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# Regional Plans on Aging State Fiscal Years 2027-2029

## Bluegrass

Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living



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## I. Overview

The Area Plan is a public document that shall use clear and concise language to organize the information logically and should be easily understood by the public and aging network partners. The document shall be written to ensure accessibility by keeping the tone informative and providing visual aids such as defined charts, graphs, and diagram legends. The Area Plan shall be reflective of services provided in the planning and service area, the operations of the Area Agency on Aging, and of the goals of the aging network in the region.

In accordance with the Older Americans Act of 1965, as amended, Section 307(1)(A) require each area agency on aging designated under section 305(a)(2)(A) to develop and submit to the State agency for approval, in accordance with a uniform format developed by the State agency, an area plan meeting the requirements of section 306 of the Act. This format is to be used by area agencies on aging and independent living in developing an area plan for the administration and provision of specified adult and aging services in each planning area. The Area Plan required for State Fiscal Year 2027-2029 will be a three-year plan cycle.

Area plans are prepared and developed by the Area Agencies on Aging and Independent Living. Each agency is responsible for the plan for the multi-county planning and service area in which the agency is located. The area plan should reflect the efforts of the AAAIL:

### **Purpose**

This Area Plan serves multiple purposes including, but not limited to:

- a. Provide tangible outcomes through planning and report achievement(s) based on long term efforts as set by the AAAIL.
- b. Provide data and outcomes of activities into proven best practices which may be used to ensure additional funding.
- c. Provide a clear framework regarding coordination and advocacy activities to meet the needs of the population served that have the greatest social and economic need.
- d. Provide goals and objectives that shall be implemented within the service plan timeframe.

The disaster plan and Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) are separate plans and not included in this plan. Separate instructions will be sent for those plans by the program coordinator.

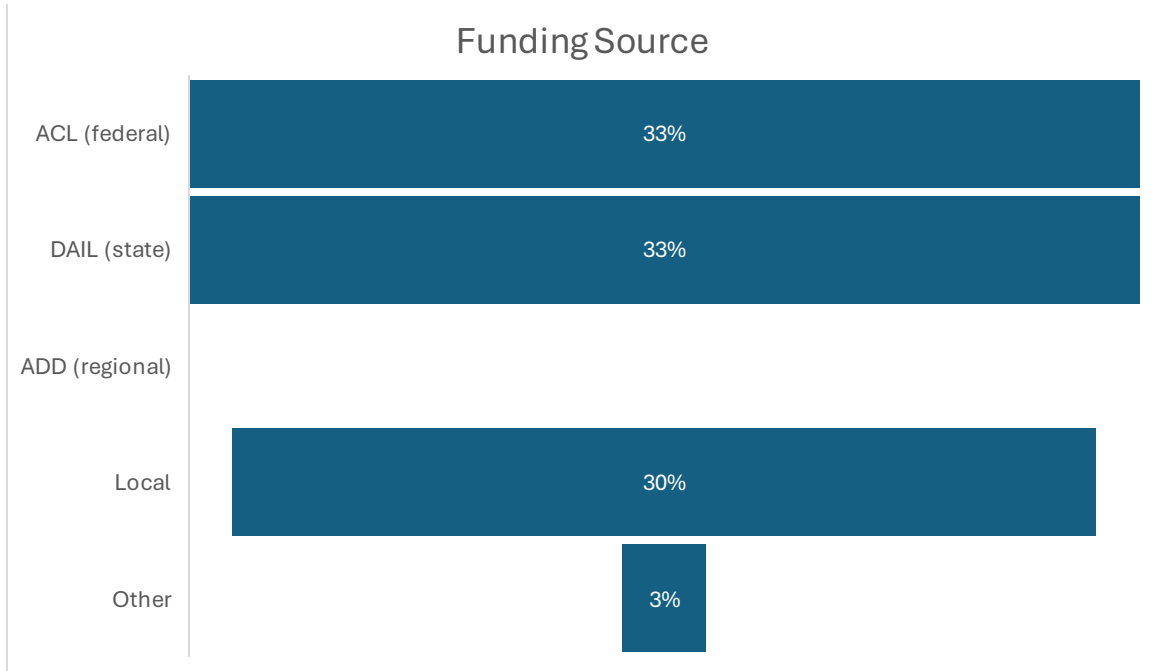
## II. Glossary of Acronyms

AAAIL	Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living
ADD	Area Development District
ADL	Activity of Daily Living
DAIL	Department for Aging and Independent Living
FY	Fiscal Year
IADL	Instrumental Activity of Daily Living
K4A	Kentucky Association of Area Agencies on Aging
OAA	Older Americans Act
PSA	Planning Service Area
SCSEP	Senior Community Service Employment Program
SHIP	State Health Insurance Assistance Program
Title III B	Grants to states for Supportive Services and Senior Centers
Title III C	Grants to states for Nutrition Services
Title III D	Grants to states for Preventative Health Services
Title III E	Grants to states for Family Caregiver Support Program
Title V	Grants to states for SCSEP
Title VII	Grants for Ombudsman Services, Elder Rights and Abuse
VA	Veterans Administration

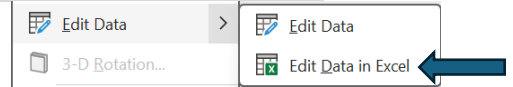
Additional acronyms may be added as needed.

### III. Executive Summary

**Description of Federal, State, and Local Aging Network Funding:** Explain the aging network(s) funding received from the Administration for Community Living-Administration on Aging, Department for Aging and Independent Living, Area Agency on Aging, any local provider network.



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The category of Other includes foundation grants/contracts, corporate grants/contracts, direct mail fundraising, fundraising events, fees for services, etc.

**Overview:** Please provide a short narrative or introduction which includes basic information about the agency and the area it serves.

Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging & Independent Living operates within the Bluegrass Area Development District. Our Region is a 17-county area which covers central Kentucky. Our office is in Fayette County which is the most central county within our Region. Our Region is a combination of urban and rural counties. The core of our operations is the Aging and Disability Resource Center. We operate this in-house where our staff provide intake and screening for all our programs as well as general information and referrals to community resources. Our funding is received from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services/Department for Aging and Independent Living. With this funding we provide programs under the Federal Older Americans Act such as Title IIIB Supportive Services, Title IIIC Elder Nutrition Services, Title IIID Evidenced Based Health Promotion, Title IIIE National Family Caregiver Support Program, Long-Term Care Ombudsman Services, Legal Assistance, State Health Insurance Program and Benefits Counseling. State General Funds are used to support the Homecare Program, KY Caregiver Program, and Expanded Senior Meals Program. Bluegrass AAAIL is also a Medicaid Waiver provider for the Home and Community Based and Michele P waivers for Case Management. Bluegrass ADD provides Financial Management services under the Participant Directed Option for those waivers as well as the Supports for Community Living Waiver. We are a Case Management provider for the Veterans Direct Care Program in partnership with the Lexington Veterans Administration Medical Center working through an agreement with Pennyriple Area Development District as the HUB agency.

Also include:

1. The relationship between the AAAIL and external contracts and the service enhancement provided.

Due to the size of our region, we have found we can reach more people by utilizing contracted providers. Through a procurement process, we select and contract with a variety of entities to provide our Older Americans Act Title IIIB, C, D and E services as well as our state general funded Homecare Program services. We strive to ensure our funding serves as many people as we possibly can. By utilizing local agencies within each of our counties we can better enhance our service outreach.

2. The working relationship(s) between other agencies and organizations to better the lives of those served.

Bluegrass AAAIL maintains a presence within our region by participating in community resource and educational events. We partner with other agencies and organizations to conduct health fairs annually. We host the monthly Bluegrass Aging Consortium meeting which is open to any business/agency/organization with an interest in services/programs for older adults. Our staff serve on planning committees and advisory boards for several organizations. Bluegrass AAAIL strongly believes we can better serve our older adults by working together with all agencies and organizations within our community.

