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Michigan seeks organizations to help prevent crimes against older adults

LANSING, Mich. – The Aging & Adult Services Agency, under the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, has issued a request for proposal open to Michigan's aging network and its partners to help combat some of the fastest-growing crimes in the state, crimes against older adults.

Funding is available to applicants under AASA's Prevent Elder and Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Exploitation, Neglect Today (PREVNT) initiative. Grants from \$25,000 and up to \$1 million are available for organizations to provide AASA with a strategic plan or project to meet the initiative's goals. Funding may be awarded to a single grantee or multiple grantees.

The purpose of this grant is to support new or ongoing elder abuse prevention and detection efforts; raise awareness through education; identify and replicate best practices; and provide trainings in the areas of elder abuse prevention laws, reporting and screening. Proposals for grant funding may include, but are not limited to, the following areas:

- Supporting the investigation and prosecution of elder abuse, neglect, and financial exploitation cases by providing training and resources to local investigators and prosecutors;
- Supporting the protection of elder abuse victims by improving identification of abuse and enhancing responses and outreach to victims;
- Developing elder abuse prevention systems based upon standardized data collection and a core set of service provision standards and best practices;
- Supporting a coordinating council focused on elder abuse prevention activities and best practices;
- Developing public awareness campaigns with clear and consistent messaging to raise awareness and better the understanding of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
- Developing training to educate stakeholders across multiple sectors and disciplines on preventing, detecting, intervening in, and responding to elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation;
- Preventing, detecting, and responding to elder financial exploitation through enforcement activities, policy initiatives, coordination, oversight, and education and by collaborating with partners to enhance fraud detection and provide resources for victims; and
- Improving screening for diminished capacity, diminished financial capacity, and vulnerability to or victimization of financial exploitation.

Grant applications must be submitted electronically through the MI E-Grants program. Applications will be accepted through Aug. 17, 2017, at 3 p.m. The PREVNT initiative project period is Oct. 1, 2017 – Sept. 30, 2018. For more information or to apply, visit the MI E-Grants website (<http://egrans-mi.com/dch>) and click the "About EGrAMS" link on the left panel to access the "Competitive Application

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Instructions" training manual. The complete request for proposals document can be accessed on the MI E-Grants website in the 'Current Grants' section by clicking the "Aging and Adult Services" link and accessing the "PRVNT-2018" grant program.

The state estimates that as many as 90,000 vulnerable adults in Michigan are victims of crimes every year, with many of these crimes going unreported.

If someone suspects elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation, they should call Adult Protective Services at 855-444-3911. If someone is in immediate danger, call 911 or the local police.

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