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Ann,
The information for the upcoming Commissioners' meeting is attached. I need to get approval for the lead agency designation for the upcoming year, approval for the slate of committee members for the Home and Community Care Block Grant Planning Committee, and reappointment of our Senior Tar Heel Legislature representatives – Charles and Louise Caudill. Charles and Louise will also be present to speak a bit about their work with the Senior Tar Heel Legislature.

Thanks so much, and let me know if there's any additional information you need.

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Yes mam! I will need the agenda packet info on March 9th. Thanks!

From: Patricia Calloway [<mailto:PatriciaCalloway@AsheAging.org>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 04, 2020 8:34 AM
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Subject: RE: Commissioners' Meeting

Ann,

Can I get on the agenda for the March 16th meeting of the commissioners? I will need to request designation of Ashe Services for Aging as the lead agency for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG), present the slate of proposed members for the HCCBG Planning Committee, and reappointment of Charles and Louise Caudill for the Senior Tarheel Legislature (STHL). I've also asked Charles and Louise to join me and present briefly about the STHL.

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Home and Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults

County Funding Plan

Identification of Agency or Office with Lead Responsibility for County Funding Plan

County of Ashe

July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

The agency or office with lead responsibility for planning and coordinating the County Funding Plan recommends this funding plan to the Board of Commissioners as a coordinated means to utilize community-based resources in the delivery of comprehensive aging services to older adults and their families.

Ashe Services for Aging, Inc

(Name of agency/office with lead responsibility)

Authorized signature

(date)

Todd McNeill, Chairman, Ashe County Board of Commissioners

(Type name and title of signatory agent)

**North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services
Home and Community Care Block Grant
County Budget Instructions**

This document provides time frames and instructions to counties for the development, completion, and submission of the Home and Community Care Block Grant County Funding Plan. The County Funding Plan, upon review by the Area Agency on Aging, establishes the basis for and becomes wholly a part of the Agreement for the Provision of County-Based Aging Services (DAAS-735) between the Area Agency on Aging and the county.

Purpose of Home and Community Care Block Grant

The Home and Community Care Block Grant as authorized in N.C.G.S. 143B-181.1(a)(11) is designed to improve the planning and coordination of in-home and community based services provided to North Carolina's older adults. It also is intended to promote the visibility of aging programs at the local level by giving counties increased flexibility with respect to funding aging services through the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Older Americans Act Funds

The majority of federal funds comprising the Home and Community Care Block Grant are authorized by the Older Americans Act. Since this is the largest federal funding source that states receive to develop services and programs specifically for older adults, it is necessary to incorporate the philosophy and policies of the Older Americans Act as part of the Home and Community Care Block Grant.

Intent of the Older Americans Act

The primary role of aging programs established with Older Americans Act funds is to develop and enhance comprehensive and coordinated community-based systems of services, opportunities, and protections for older people. Community service systems are designed to assist older persons in leading independent, meaningful, and dignified lives in their own homes and communities as long as possible. Comprehensive systems of services include:

1. Access services - such as transportation, outreach, information and assistance, and case management;
2. Community services - such as congregate meals, education, legal services and counseling, elder abuse services, and senior center programs;
3. In-home services - such as home health, in-home aide, home-delivered meals, adult day care, and adult day health care services.

Services and programs authorized under the Older Americans Act are intended to serve all older people including those who are high risk (frail), the at-risk, and the well elderly. However, to maximize the impact of available resources, aging programs are required by federal law to target older adults in greatest social and economic need and low income and minority older people. Although there are federal mandates and priorities established by the Older Americans Act, the legislation provides for state and local discretion in the funding of particular services and programs. Local flexibility in decision-making is encouraged in order to take into consideration the needs of particular communities. Thus, the intent of the Older Americans Act is consistent with the purpose of the Home and Community Care Block Grant, which is to foster flexibility and discretion in the decision-making process at the local level.

Development of the County Funding Plan

The Home and Community Care Block Grant is a formula block grant to Area Agencies on Aging and counties for the provision of in-home and community-based services to the state's older adults. The development of a County Funding Plan includes a local planning process that develops recommendations about services the county should fund, funding levels, and community service providers. **Area Agencies on Aging** are regional entities that administer the county grants, and they have key responsibilities for planning, funds administration, advocacy, information brokerage, and program development. The **County Board of Commissioners** is responsible for the planning, coordination, and implementation of the HCCBG County Funding Plan. The board designates a **County Lead Agency** responsible for coordinating the development of the plan, assuring community input through a Block Grant Advisory Committee, and assuring that the plan meets state requirements. The **Block Grant Advisory Committee** represents a broad range of aging interests in the county and helps build consensus on the contents of the County Funding Plan.

The following chart provides more information about each stakeholder's role and responsibilities.