### 3. Other activities provided by the AAAIL outside of DAIL funding.

Bluegrass AAAIL staff participate in community events annually across our 17-county region. We serve on the Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging Board which is made up of 9 southern states. We participate in committees for workshops/conferences that help to educate our older adults, parents of individuals with disabilities, grandparents and caregivers. We work with our locally elected officials to ensure they are informed of events, needs and issues within their counties. We distribute a monthly newsletter to share what's going on across our region. We provide a resource guide which is updated annually called Pathways. This is provided at no cost to agencies, organizations, businesses, libraries, healthcare offices and individuals. We maintain social media accounts and share resource information through that platform. Staff participate in the Age Friendly and Dementia Friendly initiatives across our region. We have a Dementia Care Specialist who works very closely with the UK Sanders Brown on Aging and Alzheimer's Association.

**Mission:** A mission defines the organization, its objectives, and how it will reach these objectives.

Our mission is to plan, promote and support community-based programs by coordinating services and advocating for older adults, disabled individuals, Veterans, caregivers, and grandparents raising grandchildren in the Bluegrass Region.

**Vision:** A vision details where the organization aspires to go.

Our vision is to maintain and improve quality of life and enable older adults, disabled individuals and caregivers to thrive in their chosen environment with dignity, respect and self-determination.

## IV. Service Area

Define the geographic boundaries of the service region, ensuring to include the counties you serve and a map of the service region.

### Description:

The Bluegrass Region includes the counties of: Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott and Woodford. These counties are in the central area of Kentucky. Our region is a combination of urban and rural areas. There are several Universities, Colleges and Hospitals within our region including the University of Kentucky Medical Center and the Lexington Veterans Administration Medical Center. We have 1 major airport located in Fayette County and numerous community airports located throughout our region. We have manufacturing industries located in most of our counties. We also have transportation networks within most counties. Our region has at least 1 focal point senior center in each county. Madison County has 2, one located in Richmond and one in Berea. Fayette County additionally has 3 satellite centers located throughout the downtown Lexington area and will be opening a Therapeutic/Recreation Center for Older Adults in 2026 on the South side of the County.

Map (insert picture here):

Bluegrass Area Development District



Staff Positions and Responsibilities: Include only management and staff and include a separate organizational chart.

Position Title	Position Description	Position Responsibilities
Celeste Robinson	Aging Director	Oversight of all Aging Department programs and staff
PaKou Vang	Aging Accounts Specialist	Oversight of Aging Financials
Sarah Eldridge	Aging Assistant Director	Back up to Aging Director and direct oversight of Aging Program Coordinator
Regina Goodman	Caregiver Manager/Dementia Care Specialist	Oversight of NFCSP and KY Caregiver programs and staff
Molly Newman	ADRC Manager	Oversight of ADRC staff and operations
Allison Roy	ADRC Lead	Training and Support for ADRC staff
Dana Davidson	ADRC Specialist	Respond to ADRC callers/community education
Maurika McIntosh	ADRC Specialist	Respond to ADRC callers/community education
Marsha Landin-Fugate	ADRC Specialist	Respond to ADRC callers/community education
Gwen Foley	ADRC Specialist	Respond to ADRC callers/community education
Sara Wade	ADRC Specialist	Respond to ADRC callers/community education
Susan Nieto	ADRC Intake/Caregiver Admin. Assistant	Intake all ADRC calls/Caregiver support
Charlotte Garnett	Aging Administrative Assistant	Administrative Support
Meaghan Rooks	Aging Program Coordinator	Coordinate Homecare and Title IIIID Programming

add additional lines as necessary

## V. Profile of Service Area

Complete a demographic profile of your region with information provided from data collected and utilizing the [University of Louisville's State Data Center](#). To determine poverty rates please use this link: [poverty rates](#).

Description	Year of Data	Population	Percentage
60+ in the service area	2023	184464	22.1
60+ with low income (see link above)	2023	18481	10
60+ living in rural area(s)	2023	52324	28
60+ minority	2023	21404	11.6
60+ low-income minority	2023	2696	1.5
60+ with limited English proficiency	2023	1888	1.0
Grandparents/older relatives raising child under 18	2023	8989	1.8
60+ isolated or living alone	2023	49910	27.1
60+ requiring 3 or more ADL/IADL*	2023	18318	9.9

\*ADL: feeding, getting in/out of bed, dressing, bathing, toileting.

\*IADL: Meal preparation, light housework, heavy housework, laundry, shopping, taking medicine

Describe all credible sources used to determine the populations/percentages above.

We utilized a data report sent to us from the University of Louisville/Kentucky State Data Center, acs1923 pumsdata 60+ population chart.

## VI. Funding Sources

List out all funding sources used to support older Kentuckians in the area. Please add additional lines and funding source types as necessary (Federal, State, Local Cash, In-kind, etc.). Previous state fiscal year should be used.

	Funding Source	Amount of funding	Funding Period	Type of funding
A	Title III B	799,625.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
B	Title III B	312,204.83	July '24 – June '25	Federal ARPA
C	Title III B-Ombudsman	29,000.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
D	Title III B-Ombudsman	23,413.46	July '24 – June '25	Local
E	Title III B	580,613.00	July '24 – June '25	State
F	Title III B	3,294,735.59	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
G	Title III B	179,054.36	July '24 – June '25	In-Kind
H	Title III B	3,565.80	July '24 – June '25	Program Income
I	Title III C1	480,245.76	July '24 – June '25	Federal
J	Title III C1	175,598.30	July '24 – June '25	Federal ARPA
K	Title III C1	11,117.00	July '24 – June '25	State
L	Title III C1	29,944.74	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
M	Title III C1	47,219.36	July '24 – June '25	In-Kind
N	Title III C1	1,007.19	July '24 – June '25	Program Income
O	Title III C2	992,560.69	July '24 – June '25	Federal
P	Title III C2	161,751.41	July '24 – June '25	Federal ARPA
Q	Title III C2	15,344.00	July '24 – June '25	State
R	Title III C2	163,286.69	July '24 – June '25	SFM
S	Title III C2	116,323.19	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
T	Title III C2	90,756.59	July '24 – June '25	In-Kind
U	Title III C2	4,045.21	July '24 – June '25	Program Income
V	Title III D	20,980.72	July '24 – June '25	Federal
W	Title III D	59,950.05	July '24 – June '25	Federal ARPA
X	Title III D	693.41	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
Y	Title III E	409,996.07	July '24 – June '25	Federal
Z	Title III E	163,880.58	July '24 – June '25	Federal ARPA
AA	Title III E	167,615.00	July '24 – June '25	State
AB	Title III E	33,152.26	July '24 – June '25	In-Kind
AC	Homecare	1,973,456.00	July '24 – June '25	State
AD	Homecare	207,646.75	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
AE	Homecare	1,115.40	July '24 – June '25	Program Income
AF	Kentucky Caregivers	43,560.01	July '24 – June '25	State
AG	Long Term Care Ombudsman	226,979.47	July '24 – June '25	State
AH	Long Term Care Ombudsman	36,080.09	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash

AI	Elderly Abuse	10,181.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AJ	Elderly Abuse	26,962.81	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
AK	Title VII Ombudsman	27,017.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AL	Title VII Ombudsman	24,588.44	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
AM	Medical ADRC	59,225.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AN	Medical ADRC	59,225.00	July '24 – June '25	State
AO	Expended Senior Meals Plan	988,112.73	July '24 – June '25	State
AP	Expended Senior Meals Plan	35.88	July '24 – June '25	Local Cash
AQ	NSIP	140,321.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AR	MIPPA AAA	39,123.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AS	MIPPA SHIP	40,771.08	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AT	MIPPA ADRC	9,289.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AV	SHIP	90,788.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AW	SHIP	955.00	July '24 – June '25	Program Income
AX	INNU	5,657.49	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AY	Disaster Preparedness	9,684.00	July '24 – June '25	Federal
AZ	Bridging the GAP	88,505.20	July '24 – June '25	Federal
BA	PDS	70,256.03	July '24 – June '25	State

## VII. Current Service Coverage Charts

List out all services provided and the respective funding sources to support older Kentuckians in the area. Previous state fiscal year should be used.

