



Department of Human Services
Division of Aging Services

Senior Hunger Innovation Grants: A Request for Proposals

The Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS) will fund up to ten innovative projects designed to address senior hunger in Georgia that fall under the five focus areas of [Georgia's State Plan to Address Senior Hunger](#). With nearly 300,000 seniors at risk of hunger in the state of Georgia, a broader effort to reach these seniors must be made. DHS DAS seeks to fund direct service, education, and outreach projects with evidence that older Georgians who participate in the proposed project will help to increase food security among this vulnerable population. This request for proposals is one of the many strategies DHS DAS is employing to seed initiatives that have an expansive reach, target seniors often missed, have the potential for replication, and are sustainable.

The mission of DAS is to support the larger goals of DHS by assisting older individuals, at-risk adults, persons with disabilities, their families and caregivers to achieve safe, healthy, independent and self-reliant lives.

Timeline

Application Deadline: August 16, 2019, 11:59 p.m. ET

Awardee Notification Date: September 2, 2019

Funding Period: October 1, 2019 – September 30, 2020

Georgia's Senior Hunger Initiative

Current research indicates that there are a larger number of older adults at risk of hunger in Georgia than in many other states. In response, Georgia galvanized public and private allies to launch the 2016 Senior Hunger Summit, a now-annual event that convenes experts, policymakers, and community stakeholders to find creative, effective solutions to address senior hunger. The second summit culminated in the State Plan to Address Senior Hunger, published in December 2017 ([See Georgia's State Plan on Senior Hunger](#)).

Addressing Senior Hunger Through Innovation

Georgia's State Plan to Address Senior Hunger set the course for Georgia to understand better and ultimately respond to the needs of the demographically diverse seniors that live in Georgia and are at risk of hunger. **Up to ten senior hunger innovation grants of up to \$3,000 each are being offered.** The grant proposals must address at least one of the five focus areas of Georgia's State Plan on Senior Hunger: **Today's Seniors, Health Impact of Senior Hunger, Food Access, Food Waste and Reclamation, and Meeting the Community's Needs.**



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Grant Application Process

Who Can Apply: Awardees can be the following: Georgia area agencies on aging, senior centers, other aging service providers, non-profits, and for-profits.

Required for Submission: Eligible agencies and organizations are invited to apply by submitting the information noted in the application on page 3. These submissions will undergo a thorough review process that may require follow up questions to be answered. Applications must be emailed to senior.hunger@dhs.ga.gov by **August 16, 2019, 11:59 p.m. ET**.

Application Evaluation Process

Applications missing any required information will not be reviewed for funding consideration. The amount awarded up to \$3,000 will be evaluated based on a set of criteria (*see page 3 for the full list of information requested*), which includes:

- the number of older Georgians proposed to be served over the funding period;
- addressing at least one of the five focus areas in the State Plan;
- the strength of evidence of the initiative's effectiveness and sustainability;
- the provision of a detailed budget;
- and the feasibility in assessing the impact of the proposal.

Grant Funding Process and Requirements

The funding will be provided on a non-reoccurring reimbursable basis. No matching is required for this grant. The funding cannot pay for an existing program budget unless there is an expansion of an existing initiative specifically noted. Only one grant will be awarded per agency or organization. Funding must be used by **September 30, 2020**.

Awardees will be required to:

- Submit a quarterly report detailing:
 - number of at-risk older Georgians, aged 60 and older, served by the funded project
 - progress of stated goals
 - use of funding
- Submit expense reports to account for the full use of the awarded funding and reimbursement
- Submit a final report

Questions

Email senior.hunger@dhs.ga.gov to inquire more about this funding opportunity.



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Senior Hunger Innovation Grant Application

Please be specific and concise and include the required information noted below.

No more than three typed double-spaced pages will be accepted.

Grantee designation: Note designation as a Georgia area agency on aging, senior center, aging service provider, non-profit, or for-profit agency/organization.

Type of project proposed: Identify if the initiative is a direct service, education, or outreach project.

Contact information: Provide the name of the primary contact, title, phone number, and email.

Organization information: Include organization name, mailing/physical address, website, and EIN.

Project information: Name of the project (*100-character limit*), list the State Plan focus area(s) addressed by this project, state the overall goal of the project, list the key project objectives, and provide the timeline for project completion and the dates related to key project milestones (*e.g.*, start date, end date, *etc.*).

Description of the proposed project (5,000-character limit): Give a summary of the proposed project to be funded fully or in part by DHS DAS. Include a description of the project, a summary of the existing and estimated outcomes of this project, and details on how the proposed project's output and outcome data will be collected. Note the specific population and number of at-risk older Georgians that will potentially be served by this project (*be specific in terms of age ranges, income levels, race and ethnicity and any other factors you wish to highlight*), and note the experience of your organization in the potential execution of this project.

Financial information: Note the requested funding amount up to \$3,000. Give the percentage of your total project budget supported by the amount requested from DHS DAS, provide a detailed project budget along with a budget narrative as a separate attachment, and explain the sustainability of the proposed project (*the submission of the most recent audited financial statements of organization/agency may be required if this proposed project is selected*).