DRCOG Overview

- Non-profit, public agency dedicating to serving local governments
- Local officials working together to address the region's challenges
- Each community has voice in regional decision-making
- Program areas:
  - Advocacy
  - Aging Services
  - Environment
  - Regional growth and development
  - Shared services
  - Transportation and traffic operations
AAA Responsibilities

- Administer and implement 40 services programs to help people live independently
- Advocate on behalf of older adults and their families
- Regional planning to understand needs
- Coordinate regional services and activities
Why are we involved?

DRCOG Boomer Bond video

Boomer Bond Chapter 1: Introduction
Impacts of Aging Population
Housing Impacts

- Affordability
- Accessibility
- Community design is more important
- Nursing homes and assisted living should not be the only options
- Paired with supportive services
CO Income 65+ Householder

U.S. Census Bureau; 2008-2012 American Community Survey

Colorado

Percent of Total 65+ Householders

Income of 65+ Householders

- Less than $15K
- $15K to $30K
- $30K to $45K
- $45K to $60K
- $60K to $75K
- $75K to $100K
- $100K to $125K
- $125K to $150K
- $150K to $200K
- $200K+
Economic Impacts

- Different spending patterns
- Shift in tax base
- Smaller work force
- Changing industries and business
- Medicaid costs will impact the state’s general fund

Labor Force

- Increased retirement
- Loss of institutional knowledge
- New hiring/training
- Meeting demands of new retirees

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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, International Database (see http://www.census.gov/ipc/datasets.html)
Increased health care costs

Smaller professional pool to serve a growing population

Increased disabled population

Increased demand for home and community based services
A New Focus: The Whole Community
What is the community role?

- Nationally 21% of 65+ don’t drive
- Physical barriers impact older adults more than other residents
- Older adults struggle finding housing options
- Increased demand for home and community based services
- Civically and socially engaged older adults are happier and healthier
Communities for Lifelong Living

• Communities can facilitate or create barriers to successful aging
• Promote physical activity and community engagement
• Reduced burden on caregivers
• Older adults as community resources
• Age-friendly communities benefit all ages
Boomer Bond Assessment Tool

- Initially developed by group of stakeholders
  - Mobility and Access
  - Housing
  - Community Living
  - Support Services
- “Beta-tested” by 3 communities
- Tri-County Health Department worked with DRCOG to update to current version
Why an Assessment Tool?

- “Conversation starter” at the local level (including partners)
- Provide structure to what might be an otherwise overwhelming conversation
- Resource for local staff leading initiative
- First step in defining “problem statement” and/or local priorities
Web Tools

- Opportunities and challenges
Online Resource Directory

- Easy transition from assessment to action *(think of resources as a pair)*
- Helps with “what next”
- Turning a “NO” to “YES”
- Expandable, current, and locally relevant

https://drcog.org/resource-directory
Resource Directory Search Results

Roseland Senior Housing (Chicago, IL)

The City of Chicago partnered with Mercy Housing on this affordable senior living facility. The ground floor of the building contains the City of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services Center.

Foundations Center Website for Grants and Fundraising Information

The Foundation Center is the leading source of information about philanthropy worldwide. The Center maintains the most comprehensive searchable database on U.S. and, increasingly, global grantmakers and their grants. (Find the Funders tab) More than 10,000 of Colorado grantmakers are listed. This database can be used to look for grants and to sign up for a variety of newsletters and notifications.

Colorado Grants Website

Colorado Grants provides a deadline calendar (by month) for anyone applying for a grant. The website is useful because each entry includes the funder’s webpage. In addition, the organization offers training such as a free newsletter can be found under Grant Writing Services.
Roseland Senior Housing (Chicago, IL)

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Category Type: Housing
  Support Services

Resource Type: Best Practices and Benchmarks
  Funding Resources

Government Use: Assess Resources and Partners
  Develop Implementation Plan
  Identify and Prioritize Projects and Initiatives

Summary:
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