Supportive Services – Access Services					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	516	A,E,F,G,H,AC
Transportation: Congregate	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11	A,B,E,F,G,H
Transportation: Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	704	A,B,E,F,G,H
Transportation: Escort	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	95	
Homecare: Personal Care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	119	AC,AD,AE
Homecare: Homemaker	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	243	AC,AD,AE
Homecare: Chore	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	79	AC,AD,AE
Homecare: Minor Home Repair	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Information and Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4732	A,B,E,F,G,H,AF
Legal Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	281	A,B,F

Nutrition Services					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Congregate Nutrition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1516	I,J,K,L,M,N,AO,AP
Grab and Go	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	650	O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,AO
Home Delivered Nutrition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1143	O,P,Q,R,S,T,U,AO,AP
Nutrition Education	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2401	0
Nutrition Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	0

Health Promotion Services					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Evidence Based Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	534	V,W,X
Non-Evidence Based Programs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2948	A,B,E,F,G,H,AF

Caregiver for Older Adults					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	179	Y,Z,AA
Information and Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	203	Y,Z,AA

Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (in home)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	113	Y,Z,AA,AB
Respite (out of home day)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	Y,Z,AA,AB
Respite (out of home night)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (other)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	44	Y,Z,AA,AB
Case Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	57	Y,Z,AA
Support Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Supplemental Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	159	Y,Z,AA,AB

Older Relative Caregivers					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	105	Y,Z,AA
Information and Assistance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	225	Y,Z,AA
Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Training	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (in home)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (out of home day)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (out of home night)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Respite (other)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Case Management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	Y,Z,AA
Support Groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Supplemental Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	106	Y,Z,AA

Other Services					
Service	Offered	AAAIL service provider	Contracted service provider	Number of individuals served (previous SFY)	Funding source (use letter from funding source table above)
Advocacy	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	418	A,B,E,F,G,H
Senior Center Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Mental Health Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		AX
Dementia Care Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	61	AZ
Housing or Shelter Assistance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
SHIP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		AV,AW
Elder Abuse Prevention	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1135	AI,AJ
Telephone Reassurance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Ombudsman Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3124	C,D,AG,AH,AK,AL
Friendly Visitors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
SCSEP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	0	
Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3479	A,B,E,F,G,H
Outreach	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	704	A,B,E,F,G,H
Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1852	A,B,E,F,G,H
Counseling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	274	A,B,E,F,G,H
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

For additional programs please fill in under the “Service” heading

### VIII. Quality Assurance Process

The quality assurance process of service programs allows the AAAIL to highlight areas for continuous improvement by assessing program implementation and data collection. This will be obtained by the following measures:

- Needs Assessment
- Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures

**Needs Assessment:** Describe all formats and sources used to evaluate the needs of the current AAAIL clients and those within the service area that are not currently receiving services for which they may be eligible. (include visual aid(s), survey results, etc.)

The recent Needs Assessment was conducted in partnership with POLCO NRC, an organization specializing in community research and evaluation. The assessment utilized the Community Assessment Survey for Older Adults (CASOA), a nationally recognized tool designed to measure seven domains of livability that influence the quality of life for older adults. A total of 2,800 households within our region were invited to participate in the survey with 360 completed surveys. The findings were compiled into a 153-page comprehensive report, which provides detailed data and actionable insights. This report serves as a critical resource to guide program development, policy decisions, and service improvements aimed at enhancing the well-being of older adults in our community.

Based on the needs assessment results above rank the service area’s top three needs and how they are being addressed in this area plan.

Rank	Need	Expectation
1.	Affordable Housing	We collaborate with the BGADD Board, which partners closely with our Community Planning team as well as local housing coalitions and associations. Together, these groups coordinate efforts to plan and secure affordable housing options within each county. This collective approach ensures that housing strategies are aligned with community needs and that resources are effectively utilized to expand access to affordable housing.
2.	Independent Living	We provide a range of supports designed to help older adults maintain independence and quality of life. These services include in-home assistance, transportation options, meal programs, farmers market vouchers, and connections to community resources. In addition, we participate in Village Model initiatives, which foster neighbor to neighbor support and strengthen community networks that enable older adults to live independently for as long as possible.
3.	Information on available services for older adults	We ensure that older adults across our region have access to timely and accurate resource information. This is accomplished through multiple outreach strategies, including participation in community events, presentations throughout the region, and direct engagement with BGADD Board members and AAAIL Council members. In addition, information is shared broadly through social media platforms and our website, expanding accessibility and awareness of available services.

## Gaps, Barriers, Needs to improve service delivery:

### Describe gaps, barriers, and needs for the current aging programs and clients

The Community Needs Assessment identified several areas for improvement in overall livability, with the top three priorities outlined above. Notably, the report highlighted that older adults in our region face significant challenges in remaining physically active and maintaining a healthy diet, where scores fell below national benchmarks.

These findings provide clear direction for future initiatives. Our efforts will focus on expanding health promotion education, physical fitness opportunities, nutrition education, and access to fresh produce. By strengthening these supports, we aim to improve health outcomes and enhance the quality of life for older adults in our community.

### Describe how the needs assessment and population data determine the future direction of the Area Plan and the aging program(s)

The information gathered through the Community Needs Assessment and population data reports will guide efforts to strengthen both our provider network and the broader community of older adults. The BGAAAIL Director participates in monthly BGADD Executive Board meetings, providing regular updates to the Mayors and Judge Executives who serve on the Board.

Affordable housing remains a significant concern across the Region. To address this issue, the BGADD Board collaborates with the Department of Local Governments, the Kentucky Association of Counties (KACO), and the Kentucky League of Cities (KLC). BGAAAIL will continue to emphasize the specific housing needs of older adults and actively advocate for funding and support to expand affordable housing options.

Each of our 18 county senior centers is equipped with fitness equipment that is free and accessible to all older adults. The Needs Assessment highlights the importance of expanding community outreach to raise awareness of these healthy living resources. In addition, BGAAAIL will explore the implementation of a new evidence-based health promotion program focused on physical fitness and healthy eating, further supporting the well-being of older adults in our Region.

**IX. Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures, and Strategies**

Every goal should be written utilizing the SMARTIE (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant, Time-based, Inclusive, and Equitable) objective with key performance indicators.

<b>State Goal 1</b>	<b>Increase access to public transportation services for seniors aged 60+ and individuals with disabilities in rural communities</b>
<b>Objective 1.1</b>	By January 1, 2027, DAIL will establish and conduct quarterly partnership meetings with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Office of Transportation Delivery (KYTC OTD) to expand collaboration with the Human Services Transportation Delivery Program, ensuring the perspectives of rural seniors and individuals with disabilities are represented.
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen collaboration between DAIL and KYTC OTD leading to expanded Human Services Transportation Delivery Program (HTTP) partnerships with four meetings per year beginning January 1, 2027</li> <li>2. Increased alignment of state-level efforts to improve transportation access for seniors and individuals with disabilities in rural communities with two new collaborative activities per year.</li> <li>3. Inclusion of senior and disability advocates results in more equitable transportation planning by adding four advocates who are a senior or an individual with disabilities.</li> </ol>	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen interagency coordination through structured quarterly meetings.</li> <li>2. Engage state-level stakeholders to improve transportation accessibility.</li> <li>3. Ensure representation from seniors and individuals with disabilities in transportation planning discussions.</li> <li>4. Develop a standard meeting agenda including updates, collaboration opportunities, and transportation barriers identified by rural populations</li> <li>5. Invite representatives from DAIL, KYTC OTD, AAAIL, ADRCs, disability advocacy groups, and rural transportation providers.</li> </ol>	
<b>Objective 1.2</b>	By August 1, 2027, each Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living (AAAIL) will develop and distribute a county-specific transportation resource guide based on the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet’s 2022-2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan, ensuring seniors and individuals with disabilities in every rural county have access to clear, accessible information about available public service transportation providers.
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Seniors and individuals with disabilities in all rural counties have access to comprehensive, easy-to-read information about transportation options by August 1, 2027.</li> <li>2. Increased awareness and utilization of available transportation services by providing county specific guides to each senior center in the region.</li> <li>3. Reduced information gaps and barriers faced by rural residents who lack internet or transportation knowledge by providing each program participant access to the guide by August 1, 2027.</li> <li>4. Upload digital versions to AAAIL and DAIL websites by October 1, 2027.</li> <li>5. Conduct short feedback surveys to assess readability and usefulness by June 30, 2028.</li> </ol>	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Create a standardized guide template (plain language, large print, and ADA-accessible digital format).</li> <li>2. AAAILs collect county-specific details: provider names, service areas, eligibility rules, scheduling procedures, costs, and accessibility features which should include the caregiver can ride for free.</li> </ol>	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Use state transportation data to populate accurate, up-to-date provider listings.</li> <li>4. Review the Kentucky 2022-2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan to identify active service providers in each county.</li> <li>5. Collaborate with community partners to develop locally relevant, county-level guidance.</li> <li>6. Finalize guides by May 1, 2027.</li> <li>7. Distribute guides to senior centers, ADRCs, libraries, senior housing complexes, and disability service organizations.</li> </ol>
<b>Objective 1.3</b>	By January 1, 2028, DAIL, ADRC, and local Aging staff will collaborate with existing rural transportation providers identified in the Kentucky 2022-2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan to create a strategic plan that increases bus/shuttle frequency and/or introduces alternative modes of transportation (rideshares, volunteer driver programs).
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Increased ridership options among seniors and individuals with disabilities due to improved accessibility and service offerings will increase 10% from the baseline established in the 2022-2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan stakeholder surveys.</li> <li>2. Establish at least 1 new transportation service option service in each planning service area by June 30, 2028.</li> </ol>	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Identify rural transportation providers operating in the counties flagged in the 2022-2045 Statewide Plan.</li> <li>2. Hold joint planning sessions to map service gaps, bus/shuttle frequency issues, and potential alternative transportation models.</li> <li>3. Develop a written strategic plan that includes pilot opportunities, cost estimates, resource needs, and target populations.</li> <li>4. Coordinate with volunteer driver programs, nonprofits, and rideshare companies (where feasible) to explore alternative mobility options.</li> </ol>	
<b>Objective 1.4</b>	By June 30, 2028, each Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living will ensure that at least one 5310 and/or 5311 transportation grant application for each eligible rural area is submitted to support expanded rural public transit options for seniors aged 60+ and individuals with disabilities to enhance essential services.
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of 5311 grant applications submitted from eligible rural areas will increase by 50% by June 30, 2028.</li> <li>2. DAIL will coordinate two technical assistance sessions for 5310/5311 grant submissions by beginning January 1, 2027.</li> </ol>	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Use Kentucky 2022-2045 Long-Range Statewide Transportation Plan to support high-quality applications.</li> <li>2. Identify all counties or regions eligible for Section 5310/5311 funding.</li> <li>3. Track the number and status of all applications submitted and awarded.</li> </ol>	

