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Dear Chairs and Leads of the Health & Human Services Committees,

During the 2015 session, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statutes section 256.975 to create a competitive grants program administered by the Minnesota Board on Aging to “award competitive grants to eligible applicants for regional and local projects and initiatives targeted to a designated community, which may consist of a specific geographic area or population, to increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, increase the rate of cognitive testing in the population at risk for dementias, promote the benefits of early diagnosis of dementias, or connect caregivers of persons with dementia to education and resources.”

The accompanying required legislative report contains details about SFY 2019-20 grantees and their work. The MBA awarded \$750,000 through its third competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) to 12 applicants for state fiscal year (SFY) 2019 and awarded \$750,000 through its fourth competitive RFP to 11 applicants for SFY 2020 at its recent October meeting. In each case, the grants support regional and local projects that increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD), increase the rate of cognitive testing, promote the benefits of early diagnosis and connect family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia to education and resources.

The total number of persons served since the inception of the grants through June 30, 2019 are: 43,941 for general awareness education and training for persons including community members, healthcare

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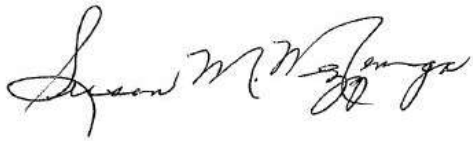
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professionals, emergency personnel and business owners and their employees; 3,633 caregiving family, friends, and neighbors; and also 3,686 persons suspected or diagnosed with Alzheimer's or other dementias have been provided services, supports, and resources.

We appreciate your leadership and support of this critical work. Please contact Kari Benson at 651-431- 2566 or [kari.benson@state.mn.us](mailto:kari.benson@state.mn.us) with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Mezzenga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and a distinct "M" and "Z".

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# Legislative Report

## Dementia Grants Annual Progress Report

January 2020

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# I. Executive Summary

In 2015, the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statutes 256.975 creating a competitive grant program administered by the Minnesota Board on Aging (MBA) that focuses on dementia and its impacts on persons with dementia, family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia and communities. The Legislature has appropriated \$1.5 million in each biennium since the 2016/2017 biennium for this program.

The MBA awarded \$750,000 through a third competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) to 12 applicants for state fiscal year (SFY) 2019 and awarded an additional \$750,000 through a fourth competitive RFP to 11 applicants for SFY 2020 at its October meeting. In each case, the grants support regional and local projects that increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD), increase the rate of cognitive testing, promote the benefits of early diagnosis and connect family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia to education and resources.

The total number of persons served since the inception of the grants through June 30, 2019 are: 43,941 for general awareness education and training for persons including community members, healthcare professionals, emergency personnel and business owners and their employees; 3,633 caregiving family, friends, and neighbors; and also 3,686 persons suspected or diagnosed with Alzheimer’s or other dementias have been provided services, supports, and resources.

## A. SFY 2019 Grantees

The grantees in six of the state’s planning and service areas received grants ranging from \$18,044 to \$110,535. This grantee group has completed their contracts. They have successfully completed general awareness education and training to 11,319 persons including community members, healthcare professionals, emergency personnel and business owners and their employees.

The grantees have also provided services and resources to 1,502 caregiving family, friends, and neighbors as well as 715 persons suspected or diagnosed with ADRD through June 30, 2019.

## B. SFY 2020 Grantees

The SFY 2020 grantees are located in four state planning and service areas with grants ranging from \$25,594 to \$151,100. The grant period is from November 1, 2019, to October 31, 2020, with the initial quarterly reporting period to end January 31, 2020.

# II. Legislation

## **Minnesota Statutes section 256.975 MINNESOTA BOARD ON AGING.**

Subd. 11. **Regional and local dementia grants.**

(a) The Minnesota Board on Aging shall award competitive grants to eligible applicants for regional and local projects and initiatives targeted to a designated community, which may consist of a specific geographic area or population, to increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, increase the rate of cognitive testing in the population at risk for dementias, promote the benefits of early diagnosis of dementias, or connect individuals caregiving for persons with dementia to education and resources.

(b) The project areas for grants include:

(1) local or community-based initiatives to promote the benefits of physician consultations for all individuals who suspect a memory or cognitive problem;

(2) local or community-based initiatives to promote the benefits of early diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias; and

(3) local or community-based initiatives to provide informational materials and other resources to individuals caregiving for persons with dementia.

(c) Eligible applicants for local and regional grants may include, but are not limited to, community health boards, school districts, colleges and universities, community clinics, tribal communities, nonprofit organizations, and other health care organizations.

(d) Applicants must:

(1) describe the proposed initiative, including the targeted community and how the initiative meets the requirements of this subdivision; and

(2) identify the proposed outcomes of the initiative and the evaluation process to be used to measure these outcomes.

(e) In awarding the regional and local dementia grants, the Minnesota Board on Aging must give priority to applicants who demonstrate that the proposed project:

(1) is supported by and appropriately targeted to the community the applicant serves;

(2) is designed to coordinate with other community activities related to other health initiatives, particularly those initiatives targeted at the elderly;

(3) is conducted by an applicant able to demonstrate expertise in the project areas;

(4) utilizes and enhances existing activities and resources or involves innovative approaches to achieve success in the project areas; and

(5) strengthens community relationships and partnerships to achieve the project areas.

(f) The board shall divide the state into specific geographic regions and allocate a percentage of the money available for the local and regional dementia grants to projects or initiatives aimed at each geographic region.

(g) The board shall award any available grants by January 1, 2016, and each July 1 thereafter.

(h) Each grant recipient shall report to the board on the progress of the initiative at least once during the grant period, and within two months of the end of the grant period shall submit a final report to the board that includes the outcome results.

(i) The Minnesota Board on Aging shall:

(1) develop the criteria and procedures to allocate the grants under this subdivision, evaluate all applicants on a competitive basis and award the grants, and select qualified providers to offer technical assistance to grant applicants and grantees. The selected provider shall provide applicants and grantees assistance with project design, evaluation methods, materials, and training; and

(2) submit by January 15, 2017, and on each January 15 thereafter, a progress report on the dementia grants programs under this subdivision to the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house of representatives committees and divisions with jurisdiction over health finance and policy. The report shall include:

(i) information on each grant recipient;

(ii) a summary of all projects or initiatives undertaken with each grant;

(iii) the measurable outcomes established by each grantee, an explanation of the evaluation process used to determine whether the outcomes were met, and the results of the evaluation; and

(iv) an accounting of how the grant funds were spent.

### **III. Introduction**

In 2015 the Minnesota Legislature amended Minnesota Statutes section 256.975 to create a competitive grants program administered by the MBA that focuses on ADRD and its impacts on persons with dementia, family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia, and communities. The Legislature has appropriated \$1.5 million in each biennium for this grant program.

The MBA sought proposals from qualified responders for regional and local projects to increase awareness of Alzheimer’s disease, increase the rate of cognitive testing, promote the benefits of early diagnosis, or connect family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia to education and resources. During SFY 2019 and SFY 2020 the MBA awarded \$750,000 each year in grants.

#### **A. SFY 2019 Grantees**

The RFP was open from April 9, 2018 to May 11, 2018. 12 successful applications were approved by the MBA at its July 20, 2018 meeting.

The projects began August 1, 2018 and ended July 31, 2019. This is a review of the progress of the SFY 2019 grantees. Section IV. Description of Grantees includes key evaluation outcomes of the SFY 2019 grantees providing ADRD services.



## **B. SFY 2020 Grantees**

The RFP was open from August 5, 2019 to August 30, 2019. Eleven successful applications were approved by the MBA at its October meeting. Applicants for amounts in excess of \$50,000 were required to furnish 50% match of grant funds requested. Applicants for less did not need to provide a match.

The grant period began on November 1, 2019, with an end date of October 31, 2020.

# **IV. Description of Grantees**

## **A. SFY 2019 Grantees**

The 2019 grantees included 12 community organizations.

All twelve focused on raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia in their communities.

Four 2018 grantees were selected again through the 2019 RFP. Koochiching Aging Options, Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program dba Northwoods Caregivers, Eastside Neighborhood Services, and Volunteers of America Minnesota all submitted new proposals expanding on work they had begun earlier. Their applications were evaluated and scored with all the other 2019 submissions.

Nine grantees offered services to family, friends, and neighbors caregiving for persons with dementia to connect them with services, education and resources.

One grantee was focused on Federally Qualified Health Care (FQHC) organizations.

Four grantees offered specific services responsive to the cultural norms and values of African-American, American Indian, Latino, Somali, and/or LGBT populations.

Six grantees promoted the benefits of early diagnosis of dementia. This included screening to identify early memory loss among Somalis, Hmong and African-Americans in senior public housing facilities and collaborating with businesses to identify and educate working family and friends caregiving for persons with dementia.

