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Connecting the DOTS (Dementia-Capable Outreach, Training and Support) in WV: Community Grant Opportunity

*(Through a grant from the Administration on Aging: Creating and Sustaining
Dementia-Capable Service Systems for People with Dementia and Their Family Caregivers)*

Eligible applicant: For the purpose of this grant, *community* is defined as a group of people who share common interests (Ex: faith communities, provider agencies, civic organizations, businesses) or people who live in the same area (town, neighborhood) **and** who want to work together to improve their community's ability to provide services to individuals with dementia and their families.

Purpose: To improve quality of care and increase access to comprehensive, disease appropriate services for individuals with Alzheimer's or a related dementia and family caregivers in pilot communities across the state.

Funding available: Up to six grants of \$10,000 per grantee will be awarded. Each grantee will receive \$5,000 the first half of the grant period and another \$5,000 for the second half. A local in-kind match is required.

Scope of activities and outcomes: Grantees must address the following objectives for individuals with dementia who live at home or with loved ones and their family caregivers:

Increase awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, including warning signs, diagnosis, local events and available resources.

Improve knowledge and skills of family caregivers, provider agencies, and community gatekeepers.

- Host the Savvy Caregiver training (a multi-week, evidenced-based training for family caregivers of individuals with dementia that increases caregiving skills, knowledge, confidence and understanding and decreases caregiving's adverse effects). Respite will be provided through the DOTS grant.
- Identify agencies, organizations and businesses that could benefit from dementia-capable training.

Develop dementia-capable pilot communities that will effectively serve and support individuals with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia and their families.

- Form a community coalition; conduct a dementia-capable needs assessment (survey tool provided); and develop a work plan that addresses education, awareness and a **direct service component**.
- Implement the work plan with the assistance of the DOTS Leadership Team; evaluate outcomes (measures already in place).

Application components and deadline: Each application must include a project narrative, project budget and budget narrative, including description of in-kind match. Application deadline is **Monday, October 16, 2017**. A grant review team, independent of DOTS staff, will evaluate all applications.

Project timeline: Grantees will be announced on October 30, 2017. This is a 15-18 month grant.

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