Area Agency on Aging	<p>The Area Agency on Aging administers the grant and signs an agreement with the county for the provision of HCCBG services. The Older Americans Act requires that Area Agencies on Aging function as public advocates in the development and enhancement of community-based aging services. In carrying out their mandated responsibilities, Area Agencies on Aging must serve on the county's Block Grant Advisory Committee. The AAA should contribute to the development of the County Funding Plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Train Block Grant Advisory Committee members as necessary on:<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Flow of funds and budgetary requirementsb. Responsibilities of the Division of Aging and Adult Services, Area Agency on Aging, Board of Commissioners, lead agency, and advisory committeec. Service standard requirements2. Interpret demographic information in the County Data Package and explain variations in regional and county funding from the previous year.3. Provide analysis of provider performance, expenditures and service levels, and effectiveness of client targeting, based on monitoring and provider performance data available through the Division's information system (ARMS).4. Make recommendations concerning an effective service mix and provider selection.5. Review and approve the County Funding Plan submitted by the Board of Commissioners as part of the agreement for the provision of services.
County Board of Commissioners	<p>The Board of Commissioners is responsible for appointing entities to assist with developing a funding plan as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Designate an agency or office within the county to serve as County Lead Agency with responsibility for planning and coordinating the development of the County Funding Plan. At the discretion of the Board of Commissioners, the designation can be for more than one year.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Appoint a committee to serve as a Block Grant Advisory Committee and assist the County Lead Agency responsible for planning/coordinating the development of the County Funding Plan. The length of appointment to the committee is determined by the Board of Commissioners. When the Area Agency on Aging is not designated as lead agency, a AAA representative must be appointed to the Block Grant Advisory Committee. The Division strongly recommends that older adults comprise no less than one-third of Advisory Committee membership. 3. Ensure that the County Funding Plan complies with budgetary instructions provided by the Division of Aging and Adult Services. 4. Submit the recommended County Funding Plan to the Area Agency on Aging and enter into a grant agreement with the Area Agency on Aging.
County Lead Agency	<p>The role of County Lead Agency may be assigned to the county manager's office, a public human services agency, a private nonprofit human services agency, or the Area Agency on Aging. The County Lead Agency shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Direct the work of the Block Grant Advisory Committee to assure community input into the County Funding Plan. 2. Submit the County Funding Plan information to the County Budget Officer by April 30. At a minimum, the County Budget Officer must be provided with the amount of Block Grant funding and required local match for each service to be funded to meet the requirements of N.C.G.S. § 159-10. 3. Ensure that the approved County Funding Plan meets all requirements as specified by the Division of Aging and Adult Services and submit the funding plan, as recommended by the county Board of Commissioners, to the Area Agency on Aging by June 30.
Block Grant Advisory Committee	<p>The advisory committee must represent a broad range of aging interests to effectively build local consensus on the County Funding Plan. A viable committee will not be viewed as being predisposed toward certain providers or favoring specific interests. Representation should include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Agencies on Aging (must be represented on committee if not designated as the County Lead Agency) • Aging service providers (public, private nonprofit, and for-profit) • Local elected officials and civic leaders • Older consumers (the Division of Aging and Adult Services strongly recommends that older consumers comprise no less than one-third of the Advisory Committee membership) <p>The committee shall function as a resource to the County Lead Agency by obtaining input from provider interests, older consumers, and their families and providing consensus on the contents of the County Funding Plan.</p>

Allowable Services in the County Funding Plan

With the Home and Community Care Block Grant allocation, counties may fund the following allowable services, plus services under a consumer-directed care program known as Home Care Independence:

1. Adult Day Care and ADC Transportation
2. Adult Day Health and ADH Transportation
3. Care Management
4. Congregate Nutrition and Congregate Liquid Nutritional Supplement
5. Consumer-Directed Care
(any of the following Consumer-Directed Care services may be included in the County Funding Plan – CDC Care Advisor, CDC Personal Care Supplies/Nutritional Supplement, CDC Emergency Response Equipment, CDC Medical Adaptive Equipment, CDC Personal Assistant, CDC Adult Day Services, CDC Financial Management Services, or CDC Home-Delivered Meals)¹
6. Group Respite Care
7. Health Promotion/Disease Prevention
8. Health Screening
9. Home Delivered Meals and Home-Delivered Liquid Nutritional Supplement
10. Home Health
(any of the following may be included in the County Funding Plan – HH Skilled Nursing, HH Therapy, HH Medical Social Services, or HH Nutrition Care)
11. Housing & Home Improvement
12. Information & Options Counseling
13. In-Home Aide Services
(any of the following may be included in the County Funding Plan – IHA Levels I, II, III, or IV Home Management; IHA Levels II or III Personal Care; and IHA Levels I, II, III, or IV Respite)
14. Institutional Respite Care
15. Mental Health Counseling
16. Overnight Respite
17. Senior Center Operations
18. Senior Companion
19. Transportation (General and/or Medical)
20. Volunteer Program Development

¹ Consumer-Directed Services is a program known as Home Care Independence under the Home and Community Care Block Grant. It gives consumers control over their home care services. Technically it is not a discrete HCCBG service but, for purposes of developing the County Funding Plan, counties interested in funding the Home Care Independence program are asked to treat Consumer-Directed Services as a HCCBG service. This means that interested counties should allot funding from the county allocation in the same manner as for any other allowable service and identify on the County Funding Plan documents each of the CDC services that will be funded.