

To: Human Services Committee
Isabella County Commission on Aging

From: Brenda J. Upton, M.A. - Director
Isabella County Commission on Aging

Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2015

Re: FY'16 - Region VII AAA Grant Application Comment Request

Background

The annual Region VII Area Agency on Aging Board RFP application has been submitted for the FY'16 contract year (October 1, 2015 thru September 30, 2016). This RFP application represents the third year of a three year contract that covers FY'14 through FY'16. It is to provide services in Isabella County. It also marks the 43rd year of continual service agreements and funding from Region VII AAA to Isabella County and the Isabella County Commission on Aging. As a part of the application process the County Board of Commissioners is asked, if they wish, to submit written comments to the AAA. Please note that as of October 1, 2015 the Isabella County Commission on Aging will no longer be providing Nutrition services to Gratiot County. That responsibility will be taken over by the Gratiot County Commission on Aging.

Financial Impact

Following is a listing of the contract funding awarded to Isabella County through this agreement;

	AAA Contract Award	Total Budget
Homemaking	\$ 25,017	\$ 96,174
Personal Care	\$ 23,748	\$ 122,072
CCS	\$ 29,583	\$ 195,157
Respite Care	\$ 12,508	\$ 55,771
Caregiver Training	\$ 13,550	\$ 73,240
Congregate - Isabella	\$ 39,186	\$ 131,121
HDM - Isabella	<u>\$ 72,583</u>	<u>\$ 311,579</u>
Total Award	\$216,175	\$ 985,114

This funding represents only the portion of the Commission on Aging budget that is contracted through the Region VII Area Agency on Aging.

With this funding the Commission on Aging will provide the following units of service and clients;

	Clients	Units of Service
Homemaking	201	2,875
Personal Care	67	1,982
CCS	636	2,521
Respite	71	1,411
Caregiver Training	47	407
Congregate	763	16,108
HDM	510	33,886

Recommendations

It is suggested by the AAA that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners submit written comments to the Region VII concerning the Commission on Aging RFP Application for funding for Fiscal Year 2016. It is not a requirement that the County Board submit a letter of comment, but if they do we have attached a sample letter that can be used.

Attachments

The following documents are attached for your review and signature:

1. Sample Letter of Comment

SAMPLE

Date

Mr. Andrew Orvosh – Executive Director
Region VII Area Agency on Aging
1615 S. Euclid Avenue
Bay City, Michigan 48706

Re: Written Comments
Isabella County Commission on Aging
FY'16 RFP Application & Budgets

Dear Mr. Orvosh,

Isabella County has been submitting funding applications to the Region VII AAA Board of Directors and staff for forty-three (43) years. During that period of time the Isabella County Commission on Aging has managed and operated the programs and services your funding applications have represented. It is the purpose of this communication that the Isabella County Board of Commissioners demonstrate their continued support of the Isabella County Commission on Aging and efforts to serve the needs of the older citizens of our county.

It is one of the goals of the Isabella County Board of Commissioners that the older citizens of our county are served and are provided access to a network of programs and services that will assist them in maintaining their independence. The Isabella County Commission on Aging has been apart of our County mission and structure since 1973. It is through the hard work and dedication of our Commission on Aging we accomplish that goal. We therefore support the RFP Application the Isabella County Commission on Aging has submitted for fiscal year 2016.

We thank you for this opportunity to comment and look forward to another year of services to our older citizens. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

George Green – Chair
Isabella County
Board of Commissioners