



Let's Re-Engage
Innovations to Reduce Social Isolation and Loneliness among Older Adults

APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FACT SHEET
Proposal Due: **Friday, September 28, 2018**

Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc. (GSSSI) is seeking grant proposals for innovative programming ideas designed to reduce social isolation and loneliness among older adults 60 years of age and older. No more than three (3) \$5,000 grants will be awarded to provide start-up funding for innovative ideas. Funds for this initiative are provided through the Federal Title III Older Americans Act and GSSSI. Services should be complete and funding expended by September 31, 2019.

Studies have now shown that loneliness can be detrimental to one's health and wellbeing. For the first time social isolation and loneliness were identified as the #2 critical need by local seniors in Greater Springfield Senior Services' Area Agency on Aging 2018-2021 Area Plan. Proposals must demonstrate how the program will re-engAGE seniors with others, engage stakeholders and the community in this effort, and bring public attention to this issue.

Who May Apply:

Organizations with capacity and experience in working with people 60 years of age and older: Senior Centers, Libraries, Schools, GSSSI Providers/Vendors, Housing, Food Pantries, Medical Facilities, etc. are invited to submit proposals. Applicants must demonstrate a passion for the project and ability to try new strategies.

Project must serve:

Those who are 60+ years of age who live in one or more of the following communities: Agawam, Brimfield, East Longmeadow, Hampden, Holland, Longmeadow, Monson, Palmer, Springfield, Wales, West Springfield and Wilbraham.

About GSSSI:

Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., founded in 1972, is a private nonprofit organization dedicated to maintaining a quality of life for older adults, caregivers and persons with disabilities. This mission is achieved through the provision of programs and services which foster independence, dignity, safety and peace of mind.

As an Aging Services Access Point and Area Agency on Aging, we promote the right of all individuals to live with dignity in the setting of their choice by offering information, services, and the support needed to make informed choices which will enhance their well-being and independence.

Instructions for Submission of Responses:

Grant application is available at www.gsssi.org.

Information session for grant seekers on August 13, 2018 at 3:00 PM. At GSSSI, 66 Industry Ave, Suite 9, Springfield, MA 01104 RSVP karen.martin@gsssi.org

Proposal must be submitted by **Friday, September 28th at 3 p.m. to: karen.martin@gsssi.org**
Email notification of receipt will be sent to all submitting proposals.

Accountability Requirements:

Grantees must agree to Comply with the Following:

- To include the following statement in all funded program/project descriptions, products, and related publicity: *This project is funded through Greater Springfield Senior Services, Inc., the MA Executive Office of Elder Affairs and the Federal Administration for Community Living.*
- To present project at GSSSI's Annual Meeting in November 2018 and to others as requested.
- To submit mid-term and final reports; supporting documents shall be available for review.
- To participate in one formal on-site evaluation visit.
- To complete project no later than September 27, 2019.

Failure to meet accountability requirements will result in loss of project funding.

Assessment Criteria:

The following criteria will be assessed:

- Complete response to all required application components, including evaluation capacity
- Meeting Needs of Socially Isolated/Lonely Persons over 60 years of age
- Creativity/Innovation
- Cost-effectiveness
- Evaluation and Data Collection capacity
- Sustainability

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