



# Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle Melissa Carter Memorial Grant Application

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February 1, 2024

## Background:

Melissa Carter served as the Area Agency on Aging Director of the Panhandle for fifteen years prior to her passing on June 29, 2021. Melissa was a passionate advocate for seniors. She led by example and with the heart of a servant. Her kindness and compassion have had a lasting impact on her family, friends, coworkers, those in the field of aging, and the older adults whose lives she touched.

As one of her last wishes, she asked for donations in her name to be made to the Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle. Over \$8,000 was given in her memory.

On the anniversary of her passing, the AAA opened the first Melissa Carter Memorial Grant application to award the \$8,000 to entities with programs benefiting older adults. Eight organizations received \$1,000 in Melissa's memory to meet the needs of older adults across the Texas Panhandle.

## 2024 Grant Details:

The Area Agency on Aging of the Panhandle will award a total of \$8,500 to entities for projects which benefit Panhandle residents over the age of 60. A maximum of \$1,000 will be awarded to each successful applicant with only one application being accepted per agency.

The AAA will assess the merit of grant applications based on the project's description, its focus on the target population, the potential community impact, and any innovative elements.

**Successful applicants will be notified on March 15, 2024.**

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Completed applications must be submitted to Debra King at [dking@theprpc.org](mailto:dking@theprpc.org) by 5:00 PM on March 8, 2024.

Name of Organization:

Address:  Phone:

Contact Name and Title:

Provide a brief description of your proposed project. What unmet need does this project address?

Clearly identify the demographic of older adults that your project aims to serve. Explain how your project will impact the lives of older adults for years to come. How will the project contribute to the overall wellbeing, independence, or quality of life for this population?

Highlight any innovative or creative aspects of your project that distinguish it from existing programs. How does your approach bring a fresh perspective or introduce new strategies to address the needs of older adults in the community?