## ORDER: ACCEPT TRIAD GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600.00

Motion was made by Mike Roberts, duly seconded by Chad McLarty, to accept TRIAD grant in the amount of \$1,600.00

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Kevin Frye, voted yes Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2017.

Jeff Burby, President

Board of Supervisors

Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

# MISSISSIPPLEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING Department of Public Safety

#### PROJECT PLAN AND SUPPORTING DATA

#### PART I. STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

The Lafayette County TRIAD strives to promote safety for seniors in the Oxford/Lafayette County community through various activities, presentations, special projects and by keeping seniors aware of crimes and frauds that can affect them. Crimes against the elderly in Oxford and Lafayette County are rare. The TRIAD volunteers focus on crime prevention and work closely with the Oxford Police Department and the Lafayette County Sheriff's Department to make the community a safer and more enjoyable place for seniors to live in, by providing many services and projects. This helps to keep the crime rate low by focusing on prevention and getting the word out to the elderly population about ways to be safe in their homes. The RUOK program provides a daily telephone call to individuals that sign up for the program checking to make sure they are "ok". The RUOK computer failed several years ago so the individuals signed up for the program receive a personal telephone call each day instead of a computer generated call. This personal call helps to aide in socializing with the elderly who live alone and helps them to feel less lonely because someone is checking on them personally each day. The Oxford Police Department dispatchers do the calling on weekends and holidays.

RSVP provides some monetary support such as travel for the volunteers to training opportunities as well as space and equipment for all TRIAD activities and programs. This working relationship makes it possible for the TRIAD to focus on its purpose of making life better for seniors. The local newspaper runs notices of the TRIAD meetings each month and is great to write articles about TRIAD programs and activities. Public relations is very important in keeping the community informed about TRIAD. TRIAD works closely with the Lafayette County Sheriff's department to help keep individuals with Alzheimers safe by purchasing transmitter bracelets for these individuals to wear so that they can be tracked if they were to leave their homes unaccompanied.

With the heat and humidity at an ail-time high during the summer in Oxford and Lafayette County, there is always a need to help keep the elderly who do not have good air conditioning, cool in their homes. The distribution of fans can help prevent accidental death due to heat exhaustion. TRIAD sponsors AARP "Driver Safety" classes for individuals over 50. These classes are well-informed and have a high attendance rate each time they are offered.

Disaster preparation is important and TRIAD members focus also on community education about disasters. September is National Disaster Preparedness Month and TRIAD participated in the awareness event on the Square last year and will again this year.

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#### PART II. OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED IMPACT:

The Lafayette County TRIAD will strive to improve the quality of life and make Oxford and Lafayette County a safer place for seniors by implementing the following through community presentations, displays, etc.

#### A. OBJECTIVES:

- (1) help to reduce crimes against the elderly
- (2) provide crime prevention information and programs to seniors to help reduce the fear of crimes
- (3) assess needs and concerns of the elderly population
- (4) serve as an information liaison to seniors from law enforcement officials
- (5) assist with disaster preparation for the community

#### B. PROJECTED IMPACTS:

- (1) elderly will feel safer and more secure in their homes
- (2) expanded programs for seniors
- (3) promote healthy lifestyles for seniors
- (4) elderly will age in place in their homes
- (5) homes will be better equipped for fire and disaster safety

TRIAD volunteers will help to develop and implement an on-going public safety program and conduct education awareness meetings. Safety seminars, handouts, monthly meetings and the media will be utilized to help educate seniors to become better prepared to deal with fraud, crime and abuse and to feel more secure in their homes and communities. TRIAD volunteers will raise awareness in the communities by distributing materials and talking with seniors on a regular basis.

Keeping seniors aware of potential crimes and ways to prevent crimes is better than having to react after something has happened.

Protecting the senior population who have early onset of Alzheimers or who have Alzheimers and have the potential to wonder, has been a focus for this past year. TRIAD has been very helpful to the Sheriff's department in meeting the needs of individuals with Alzheimers. Assisting with community disaster preparation and co-sponsoring scam presentations with a local bank were new projects this year.

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#### PART III. Project IMPLEMENTATION

The Lafayette County TRIAD has been very active in the community with a total of 18 volunteers. Their success can be attributed to really good exposure within the community through the newspaper, RSVP newsletter, activities, presentations and word of mouth.

The Lafayette County TRIAD plans projects and activities that allow them to meet their objectives for the next grant year. Crime prevention and safety for seniors are of the utmost concern and focus by the TRIAD volunteers as well as disaster preparation being a focus. TRIAD members will host community presentations to keep seniors informed of TRIAD programs and activities. This year FNB bank did three community presentations along with TRIAD, These presentations focus on crime prevention techniques, ways to be safe in your home and when out in the public as well as services that TRIAD provides that help seniors feel safer in general.

TRIAD will also continue to work closely with the Sheriff's Department and Police Department to alert seniors about scams and frauds as they are occurring within the community and by internet. Reports indicate that service and community interaction increases a sense of security and crime prevention tools help make seniors less likely to be victims. TRIAD, Oxford Police Dept., Lafayette County Sheriff's Department and RSVP had some refrigerator magnets made to distribute to seniors about SCAMS — Stop, Check and Make Sure reminders that the police dept. or sheriff's dept. can be called if you think someone is trying to scam you. TRIAD will be working with local banks, senior programs, etc. to distribute these magnets.

TRIAD continues to sponsor the RUOK telephone reassurance program and the AARP Safe Driver classes. With limited funding, some programs had to be scaled back or eliminated. All of these programs and activities will help TRIAD achieve their objectives for this next year

and make our community a better place for seniors.

TRIAD gave out over 60 packets of information about TRIAD at community presentations. These packets of information are a good resource for seniors as they contain information about TRIAD, the programs they sponsor and contact information that is very helpful to seniors.

- (1) Recognize the TRIAD Volunteer of the Year and their name is inscribed on a plaque that hangs in the RSVP office. They are also presented a pen set for themselves and a picture is in local newspaper. (September)
- (2) Sponsor three AARP Driver Safety classes. (October, March, June)
- (3) Sponsor community presentation where TRIAD volunteers talk about all of their activities and projects available. (January, April, June)
- (4) Provide alarm bracelets for individuals with Alzheimers through the Sheriff's dept. (on-going)
- (5) TRIAD will sponsor display boards as opportunities arise. (on-going)
- (6) TRIAD will distribute disaster preparedness materials (September and January)
- (7) TRIAD will provide fans for the elderly to help "beat the heat" (April)



## STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

# MISSISSIPPI LEADERSHIP COUNCIL ON AGING DIVISION OF PUBLIC SAFETY BUDGET SUMMARY

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# BUDGET NARRATIVE:

## PART VI: BUDGET NARRATIVE:

#### TRAVEL EXPENSE:

### **OPERATING EXPENSE:**

TOTAL	\$1600
The members will either purchase personal alarm protection devices for elderly or aluminum card cases for identity theft protection as giveaways at community presentations and vendor fairs.	\$ 665
Fan Project – 13 box fans will be purchased and distributed through Interfaith Compassion Ministries who can regulate the need for individuals to receive fans based on income. $13 \times 20 = $260$	\$ 260
TRIAD will purchase one Project Alert Lifesaver bracelet for the Sheriff's Dept. for individuals that can't afford to pay for the bracelets. These bracelets & batteries track individuals with Alzheimers who cannot afford to pay for them.	\$ 300
TRIAD will sponsor three (3) AARP Driver Safety Classes. TRIAD provides space, advertisement and lunch.	\$ 175
TRIAD community presentations will be held in different areas of Oxford and Lafayette County to inform seniors about TRIAD and the value and benefits to their community. This will encourage membership growth.	\$ 200

# PROJECT EVALUATION PLAN:

#### **EVALUATION PLAN:**

Evaluations will be used as a tool to determine how well TRIAD is meeting the needs of seniors throughout the Oxford and Lafayette County community and to see what aspects of their programs and activities need to be changed. Representatives from all three segments that make up the TRIAD, will each be involved in the evaluation process. The evaluation will use the TRIAD model and fundamentals to determine:

Does the community know about TRIAD?

Do law enforcement and seniors know what TRIAD is and what is its purpose?

Is TRIAD represented effectively?

Are TRIAD goals being met?

Is there duplication of TRIAD programs in the community?

Are the TRIAD objectives understandable?

How can TRIAD better serve the community?

TRIAD volunteers will keep record/logs of each activity and community meeting they conduct and records will be kept of the number of participants that receive services from TRIAD volunteers. This information will help to evaluate whether or not they are meeting the community needs they have identified.