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# Arapahoe County Senior Resources

## Senior Resource Programs:

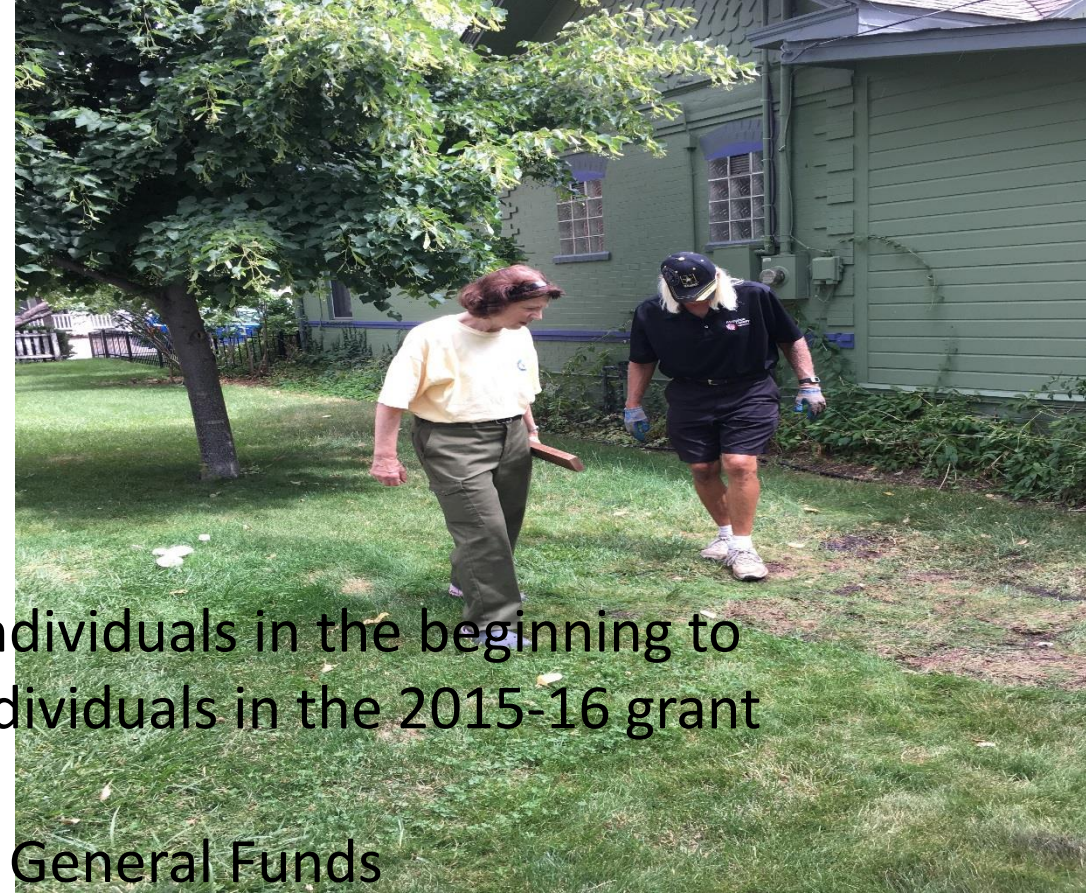
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## Homemaker Program

- In existence for 30+ years
- Originally started from a need identified by Littleton Housing Authority and Arapahoe County
- Funded with Community Services Block Grant funds and Arapahoe County General Funds
- 8 full time Homemakers (5 CSBG and 3 GF)
- Serve approximately 375 unduplicated clients per year
- Services are provided every other week for 1.5 hours with some exceptions for longer visits
- Target is for 75% of our clients to remain independent in their own homes or apartments
- Also able to serve younger disabled individuals with CSBG funds

## Chore Services

- Started in 2007
- First Chore Program in the DRCOG Region
- Increased from serving 225 unduplicated individuals in the beginning to serving approximately 365 unduplicated individuals in the 2015-16 grant year.
- Funded with DRCOG and Arapahoe County General Funds
- Chore is an expensive program to operate and generally requires significant over match with General Funds.
- Staffed by 1 Full time and 1 ¾ time FTE and occasional seasonal temps.



## Transportation



- Subcontracted with Seniors Resource Center
- Contracted to deliver 11,455 trips PLUS additional trips generated through donations and some trips generated by using Match funds.
- Trips are primarily medical or nutrition related with occasional personal trips that can be fit in.





## Veterans Service Office

- Staffed by two Federally Accredited Veteran Services Officers, a part time Business Associate, and an intern.
- Provide assistance to Veterans in filing claims for benefits. Obtaining necessary evidence and other supporting documents, replacing proof of service, correcting military records, replacing medals and awards, obtaining family benefits, burial benefits, etc.
- Assists veterans in emergency situations with help such as King Sooper Cards, rent, or utilities as funding permits.
- Provides information and assistance to veterans in connecting with other community resources.



## Rural Eastern Plains

- Arapahoe County Aid to Agencies funds VIA transportation to provide transportation 2 days per week in the Bennett through Deer Trail area.
- Arapahoe County Aid to Agencies funds Tri Valley Seniors to provide:
  - Social transportation opportunities, transportation to meetings, and some medical
  - Senior Meal opportunities at the Byers and Deer Trail High Schools
  - Funding for Holiday events for isolated seniors
- Community Development Block Grant Funds provide support to Senior Hub for the rural Meals on Wheels Program.
- Arapahoe County Council on Aging supports the Strasburg CARES Food Bank with an annual food collection.
- Community Services Block Grant Funds are currently available to low income seniors or families on the Eastern Plains if they need assistance with rent, utilities, mortgage, or heating fuel.
- Administrative and resource support is provided by the Senior Resources Division Manager.

## Information and Assistance

- Provided by the Senior Resources Division Manager
- Approximately 75 true I/A calls per month
- Calls are “mini-case management calls”

## Adopt a Senior

- Our way of addressing needs that don't have other solutions
- Small snow shoveling program in the winter where seniors are matched with people who will shovel for them for the entire winter
- Currently working with our Volunteer Coordinator to develop a pilot “holiday decorating program” to match seniors with volunteers who will put up and take down their holiday decorations



## Other Funded Programs

- TLC Meals on Wheels is funded with Centennial Community Development Block Grant Funds managed through Arapahoe County.
- TLC Meals on Wheels receives funding from Arapahoe County Aid to Agencies funds.
- Lutheran Family Services receives funding from Arapahoe County Aid to Agencies funds to provide care management services to low income seniors who cannot participate in their sliding fee scale.
- Project Angel Heart receives funding from Community Development Block Grant Funds.
- Brother's Redevelopment receives funding from Community Development Block Grant funds for minor rehab and accessibility needs
- Arapahoe County Council on Aging receives funding for administrative support from Aid to Agencies.



## Connections

- Arapahoe County Council on Aging
- Centennial Senior Commission
- Littleton Aging Well
- Littleton Transportation Network
- Transportation Solutions Arapahoe County
- Home Instead Holiday Partnership- gifts
- VOA Baskets of Joy

## Challenges

- Hiring sufficient employees in the current economic climate
- Housing, Housing, Housing!!!
- Funds to meet growing needs
- Time to be creative and forward thinking while most grants are increasing their requirements for documentation and goal setting