<b>K4A Goal 2</b>	<b>To launch statewide outreach awareness campaign for older adults and caregivers to expand awareness of the Aging program services and increase Aging program calls and referrals by 5% each fiscal year within the area plan (FY 27, 28, &amp; 29) totaling 15% by the end of June 30, 2029.</b>
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<b>Goal 2 Objective 2.1</b>	To create a unified statewide media packet for each district to use by December 31, 2026 for a statewide launch on January 4, 2027.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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Each ADD district will use the statewide database, Mon Ami, to track the number of calls and referrals on a monthly basis.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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1. Each ADD district distributes information flyers on Aging Program services from the media packet to all district senior centers, libraries, community centers, at community meetings, health departments, churches, doctor offices, and schools per quarter each fiscal year starting in January 2027.
2. Post information flyers on social media and in newspapers and radio on Aging Program services per quarter each fiscal year starting in January 2027.

<b>Goal 2 Objective 2.2</b>	To utilize the ADRC program to help in tracking the progress on the outreach awareness campaign
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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Each District's ADRC will be able to utilize Mon Ami data to show the impact of the outreach awareness campaign during the referral process and by tracking the number of calls & referrals monthly.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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1. Develop and add a question to the ADRC intake referral process to capture how the public is hearing about the ADD District's Aging Program by December 31, 2026.
2. Customize a data report in Mon Ami database to track this information by December 31, 2026.

<b>Goal 2 Objective 2.3</b>	Each ADD District will increase their presence in the district's community by collaborating often with current and new potential community providers.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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These activities will be tracked in Mon Ami database system by a Mon Ami customized report beginning on January 4, 2027.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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ADRC and Aging staff will focus on increasing 5% in attendance at activities for community events with current and new potential community partners each fiscal year.

<b>K4A Goal 3</b>	<b>Increase volunteer involvement and new enrollment in each ADD district focusing on the Ombudsman, SHIP, and senior centers programs by 5% each fiscal year within the area plan (FY27, 28, &amp; 29) totaling 15% by the end of June 30, 2029.</b>
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<b>Goal 3 Objective 3.1</b>	Launch a unified strategy statewide to attract new volunteers for the Ombudsman, SHIP, and senior center programs through outreach and marketing efforts by December 31, 2026.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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These activities will be tracked by Mon Ami database system and STARS program each quarter to focus on the impact of volunteer involvement and increase in hours volunteered starting on January 4, 2027.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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Host a recruiting event in-person or by zoom 1x a quarter in the Ombudsman, SHIP and/or senior center programs for each fiscal year in each ADD district starting on January 4, 2027.

<b>Goal 3 Objective 3.2</b>	Utilize district local senior centers, libraries, community centers, community meetings, health clinics, health departments, churches, doctor offices, and schools per quarter each fiscal year starting in January 2027 to promote and increase volunteer hours worked and track new volunteer enrollment.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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These activities will be tracked by Mon Ami database system and STARS program each quarter to track the attendance/or volunteer enrollment/activities.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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Ombudsman, volunteer, center staff, or other Aging staff will schedule and conduct an education session 1x per quarter on the benefits of volunteering in communities at district senior centers, libraries, community centers, community meetings, health departments, churches, doctor offices, and schools per quarter beginning in January 2027.

<b>Goal 3 Objective 3.3</b>	Increase volunteer participation with current and new volunteers with appreciation & training strategies.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>
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These activities will be tracked by Mon Ami database system and STARS program each quarter to track the number of hours of training and volunteer activities January 4, 2027.

<b>Strategies and Actions</b>
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1. Feature a volunteer of each quarter in your newsletter, social media, newspaper, and/or radio to spotlight the programs, volunteer's story, what they do, and why they are valued starting January 4, 2027.
2. Invest in more training opportunities for volunteers to enhance effectiveness, efficiency, and appreciation by hosting training each quarter and yearly in service training and appreciation events for the SHIP, Ombudsman, and/or senior center programs beginning in January 2027.

<b>AAAIL Goal 4</b>	<b>Increase overall wellness for older adults- including physical health and healthy diet</b>
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<b>Goal 4 Objective 4.1</b>	Increase participation in IIID evidence-based health promotion programs and IIIB non evidence-based activities by 5%- from 3055 individuals in FY 25 to 3208 in FY29.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
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Participation in IIID and IIIB health promotion programs	
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<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
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Advertise health promotion classes on social media and through monthly newsletters. Encourage participants from the community outside of the senior center to join.	
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<b>Goal 4 Objective 4.2</b>	Increase education of food assistance programs
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
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Hold education events devoted to food assistance resources at 4 senior centers per year. Increase awareness of food assistance programs by 5% measured by post-event survey.	
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<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
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Invite kynectors and other educators to present on food assistance programs in each county senior center to include the following recourses - SNAP, double dollars, farmers market	
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<b>Goal 4 Objective 4.3</b>	Increase healthy eating information to individuals regardless of their participation in our elder nutrition program.
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<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
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Increase number of articles on healthy eating posted on social media- currently 0 regular posts. Target- 4 posts per year on Facebook	
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<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
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Include healthy eating information quarterly in monthly BGAAAIL aging newsletter, develop social media posts to share across all senior centers quarterly.	
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<b>AAAIL Goal 5</b>	<b>Increase social engagement by 5%- measured by all senior center activities by June 30, 2029. 5,904 participants FY 25 to 6200</b>
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<b>Goal 5 Objective 5.1</b>	Increase awareness and participation in recreation opportunities
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
Increase the percentage of older adults who participate in recreation related activities at the senior centers by 5%- 3479 in FY 25 to 3653.	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
Include at least one enrichment activity per quarter in the AAAIL newsletter. Post at least 1 local/community event and recreation per quarter across social media.	
<b>Goal 5 Objective 5.2</b>	Increase outreach of social events and activities of senior centers.
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
Increase average reach of Facebook posts by 5%- Q1 FY 26 is 83 people reached per post. Target average reach 87 people per post	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
Include monthly newsletters from senior centers that have one on AAAIL social media. Post event flyers in high-traffic community locations such as libraries, community centers, and local government buildings. Add social media links for senior centers on our website	
<b>Goal 5 Objective 5.3</b>	Increase senior center participation- new clients measured in Mon Ami.
<b>Outcome/Performance Measures</b>	
Increase attendance of new clients at local senior centers by 5% 4067 in FY 25 to 4270 by FY29	
<b>Strategies and Actions</b>	
Develop and implement Senior Center engagement campaign. Engage advisory council members to be ambassadors encouraging others to join.	

## **X. Verification of Intent**

The Verification of Intent acknowledges and dates that the authoritative parties have all reviewed and approve the AAAIL Area Plan for State Fiscal Years 2027-2029.

The Area Agency on Aging is hereby submitted for the Bluegrass ADD. That includes the following counties, Anderson, Bourbon, Boyle, Clark, Estill, Fayette, Franklin, Garrard, Harrison, Jessamine, Lincoln, Madison, Mercer, Nicholas, Powell, Scott, Woodford for the period FY 2027-2029. It includes all assurances and plans to be followed by the Bluegrass AAAIL under provisions of the Older Americans Act, as amended during the period identified. The Area Agency on Aging identified will assume the full authority to develop and administer the Area Plan on Aging in accordance with all requirements of the OAA and related State policy. In accepting this authority, the Area Agency on Aging and Independent Living assumes major responsibility to develop and administer the Area Plan for the comprehensive and coordinated system of services and to serve as the advocate and focal point for older adults in the service area.

The Area Plan of Aging has been developed in accordance with all rules and regulations specified under the OAA and is hereby submitted to the State Unit on Aging (DAIL) for approval.

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David Dutlinger  
ADD Executive Director

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Date

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Celeste Robinson  
AAAIL Director

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Date

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Judge Executive Steve Hamilton  
Area Agency Advisory Council Chairperson

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Date

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Judge Executive Steve Hamilton  
ADD Board Chairperson

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Date

## Attachment A

### Contracts with Outside Organizations

List of all contracts with other organizations.

**Important Note:** All contractual relationships with an organization requires DAIL prior approval not less than thirty (30) days prior to signing of contract by the area agency and service provider.

Contract Organizations					
Name	Services provided (list all)	Units of services provided	Cost/Unit of Service	For profit	Non-Profit
Legal Aide of Bluegrass	Legal Services Title IIIB	896	52	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Legal Aide of Bluegrass	SHIP	1,764.29	52	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Independence Assistance of Bluegrass	Homecare: PC, HM, ES, CH, RE	23,133.5	44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Lifeline Homecare, Inc.	Homecare: PC, HM, ES, CH, RE	14,577.75	44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
All Ways Caring	Homecare: PC, HM, ES, CH, RE	1,352.5	44	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Independence of Bluegrass	Title III E: Respite	1,706.75	32	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP	Homecare/Title III B Case Management & Assessment	5,672.25	56	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP	Title III C1/C2 meals	170,931	4.78	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP	Title III C1/C2 Shelf Stable meals	12,809	4.78		x
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln	Title III C1 meal service	72,623	6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center					
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center	Title III C2 meal delivery	113,278	8.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Advocacy	1,138	9.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior	Title IIIB Counseling	345	16.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Center, Lexington Senior Center					
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Education	41,417	8.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Employment services	0	7.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Assisted Transportation	0	36.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Friendly Visiting	0	13.50	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Health Promotion, I&A, Outreach	275,650	11.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Recreation	296,735	6.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Bluegrass CAP, Ky River Foothills, A Gathering Place Activity Center, Estill County Senior Center, Capital City Activity Center, Harrison County Commission on Aging, Lincoln County Senior Center, Nicholas County Senior Center, Lexington Senior Center	Title IIIB Transportation	45,997	9.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicholas County Senior Center	Title IIIB: CH, HM, PC,	0	44.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nursing Home Ombudsman of Bluegrass	Title IIIB, VII, VII Elder Abuse, State LTC OMB	4259	27.00		x
Uniper Care, Inc	Uniper Virtual Senior Center System		\$55,290.00	x	
ITN Bluegrass	Fayette County Satellite Center meal delivery		\$44 per trip		x
Demetra Antimisiaris, PharmD,BCGP,F ASCP	Title IIID		\$55 per review of HomeMeds medication program		x
Pennyrile ADD/AAAIL	Veterans Direct Care Program				x
BGADD additional contract information included in the FY26 Cost Allocation Plan on pages 2-4.				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Attachment B

### Waiver & Special Request Approvals

#### DIRECT SERVICE WAIVER REQUEST FOR THE PERIOD OF THE PLAN

*Instructions: In accordance with Section 316 of the Older Americans Act (Chapter 35, 42 U.S.C. 3030c-3) Area Agencies on Aging will submit all the required items listed below to the Department for Aging and Independent Living when initially requesting to provide a service directly. Contact the appropriate Programs Field Representative for more information.*

#### Statement of Request

Provide a separate request for each service (add additional tables as necessary)

Service	<b>Congregate Meal Schedule</b>
Actions taken prior to determination of direct service provision	Our 18 Senior Centers operate five days a week; 14 provide daily congregate meals. We request a waiver for four centers to offer meals three days weekly due to transportation and staffing constraints. Boyle and Lincoln Counties require extensive routes and more resources, while Harrison and Nicholas are rural with long travel times. Nicholas County lacks a dedicated agency vehicle, limiting rider capacity. These four centers have successfully served meals three days per week for years without community concern. They also ensure participants have access to food through local food banks, shelf-stable emergency meals, and farmers market vouchers.
Name(s) of potential providers contacted and their responses	This request includes providers from Boyle, Harrison, Lincoln, and Nicholas counties.
Name(s) of newspapers and/or publications and documentation of the announcement of the availability of funds	n/a
Scope of work	Permit these 4 counties to be open to the public 5 days per week, however serving congregate meals only 3 days per week.

Service	<b>Provision of Non-Traditional meals</b>
Actions taken prior to determination of direct service provision	Bluegrass Region serves hot meals to all recipients. We request a waiver to offer 3-4 frozen meals plus 1-2 hot meals weekly to those in remote county areas, reducing staffing and delivery costs. Frozen meals will be provided only to qualified individuals living outside standard routes who can store and heat them. This approach ensures up to five weekly home-delivered meals based on assessed needs.

Name(s) of potential providers contacted and their responses	All Bluegrass Region Counties.
Name(s) of newspapers and/or publications and documentation of the announcement of the availability of funds	n/a
Scope of work	Utilize frozen non-traditional meals to individuals who live on boundaries of counties to meet the provision of making 5 meals per week requirement.

## Attachment C

### Area Advisory Council

This Council, mandated by the federal 1965 OAA and 910 KAR 1:220 (5), advises the AAAIL on all community policies, programs, and actions affecting older persons throughout the region. The Council also reviews and advises the AAAIL on its annual Area Plan, a report, and the needs assessment of services and assistance throughout the region required by DAIL.

At least half of the Council is composed of regional residents 60 years and older, including minority individuals, who participate in or are eligible for OAA Title III programs such as general support services, nutrition programs, and caregiver support. The remaining Council membership includes representatives of healthcare and support service providers, local officials, and other interested individuals.

#### Area Agency Advisory Council:

Council Member Name	Council role per 910 KAR 1:220 (5)(1)(b)	Term
Linda Pollock	Older Person	n/a
Shelba Risner	Older Person	n/a
Paula Marcum	Older Person, Community Volunteer	n/a
Bette Edward	Older Person, Community Volunteer	n/a
Natalie Monroe	Community Volunteer	n/a
Melissa Caudill	Community Volunteer	n/a
Minda Allen	Older Person	n/a
Jimmy Graves	Older Person	n/a
David Weigand	Older Person	n/a
Virginia Gregg	Older Person, Community Volunteer	n/a
Karen Terrell	Older Person, Community Volunteer	n/a
Diane Dominick	Older Person, Board member	n/a
Hollis Rosenstein	Older Person	n/a
Carolyn Bottom	Older Person	n/a
Delores Hatfield	Older Person	n/a
Cathy Denham	Older Person	n/a
Barbara Frederick	Older Person, Community Volunteer	n/a
Jane Penn	Older Person	n/a
Hazel Ramsey	Older Person, Supportive Service Rep	n/a
Elfreda Salyers	Older Person	n/a
Juanita White	Older Person	n/a
Emily Adams	Older Person	n/a
Louise Day	Older Person	n/a
Bruce Creech	Older Person	n/a
Gladys Hubbard	Older Person	n/a
Vickie Asher	Older Person	n/a
Connie Ledington	Older Person, Supportive Service Rep	n/a
Reeda Rowland	Older Person	n/a
Robert Rowland	Older Person	n/a

Lyda Scanlon	Older Person	n/a
Carolyn Sexton	Older Person, Board member	n/a
Theodre Beard	Older Person/Veteran/Community Vol	n/a
Patsy Crain	Older Person	n/a
Bonnie Blount	Older Person	n/a
Ella Young	Older Person	n/a
Arthur Gerth	Older Person	n/a
Jimmy Luttrell	Older Person	n/a
Jennifer Robinson, LCSW	Lexington VA Health Care Center	n/a
Judge Steve Hamilton	County Judge Executive	n/a

add additional lines as necessary

## Attachment D

**Public Hearing:** The AAAIL must seek public input with respect to the area plan by:

- Allowing the advisory council to aid the AAAIL in conducting public hearings to ensure that individuals of the greatest social and greatest economic need are included in the hearings.
- The advisory council shall review and provide comments related to the area plan to the area agency prior to the area agency’s submission of the plan to the State agency for approval.

Date Area Plan available for review	Place available for review
December 8, 2025 DRAFT Version	BGADD website, link on social media (facebook and LinkedIn)

Public Hearing		
Date/Time	Location/Method	Number of participants
January 14, 2026  9:55am – 10:20am	BGADD office 699 Perimeter Dr. Lexington, KY 40517 10:00am EST  In-person and virtual option for attendance	24 community 8 staff 19 provider staff

## Attachment E

### Submission Instructions

#### 1. Area Plan Important Dates:

Area Plan form released by DAIL	September 25, 2025
Area Plan Training Session 1	September 25, 2025
Area Plan Training Session 2	October 14, 2025
DAIL Office Hours	November 3, 2025. 11 am EST
DAIL Office Hours	November 12, 2025. 2 pm EST
DAIL Office Hours	December 11, 2025 2 pm EST
<b>Area Plan Submission Date</b>	<b>February 1, 2026</b>
Area Plan Presentation	February 25 and 26, 2026
<b>Approval of Area Plans</b>	<b>May 1, 2026</b>
<b>Area Plans effective</b>	<b>July 1, 2026</b>

#### 2. Formatting Requirements

- The Area Plan document will be required to include all required fields in the template
- Include a footer listing the name of the Name of AAAIL/Region, Document year of plan  
For example: *Department for Aging and Independent Living-Area Plan\_2027-2029*
- You are encouraged to use pictures to help enhance the impact of your services when appropriate.

#### 3. Electronic Submission

- Area Plans must be submitted electronically to the Department for Aging and Independent Living email at [DAILAging@ky.gov](mailto:DAILAging@ky.gov) by **February 1**.
- Signature forms must include a written signature and be submitted as an additional document along with the completed Area Plan.
- The electronic submission should include the following documents:
  - Completed Area Plan Document
  - Signature Forms with written signature
  - Other forms and charts as required

#### 4. Presentation

- A virtual presentation of your Area Plan will be required as part of the approval process.
- Presentations should be 30 minutes and allow an additional 15 minutes for questions.
- Presentations will take place at a time and location to be determined.
- Plans will not be approved without a virtual presentation.

## **Attachment F**

### **STANDARD ASSURANCES - OLDER AMERICANS ACT (OAA) Public Law 89-73, 42 U.S.C.A. § 3001, et seq., as amended**

#### **I) ORGANIZATIONAL ASSURANCES**

##### **1. SEPARATE ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**

If the Area Agency on Aging has responsibilities which go beyond programs for the elderly, a separate organizational unit within the agency has been created which functions only for the purposes of serving as the Area Agency on Aging.

##### **2. FULL TIME DIRECTOR**

The Area Agency or the separate organizational unit which functions only for the purposes of serving as the Area Agency on Aging is headed by an individual qualified by education or experience, working full-time solely on Area Agency on Aging functions and Area Plan management.

#### **II) AREA AGENCY MANAGEMENT COMPLIANCE ASSURANCES**

##### **3. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY (5CFR Part 900, Subpart F)**

The Area Agency assures fair treatment of applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, age, or handicap and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights as citizens. This "fair treatment" principle includes compliance with the Federal equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination laws. These include Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other relevant laws

##### **4. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The Area Agency has assigned primary responsibility for Emergency Management planning to a staff member; the Area Emergency Management Plan which was developed in accordance with the Kentucky Department for Aging and Independent Living (and hereafter DAIL) shall be reviewed at least annually and is revised as necessary. The Area Agency also assures cooperation subject to client need in the use of any facility, equipment, or resources owned or operated by the DAIL which may be required in the event of a declared emergency or disaster.

As in Sec. 306(a)(16) or (17), the Area Agency shall include information detailing how the Area Agency on aging will coordinate activities and develop long-range emergency response plans with local and State emergency response agencies, relief organizations, local and State governments, and any other institutions that have responsibility for relief service delivery.

##### **5. DIRECT PROVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

No Title III supportive services, nutrition services, or in-home services are being directly provided by the Area Agency except where provision of such services by the Area Agency has been determined by the DAIL to be necessary in assuring an adequate supply of such services; or where services are directly related to the AAAIL administrative functions; or where services of comparable quality can be provided more economically by the Area Agency.

##### **6. REVIEW BY ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Area Agency has provided the Area Agency Advisory Council the opportunity to review and comment on the Area Plan and operations conducted under the plan.

##### **7. ATTENDANCE AT STATE TRAINING**

The Area Agency assures that it will send appropriate staff to those training sessions required by the DAIL.

#### 8. PROPOSAL FOR PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND COORDINATION

The Area Agency has submitted the details of its proposals to pay for program development and coordination as a cost of supportive services to the general public (including government officials, and the aging services network) for review and comment. The Area Agency has budgeted its total allotment for Area Plan Administration before budgeting Title III-B funds for Program Development in accordance with 45 CFR 1321.17(14).

#### 9. COMPETITIVE PROCESS FOR NUTRITION PROVIDERS, SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROVIDERS, AND FOOD VENDORS

- a) Nutrition providers and supportive service providers will be selected through competitive negotiations or a Request for Proposal process. Documentation will be maintained in the Area Agency files.
- b) Nutrition service providers who have a central kitchen or who prepare food on-site must obtain all food and supplies through appropriate procurement procedures, as specified by the DAIL.
- c) Food vendors will be selected through a competitive sealed bid process.
- d) Nutrition service providers who have a central kitchen or who prepare meals on-site must develop a food service proposal.
- e) Copies of all Requests for Proposals and bid specifications will be maintained at the Area Agency for review.

#### 10. REPORTING

The Area Agency assures that it will maintain required data on the services included in the Area Plan and report such data to the DAIL in the form and format requested.

#### 11. NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No officer, employee, or other representative of the Area Agency on Aging is subject to a conflict of interest prohibited under this Act; and mechanisms are in place at the Area Agency on Aging to identify and remove conflicts of interest prohibited under this Act.

### III) SERVICE PROVISION ASSURANCES

#### 12. MEANS TEST

No Title III service provider uses a means test to deny or limit receipt of Title III services under the Area Plan.

#### 13. EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY BY SERVICE PROVIDERS

The Area Agency assures that service providers provide fair treatment of applicants and employees in all aspects of personnel administration without regard to political affiliation, race, color, national origin, sex, religious creed, age, or handicap and with proper regard for their privacy and constitutional rights as citizens. This "fair treatment" principle includes compliance with the Federal equal employment opportunity and nondiscrimination laws. These include Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Equal Pay Act of 1963, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other relevant laws.

#### 14. STANDARDS/GUIDELINES/POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The Area Agency and all service providers will comply with all applicable DAIL standards, guidelines, policies, and procedures.

