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### **COMMISSIONERS APPROVE SENIOR CENTER OPERATING FUND**

FREDERICK, MD – The Frederick Board of County Commissioners today approved a grant application for \$65,467 to the Maryland Department of Aging for the FY2014 Senior Center Operating Fund grant in order to provide dental services to approximately 90 low-income Frederick County seniors aged 60 or older through the department's targeted partnerships.

The three partnerships are with the Frederick County Health Department, Religious Coalition and The Seton Center, which will provide \$2,900 through in-kind marketing and outreach funding, service to 40 seniors at \$500/senior (\$20,000) and service to up to 50 seniors at \$600/senior (\$30,000), respectively.

Funding for a marketing and education campaign is also included in the grant application.

Board President Blaine Young commented, "In addition to the many [senior initiatives](#) credited to this Board of County Commissioners, we have now approved this grant to provide dental services to those seniors whose retiree health insurance does not usually include affordable dental insurance, if it is even available at all. We are pleased to help enhance the efforts of our partners in meeting the oral health care needs of our low-income seniors. If approved, this will be the second year that we have been able to provide dental services through this grant."

The 2011 Frederick County Human Needs Assessment Report produced by The Community Foundation of Frederick County noted that affordable health care was the most unmet need in the county. In addition, the 2007 PRC Community Health Assessment sponsored by the Health Department found that "dental care was a consistent theme throughout each of their focus group sessions."

The grant will enhance efforts already started by county partners to address the oral health needs by offering education that increases awareness of the relationship between oral and general health.

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