



About the WisdomWorks® Teams (WWT) Training Grant

Eligibility. Organizations are eligible for the NCOA WisdomWorks Teams grant (funded by the MetLife Foundation) if they:

- Commit to implementing at least one self-directed team of 55+ adults to address key challenge(s) they face in carrying out their economic security or health promotion missions.
- Send a staff person and a volunteer leader to complete the two-day initial WWT training in the Washington D.C. area.
- Work with NCOA's Civic Engagement Division in monitoring and evaluating their progress and results in implementing their WWTs.
- Participate in quarterly check-in calls with NCOA project staff on their progress, obstacles encountered, and accomplishments.
- Complete brief project-planning and budgeting templates provided by NCOA.

Experience using volunteers is helpful but not a requirement.

Funding. Participating organizations will receive a one-year grant, beginning November 1, 2010, including:

- \$15,000, disbursed at the outset of the grant period.
- Reimbursement for travel and NCOA-funded hotel accommodations in connection with attending the initial WWT training.

Benefits. Implementation of WWTs will give organizations:

- Valuable capacity-building human assets to increase their impact in the community—in the form of skilled older-adult volunteer teams.
- Resources and assistance from NCOA to maximize the effectiveness of their efforts.
- Certified WWT trainers (those who go through NCOA training and follow up) who can spread the practice in their organizations and further magnify the impact.
- Field-tested techniques and protocols for putting effective self-directed teams to work.