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity	Chore	\$75,000.00	14.19	Yes	\$35,000.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Chore	\$195,838.11	13.90	No	\$0.00
BlueBird Therapy and Wellness	Homemaker	\$134,800.00	13.31	No	\$0.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Personal Care	\$3,000.00	12.00	No	\$0.00
Bright Leaf Inc- Nonprofit	Chore - Hoarding	\$50,000.00	12.00	No	\$0.00
Extreme Community Makeover	Chore	\$53,100.00	11.60	No	\$0.00
DeKare, Inc.	Chore	\$107,550.00	9.44	No	\$0.00
DeKare, Inc.	Homemaker	\$1,031,400.00	9.19	No	\$0.00
DeKare, Inc.	Personal Care	\$952,200.00	8.69	No	\$0.00
Colorado Black Health Collaborative	Chore	\$42,000.00	6.56	No	\$0.00
Colorado Black Health Collaborative	Homemaker	\$54,000.00	6.56	No	\$0.00
Colorado Black Health Collaborative	Personal Care	\$54,000.00	6.56	No	\$0.00
Total		\$5,250,875.95			\$1,959,887.00

Caregiver Support Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
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City and County of Broomfield	Caregiver Respite - In-home	\$115,020.00	18.13	Yes	\$115,020.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Caregiver Respite - Adult Day	\$1,159,134.00	17.69	Yes	\$524,738.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Respite	\$37,843.75	17.13	Yes	\$37,843.00
Easter Seals Colorado	Caregiver Respite - Adult Day	\$266,185.00	16.94	Yes	\$144,280.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Support Groups	\$17,300.00	16.88	Yes	\$17,300.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Training	\$29,193.75	16.63	Yes	\$29,193.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver I&A	\$90,392.50	16.44	Yes	\$86,066.00
Foster Source	Material Aid - Caregiver	\$25,000.00	13.10	No	\$0.00
Foster Source	Grandparent Caregiver I&A	\$63,000.00	11.75	No	\$0.00
Total		\$1,803,069.00			\$954,440.00

Evidenced Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Evidence-Based Services	\$50,000.00	18.38	Yes	\$50,000.00
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver	Evidence-Based Services	\$32,500.00	15.00	Yes	\$32,500.00
Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	Evidence-Based Services	\$170,000.00	14.05	Yes	\$84,170.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Evidence-Based Services	\$145,181.16	12.70	No	\$0.00
Total		\$397,681.16			\$166,670.00

Legal Assistance

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Assistance	\$600,000.00	17.13	Yes	\$595,000.00
Thomas Law Group, LLP	Legal Assistance	\$82,500.00	15.06	No	\$0.00
Foster Source	Legal Assistance	\$50,000.00	8.30	No	\$0.00
Total		\$732,500.00			\$595,000.00

Other Supportive Services

Organization	Proposed Service	Requested Funds	Average Total Score	Recommended?	Recommended Amount
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Information and Assistance	\$100,000.00	18.81	Yes	\$75,000.00
Aging Resources of Douglas County	Information and Assistance	\$150,000.00	16.56	Yes	\$100,000.00

Senior Support Services	Information and Assistance	\$174,148.00	16.05	Yes	\$150,000.00
Senior Support Services	Counseling	\$25,000.00	15.80	Yes	\$25,000.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Information and Assistance	\$45,000.00	15.50	Yes	\$40,000.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Education	\$82,807.46	15.13	Yes	\$43,900.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Screening	\$82,807.46	15.13	Yes	\$37,600.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Counseling	\$82,532.46	15.00	Yes	\$38,332.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Education	\$161,481.00	14.90	Yes	\$79,589.00
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver	Education	\$101,088.00	12.83	No	\$0.00
Adams County Human Services Department	Information and Assistance	\$75,000.00	12.75	No	\$0.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Education	\$30,000.00	12.69	No	\$0.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Screening	\$11,500.00	12.50	No	\$0.00
BlueBird Therapy and Wellness	Screening	\$115,200.00	11.88	No	\$0.00
Archway Housing & Services, Inc.	Information and Assistance	\$75,000.00	11.65	No	\$0.00
Safe and Healthy Communities	Education	\$77,000.00	11.40	No	\$0.00
DeKare, Inc.	Education	\$178,560.00	8.44	No	\$0.00
Total		\$1,567,124.38			\$589,421.00
Grand Total		\$19,883,391.83			\$13,368,936.00

Fiscal Year 2027 Older Americans Act Funding Recommendations

Travis Noon, Manager,
AAA Business Operations

- DRCOG is the designated Area Agency on Aging for the Metro Region.
- DRCOG releases a Notice of Funding Opportunity every other year for Older Americans Act services.
- DRCOG Solicits proposals for a variety of services, which include nutrition, transportation, in-home services, caregiver services, legal assistance, and other supportive services.

