

Community Innovations for Aging in Place

Project Summary

Grantee Organization: Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Community Services Center

State: California

Project Title: LGBT Aging in Place Initiative

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The L.A. Gay & Lesbian Center's Seniors Services Department seeks funding for a three-year lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) Aging in Place Initiative, a unique intervention providing LGBT seniors with targeted support services, as well as training for service providers that assist area seniors as they age in place.

Goals and Objectives:

The overarching goal of the project is to ensure that LGBT older adults in Los Angeles are treated with dignity and respect as they access a comprehensive and coordinated continuum of aging-in-place support services that target LGBT seniors. The objectives are: 1) provide social/recreational programming, support services, and educational and intergenerational opportunities that assist LGBT older adults in building community and improving social networks, thereby decreasing isolation and invisibility; 2) provide short-term case management services, offering LGBT seniors individual support and assistance in times of need and crisis; and 3) train local health and human service agencies and providers to ensure LGBT older adults receive quality care in mainstream institutions.

Outcomes and Products:

The expected outcomes of this pioneering intervention are: increase socialization among and between LGBT older adults and provide LGBT seniors with greater access to LGBT-targeted services; establish a central data bank for LGBT-friendly resources and become a resource clearinghouse; LGBT seniors will have greater access to resources that are LGBT-friendly; and increase the knowledge and awareness of LGBT senior issues and needs among mainstream social service providers. The products of this project are: evaluation data that will be useful for local efforts to better serve this population; a replicable model with project best practices for serving LGBT seniors, as well as a training curriculum, that will be useful to various programs throughout the state and country.