

**Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc.**

**Innovation for the Wellbeing of Older Adults Mini-Grants**

**Background:** On June 12, 2019, Central Mass Area on Aging (CMAA) in collaboration with the Worcester County Reserve Deputy Association will host the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual ElderCare 2019 event. As a result of our generous sponsors, we were able to raise funds that we are redistributing back into the community through this Mini-Grant opportunity. We plan to provide 15-20 Mini-Grants ranging from \$500 to \$1,000.

**Eligibility:** Eligible organizations must be a non-profit with a 501 (c) 3 status located in the Central MA region and serve older adults.

**Funding Criteria:** The primary goal of this funding opportunity is to advance the wellbeing of older adults living in the Central MA region using innovative approaches to fill gaps in programs and services. The intent of the funds are to activate a project or program and should not be used to supplement existing programs or services already in place.

Successful projects will be weighted on the following scoring criteria:

- Advancement of the wellbeing of older adults in Central MA
- A strong evidence of need for the project or program
- Innovativeness of the approach
- Ability to fill a need that current isn't being addressed in the region

CMAA will follow up with awardees to get an overview of how the project or program impacted the wellbeing of older adults in Central MA. A short success story should be submitted to CMAA highlighting positive results and pictures from the project or program that will be shared with partners as part of a press release and posted on social media platforms.

**Grant Timeline:** Below is a list of key dates for this opportunity.

Opportunity Release Date: June 10, 2019

Grant Due Date: July 8, 2019

Award date: July/August

Final Report Due Date: Upon completion of program

Submission Instructions: Located on Application

Questions: Please contact Vanessa Ramos at [Vramos@seniorconnection.org](mailto:Vramos@seniorconnection.org) or 508-852-5539 if you have any questions about this opportunity.

*The Committee for the Future of Aging is an affiliate of Central Massachusetts Agency on Aging, Inc. The Committee reserves the right to accept or reject applications based upon their merits and/or the availability of funding. Funds raised in cooperation with Worcester County Deputy Sheriff's Association.*