We are pleased to announce that Minuteman Senior Services, through a grant from the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, has been awarded ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to be allocated through a competitive bidding process. The funds are available for the following two areas, for the period March 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024:

1. **Innovative behavioral health services**: Total funding of up to $45,000. This is the total amount that will be allocated; proposals for less than this amount are welcome and may allow for multiple grants.

2. **Support for older adults in need of housing resources and/or guidance with the housing application process**: Total funding of up to $60,000. This is the total amount that will be allocated; proposals for less than this amount are welcome and may allow for multiple grants.

Funding priorities include services for individuals in the Minuteman catchment area who:
- Are age 60 or older and low-income
- Have physical or mental disabilities
- Are minority older adults
- Are socially isolated
- Are limited in English proficiency
- Are members of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBTQ+) community
- Reside in rural areas

Examples of possible projects include, but are not limited to:
- Support for housing search entities that help low-income elders find housing resources and fill out applications
- Services and supports for elders with hoarding tendencies
- Programs that support the emotional wellness of elders by targeting self-care, advocacy, and re-engagement after prolonged social isolation
- Support for elders who are navigating difficult family relationships
- Behavioral health services for elders who are socially isolated and may not be able to travel to traditional offices for support
- Projects that highlight access for those who are disabled, low-income, isolated, and/or otherwise in need of non-traditional forms of support
- Innovative housing models to support elders and caregivers

Examples of expenses that **cannot** be funded through these grants:
- Capital expenses
- Rent
Founded in 1975, Minuteman Senior Services is a federal- and state-designated aging services agency serving 16 Greater Boston communities: Acton, Arlington, Bedford, Boxborough, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Harvard, Lexington, Lincoln, Littleton, Maynard, Stow, Wilmington, Winchester, and Woburn. Our mission is to empower and advocate for those impacted by aging and disability by offering information and supportive services that enhance health, well-being, and independence.

Minuteman Senior Services acts as a trusted community resource, serving approximately 18,000 people annually through more than 20 community-based supports. Our 130 employees and 500+ volunteers, along with the 70 subcontracted service providers in our vendor network, collaborate to equip community members to meet the challenges of aging. Our programs include Meals on Wheels, congregate lunches, Medicare health benefits counseling, care management, in-home supports such as personal care assistance and grocery shopping, elder protective services, money management assistance, and an Information & Referral call center. For family caregivers, we provide education, counseling, and respite services.

**A Letter of Intent** must be submitted **no later than 5 p.m. on December 23, 2022.** The Letter of Intent must include: a brief program description; projected start/end dates; community/communities to be served; estimated number of unduplicated older adults to be served; estimated number of service units to be delivered in each grant year; and funding amount being requested.

After a review process, applications for ARPA funding will be issued. Completed applications will be due by **Friday, January 27, 2023.**

Please send Letters of Intent to:

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