Two organizations focused efforts on providing arts activities such as creative art classes and a chorus that integrates both the person with dementia and their caregiver.

Awards were distributed across rural and urban locations. The grant awards ranged from \$18,044 to \$110,535. Grantees are listed below by their state planning and service area with a brief description that includes the award amount, project goals and final results.

### **Northeast Planning and Service Area**

Northeast includes Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake and St. Louis counties.

- Elder Circle, Grand Rapids, \$78,712. Educate in Itasca & St Louis Counties through different technologies; complete memory screenings; promote diagnosis and support family and friends caregiving and persons living with dementia through memory clubs, Powerful Tools for Caregivers (PTC) and support for family, friends and neighbors caregiving. The results are:
  - Awareness training to: 645 community members
  - Provided services for: 57 persons with dementia and 212 individuals caregiving
  - Provided referrals for standardized cognitive testing for: 26 persons with dementia
  - Provided support groups for: 325 individuals caregiving
  - Provided PTC to: 17 individuals caregiving
- Koochiching Aging Options, International Falls, \$38,451. Educate targeted community organizations, including businesses; offer one to one service to persons with memory loss and providers of care; enhance participation in memory café; and increase referrals to/from medical providers. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Awareness training to: 291 community members
  - Provided services for: 36 persons with dementia and 234 individuals caregiving
  - Held 24 memory café sessions reaching 36 individuals caregiving and 6 persons with dementia
  - Provided referrals for standardized cognitive testing for: 12 persons with dementia
  - Provided care consultation for: 198 individuals caregiving and 30 persons with dementia

### Central Planning and Service Area

Central includes Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright counties.

- Paramount Center for the Arts, \$44,716. Using an arts program for socializing and building community; teaching effective communication strategies to those providing care to use in their home setting; delaying dementia progression; and developing supportive relationships; with outreach to develop the program in the Somali community. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Provided services for: 29 persons with dementia and 29 individuals caregiving
  - Awareness training to: 1,617 community members
  - Held 5 community awareness/education events

### The Northwest Planning and Service Area

Includes Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties.

- Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, dba, Northwoods Caregivers, Bemidji, \$110,535. Educational workshops in community, including Red Lake Nation; virtual dementia tours with youth and healthcare providers; supporting dementia patient with nurse; connect with Native Americans and LGBT communities; health fair and partner with Memory Keepers Medical Discovery Team. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Awareness training to: 1,829 community members

- Caregiver consultations for: 420 people
- Services to: 4 persons with dementia and 132 individuals caregiving
- Held 86 events, including 27 virtual dementia tours and 30 community awareness/education events.

## Metropolitan Planning and Service Area

Includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

- Alzheimer’s Association, Edina, \$99,823. Engage and support three FQHC clinics pilot test clinical practice change; cross pollinate to create clinic dementia champion/teams using technology and train-the trainer curriculum; train 100+ providers; with focus on persons with highest level of health disparities. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Services to: 16 persons with dementia and 26 individuals caregiving
  - Awareness training to: 694 community members
  - Provided care consultation for: 27 individuals caregiving and 15 persons with dementia
  - Held 103 events, including 38 onsite events in their FQHC clinics and 40 onsite events at the Mexican Consulate for Know the 10 Signs and referrals to FQHCs.
  - FQHC patient referrals: 44 (19 patients referred from FQHC clinic to Alzheimer’s Association, 25 patients referred from healthcare providers to FQHC clinics).
  
- Amherst H. Wilder Foundation, St. Paul, \$47,435. Caregiving Roadmap – a quarterly specialized six week education and support group for caregivers whose care recipient is beyond early stage dementia; and formalize referral system with clinic partners. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Awareness training to: 106 individuals, including 33 healthcare professional staff
  - Services to: 16 persons with dementia and 21 individuals caregiving
  - Provided dementia education workshops for: 61 individuals caregiving
  - Provided cognitive performance test for: 16 persons with dementia
  - Held 19 events, including 11 community awareness/education events and 4 healthcare events.
  
- DARTS, St. Paul, \$42,124. Promote awareness community presentations; monthly memory screenings; and Elder Law partnership presentations – all expanded into rural areas of Dakota County. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Awareness training to: 1,182 community members
  - Services to: 3 persons with dementia
  - Provided early ID screening to: 3 persons with dementia
  - Held 60 community awareness/education events.
  
