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**Valley Area Agency on Aging Receives Funding For Flint Seniors Matter: A Flint Water Crisis Support**

Valley Area Agency on Aging (VAAA) was awarded a grant from Michigan Health Endowment Fund (MHEF) to fund the Flint Seniors Matter Program through the next two years.

The goal of the Flint Seniors Matter Program is to create a single resource for senior citizens who reside in Flint, Michigan, who are impacted by the Flint Water Crisis to obtain new information, assistance, and service. The program will provide senior citizens with assistance on having their blood and water tested, access to a registered dietician to provide counseling on nutrition, and transportation support to the store in order to purchase groceries and other necessities. The program will increase senior citizens' awareness of what is going on with the water crisis.

By the end of the two-year period, senior citizens will be able to make educated decisions because of their increased knowledge.

Kathryn Boles, President, CEO of VAAA says, "The senior citizens in the city of Flint have struggled with the Water Crisis, and we are excited that this new opportunity will help improve the lives of those effected."

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Flint Seniors Matter Program, please call the VAAA at (810) 239-7671.

Valley Area Agency on Aging, created in 1974, is a private, non-profit organization committed to providing advocacy, services and programs which help older adults and individuals with disabilities remain living independently in their homes with dignity for as long as possible. For additional information, please call Valley Area Agency on Aging at (810) 239-7671 or visit our website at [www.valleyareaaging.org](http://www.valleyareaaging.org).

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