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**Controlling Board Approves Funding to  
Assist Elderly and Disabled Ohioans**

**COLUMBUS** – The State Controlling Board approved \$315,000 for the Resident Services Coordinator Program, which helps elderly and low-income disabled Ohioans identify and obtain services in their local community that allow them to live independently.

“By providing elderly and disabled Ohioans with the resources to live independently, we help them lead productive and fulfilling lives,” said Mike Hiler, deputy chief of the Office of Community Development. “Ohio’s communities are strongest when every person thrives and reaches their full potential.”

Resident service coordinators help tenants maintain their apartments, identify community services, resolve conflicts and increase access to housing for people with disabilities. In the past year, service providers have secured donations of food, clothing and health screenings for clients, as well as helped clients identify education and wellness programs. The funding will assist approximately 1,484 low-income elderly and disabled Ohioans. The Ohio Department of Aging will distribute funding to 10 nonprofit organizations that serve 17 properties.

“The Resident Services Coordinator Program helps Ohioans live with dignity and respect in the settings they prefer,” said Bonnie Kantor-Burman, director of the Ohio Department of Aging, which administers the program with funds from the Ohio Development Services Agency. “Doing so gives them the opportunity to remain engaged in their communities and continue to grow, thrive and contribute.”

The Ohio Department of Aging selects the award recipients, monitors the sites, collects the reports and provides technical assistance to the resident service coordinators and their supervisors. The Ohio Development Services Agency provides the funding for the program through the Ohio Housing Trust Fund.

*The **Office of Community Development**, located within the Ohio Development Services Agency’s Community Services Division, provides financial and technical assistance to units of local government and nonprofit organizations in Ohio for project activities that benefit low- and moderate-income citizens.*

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