

## What is the Area Agency on Aging?

The Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is part of a national net-work of Area Agencies on Aging established by the Older American's Act to provide services and supports to older adults and their caregivers. As the lead aging agency in northeast North Carolina, the AAA is charged with planning and administrative oversight of aging and community based services throughout the region. The AAA also serves as an advocate for older adults, family caregivers and residents of long term care facilities.

The Albemarle Commission AAA covers the counties of Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Washington.

Other programs of the Area Agency on Aging include the Regional Long Term Care Ombudsman Program, Family Caregiver Support Program, the Senior Nutrition Program and Albemarle Senior Games.

*The mission of the Area Agency on Aging is to empower senior adults to enhance their quality of life through training, education, mediation, advocacy and coordination of services.*

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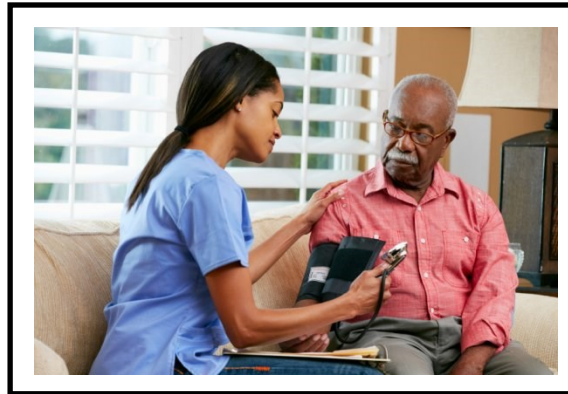
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# What is the Home and Community Care Block Grant?

The Home and Community Care Block Grant as authorized in G.S. 134B-181.1(a)(11), is designed to improve the planning and coordination of in-home and community based services provided to North Carolina's older adults. It is also intended to promote the visibility of aging programs at the local level by giving counties increased flexibility with respect to funding aging services through the Block Grant.

The majority of funds comprising the Block Grant are authorized by the federal Older Americans Act. Since this is the largest federal funding source that states receive to develop services and programs specifically for older adults, it is necessary to incorporate the philosophy and policies of the Older Americans Act as part of the Block Grant.



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# What is the Role of the HCCBG Advisory Committee?

The HCCBG Advisory Committee is comprised of Area Agency on Aging staff, local aging service providers, local elected officials or civic leaders and older consumers within the County dedicated to improving services and supports to older adults.

The purpose of the Committee is to assist in the development of an effective and viable county funding plan to best utilize HCCBG funding. The committee meets annually in the Spring to discuss the upcoming fiscal year and to make recommendations to the County Commissioners on the use of the upcoming funds. Additionally, the committee meets as needed to review and revise the funding plan to meet the needs of the older adults within their county.

