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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Administration for Community Living

Notice of Intent to award a single supplement to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging.

The Eldercare Locator

AGENCY: Administration for Community Living, HHS

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Administration for Community Living (ACL) is announcing supplemental funding for the Eldercare Locator program. The Eldercare Locator program helps older adults and their families and caregivers find their way through the maze of services for older adults by linking to a trustworthy network of national, State, Tribal and community organizations and services through a nationally recognized toll-free number. The Eldercare Locator also provides older adults and caregivers who require more in depth support the opportunity to speak with highly trained eldercare consultants who can better triage the situation. The purpose of this announcement is to award supplemental funds to the National Association of Area Agencies on Aging to support additional specialized staff and enhanced technology to better serve callers, mobile and after hour callers.

Program Name: Eldercare Locator

Award Amount: \$149,049

Budget Period: 6/1/2016 to 5/31/2017

Award Type: Cooperative Agreement

Statutory Authority: The statutory authority for grants under this notice is contained in Title IV of the Older Americans Act (OAA) (42U.S.C. 3032), as amended by the Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006. Statutory authority specifically for the Eldercare Locator is contained in Title II of the Older Americans Act **(202(a)(21))**.

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 93.048 Discretionary Projects

I. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Administration on Aging, an agency of the U.S. Administration for Community Living, has been funding the Eldercare Locator (the Locator) since 1991. The Eldercare Locator links older persons and their caregivers to resources through a nationally recognized toll-free number, 1-800-677-1116 and website (www.eldercare.gov). The goal is to provide users with the information and resources they need that will help older persons live independently and safely in their homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Eldercare Locator call center utilizes live agents to help callers find their way through the maze of services for older adults by linking to a trustworthy network of national, State, Tribal and community organizations and services. In 2011, an additional feature was added to assist older adults and caregivers who require more in depth support the opportunity to speak with highly trained eldercare consultants who can better triage the situation.

II. JUSTIFICATION FOR THE SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING

Over the past year there has been a steady increase in the number of callers to the Eldercare Locator growing from 180,000 calls in 2011 to over 280,000 in just 5 years. The calls are becoming more complex taking longer to resolve leading to much longer waiting times. There is a need to increase the number of staff available to handle the higher demand. In addition, there is a need to enhance the

educational tools and resources, such as tip sheets and brochures, available from the Eldercare Locator to better educate older adults and caregivers about eldercare services and resources.

III. AGENCY CONTACT

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