

DATE: October 2009
TO: Providers of Care/Services for Older Adults
FROM: Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center of Southern Minnesota
RE: Notice of Availability of Funding

The Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center of Southern Minnesota (MAGEC) South is an interdisciplinary, collaborative organization which seeks to improve the quality of geriatric care provided to older adults through enhancing education, research and practice throughout south central Minnesota. It is coordinated through the College of Allied Health and Nursing at Minnesota State University, Mankato and governed by a Board of Directors representing educational institutions, community-based and residential long-term care facilities, and government organizations within the MAGEC South service area (primarily Blue Earth, Brown, Cottonwood, Faribault, Freeborn, Le Sueur, Martin, Nicollet, Redwood, Sibley, Waseca, and Watonwan counties).

MAGEC South is pleased to announce that it is requesting proposals from established agencies and organizations for funding regional educational programs for professionals that support the enhancement of geriatric care for older adults. All projects must focus on educating professionals providing geriatric services. Collaborative programs and those focusing on interdisciplinary care will be given preference. Programs whose target audience is family caregivers, volunteers or the general public cannot be funded through this source. Eligible agencies include non-profit or proprietary organizations involved in education or care provision for older adults in south central Minnesota.

The maximum funding available per program is \$2,500. Funding awards are dependent upon the scope of the proposed program or project, the alignment with the mission of MAGEC South and the availability of funding. **Proposals must be submitted by November 25, 2009 using the email template found at <http://ahn.mnsu.edu/continuinged/magecsouth.html>.** Paper or emailed copies using this same outline will also be accepted. Please phone Shirley Murray (see below) for submission instructions. Proposals will be reviewed by the MAGEC South Board of Directors, and each agency that submits a proposal will be notified via e-mail of the Board's funding decision by December 31, 2009. Projects must be completed and brief narrative and financial reports submitted by June 1, 2010. Selected programs must also provide public acknowledgement of the funding received through MAGEC South, and agree to the reporting requirements of the federal granting authority.

Visit the website <http://ahn.mnsu.edu/continuinged/magecsouth.html> on or after October 30 for details on submission. (The site will not be active until that date.) If you have questions, contact Shirley Murray, MAGEC South Board chair, at 507-389-5194 or shirley.murray@mnsu.edu .

Thank you for your interest!