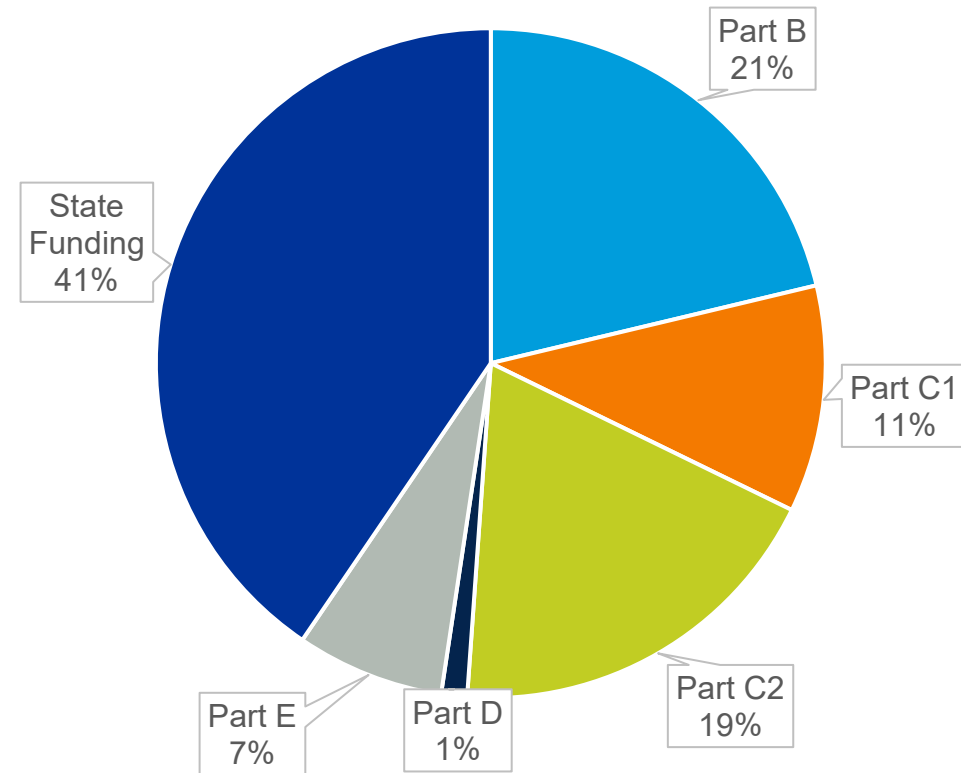
Notice of Funding Opportunity Overview

- DRCOG released a Notice of Funding Opportunity in November 2025.
- DRCOG received 39 proposals requesting over \$19.8 million in funding to support older adults in the region.
- There is approximately \$13.3 million available to fund services from the funding opportunity.

Available Funding

- \$13,368,936 in total funding available.
 - Part B: \$2,843,033
 - Part C1: \$1,465,060
 - Part C2: \$2,527,356
 - Part D: \$166,670
 - Part E: \$954,440
 - State Funding: \$5,412,337

Available Funding by Part





Funding Allocation Process



Review of Proposals

- Initial review by AAA Compliance team for eligibility.
- DRCOG staff from various divisions reviewed and scored the proposals.
 - Scoring criteria includes:
 - Need for the Service.
 - Cost Information.
 - Experience, Performance, and Capability.
 - Service Outcomes.
 - Clarity, Completeness, and Responsiveness of Proposal.

Average Total Score Calculations

- The scores from the reviewing staff were compiled to create an average total score.
 - All scores range from 0-3 for each criteria.
 - Need for the service is weighted times 2.
 - Cost information is weighted times 1.5.
 - Total possible score is 19.5 points.

Funding Recommendation Process

- The ACA Funding Subcommittee met to review the proposals, scores, and set priorities for funding.
- Service funding priorities included funding basic needs services first, followed by required services, then other supportive services.

