

## **New River Valley Agency on Aging Request Input for the Development of an Area Plan for Aging Services for 2025**

The New River Valley Agency on Aging would like to hear from you as we begin an annual plan for service delivery and budgeting for the next fiscal and program year which begins October 1, 2024. This Area Plan for Aging Services determines how resources are allocated for services provided primarily under the Older Americans Act. While waiting for information on funds or “planning figures” from funding sources, comments are requested from the public for guidance on how they think the resources can best meet the needs of older adults. It is important to ensure that very limited funds are used for the services most needed by older adults. Comments are considered as the Area Plan draft is developed. Once the Area Plan draft is ready, there will be a public comment period before it becomes official and is submitted to the Virginia Department for the Aging and Rehabilitative Services in mid-July for approval.

The NRV Agency on Aging provides many different services with federal, state, and local support. The largest programs include Home Delivered Meals (also known as “meals on wheels”), Congregate Meals (Friendship Cafes), Information and Assistance, Transportation and Homemaker services. A client waiting list exists for Homemaker services and requests for transportation annually exceeds what the budget can cover. Other services currently provided include Caregiver Support, Respite Care, Care Coordination, Long Term Care Ombudsman, Elder Abuse Prevention, Health Insurance Counseling, Medicare Fraud Prevention and Legal Assistance.

Individuals are invited to send comments until April 30, 2024 before the draft Area Plan is developed, regarding the services listed above or other needed services to email: [nrvaoo@nrvaoo.org](mailto:nrvaoa@nrvaoo.org) or mail to: **NRV Agency on Aging, 44 Third St., NW, Pulaski, VA 24301.**