Home and Community Care Block Grant Orientation Training

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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
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:
**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
  • Alison Banzhoff, Adult and Aging Services Program Manager, Alison.Banzhoff@buncombecounty.org

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

• Current HCCBG AC Board Members:

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