General Criteria for Funding

- Minimum score required to receive funding: 14.00 points.
- For proposals scoring 17.00 points or higher:
 - Current providers were recommended at a maximum 5% increase, if requested.
 - New providers were recommended at the amount requested.
- For proposals scoring 14.00 to 16.99 points:
 - Current providers were recommended level funding from current year.
 - New providers were recommended at the minimum request.

Funding Service Priorities

- DRCOG is limited to funding as the federal parts allow.
- Funding for the specific parts were awarded to those services.
 - Part C-1: Congregate Meals
 - Part C-2: Home Delivered Meals
 - Part D: Evidenced Based Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
 - Part E: Caregiver Services

Part B Funding Priorities

- Requirements set in policy require DRCOG to allocate this funding to the following services at a minimum:
 - 25% to Access Services (Transportation)
 - 15% to In-home Services (Homemaker, Personal Care, Chore)
 - 3% to Legal Assistance
- DRCOG is required to level fund Legal Assistance services each year.
- The funding subcommittee directed all other Part B dollars to Transportation Services.

State Funding For Senior Services

- Proportioned out based on the federal funding parts.
- Caregiver and Evidenced Based services are not high priority services. No state funding used to supplement the federal funding.
- Any non-designated state funds was available for all other services and allocated to the highest scored proposals first regardless of service.
- \$2,168,192 was available to be allocated to other service proposals.

Adjustments for County Equity

- Equity was determined based on the state's funding formula which looks at the following populations:
 - Total population 60+.
 - Population 75+.
 - 60+ population in poverty.
 - Minority population 60+.
 - 60+ population living in a rural area.
- Adjustments made to caregiver, in-home, and other supportive services.



Recommended Funding Allocations



Congregate and Home Delivered Meal Funding

Congregate Meals

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Congregate Meals	\$1,465,060.00
Total		\$1,465,060.00

Home Delivered Meals

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Project Angel Heart	Home Delivered Meals	\$768,029.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Home Delivered Meals	\$3,970,356.00
Total		\$4,738,385.00

Other Nutrition Services Funding

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Denver Inner City Parish	Material Aid - Groceries	\$57,953.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Material Aid - Groceries	\$16,200.00
Total		\$74,153.00

Transportation Funding

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
A Little Help	Assisted Transportation	\$25,000.00
Douglas County Government	Assisted Transportation	\$299,700.00
City and County of Broomfield	Transportation	\$345,000.00
City of Lakewood	Assisted Transportation	\$330,750.00
Denver Inner City Parish	Transportation	\$83,067.00
Senior Support Services	Bus Tickets	\$40,000.00
Southwest Improvement Council, Inc.	Bus Tickets	\$5,355.00
Metro Volunteers	Assisted Transportation	\$75,000.00
Volunteers of America, Colorado	Assisted Transportation	\$100,000.00
Via Mobility Services	Transportation	\$1,522,048.00
Total		\$2,825,920.00

In-home Services Funding

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Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Chore	\$78,750.00
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Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Personal Care	\$11,093.00
Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Inc.	Homemaker	\$311,865.00
Arapahoe County Government	Chore	\$122,529.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Chore - Hoarding	\$175,000.00
Blue Spruce Habitat for Humanity	Chore	\$29,273.00
Total		\$1,954,160.00

Caregiver Services Funding

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
City and County of Broomfield	Caregiver Respite - In-home	\$115,020.00
Seniors' Resource Center, Inc.	Caregiver Respite - Adult Day	\$503,484.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Respite	\$37,843.00
Easter Seals Colorado	Caregiver Respite - Adult Day	\$144,280.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Support Groups	\$17,300.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver Training	\$29,193.00
Catholic Charities and Community Services of the Archdiocese of Denver, Inc.	Grandparent Caregiver I&A	\$86,066.00
Total		\$933,186.00

Part D and Legal Assistance Funding

Evidenced Based Disease Prevention

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Evidence-Based Services	\$50,000.00
YMCA of Metropolitan Denver	Evidence-Based Services	\$32,500.00
Colorado Visiting Nurse Association	Evidence-Based Services	\$84,899.00
Total		\$167,399.00

Legal Assistance

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Colorado Legal Services	Legal Assistance	\$595,000.00
Total		\$595,000.00

Other Supportive Services Funds

Organization	Proposed Service	Recommended Amount
Brothers Redevelopment, Inc.	Information and Assistance	\$75,000.00
Aging Resources of Douglas County	Information and Assistance	\$100,000.00
Senior Support Services	Information and Assistance	\$150,000.00
Senior Support Services	Counseling	\$25,000.00
Colorado Nonprofit Development Center	Information and Assistance	\$40,000.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Education	\$43,900.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Screening	\$37,600.00
Aurora Comprehensive Community Mental Health Center, Inc.	Counseling	\$38,332.00
Total		\$509,832.00

Waiting List for Services

- If funding becomes available, priorities for allocating that additional funding include:
 - Any specific federal parts will be given to the next proposal on the list based on score.
 - For general state funding priorities are:
 1. Blue Spruce increase to minimum request.
 2. Via Mobility Services increase to level funding.
 3. Funding for Southwest Improvement Council's Education service.

