

**Executive Summary**

Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Grant 2026-2028

**Background/Purpose:**

This legislation authorizes the Director of Aging to apply for and accept funds from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging (WRAAA) and authorizes the Director to enter into one or more contracts with WRAAA necessary to implement the Department's Supportive Services programs and the Aging and Disability Resource Center.

This ordinance allows the Department of Aging to accept any other funds that may become available during the grant term from the WRAAA to conduct 2026-2028 WRAAA programs and to enter into one more contracts with WRAAA necessary to implement these programs.

**Goals:**

- Conduct assessment of the needs of clients
- Assist clients in securing basic needs, services and programs such as assisting clients with utility disconnections, assistance in accessing food, housing, homemaker services, personal care assistance, protective services, transportation and chore and home maintenance services
- Provide Information and Assistance services
- Provide Outreach and Education on HEAP and Medicare Savings Programs
- Provide assistance in accessing benefits
- Provide long term support and options counseling
- Specialized care coordination focusing on economic security.

**Accomplishments:**

- Aging has been the recipient of funding from the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging for 20 plus years.
- WRAAA funding supports the salaries of 8 Aging staff
- In 2024, more than 6,000 unduplicated individuals were served by staff providing supportive services and aging and disability resource center services.

**Estimated Budget:** approximately \$500,000 each year

**Grant Period:** January 1, 2026- December 31, 2028

**Funding Source:** Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging