The Oregon Money Management Program

A little help can make a big difference...

Financial security is more than simply having money to live on; it's also being able to understand and pay bills on time, manage credit, organize financial papers, file taxes, and other financial tasks. Approximately 2% of adults need help managing personal finances due to mental or physical impairments. Without support, these people are vulnerable to fraud and financial abuse. They are often isolated and living in fear of losing their independence.

The Oregon Money Management Program offers support to people over age 59 and adults with a disability, who need help with personal money management tasks. Services are provided by trained and supervised volunteers who support the program in the following ways:

- <u>Bill-Pay</u> volunteers provide one-on-one assistance to individuals who remain in control of their finances but need ongoing assistance to keep on track. Budgeting, organizing financial papers, paying bills, banking, and help filling out forms are examples of how Bill Payer volunteers help their clients.
- <u>Payee</u> volunteers provide one-on-one assistance to individuals who do not have the capacity to manage their federal benefits such as Social Security, SSA Disability, Veteran's, and Railroad Retirement. Volunteers work as the liaison between the program office and the client to assist the program office in the management of these federal benefits on behalf of the individual, ensuring that basic needs are met and funds are protected.

Program Safeguards

- Program volunteers are screened to ensure suitability to work with vulnerable individuals
- Volunteers receive specialized training with ongoing support and supervision
- · Personal and financial information is kept secure and in strict confidence
- Operating procedures are in place to protect program participants from loss and volunteers and program sponsors from liability
- NorthWest Senior & Disability Services protects client's funds from loss due to mistake or misuse by program staff or volunteers

Flexible In-home Service

Program staff matches volunteers to clients based on the preferences of each. Volunteers spend 2-4 hours per month helping their clients. Volunteers and clients agree on the dates, times, and frequency of their meetings.

Counties Served	Coordinating Agencies and Contact Information
Clackamas, Columbia,	Oregon City: Clackamas County Volunteer Connection
Multnomah, Washington	Shari Bandes (503) 650-5623 ommp@clackamas.us
	2051 Kaen Rd, 1st floor, Oregon City, OR 97045
Jackson, Josephine	Medford: Consumer Credit Counseling Services of
	Southern OR, Robin Hoerler (541) 779-2273
	hoerlerr@cccsso.org,
	820 Crater Lake Ave. Ste. 202, Medford OR 97504
Lane	Eugene: Lane County Senior & Disabled Services
	Kristi Carlstrom (541) 682-4177 kcarlstrom@lcog.org
	1015 Willamette Street, Eugene OR 97401
Crook, Deschutes, Gilliam,	The Dalles: Area Agency on Aging, MCCOG
Hood River, Jefferson,	Mary Barrett (541) 298-4101 ext. 228
Klamath, Lake, Sherman,	mary.barrett@mccog.com
Wasco, Wheeler	1113 Kelly Ave The Dalles, OR 97058
Benton, Linn, Lincoln	Albany: OCWCOG Senior & Disability Services
	Diana Hancock (541) 812-2597 mmp@ocwcog.org
Baker, Grant, Harney,	Pendleton: CAPECO Area Agency on Aging
Malhuer, Morrow,	Shirley Harrison (541) 278-5686 or (800)752-1139
Umatilla, Union, Wallowa	sharrison@capeco-works.org
	721 SE 3 rd St Suite D, Pendleton, OR 97801
Coos, Curry	Coos Bay: Coos Elderly Services, Inc.
	Elena Keizer (541) 756-1202 <u>elena@cooselderly.org</u>
	390 S. 2 nd St., Coos Bay, OR 97420
Douglas	Roseburg: UCAN – RSVP
	Erica Kimrey (541) 492-3923 erica.kimrey@ucancap.org
	280 Kenneth Ford Dr., Roseburg OR 97470
Clatsop, Marion, Polk,	Salem: Northwest Senior & Disability Services
Tillamook, Yamhill	Julie Sobel (503) 304-3407 <u>julie.sobel@nwsds.org</u>
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