NOTE: No additional waiver of the Multi-Purpose Senior Center (MPSC) Standards is necessary IF the Area Agency has previously obtained such a waiver AND there have been no changes since the submission of the waiver request.

#### 15. SPECIAL MEALS

Each nutrition program funded under the Area Plan is providing special meals, where feasible and appropriate, to meet the particular dietary needs, arising from the health requirements, religious requirements, or ethnic backgrounds of eligible individuals.

#### 16. CONTRIBUTIONS

Older persons are provided an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to part or all of the cost of Title III services received under the Area Plan, in accordance with procedures established by the DAAL. Title III services are not denied based on failure to contribute.

The area agency on aging shall ensure that each service provider will-

- A. Provide each recipient with an opportunity to voluntarily contribute to the cost of the service.
- B. Clearly inform each recipient that there is no obligation to contribute and that the contribution is purely voluntary;
- C. Protect the privacy and confidentiality of each recipient with respect to the recipient's contribution or lack of contribution;
- D. Establish appropriate procedures to safeguard and account for all contributions; and
- E. Use all collected contributions to expand the service for which the contributions were given and to supplement (not supplant) funds received under this act.

Voluntary contributions shall be allowed and may be solicited for all services for which funds are received under this Act if the method of solicitation is not coercive. Such contributions shall be encouraged for individuals whose self-declared income is at or above 185 percent of the poverty line, at contribution levels based on the actual cost of services.

#### 17. PERSONNEL POLICIES

Written personnel policies affecting Area Agency and service provider staff have been developed to include, but are not limited to, written job descriptions for each position; evaluation of job performance; annual leave; sick leave; holiday schedules; normal working hours; and compensatory time.

#### 18. COORDINATION WITH TITLE V NATIONAL SPONSORS

The Area Agency will meet at least annually with the representatives of Title V Older American Community Service Employment Program (formerly SCSEP) sponsors operating within their Planning and Service Areas (PSAs) to discuss equitable distribution of enrollee positions within the PSA and coordinate activities as appropriate.

#### 19. PREFERENCE IN PROVIDING SERVICES

The Area Agency on Aging provides assurance that preference will be given to services to older individuals with the greatest economic need and older individuals with the greatest social need, (with particular attention to low-income older individuals, including low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas) and include proposed methods of carrying out the preference in the Area Plan. [Section 305(a)(2)(E)]

### **IV) TITLE III, PART A ASSURANCES**

The Area Agency on Aging assures that it shall --

20. Sec. 306(a)(2) - provide assurances that an adequate proportion, as required under section 307(a)(2), of the amount allotted for part B to the planning and service area will be expended for the delivery of each of the following categories of services-
  - A. Services associated with access to services (transportation, health services (including mental health services), outreach, information, and assistance (which may include information and assistance to consumers on availability of services under part B and how to receive benefits under and participate in publicly supported programs for which the consumer may be eligible) and case management services;
  - B. In home services, including supportive services for families of individuals who have a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction; and

- C. Legal Assistance; and assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will report annually to the State agency in detail the amount of funds expended for each such category during the fiscal year most recently concluded.
21. Sec. 306(a)(4)(A)(i) - provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will—
- (I) (aa) set specific objectives, consistent with State policy, for providing services to older individuals with greatest economic need, older individuals with greatest social need, and older individuals at risk for institutional placement;
  - (bb) include specific objectives for providing services to low-income minority older individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas; and
  - (II) include proposed methods to achieve the objectives described in items (aa) and (bb) of sub clause (I);
22. Sec. 306(a)(4)(A)(ii) provide assurances that the area agency on aging will include in each agreement made with a provider of any service under this title, a requirement that such provider will—
- (I) specify how the provider intends to satisfy the service needs of low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas in the area served by the provider;
  - (II) to the maximum extent feasible, provide services to low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas in accordance with their need for such services; and
  - (III) meet specific objectives established by the Area Agency on Aging, for providing services to low-income minority individuals, older individuals with limited English proficiency, and older individuals residing in rural areas within the planning and service area; and
23. Sec. 306(a)(4)(A)(iii) - With respect to the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which such plan is prepared, the Area Agency on Aging shall—
- (I) identify the number of low income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas in the planning and service area;
  - (II) describe the methods used to satisfy the service needs of such minority older individuals; and
  - (III) provide information on the extent to which the Area Agency on Aging met the objectives described in clause (a)(4)(A)(i).
24. Sec. 306(a)(4)(B) - provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will use outreach efforts that will identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on—
- (I) older individuals residing in rural areas;
  - (II) older individuals with greatest economic need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);
  - (III) older individuals with greatest social need (with particular attention to low-income minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas);
  - (IV) older individuals with severe disabilities;
  - (V) older individuals with limited English proficiency;
  - (VI) older individuals with Alzheimer’s disease and related disorders with neurological and organic brain dysfunction (and the caretakers of such individuals); and
  - (VII) older individuals at risk for institutional placement; and
- (ii) inform the older individuals referred to in sub-clauses (I) through (VII) of clause (i), and the caretakers of such individuals, of the availability of such assistance;

25. Sec. 306(a)(4)(C) - provide assurance that the Area Agency on Aging will ensure that each activity undertaken by the agency, including planning, advocacy, and systems development, will include a focus on the needs of low income minority older individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas.
26. Sec. 306(a)(5) provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will coordinate planning, identification, assessment of needs, and provision of services for older individuals with disabilities, with particular attention to individuals with severe disabilities, and individuals at risk for institutional placement, with agencies that develop or provide services for individuals with disabilities.
27. Sec. 306(a)(6)(A) - take into account in connection with matters of general policy arising in the development and administration of the area plan, the views of recipients of services under such plan;
28. Sec. 306(a)(6)(B) -serve as the advocate and focal point for older individuals within the community by (in cooperation with agencies, organizations, and individuals participating in activities under the plan) monitoring, evaluating, and commenting upon all policies, programs, hearings, levies, and community actions which will affect older individuals
29. Sec. 306(a)(6)(C)
  - (i) enter, where possible, into arrangements with organizations providing day care services for children, assistance to older individuals caring for relatives who are children and respite for families, so as to provide opportunities for older individuals to aid or assist on a voluntary basis in the delivery of such services to children, adults, and families;
  - (ii) if possible, regarding the provision of services under this title, enter into arrangements and coordinate with organizations that have a proven record of providing services to older individuals, that-
    - (I) were officially designated as community action agencies or community action programs under section 210 of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2790) for fiscal year 1981, and did not lose the designation as a result of failure to comply with such Act; or
    - (II) came into existence during fiscal year 1982 as direct successors in interest to such community action agencies or community action programs; and that meet the requirements under section 675(c)(3) of the Community Services Block Grant Act (42 U.S.C. 9904(c)(3)); and
30. Sec. 306(a)(6)(C)(iii) - make use of trained volunteers in providing direct services delivered to older individuals and individuals with disabilities needing such services and, if possible, work in coordination with organizations that have experience in providing training, placement, and stipends for volunteers or participants (such as organizations carrying out Federal service programs administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service), in community service settings;
31. Sec. 306(a)(6)(D) establish an advisory council consisting of older individuals (including minority individuals and older individuals residing in rural areas) who are participants or who are eligible to participate in programs assisted under this Act, family caregivers of such individuals, representatives of older individuals, service providers, representatives of the business community, local elected officials, providers of veterans' health care (if appropriate), and the general public, to advise continuously the area agency on aging on all matters relating to the development of the area plan, the administration of the plan and operations conducted under the plan;
32. Sec. 306(a)(6)(E) establish effective and efficient procedures for coordination of -
  - (I) entities conducting programs that receive assistance under this Act within the planning and service area served by the agency; and
  - (ii) entities conducting other Federal programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in section 203(b) [42 USC § 3013(b)], within the area;
33. Sec. 306(a)(6)(F) – The Area Agency on Aging will in coordination with the State Agency on Aging (DAIL) and the State agency responsible for mental health services, increase public awareness of mental health disorders,

remove barriers to diagnosis and treatment, and coordinate mental health services (including mental health screenings) provided with funds expended by the Area Agency on Aging with the mental health services provided by community health centers and by other public agencies and nonprofit private organizations;