Recommended Motion

Move to recommend to the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget committee the Older Americans Act and State Funding For Senior Services projects, as recommended by the funding subcommittee, for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027.

Thank you!
Questions?

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Advisory Committee on Aging Meeting

Name of Committee: Advisory Committee on Aging

Meeting date: April 24, 2026

Agenda Item #: 7

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Fiscal Year 2027 Choice Services Providers

Agenda item type: Action

Summary

This item pertains to the continuation of contracts with the Choice Services Program providers.

Background

The AAA operates a Choice Service Program for Transportation, In-home Services, and Caregiver Respite services. Through this program eligible participants receive a voucher and can select from a vetted list of providers to receive services. DRCOG contracts with various in-home providers as well as transportation network companies and non-emergency medical transportation providers to provide the services. DRCOG Currently contracts with five in-home providers and three transportation providers to provide these services.

Through this program this fiscal year DRCOG provided 6,261.15 hours of homemaker services and 1,077.75 hours of person care services to 226 unduplicated clients. The caregiver respite program provided 1,161.5 hours of in-home respite services to 67 older adults.

Multiple funding streams support the transportation program including Older Americans Act, Federal Transit Administration Section 5310 funding, the Human Services Transportation Set-aside, and funding from the City of Aurora. In addition to the contracts with the providers, DRCOG distributes free monthly RTD bus passes to older adults. The transportation program under the OAA funding only provided 13,093 trips to 536 older adults in the region this fiscal year to date. Bus tickets distributed under OAA funding include 5,768 Access-A-Ride Tickets, 778 discount monthly passes, and 121 full price monthly passes to 202 older adults in the region.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

None

Recommendation

Move to recommend to the DRCOG Board Finance and Budget Committee approval of the Choice Services Program provider contracts for the period beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

Attachment

Fiscal Year 2027 DRCOG AAA Choice Services Contractors

For more information

If you need additional information, please contact Travis Noon, Manager, Administration and Finance at 303-480-6775 or tnoon@drcog.org.



Fiscal Year 2027 DRCOG AAA Choice Services Contractors

In-home Services

Contractor	Service	Contractor Since	Homemaker/Personal Care Funding	Caregiver Respite Funding
Alpine Homecare	Homemaker, Personal Care, and Caregiver Respite	2020	\$ 287,262.00	\$ 88,246.00
Apollo Home Care Services	Homemaker, Personal Care, and Caregiver Respite	2022	\$ 34,986.00	\$ 10,747.00
FirstLight Home Care Boulder	Homemaker, Personal Care, and Caregiver Respite	2020	\$ 45,238.00	\$ 13,897.00
FirstLight Home Care Greater Denver	Homemaker, Personal Care, and Caregiver Respite	2020	\$ 114,237.00	\$ 35,093.00
Griswold Home Care	Homemaker, Personal Care, and Caregiver Respite	2022	\$ 65,447.00	\$ 20,105.00
Total			\$ 547,170.00	\$ 168,088.00

Transportation Services

Contractor	Service	Contractor Since	Transportation Funding
HopSkipDrive	Transportation	2019	\$ 34,730.00
Uber	Transportation	2020	\$ 248,436.00
MedRide	Transportation	2024	\$ 16,834.00
Bus Tickets (RTD)	Transportation	2020	\$ 100,000.00
Total			\$ 400,000.00

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Seniors' Resource Center Update

Agenda item type: Informational briefing

Summary

Seniors' Resource Center (SRC) will provide the Committee with an update on their ongoing work and the challenges they are currently encountering.

Background

SRC has supported older adults since 1978, beginning as a small department under Jefferson County Social Services where they handled senior inquiries and volunteer coordination. As community needs grew, it became an independent organization dedicated to serving older adults. Today, it provides a broad range of services to thousands of people across the Denver metro area each year.

Action by others

None

Previous discussions/actions

None



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Recommendation

None

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None

For more information

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