- Eastside Neighborhood Services, St. Paul, \$45,966. Build collaborative partnerships with Northeast arts community & businesses; leverage inter-generational family engagement; continue gardening project and referral to intensive dementia services; with goal of 30% diversity participation. The results through September 30, 2018 are:

- Awareness training to: 800 individuals, including 125 business owners and 70 healthcare professionals.
  - Services to: 84 individuals caregiving and 16 persons with dementia
  - Provided care consultation for: 22 individuals caregiving and 5 persons with dementia
  - Held 69 events, including 54 community awareness/education events and 1 radio program.
- Volunteers of America Minnesota, Minneapolis, \$107,809. Providing educational and physical activity-based outreach to increase community's dementia awareness within the public housing authority buildings of Minneapolis and St. Paul; implement memory screenings; train staff of human service organizations; and offer caregiver support; with focus on African American, East African and Hmong. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
    - Awareness training to: 2,331 individuals, including 1,425 community members
    - Services to: 306 persons with dementia and 563 individuals caregiving
    - Held 150 events, including 76 community awareness/education events and 61 St. Paul Public Housing Agency/Minneapolis Public Housing Agency Highrise outreach and exercise events.
    - Provided early ID screening for: 311 persons with dementia
    - Provided referrals for cultural cognitive testing for: 284 persons with dementia
    - Provided care consultation for: 122 persons with dementia and 480 individuals caregiving
    - Provided access assistance for: 185 persons with dementia and 545 individuals caregiving

## Southwest Planning and Service Area

Includes Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Swift, Waseca, Watonwan and Yellow Medicine counties.

- Chippewa County Montevideo Hospital, Montevideo, \$90,000. Support staffing for Memory Care Coordinator; sponsor community education event(s) and increase dementia friends to actively help in the community. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Services to: 7 persons with dementia and 59 individuals caregiving
  - Awareness training to: 627 individuals, including 29 business owners and 88 healthcare professionals.
  - Held 28 events, including 11 memory cafés and 4 Dementia Friends/Parkinson's disease support groups.
  - Provided referrals for standardized cognitive testing for: 1 person with dementia and 32 individuals caregiving
  - Provided care consultation for: 43 individuals caregiving and 6 persons with dementia.
- Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse Program, Granite Falls, \$18,044. Reduce stigma through Dementia Friends training in public school, community college and Upper Sioux community; support for caregivers through memory cafe, Respite Education Support Training (REST), virtual dementia tours, and a memory choir. The results through September 30, 2018 are:

- Awareness training to: 175 Individuals, including 69 business owner, 24 community members, 65 Upper Sioux tribal members and 16 Upper Sioux health services staff.
- Services to: 220 persons with dementia and 148 individuals caregiving
- Held 7 events, including 4 community awareness/education events, 3 virtual dementia tours and cultural consultant presentations to the Upper Sioux Community, and were present at the Upper Sioux American Indian Health Fair.
- Provided caregiver support to: 32 individuals caregiving
- Provided memory choir and memory café to: 133 individuals caregiving and 138 persons with dementia.

## **Southeast Planning and Service Area**

Includes Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha and Winona counties.

- Resounding Voices, Rochester, \$26,385. Increase awareness through a chorus for persons with memory loss and their care providers and having community concerts. The results through September 30, 2018 are:
  - Awareness training to: 24 staff members and 704 community members
  - Services to: 10 persons with dementia and 10 individuals caregiving
  - Held 3 community awareness/education events
  - A total of 42 persons with dementia and 42 family and friends caregiving participated in choir rehearsal and performances.

## **B. SFY 2020 Grantees**

The 2020 grantees include 9 community organizations, 1 community health board, and 1 regional planning agency.

All 11 grantees are focused on raising awareness of Alzheimer’s disease and other dementia in their communities, as well as connecting family and friends caregiving. Six grantees are including promotion of early identification, and 3 are working to increase cognitive testing of individuals.

Three 2019 grantees were selected again through the 2020 RFP. Granite Falls Living at Home Block Nurse Program, Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program dba Northwoods Caregivers, and Volunteers of America Minnesota all submitted new proposals expanding on work they had begun earlier.

Their applications were evaluated and scored in competition with all the other 2020 submissions.

All 11 grantees are offering services to caregiving family, friends, and neighbors of persons with dementia to connect them with services, education and resources.

Six grantees promoted the benefits of education and early diagnosis of dementia to specific cultural, ethnic, and minority populations, including African-American, American Indian, Korean, Lao, Hmong, and/or LGBT populations.

