

Grant Recognition Staff Report

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Subject: 2025 Older Adult Initiative grant recognition

Board of County Commissioners' Business Meeting

July 22, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In 2023 and 2024, the Older Adult Initiative (OAI) engaged with older residents to understand the resources needed to age well in Douglas County. In response, the OAI Executive Committee recommended a variety of new programs and services to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) to address identified priorities. The six organizations being recognized today have been awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grant funding to implement 17 projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life and independence of older adults in Douglas County.

II. REQUEST

Recognition of organizations receiving \$1.5 million in OAI grant funds to implement projects designed to enhance the quality of life and independence of older adults in Douglas County.

III. BACKGROUND

The OAI was launched in 2023 to create a collaborative, community-driven forum for identifying the challenges and opportunities facing older adults in Douglas County. Community events including town halls, listening tours, surveys, and roadshows encouraged dialog and resident contributions. The OAI Executive Committee reviewed and analyzed the information gathered to develop targeted priorities and outcomes. The OAI priorities identified are transportation, housing, in-home services, and information and resources.

The BCC allocated \$1.5 million dollars to fund projects for the benefit of residents aged 60 years and older and their families. A Request for Proposals was issued to solicit requests for funding from local organizations for projects and services that met the OAI priorities. Seven organizations submitted a total of 18 project proposals, requesting \$2,069,370 in funding. On May 19, 2025, the BCC approved staff funding recommendations, following a thorough application review and endorsement by the OAI Executive Committee.

IV. DISCUSSION

The organizations awarded funding will implement projects that directly address the identified OAI priorities. The six organizations being recognized today have been awarded a total of \$1.5 million in grant funding to implement 17 projects aimed at enhancing the quality of life and independence of older adults in Douglas County. The list of grant recipients and their funded projects is attached.

V. RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the BCC recognize the organizations receiving \$1.5 million in OAI grant funds to implement projects designed to enhance the quality of life and independence of older adults in Douglas County.

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2025 OAI Grant Recipients

Priority Area	Organization	Project(s)
Housing	Douglas County Housing Partnership	Housing Navigator, Older Adult Needs Assessment
Information and Resources	Early Childhood Service Corps	Childcare Certification Training
	Aging Resources of Douglas County	Call Center Staff, Telephone Software, Resource Guide
In-Home Services	Aging Resources of Douglas County	Chore Services, Help at Home
	Brothers Redevelopment	CAPABLE Accessibility Assistance
	Nourish Meals on Wheels	Meal Delivery
	Castle Rock Senior Activity Center	Connect & Care Calls
	Douglas County	Dougnad, Safety Projects
Transportation	Aging Resources of Douglas County	Older Adult Shuttle, Trips
	Castle Rock Senior Activity Center	Vehicles, Trips, Trip Routing Software