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### **Franklin County Commissioners Approve Funding to Support Franklin County Senior Options**

On Tuesday, Franklin County Commissioners approved over \$1,000,000 in funding for Franklin County Senior Options, which provides services for elderly residents. Every year, grant funds are awarded to non-profit organizations in order to expand community services to the aging population in Franklin County. This year, grant funds were distributed to 30 local non-profit organizations that will provide nearly 40 types of services including small group transportation, outreach services and support services.

“Franklin County cares about its aging population and administers these programs to help older adults maintain the highest possible quality of life,” said Commissioner Marilyn Brown. “Our senior population has strengthened our communities over the years and we must ensure they have the ability to live longer, healthier, and more productive lives.”

Small group transportation enables older adults to continue to live an active, involved lifestyle while retaining their dignity, pride and self-worth. While medical appointments take priority, personal shopping and group outings provide valuable social interaction with peers.

The outreach organizations will target special population seniors such as homebound, hard-to-reach, low income, refugees and immigrants. Services are tailored to meet specific needs of populations and enable them to live as independently as possible.

The supportive services category will include client finding, bill paying assistance, accessing public benefits like Medicaid and help acquiring material assistance.

“Senior citizens tell us that while strength and health often decline as we age, our love of our home, neighborhood and independence often grows stronger,” said Commissioner Paula Brooks. “In response to their needs and desires, we have established services that enable senior citizens to remain active and safe in their homes and communities. This preserves their dignity and independence, and, saves taxpayers the cost of more expensive services.”

To find out more information about Senior Options, contact the Franklin County Office on Aging Senior Options Information Line at 525-6200