34. Sec. 306(a)(7) - provide that the area agency on aging shall, consistent with this section, facilitate the area-wide development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated system for providing long-term care in home and community-based settings, in a manner responsive to the needs and preferences of older individuals and their family caregivers, by –
- (A) collaborating, coordinating activities, and consulting with other local public and private agencies and organizations responsible for administering programs, benefits, and services related to providing long-term care;
  - (B) conducting analyses and making recommendations with respect to strategies for modifying the local system of long-term care to better –
    - (i) respond to the needs and preferences of older individuals and family caregivers;
    - (ii) facilitate the provision, by service providers, of long-term care in home and community-based settings; and
    - (iii) target services to older individuals at risk for institutional placement, to permit such individuals to remain in home and community-based settings;
  - (C) implementing, through the agency or service providers, evidenced-based programs to assist older individuals and their family caregivers in learning about and making behavioral changes intended to reduce the risk of injury, disease, and disability among older individuals; and
  - (D) providing for the availability and distribution (through public education campaigns, Aging and Disability Resource Centers, the Area Agency on Aging itself, and other appropriate means) of information related to
    - (i) the need to plan in advance for long-term care; and
    - (ii) the full range of available public and private long-term care (including integrated long-term care) programs, options, service providers, and resources.
35. Sec. 306(a)(8) that case management services provided under this title through the area agency on aging will -
- (A) not duplicate case management services provided through other Federal and State programs;
  - (B) be coordinated with services described in subparagraph (A); and
  - (C) be provided by a public agency or a nonprofit private agency that -
    - (i) gives each older individual seeking service under this subchapter a list of agencies that provide similar services within the jurisdiction of the Area Agency on Aging;
    - (ii) gives each individual described in clause (i) a statement specifying that the individual has a right to make an independent choice of service providers and documents receipt by such individual of such statement;
    - (iii) has case managers acting as agents for the individuals receiving services and not as promoters for the agency providing such services; or
    - (iv) is located in a rural area and obtains a waiver of the requirement described in clauses (i) through (iii); and
    - (v) is not located, does not provide, and does not have a direct or indirect ownership or controlling interest in, or a direct or indirect affiliation or relationship with, an entity that provides, services other than case management services under this title.

36. Sec. 306(a)(10) establish a grievance procedure for older individuals who are dissatisfied with or denied services under this subchapter;
37. Sec. 306(a)(11) – provide information and assurances by the Area Agency on Aging concerning services to older individuals who are Native Americans (referred to in this paragraph as "older Native Americans"), including -
  - (A) information concerning whether there is a significant population of older Native Americans in the planning and service area and if so, an assurance that the Area Agency on Aging will pursue activities, including outreach, to increase access of those older Native Americans to programs and benefits provided under this title;
  - (B) an assurance that the Area Agency on Aging will, to the maximum extent practicable, coordinate the services the agency provides under this title with services provided under title VI; and
  - (C) an assurance that the Area Agency on Aging will make services under the area plan available; to the same extent as such services are available to older individuals within the planning and service area, to older Native Americans.
38. Sec. 306(a)(12) provide that the Area Agency on Aging will establish procedures for coordination of services with entities conducting other Federal or federally assisted programs for older individuals at the local level, with particular emphasis on entities conducting programs described in section 203(b)[42 U.S.C. § 3013(b)] within the planning and service area.
39. Sec. 306(a)(13)(A) - provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will maintain the integrity and public purpose of services provided, and service providers, under this title in all contractual and commercial relationships.
40. Sec. 306(a)(13)(B) - provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will disclose to the Assistant Secretary and the State Agency—
  - (i) the identity of each nongovernmental entity with which such agency has a contract or commercial relationship relating to providing any service to older individuals; and
  - (ii) the nature of such contract or such relationship.
41. Sec. 306(a)(13)(C) - provide assurances that the Area Agency will demonstrate that a loss or diminution in the quantity or quality of the services provided, or to be provided, under this title by such agency has not resulted and will not result from such non-governmental contracts or such commercial relationships.
42. Sec. 306(a)(13)(D) - provide assurances that the Area Agency will demonstrate that the quantity or quality of the services to be provided under this title by such agency will be enhanced as a result of such non-governmental contracts or commercial relationships.
43. Sec. 306(a)(13)(E) - shall provide assurances that the Area Agency will, on the request of the Assistant Secretary or the State, for the purpose of monitoring compliance with this Act (including conducting an audit), disclose all sources and expenditures of funds such agency receives or expends to provide services to older individuals.
44. Sec. 306(a)(14) – provide assurance that preference in receiving services under Sec. 301 will not be given by the area agency on aging to particular older individuals as a result of a contract or commercial relationship that is not carried out to implement this title.
45. Sec. 306(a)(15)(A) - provide assurances that funds received under this title will be used - to provide benefits and services to older individuals, giving priority to older individuals identified in paragraph (4)(A)(i) (Section 306(a)(4)(A)(i); and
46. Sec. 306(a)(15)(B) – provide assurances that funds received under this title will be used in compliance with the assurances specified in paragraph (13)(Sec. 306(a)(13) in regard to commercial contractual relationships and the limitations specified in section 212 (42 U.S.C.A. § 3020c);

47. Sec. 306(a)(16) provide, to the extent feasible, for the furnishing of services under this Act, consistent with self-directed care;
48. Sec. 306(a)(17) – shall include information detailing how the area agency on aging will coordinate activities, and develop long-range emergency preparedness plans, with local and State emergency response agencies, relief organizations, local and State governments, and any other institutions that have responsibility for disaster relief service delivery;
49. Sec. 306(a)(18) shall provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will collect data to determine –
  - (A) the services that are needed by older individual whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under title IV [42 U.S.C. § 3031 et seq.] as of fiscal year 2019, and
  - (B) the effectiveness of the programs, policies, and services provided by such area agency on aging in assisting such individuals.
50. Sec. 306(a)(19) provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will use outreach efforts that will identify individuals eligible for assistance under this Act, with special emphasis on those individuals whose needs were the focus of all centers funded under Title IV [42 U.S.C. §3031 et seq.] in fiscal year 2019
51. Projects in the planning and service area will reasonably accommodate participants, as described in the Act, and any special needs in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other state and federal law.
52. Sec. 306(c) If an Area Agency on Aging has satisfactorily demonstrated to the State agency that services being furnished for such category in the area are sufficient to meet the need for such services and had conducted a timely public hearing on such needs, then the State agency in approving the submitted area plan has waived further proof of the requirement described in Sec. 306(a)(2) for the term of that area plan, unless an inquiry or concern leads the State Agency to investigate the veracity of the sufficiency of service needs being met in the PSA.

## **VI) TITLE VII/LEGAL ASSISTANCE ASSURANCES**

53. Sec. 307(11)(A) provide assurances that the Area Agency on Aging will –
  - (i) enter into contracts with providers of legal assistance which can demonstrate the experience or capacity to deliver legal assistance;
  - (ii) include in any such contract provisions to assure that any recipient of funds under division (A) will be subject to specific restrictions and regulations promulgated under the Legal Services Corporation Act (other than restrictions and regulations governing eligibility for legal assistance under such Act and governing membership of local governing boards) as determined appropriate by the Assistant Secretary; and
  - (iii) attempt to involve the private bar in legal assistance activities authorized under this title, including groups within the private bar furnishing services to older individuals in pro bono and reduced fee basis
54. Sec. 307(11)(D) provide assurances that, to the extent practicable, that legal assistance furnished under the Area Plan will be in addition to any legal assistance for older individuals being furnished with funds from sources other than this Act and that reasonable efforts will be made to maintain existing levels of legal assistance for older individuals.
55. Sec. 307(11)(E) provide assurances that Area Agencies on Aging will give priority to legal assistance related to income, health care, long-term care, nutrition, housing, utilities, protective services, defense of guardianship, abuse, neglect, and age discrimination.

## Verification of Older Americans Act Assurances

My signature below indicates that the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging is in compliance and will maintain compliance with all aforementioned Standard Assurances.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Celeste Robinson  
AAAIL Director

\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Judge Executive Steve Hamilton  
Area Agency Advisory Council Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_ Date