



A new national program that will **foster innovative models** in which local volunteers **assist family caregivers**, older adults, or persons with disabilities with non-medical **care in their own homes in order to maintain independence.**

The Administration for Community Living (ACL) awarded a cooperative agreement to the team of the Oasis Institute, Caregiver Action Network (CAN), USAging, and Altarum Institute.



What are you trying to accomplish with the Community Care Corps Program?

Community Care Corps funds are intended to **increase the number of volunteer programs available at the local level to provide non-medical care to older adults, persons with disabilities, and their caregivers.** We are also trying to determine which local models work best so that ultimately a national volunteer care corps could be developed.



How do Community Care Corps volunteers differ from paid home care workers and other professionals providing services to help older adults and people with disabilities live independently in the community?

The Community Care Corps program is an **opportunity for community organizations to use volunteers to address some of the gaps in existing basic supports for family caregivers, older adults, and people with disabilities.** Community Care Corps will not replace the important services that the paid home care workforce and other professionals provide to help individuals live independently in the community. Notably, Community Care Corps volunteers do not provide medical assistance or professional health care services.



What exactly are you funding?

We are funding **innovative local models across the country to use volunteers to provide non-medical assistance to older adults, persons with disabilities, and family caregivers.** In light of very strong demand for assistance during Covid-19, we hope to be able to continue funding existing programs and make volunteer assistance available to more people.

1,725

**NUMBER OF
CAREGIVERS**

14,987

**CARE
RECIPIENTS**

5,103

VOLUNTEERS

Learn More About What AAA Grantees are Doing!

As the local component of the Aging Network, AAAs and Title VI Native American Aging Programs successfully develop, coordinate and deliver aging services in every community across the nation, providing assistance to more than 11 million older Americans and caregivers annually. Here's what AAA Community Care Corps grantees are doing in their communities:

ElderSource, Jacksonville, FL (2021)

www.myeldersource.org

ElderSource launched Caring Connections, a telephone reassurance program, to enhance the well-being of older adults through social engagement. Caring Connections pairs older adults with trained volunteers who check-in weekly to socialize and talk about shared interests over the phone. Volunteers report any additional needs to the Volunteer Coordinator who serves as a direct connection to additional supports. This low-cost setup for consistent engagement helps bridge the service gap for older adults.

Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut, North Haven, CT (2021 & 2022)

www.aosccc.org

AOASCC partners with Trusted Ride-Certified (TRC) to facilitate transportation to and from medical appointments for older adults and adults with disabilities in their community. The TRC Chaperone Program engages volunteer chaperones who provide door-through-door support services to improve healthcare access and outcomes while reducing anxiety regarding medical care that older adults and adults with disabilities may experience.

Aroostook Area Agency on Aging, Presque Isle, ME (2021 & 2022)

www.aroostookaging.org

Aroostook AAA has provided Friendly Visiting for years to assist socially isolated and homebound older adults by providing companionship and assistance with daily activities. Recently, they added Friendly Helpers, Neighbors and Techies to their menu of supports to assist older adults around the house, provide information and referrals and help bridge the digital divide that exists between generations and across socioeconomic status.

Alamo Area Council of Governments, Bexar AAA, San Antonio, TX (2022)

www.aacog.com

Bexar AAA Community Volunteer Program (CVP) fills service gaps and address the changing needs of older adults and individuals with IDD in San Antonio, TX. Bexar AAA partners with Texas Veterans Network and Alamo Service Connection to recruit participants who would benefit from volunteer services intended to reduce social isolation, improve health outcomes and support aging at home.

Peninsula Agency on Aging, Newport News, VA (2022)

www.paainc.org

PAA offers three services through their Caring Neighbors Program: volunteer nonmedical transportation, in-person friendly visiting and volunteer companion aides. The nonmedical transportation component provides free rides for errands and events and friendly visitors conduct in-person social visits to offer companionship and conversation to older adult participants and adults with disabilities. The Volunteer to Work program, which seeks to address severe workforce shortages, provides volunteers with stipends as they gain skills to become paid nonmedical Companion Aides.



US Aging represents and supports the national network of Area Agencies on Aging and advocates for Title VI Native American Aging programs that help older adults and people with disabilities live with optimal health, well-being, independence and dignity in their homes and communities.