



Home and Community Care Block Grant Orientation Training

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Buncombe County Health and Human Services

Developed in Partnership with
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History of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding

- General Assembly in 1989 established the Department of Human Resources Advisory Committee on Home and Community Care
- Tasked to develop a “common funding stream” for services to older adults
- HCCBG is a specific recommendation of this committee
- Intended to simplify the administration of aging services by establishing uniform service standards, eligibility, reporting and reimbursement policies



Cont. History of Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) Funding

- General Assembly of NC enacted [Senate Bill 165 Chapter 241 of the 1991 Session Laws](#)
- Established the HCCBG for older adults
- Combines federal and state appropriations for supporting home and community care
- Administered by the Divisions of Aging and Adult Services
- Goal:
 - To improve the planning, management and coordination of in-home and community-based services provided to older adults at the local level



The Aging Network: Partner Levels

- Federal Level: Washington, DC
 - Administration on Aging (AOA)
 - Administration on Community Living
- State Level: Raleigh, NC
 - Department of Health and Human Services
 - Division of Aging and Adult Services
 - NC Governor's Advisory Council
- Regional Level (different based on County)
 - Land of Sky Council of Governments (COG)
 - Land of Sky Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
 - Region B Aging Advisory Committee
- Buncombe County Government
 - Board of Commissioners
 - Health and Human Services
- Local Service Providers and Interested Community Members

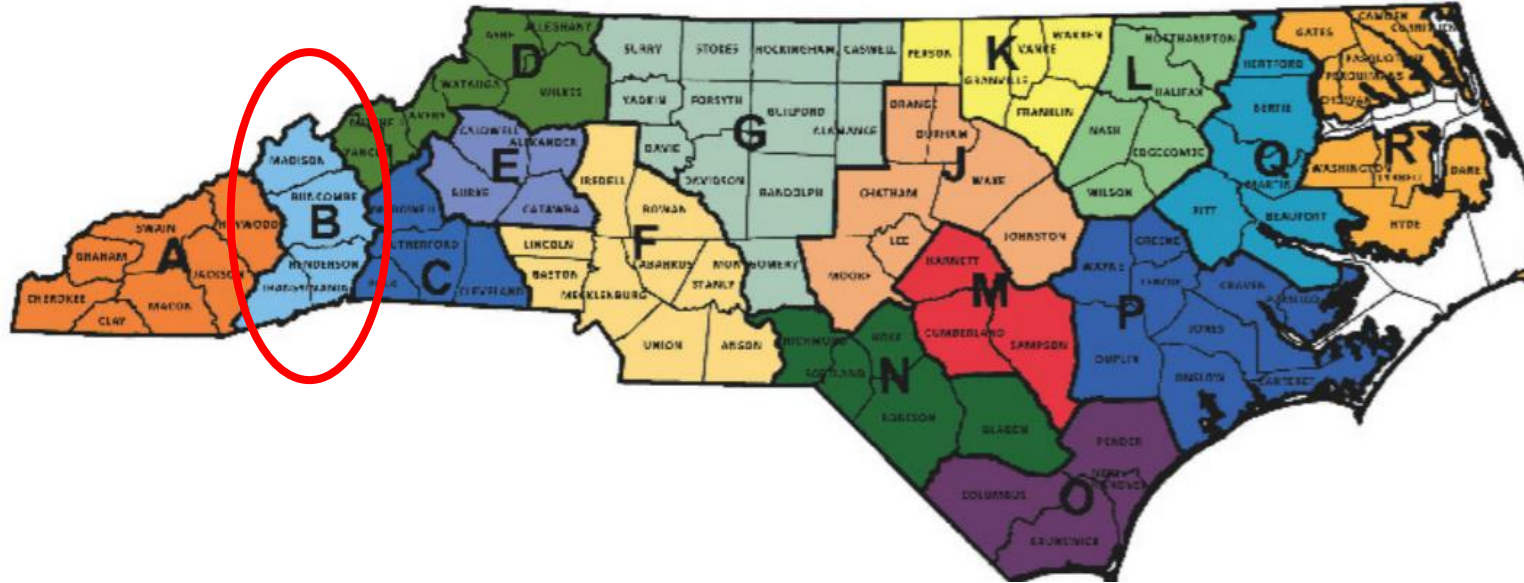


Older Americans' Act (OAA) and Administration on Aging (AoA)

- Established the [Administration on Aging](#)
- AoA is the federal focal point and advocacy agency for older persons
- Aging network includes 57 State Units on Aging
- More than 600 AAAs
- 222 tribal organizations
- Thousands of service providers, senior centers, caregivers and volunteers



