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\$6.2 million in grants announced to help older Minnesotans, caregivers

The Minnesota Department of Human Services has awarded 42 Community Service/Community Services Development and Caregiver Respite grants totaling \$6.2 million to help aging Minnesotans live independently and to help caregivers.

The grant program provides venture capital to help rebalance Minnesota's long-term care service delivery system and increase its ability to help persons age 65 and over stay in their own homes and communities. The program's goals include improving chronic disease management, expanding long-term care capacity by linking formal and informal long-term care services, and providing support to caregivers and promoting independence for seniors.

"It is exciting to see how projects respond to needs and help families, friends and other caregivers support older adults to live independently," said Loren Colman, DHS assistant commissioner for Continuing Care. "Our grantees this year certainly embraced innovation by introducing products, services and processes that fill unmet needs and attempt to develop sustainable services."

The Community Service and Community Services Development grant programs have funded 280 projects throughout Minnesota since 2001. The projects that have received grants have helped to increase the supply of home and community-based services, such as chronic disease management, transportation, help with chores and home repairs and caregiver education and support. They also have provided support for moving home care services into existing housing and helped to build or renovate hundreds of units of affordable senior housing. More than 144,000 Minnesotans age 65 and over have benefited from improvements made as the result of the grants.

Organizations selected to receive grants and the counties where services will be provided are:

Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency
Autumn Hills of Bemidji, Inc.

Aitkin, Carlton, Itasca, Lake, St. Louis
Beltrami

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Barnes Care Incorporated	Carlton
Bethesda Health and Housing	Kandiyohi
Cerenity Senior Care – Residence on Humboldt	Ramsey
Central Health Care of LeCenter	Le Sueur
Central Minnesota Council on Aging	Chisago
Cook County Public Health and Human Services	Cook, Lake
Country View Senior Living Community	Redwood
DARTS	Dakota
Elder Services Network	St. Louis
Elderberry Institute	Ramsey
ElderCare of Minnesota	Crow Wing
Emmanuel Community	Becker
Fairview Red Wing Health Services	Goodhue
First Plan of Minnesota	Lake, St. Louis
Graceville Area Health Services	Big Stone
Harbor Centers, Inc.	St. Louis
Isanti County Commission on Aging	Isanti
Jewish Family and Children Service of Minneapolis	Hennepin
KASKA Properties, LLC	Red Lake
Kerk Investment, LLC	Chippewa, Kandiyohi, Swift
LaCrescent Area Healthy Community Partnership	Houston
Memory Disorders Clinic, Inc.	Benton, Sherburne, Stearns, Wright
Metropolitan Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	Hennepin, Ramsey
Midway Care Center	Polk
Minnesota Home Care Association	Hennepin, Redwood
Minnesota River Area Agency on Aging	Blue Earth, Chippewa, Redwood, Waseca
Mora HRA	Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine
Neighborhood Involvement Program	Hennepin
Northwoods Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers	Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard
Pelican Rapids Organizing Acts of Kindness	Otter Tail
Presbyterian Homes and Services, Inc.	Ramsey
Regents of the University of Minnesota	Carlton
RSVP of Southwest Minnesota	Nobles, Redwood
Sholom Home Health Care	Hennepin, Ramsey
Spectrum Health Companies	Lake
Spectrum Health Companies	St. Louis
Store to Door	Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington
Tri-County Hospital	Otter Tail, Todd, Wadena
Volunteer Services of Carlton County	Carlton, St. Louis
Volunteers of America of Minnesota	Anoka, Hennepin