

AN ACT concerning aging.

**Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
represented in the General Assembly:**

Section 5. The Community Senior Services and Resources Act is amended by changing Section 25 as follows:

(320 ILCS 60/25)

Sec. 25. Community senior services and resource center grants.

(a) On and after January 1, 2005, the Department may award grants under this Act. It is the General Assembly's intent that grants awarded under this Act shall be made to the extent of the availability and level of appropriations made for this purpose by the General Assembly.

(b) A center must meet the following criteria to be eligible to receive a grant under this Section:

(1) It must be a non-profit agency or a unit of local government.

(2) It must be housed in a building or portion of a building that includes space for group activities offered to the community at large.

(3) It must be open 5 or more days each week, 7 or more hours per day.

(4) It must employ paid staff.

(5) It must offer 5 or more home or community-based services to the community at large on a daily basis.

(6) A majority of the participants in the center's programs must be seniors or family members of seniors.

(c) A center must apply for a grant in the manner prescribed by the Department. At a minimum, the application must do the following:

(1) Describe the services offered by the center.

(2) Identify the special needs of the center and how

the grant will be used to alleviate identified funding problems.

(3) Demonstrate that the center addresses the service needs of seniors in the community served by the center.

(4) Describe other potential funding sources.

(5) Describe additional funding opportunities, if any, to be leveraged with grant funds.

(6) Provide proof of the center's involvement in the community's greater service delivery system.

(7) Provide documentation that funds were requested from other sources, including, but not limited to, units of local government, local donors, local Area Agencies on Aging, or private or religious foundations.

(8) Include letters of support for the awarding of the grant, from sources such as local government officials, community leaders, other human service providers, the local Area Agency on Aging, private or religious foundations, or local membership-based organizations.

(d) The Department may award grants for the purposes of modifying the physical structure of a center or experimenting with innovative programming, which includes but is not limited to after-hours programming, to permit a center to appeal to a broader array of seniors.

(Source: P.A. 93-246, eff. 7-22-03.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.