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**Fund Availability Announcement
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**Federal Funds Available for Social Service Projects
For Older Adults in Southeastern Minnesota**

The Southeastern Minnesota Area Agency on Aging (SEMAAA) announces the availability of Federal Older American Act funds for 2023. These resources are for social service projects to serve people 60 years of age and older in the eleven counties of Southeastern Minnesota.

Non-profit agencies, and in some cases, for profit organizations (as approved by the State of Minnesota) are eligible to receive these grants. Grants are not available to individuals.

Title III-B funds available for grants will be approximately \$472,000. Funds are intended for programs and services that target at-risk older individuals to maintain maximum independence and dignity within their own homes. Priorities include: chore, homemaker, assisted transportation, information and assistance, visiting, and legal assistance.

Title III-D funds available for grants/contracts will be approximately \$44,220. Funds are intended for evidence-based health promotion programs. Priorities include: Arthritis Foundation Exercise, Tai Ji Quan, Stepping On, Matter of Balance and PEARLS.

Title III-E funds available for grants will be approximately \$271,000. Funds are intended for programs that assist caregivers with support in caring for older individuals. Priorities include: caregiver assistance/information & assistance, volunteer caregiver support services such as respite, caregiver counseling and evidence-based caregiver education.

Please note this is a competitive grant round. Successful grant applicants may renew annually for four years based on successful performance. Available funds and funding priorities will be reassessed annually.

Interested agencies must have their full application completed and submitted by October 21, 2022.

Beginning this grant round, application forms and instructions can be accessed through SEMAAA's SmartSimple platform. Please contact the personnel listed above to register your agency in the platform and to begin the grant application process.