

**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
OFFICE ON AGING**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY**

**Fiscal Year 2013 Mini-Challenge Grants: East of the River Aging In Place**

The Government of the District of Columbia, Office on Aging is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to plan, develop, organize, implement and sustain “Aging in Place” programs. The programs should enable District residents age 60 years and older residing in a specific neighborhood to enjoy safer, healthier and more independent lives in their own homes. There are many models and examples of “Aging in Place” programs such as the “senior village.” The “Village” concept is based on the Beacon Hill Village model developed in Boston, Massachusetts ([beaconhillvillage.org](http://beaconhillvillage.org)) to assist seniors living in that neighborhood by partnering with and connecting them to needed resources and service providers. As a nonprofit, membership organization, the Village can provide a variety of programs and services more cost-effectively than most conventional retirement communities are able to provide.

Duplicating the senior village model is not strictly required for this grant application. Other models that deliver aging in place services are encouraged, as well. Applicants may propose other service models and best practices that enable seniors to age in place. The successful organization(s) will be responsible for developing and implementing an operational plan to provide and connect senior residents in the neighborhood with a variety of services. Service models may include but are not limited to volunteer services in or around the home; transportation assistance with or without escorts; caregiver assistance; volunteer programs; concierge services; social activities; and/or a buddy system that matches seniors with others to meet specific needs.

A total of \$300,000 is available for funding two grants not to exceed \$15,000 each to plan, develop, and implement a “Senior Village” in Ward 7 and in Ward 8 of the District of Columbia.

The proposal must include provision for including seniors with low and moderate incomes through such means as a sliding scale membership fee, scholarships or waiver, or volunteer pool concept (contribute time to earn services).

Nonprofit organizations with places of business within the physical boundaries of the District of Columbia are eligible to apply. Neighborhood Village organizations in the process of becoming incorporated should include letters of commitment from at least 25 residents of the neighborhood.

The RFA will be released on May 10, 2013 and the deadline for submission is June 7, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. A Pre-Application Conference will be held on May 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m. at the D.C. Office on Aging, Conference Room, 500 K Street, NE Washington, DC, 20002. The RFA will also be available on the Office on Aging website, [www.dcoa.dc.gov](http://www.dcoa.dc.gov) and on the Office of Partnerships and Grants Development website, [www.opgd.dc.gov](http://www.opgd.dc.gov) no later than May 15, 2013.