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**Arlington Neighborhood Village (ANV) Awarded
National Community Care Corps Grant**
Grant will help Arlington's older adults and family caregivers

ANV announces its selection by the Community Care Corps to receive funds in support of its mission to help older adults in Arlington age in place safely, while remaining connected to their community. The grant award of \$30,000 is for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

ANV is among the awardees of the highly competitive national [Community Care Corps Program](#). This new program will provide much-needed funding to support older adults with non-medical assistance. With these grant funds, ANV will be able to help more local older adults and their families realize their wish to remain in their own homes as they age, as well as provide volunteers with meaningful ways to serve our community.

ANV is partnering with two affordable housing providers, Culpepper Garden and Arlington Partnership for Affordable Housing (APAH), to bring village services to their residents. ANV's goal is to help more lower-income and diverse seniors to age in place successfully by providing direct volunteer services, reducing social isolation, and working to strengthen existing volunteer programs. ANV will work with its partners to identify older adult residents who need extra help to age in place and use its volunteer-driven village model to deliver direct services and social support.

Jasmin Witcher, the Culpepper Garden development and communications director said, "We are honored to partner with ANV to improve the lives of disadvantaged older adults in our affordable senior housing community. ANV continuously supports older adults in Arlington to age in place by meeting their social and personal needs."

Said Marquan Jackson, resident services director at APAH, "ANV, through its model of neighbors-helping-neighbors, is doing the important work of addressing the practical and social needs of seniors who wish to age in place in the Arlington community. Direct assistance from ANV is helping APAH increase our focus on seniors who live in our communities."

Wendy Zenker, ANV's Executive Director noted, "These grant funds will help ANV provide even more older adults in Arlington with the "extra help" needed to stay in their homes and community safely and with an improved quality of life." In its most recent IMPACT report for 2020, ANV reports that it supported more than 300 members, fulfilled 1,890 requests, and its volunteers donated 7,180 hours and drove more than 20,500 miles at their own expense. Demand continues to grow for ANV services as more residents wish to age in place with assistance from ANV and its network of volunteers.

"We are pleased to make this award to ANV. Their excellent volunteer model was chosen over other outstanding programs across the country," said Paul Weiss, President of The Oasis Institute which administers Community Care Corps.

Community Care Corps grants are being awarded to local organizations across the country to establish, enhance, and grow innovative volunteer models. Community Care Corps is granting \$2.85 million to 33 innovative local programs nationwide, including ANV. One hundred twenty-six organizations from 40 states including the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico requested funding for their programs totaling more than \$13,188,882. Community Care Corps was able to award \$2,850,750.

Tens of millions of Americans are in need of non-medical assistance to continue living in their homes. Many also need companionship to avert the devastating effects of isolation. The village model is a promising, cost-effective option that uses volunteer support to help older adults age in place safely and stay connected to their communities.

Community Care Corps, through a cooperative agreement with the federal [Administration for Community Living \(ACL\)](#), is led by four national non-profit organizations: [The Oasis Institute](#), [Caregiver Action Network](#), [USAging](#), and [Altarum](#). For more information about Community Care Corps and a list of the 2021 grantees, please visit www.communitycarecorps.org.

