



Date: March 9, 2022

Re: Notice of Funding Availability:
FY 2023 Request for “Letters of Intent” – Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (LTCOP)

AgeOptions, the Area Agency on Aging for Planning and Service Area 13, is accepting “Letters of Intent” to apply for the designation of Regional Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program in the areas listed below:

The current service areas are:

1. City of Evanston
2. Suburban Cook County except the Township of Evanston.

Applicants may apply for the existing service areas or at least one of the thirty different townships in suburban Cook County.

<u>Northern Townships</u>	<u>Western Townships</u>	<u>Southern Townships</u>
Barrington Elk Grove Evanston Hanover Maine New Trier Niles Northfield Palatine Schaumburg Wheeling	Berwyn Cicero Leyden Lyons Norwood Park Oak Park North Proviso South Proviso River Forest Riverside	Bloom Bremen Calumet Lemont Orland Palos Rich Stickney Thornton Worth

The Illinois Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program is authorized by and acts in accordance with the federal Older Americans Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 3001 et seq. and the Illinois Act on the Aging, 20 ILCS 105/4.04.

The LTCOP is a resident-centered advocacy program. The program protects and improves the quality of care and quality of life for residents of long-term care facilities in Illinois.

The service components are: investigative services; regular presence in long-term care facilities; issue advocacy; consultation and community education; and resident and family council support.

PSA 13	Suburban Cook (except Evanston)	City of Evanston
Number of Facilities	246	16
Number of Beds	29,760	1,848
Benchmark Numbers		
Regular Presence Visits	246	16
Consultations	4,018	249
Closed Cases	1280	79
Resident Council Meetings	104	9
Community Education	26	14
Facility Staff In-Service	12	1

“Letters of intent” are due for submission to AgeOptions via email to Jamie.farrell@ageoptions.org on or before close of business on **March 18, 2022 at 5:00 pm CT**. Please use the subject heading: “Letter of Intent – Long-Term Care Ombudsman.” The Area Agency on Aging will not respond to any “letter of intent” which is received after the deadline.

More information is available at: <https://www.ageoptions.org/about-ageoptions/for-funded-agencies-and-partners/>

The Area Agency will forward a proposal package to each agency which submits a timely “letter of intent”. However, submission of a “letter of intent” and receipt of a proposal package does not obligate an agency to continue participation in the designation process.

AgeOptions will be holding a technical assistance session via Zoom on March 15, 2022 at 3:00pm CT. Registration for the TA session is required. Please [click here](#) to register in advance.

Non-Discrimination Statement

AgeOptions does not discriminate in admission to program or treatment of employment in programs or activities in compliance with the Illinois Human Rights Act; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act; The Age Discrimination Act; the Age Discrimination in Employment Act; and the U.S. and Illinois Constitution. If you feel you have been discriminated against, you have the right to file a complaint with the Illinois Department on Aging. For information, call 1-800-252-8966 (voice and TDD)

or contact the AgeOptions Civil Rights Coordinator at 708-383-0258.

Timeline

Item	Date
Funding Notice Issued	March 9, 2022
Technical Assistance Session	March 15, 2022 (3:00 pm CT)
Letters of Intent Due	March 18, 2022 (5:00 pm CT)
Release of RFP Application	March 21, 2022
RFP Applications due online	April 29, 2022 (5:00 pm CT)
Notice of Grant Award Released	July 2022
Service Begins	October 1, 2022

Questions?

Please contact Jamie Farrell, Aging and Disability Rights Coordinator at Jamie.farrell@ageoptions.org or call (708) 383-0258.