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DATE: 10/2/09  
TO: Title III & Senior Community Services Block Grant funding applicants  
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RE: 2010 Request for Proposals – Title III & SCSBG

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In order to minimize the impact of the 40% SCSBG reduction on each county and/service, an overall 8% reduction to total AAA9 contract funding per county from all sources has been applied toward the categories of Transportation and Home-Delivered meals, whether or not SCSBG supported them in 2008.

We are moving further into the concept of “AAA9 Dollars” rather than separate Title III dollars and SCSBG dollars. For most purposes, we have been using that principle in our contracting and earnings pay-outs for the last couple of years. In the times we have experienced of late, cuts to one fund or another can have very uneven impact on our distributions as we try to simply ‘maintain effort’.

Using “AAA9 Dollars” as a consolidated award method has several advantages. It is very helpful in evening-out cuts through a straight percentage basis, rather than hitting some counties harder than others, as well as the AAA9 Areawide programs, due to our historical maintenance-of-effort processes. A year-end statement to the selected providers will reflect the sources of such funds for their audit records.

Following AAA9 Board consensus to apply the SCSBG reductions across the board to both county-level and Areawide services impacted by the 40% State Budget cut to SCSBG, AAA9 has applied the 8% reduction of the total AAA9 allocations (Title III and SCSBG combined, eg “AAA9 Dollars”) to all AAA9 services that utilized SCSBG in 2009 as well as the local Transportation & Home-Delivered Meals categories.

This method is a most fair solution to the challenge. It will more evenly impact all of the individuals across the Area who benefit from the services provided by SCSBG-supported program categories.

For background information, Homemaker and Legal Services must be maintained at the current funding levels to meet ODA requirements for at least 5% of AAA9 Title III-B funds go towards

In-Home Services and Legal Services. This is required by the Older Americans Act and subsequent Ohio Department of Aging policy.

In addition, the AAA9 will be giving top-priority consideration to Title III-D proposals that reflect certified “Evidence-based” Health Promotion or Disease Prevention activities and specifically reserve the privilege to reject any proposal that does not include evidence-based programming. This initiative is in keeping with federal Administration on Aging, the National Association of State Units on Aging and the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging initiatives and further reflected in two current Congressional bills to implement Project 2020 (see the n4a website below). Information related to this type of evidence-based programming choices & requirements can be found at the following websites:

<http://www.healthyagingprograms.com/content.asp?sectionid=85>

<http://www.n4a.org/files/advocacy/campaigns/detailed-overview.pdf>

[http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/resources/CHA\\_Tools\\_Checklists.pdf](http://www.healthyagingprograms.org/resources/CHA_Tools_Checklists.pdf)

[http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA\\_Programs/HCLTC/Evidence\\_Based/index.aspx](http://www.aoa.gov/AoARoot/AoA_Programs/HCLTC/Evidence_Based/index.aspx)

<http://www.healthyagingprograms.com/content.asp?sectionid=85>