

## Community Living Program Grants

**State Agency:** Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging

**Project Title:** Home and Community Based Services for seniors, adults with disabilities and veterans

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**Project Abstract:**

The SC Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA) seeks The Community Living Program: Supporting Independence and Choice in the Community in collaboration with the VA Medical Center in Charleston (the Ralph H. Johnson VA Medical Center), the Trident Aging and Disability Resource Center, and, upon preliminary approval, Public Partnerships, LLC, a fiscal management service.

The goal is to improve access to information and services and increase options and consumer direction for non-Medicaid eligible veterans/seniors who need nursing home level of care but who choose to remain in the community. Objectives include: development of a consumer directed Community Living Program through a unified coordination of care concept to ensure recognition of and satisfaction with individual preferences for community based services; identification and recruitment of service providers to assist the veteran/senior; and development of enhancements to existing systems that promote information sharing across previously existing "silos". Additional objectives include improvement of home and community based services for veterans/seniors needing nursing home level of care by coordinating training and education for the veteran/senior, family members, caregivers and ancillary participants; and utilization of information system enhancements to facilitate well-informed consumer directed service plans as early as possible.

Expected outcomes are increased access to services and information; increased consumer control; increased independence through community based services; and greater likelihood of delayed relocation to a facility. Products will include a summary of lessons learned, a manual that will allow others to implement the demonstrated program, and a cost analysis providing an estimate of the cost of program start-up and operation.