

Senior Hunger Mini - Grants: A Request for Proposals

The River Valley Regional Senior Hunger Coalition will fund at least 2 projects with a minimum of \$500 up to \$2,500 maximum. Projects will be designed to address at least one of the five focus areas of Georgia's State Plan to Address Senior Hunger. The five focus areas are **Today's Seniors, Health Impact of Senior Hunger, Food Access, Food Waste and Reclamation, and Meeting the Community's Needs**. Click the link to access the State's plan:

<https://aging.georgia.gov/document/document/georgias-state-plan-address-senior-hunger/download>.

With nearly 300,000 seniors at risk of hunger in the state of Georgia, a broader effort to reach these seniors must be made. The coalition seeks to fund direct service, education, and outreach projects with evidence that older Georgians who participate in the proposed project will help to increase food security among this vulnerable population. This request for proposals is a strategy to seed initiatives or expand existing initiatives that have an expansive reach, target seniors often missed, and have the potential for replication and sustainability.

The mission of River Valley Senior Hunger Coalition is to support the larger goals of River Valley Area Agency on Aging by assisting older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent, and self-reliant lives.

Timeline

Application Deadline: February 15, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET

Awardee Notification Date: March 17, 2023

Grants will be awarded: April 1, 2023 to April 14, 2023

Grant Application Process

Who Can Apply: Awardees can be the following: aging service providers, community organizations, faith based-organizations, non-profits, and for-profits.

Required for Submission: Eligible agencies and organizations with tax identification numbers that are headquartered in our 16 county region are invited to apply by submitting the information noted in the application on page 3. These submissions will undergo a thorough review process that may require follow up questions to be answered.

Application must be submitted by **February 15, 2023 at 11:59 p.m. ET**. Applications should be submitted to Sheree Stewart at sstewart@rivervalleyrcaaa.org. The 16 counties in the region are Clay, Crisp, Cusseta, Dooly, Quitman, Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee, Randolph, Schley, Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor, and Webster.

Application Evaluation Process

Applications missing any required information will not be reviewed for funding consideration. The amount awarded will be a minimum of \$500 up to \$2,500 maximum. The amount awarded will be evaluated based on a set of criteria (see page 3 for the full list of information requested), which includes:

- the number of persons, 60 years or older, proposed to be served over the funding period;
- addressing at least one of the five focus areas in the State Plan;
- the strength of evidence of the initiative's effectiveness and sustainability;
- the provision of a detailed budget; and
- the feasibility in assessing the impact of the proposal.

Grant Funding Process and Requirements

The funding will be provided on a non-reoccurring basis. No matching is required for this grant. The funding cannot pay for an existing program budget unless there is an expansion of an existing initiative specifically noted. Only one grant will be awarded per agency or organization. **Funding must be used within 60 days of disbursement.**

Awardees will be required to:

- Submit a final report detailing:
 - number of persons, aged 60 and older, served by the funded project
 - completion of stated goals
 - use of funding and details of expenses including receipts.

Questions

Email sstewart@rivervalleyrcaa.org to inquire more about this funding opportunity.

Senior Hunger Innovation Grant Application

Grantee designation: aging service providers, community organizations, faith-based organizations, non-profits, and for-profit organizations/agencies

Type of project proposed: Identify if the initiative is a direct service or outreach project.

Contact information: Provide the name of the primary contact, title, phone number, and email.

Organization information: Include organization name, mailing/physical address, EIN, and website if applicable.

Project Summary: Name of the project, list the State Plan focus area(s) addressed by this project, state the overall goal of the project, list the key project objectives, and provide the timeline for project completion and the dates related to key project milestones (e.g., start date, end date, etc.).

Description of the proposed project: Give a summary of the proposed project to be funded fully or in part by River Valley Regional Commission/Area Agency on Aging. Include a description of the project, a summary of the existing and estimated outcomes of this project, and details on how the proposed project's output and outcome data will be collected. Note the specific population and number of at-risk older Georgians that will potentially be served by this project and note the experience of your organization in the potential execution of this project.

Financial information: Note the requested funding amount between \$500 up to \$2,500. Provide a detailed project budget.

Note: All applications must be typed in 12 point font and double spaced.