



Washington County Commission on Aging, Inc./Area Agency on Aging
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Dear Ms. Clark,

As our current senior population in Washington County continues to grow, we continue to seek opportunities to meet the needs of those who need us most, seniors. One area of focus is our congregate site locations. We are looking for a partnership with the Town of Boonsboro to serve seniors in your area. Upon review of the number of seniors in our County, Boonsboro rated as one of the highest populated areas for those 65 and older. It is our intent to provide services where seniors can have ease of access and where there are potential growth opportunities.

After meeting last week with you, the Mayor, a representative from the Health Department, our Program Manager and myself, I feel certain that Boonsboro is the best location for our congregate site. The congregate site is slated to be open Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week from 9am to 1pm. We would like the opportunity to expand those days and hours in the future, based on funding and demand/interest. The community building with the kitchen and additional office/equipment space will meet our needs perfectly. As you are aware, we will need a hand sink installed in the kitchen. We are happy to purchase the hand sink if your maintenance would be so kind as to install it.

Pending funding approval, we would like to make the following investments in your location: additional padded folding chairs, round tables and a stove. These items would be available to other patrons to use in the facility, as you deem appropriate, when we are not utilizing the space. We would like to install a locked refrigerator for our use and a portable steamtable. Our intent would also be to install a few pieces of exercise equipment for our member use in the additional locked space provided. This location would provide a nutritious noon meal, socialization, activities, educations and various other activities for the seniors of Boonsboro and the surrounding towns.

Your location offers additional wellness opportunities for the senior based on its access to the walking paths and park. This would enhance our preventative health programs as we could now offer a walking club. It is exciting to consider the options that your location can offer our seniors.

We look forward to your feedback and the opportunity for us to partner on this very important venture to serve the seniors in your area.

Sincerely,

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