NC Lead Regional Organizations



Region B: Land of Sky Regional Council

- Buncombe
- Henderson
- Madison
- Transylvania



HCCBG Funding Streams

- Consist of funds from:
 - Older Americans Act: Federal Funds: (45%)
 - HCCBG: State Funds: (55%)
- Determined by a funding formulary and provides an equitable distribution of funds to each county
- FY 24 Current State appropriation is \$36.9 million
- FY 24 Buncombe County's allocation: \$1,740,578
- County Funds: \$500,000
- **Total Allocation: \$2,240,578 (FY 24)**



HCCBG Fundable Services

- Adult Day Care
- Adult Day Health
- Care Management
- Congregate Nutrition
- Consumer Directed Services
- Group Respite
- Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
- Health Screening
- Home Delivered Meals
- Home Health Care (Skilled)
- Housing and Home Improvement
- Information and Options Counseling
- In-Home Aide (Levels 1-4)
- Institutional and Overnight Respite Care
- Legal Services

- Senior Center Operations
- Senior Companion
- Transportation
- Volunteer Program Development

Funded Providers for FY 24

Additional information about eligible programs:

<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/home-and-community-care-block-grant-procedures-manual-community-service-providers>



Administering the Block Grant

- County Commissioners are ultimately responsible for HCCBG
 - Can appoint 2 local entities to help with their work
 - Lead Agency
 - Home and Community Care Block Grant Advisory Committee
 - BOCC approve the funding plan
- Lead Agency Responsibilities
 - Assures that HCCBG Advisory Committee completes the funding plan
 - Assures that all paperwork for implementation of the funding plan is completed
- HCCBG Advisory Committee Responsibilities
 - Help prepare a County-based aging plan
 - Identify priority services for older adults
 - Complete the funding plan by determining
 - Services to be funded, funding level, units per service, unit costs, and agency(ies) selected



Cont. Administering the Block Grant

- Area Agency on Aging Responsibilities
 - Prepare county allocation based on regional funding formula
 - Provide technical assistance to the lead agency and committee as needed
 - Attend all advisory committee
 - Serve as lead agency (if needed)
 - Complete procedures at regional level once plan has been approved by County
 - Monitor all funds through the year for program and financial compliance
- NC Division of Aging and Adult Services (NCDAAS) Involvement
 - Designated by law to implement HCCBG
 - Consolidate all funding streams into HCCBG
 - Allocate funds to each region based on state funding
 - Receive completed funding plan in order to submit appropriate accountability to each funding source
 - Provide technical assistance to the AAA if needed



HCCBG Advisory Committee

Expectations and Committee Make-up

- HCCBG Advisory Committee serves as an advisory body to the Buncombe County Board of Commissioners made up of appointed community members who meet on a monthly basis to:
 - Review funding applications and provide County Commissioners with funding recommendations for aging services;
 - Review quarterly reports and monitoring reports regarding the delivery of services from the funded agencies;
 - Consider and discuss new ways to improve/expand on aging services;
 - Review aging plan and provide input; and
 - Advocate for aging services on the local, state, and national levels.
- Committee Makeup
 - Older adults should make up 1/3 of the committee (including Senior Tar Heel Legislator or alternate)
 - Individuals representing a broad range of diversity
 - Public and private providers of aging services
 - Elected Officials
 - Those with interest and concern for aging issues



HCCBG Advisory Committee Meeting Details

- HCCBG Advisory Committee
 - Meets Monthly: 4th Wednesday from 3:30-4:30; via Zoom
 - Open meetings (recorded and available for public to watch live)
 - Conflict of interest (review by-laws)
- Timeline:
 - Application opens in January
 - Closes at end of February
 - Members review applications and make funding recommendations in March and April
 - Final recommendations to BC budget off by last Friday in April
 - BC Commissioners accept recommendations during budget (June meeting)
 - LOS/BC staff work with providers for paperwork to be completed
 - Throughout the year, committee members review reporting, learn about providers, discuss technical assistance, etc



Age-Friendly Connection

- HCCBG Advisory Committee
 - Initiative of Age-Friendly
- Additional opportunities for members to be involved:
 - Age-Friendly Community Meeting
 - Age-Friendly Meeting
 - Provider Meeting
 - BASA
- 8 domains of livability
- Other Age-Friendly Initiatives
 - Asheville Buncombe Black Elders Engagement Project
 - Experienced Workforce Initiative
 - Housing Options for Aging in Place



Contacts

- HCCBG Board Chair
 - Susan Schiemer

- Lead Agency Representatives:
 - Billie Breeden, Age-Friendly Coordinator, billie.breeden@buncombecounty.org
 - Adult and Aging Services Program Manager

- Land of Sky Representatives
 - Zack Schmitt, Aging Program Specialist, zack@landofsky.org
 - LeeAnne Tucker, AAA Director, LeeAnne@landofsky.org

- Current HCCBG AC Board Members:

Dan Beerman	Suzanne Booth	Rebecca Hartz	Greg Zornes
Eileen McMinn	Deborah Oldt	Susan Schiemer	Taylor Cox
Melissa Harmon	Vacant	Vacant	