Two organizations focused efforts on providing arts activities, including a chorus that integrates both the person with dementia and their caregiver; the “Remember Project,” a series of Alzheimer’s/dementia-specific educational plays; and a screening of “His Neighbor Phil” with a community discussion.

Awards were distributed to rural and urban locations. Grant awards ranged from \$25,594 - \$151,100. Grantees are listed below by their state planning and service area with a brief description that includes the award amount and project goals.

### **Central Planning and Service Area**

Central includes Benton, Cass, Chisago, Crow Wing, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, Todd, Wadena and Wright counties.

- Isanti County Community Health Board, \$50,098. Expanding upon prior success in serving those at risk for and those living with ADRD, their caregivers, and their medical providers, working to increase awareness, connect family and friends who are caregiving, and increase cognitive screening, with a special focus on rural areas of Isanti County.

### **Northwest Planning and Service Area**

Northwest includes Becker, Beltrami, Clay, Clearwater, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomon, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse and Wilkin counties.

- Barnesville Area HELPERS, Barnesville, \$26,504. Continue to increase awareness of dementia through providing dementia friendly information sessions to business employees, students, clergy, and the Police, Fire, and Ambulance crews; plan an intervention to assist the local bank to provide age-friendly policies and practices; and the formation of a TRIAD group consisting of senior citizens, first responders and the grantee to develop crime prevention and education programs for older adults with an emphasis on dementia awareness.
- Greater Northwest EMS, Bemidji, \$32,161. In collaboration with West Central EMS, provide awareness training to Emergency Medical Service (EMS) providers on the challenging emergency needs of people with dementia across a 21-county area through use of the virtual dementia tour, as well as connecting caregivers to available resources.
- Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers Program, dba, Northwoods Caregivers, Bemidji, \$114,562. Services across six rural counties and three tribal nations, including Red Lake Nation, focusing on increasing awareness through educational workshops, the virtual dementia tour, and development of LGBT-targeted outreach materials; early identification through workshops and events, including memory screenings; and connect caregivers through dementia caregiver coaching and support.

## Metropolitan Planning and Service Area

Includes Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott and Washington counties.

- FamilyMeans, Stillwater, \$84,206. Implement the Dementia Empowerment Integration Project, offering community-based support and service options from the earliest stages of cognitive decline and throughout the disease process, with the goals of delivering a broad, integrated continuum of community-based support services for families experiencing dementia, and to foster a dementia-friendly community that partners in outreach, referral and service delivery.
- Korean Service Center, Lauderdale, \$50,755. Educate 20 Home Health Aides currently serving more than 120 Korean older adults in KSC's assisted living program to recognize dementia in clients and how to effectively care for patients with mild cognitive impairment or ADRD; promote the benefits of early identification of ADRD; and connect Korean caregivers through the Korean language-based smartphone application "KakaoTalk."
- Lao Advancement Organization of America, Minneapolis, \$47,437. Increase the knowledge and ability of Lao community members to recognize dementia and access resources, and for caregivers to maintain their own health and wellbeing while caring for a person living with dementia while connecting them to education, resources, services, and each other.
- Volunteers of America Minnesota, Minneapolis, \$151,100. Project will increase awareness through promoting and uplifting cultural differences and how to respond to community needs in respectful and dignifying ways through training 180 staff from Minneapolis Public Housing Authority, Saint Paul Public Housing Authority, and Volunteers of American Minnesota through four training and educational sessions; promote early identification through providing memory screenings to promote early identification and assist in locating and accessing needed services; and connect family and friends caregiving by providing tools and resources to promote their health and ability to manage impacts of caregiving.

## Southwest Planning and Service Area

Includes Big Stone, Blue Earth, Brown, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Faribault, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Le Sueur, Lincoln, Lyon, Martin, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Sibley, Swift, Waseca, Watonwan and Yellow Medicine counties.

- A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota, Slayton, \$72,900. Increase public's awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia's, promote the benefits of early identification, and connect family and friends (care partners) who are caregiving for persons with dementia to services, education, and resources.
- Granite Falls Living At Home Block Nurse, Granite Falls, \$25,594. Reduce stigma associated with Alzheimer's by informing family and friends caregiving of available resources, providing direct caregiver support and group support sessions, and promotion of early memory testing for Alzheimer's disease.

- VINE Faith in Action, Mankato, \$76,270. Implementation of The Mind Aerobics suite of cognitive training programs developed with the New England Cognitive Center, provide an educational support component for participants' care partners, and continuation of VINE's licensed adult day respite program.