

Hospice ARPA Funding Request

I want to be upfront and inform you that I sent this email to Tina Scott since the Hospice Services of Lake County is located in her District. (I mention the communication due to the Brown Act.) However, Since we serve the whole County and you seem to have a special interest in the health and well being of seniors, I would also send my message to you.

Hospice Services of Lake County is a relatively small health care agency serving Lake County residents. We have and continue to experience unanticipated costs associated with COVID such as protective and testing supplies. A community member mentioned to me today that there may be Arpa funds available through the County of Lake to assist with these expenses. **I'd like to ask if you can advise on the availability of funding to help defray the above mentioned and other COVID related expense to our agency.**

Secondly, as a member of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Advisory committee, I recently formed a committee called Seniors Thriving with the aim to help advocate for the needs of seniors and promote services for older adults. Through my work with Hospice Services, I've seen first hand the sad effects of isolation for this population and their families. AAA budgeted for the publication of Senior Resource Directories in an online and printed version. Please see attached link to the website.

The quantity of printed directories is almost depleted except for a quantity reserved for special events. The next printing is not scheduled until 2024. We have actively distributed the directors to primary care physician offices, home health agencies and most recently AmeriCorps volunteers distributed to vulnerable seniors while canvassing neighborhoods and giving out emergency preparedness information. This was a partnership with Hospice Services and NCO. While the online publication will be maintained, many older adults are not tech savvy enough to navigated the website. Program Coordinator Dena Eddings informed that I cannot request funds from the County representing AAA. **Are you able to help me understand if I may request funds on behalf of Hospice Services for the purpose of reprinting approximately 4,500 directories?** This will allow us to continue distributing them to seniors and their support system until the next printing in 2024.

There are many vulnerable seniors in our community and this directory impacts their ability to seek services to maintain their health and wellness. <http://seniorresourcedirectory.org/>

Thank you for your help with this issues and most importantly your service to our community. I'd be please to provide more detailed information and will drop off a copy of the publication to your office.

Warm Regards,

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