



News Release

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Council for Older Adults Board of Directors Announces 2011 Grant Awards

The Council for Older Adults Board of Directors has approved grants for 2011 totaling \$654,350 to local nonprofit organizations serving older adults in Delaware County. The Council funds these grants annually as one approach to addressing local service gaps and encouraging local service coordination. Funding for these grants is provided by the Delaware County senior services levy.

Those receiving grants are:

Alzheimer's Association of Central Ohio - \$54,296, to improve the caregiving abilities of families caring for persons of Alzheimer's or a related dementia, resulting in improved quality of life for both the caregiver and the individual with dementia

Catholic Social Services - \$27,816, to support the Senior Companion Program

Central Ohio Area Agency on Aging - \$4,000, to support the Volunteer Guardianship Program for Delaware County

Community Action Organization of Delaware, Morrow and Union Counties - \$30,000, to provide home repair for older adults

Delaware Area Transit Association - \$299,329, allowing DATA to provide affordable transportation service to all senior citizens of Delaware County

Delaware County Job and Family Services - \$32,881, to support the Summer Youth Chore Program, which assists older adults with needed home chores

Delaware County Juvenile Court - \$3,000, to provide financial support for staffing of Delaware County Juvenile Court which supervises assigned students from the suspension alternative program to provide community service by completing various chores for older adults

Delaware General Health District - \$12,214, to provide continued support to the Falls Prevention Program for Delaware County in partnership with other community agencies

Delaware Speech and Hearing Center - \$45,395, to expand and enhance direct hearing and speech health service resources to older adults and their families

Grady Memorial Hospital (D.R.I.V.E.) - \$6,475, for Driver Rehabilitation for Instruction and Vehicle Education program for older adults

HelpLine of Delaware & Morrow Counties - Connections Volunteer Center

Senior Companion program site management - \$31,972

To operate a volunteer center - \$46,467

Heritage Day Health Centers - \$20,700, for adult day care adjunctive therapies

HomeReach Telehealth Program - \$6,000, to assist at risk patients in monitoring their own vital signs in their own homes, which increases independence and the quality of in-home care, while decreasing repeat hospitalizations and healthcare costs

LifeCare Alliance - Supportive Services - \$27,805, to provide supportive services for foot care

People in Need - \$6,000, to provide emergency financial assistance