

## CHORE VOUCHER PROGRAM

#### WHAT IS THE CHORE VOUCHER PROGRAM?

This program is designed to provide financial support for individuals residing in Larimer County who are 60 years of age or older and who are unable to perform the chores or tasks around their home due to limited physical ability or endurance. This assistance is intended to enhance quality of life by allowing older adults to remain in their homes and to stay as independent as possible. Eligibility is not based on income, however, preference will be given to low-income individuals.

# SOME REASONS WHY PEOPLE REQUEST CHORE VOUCHERS

- Seasonal chores such as lawn mowing or snow removal.
- Chores that require getting up on ladders such as, cleaning gutters, painting, window washing and minor roof repairs.
- Chores that require physical strength or endurance such as trimming shrubs or tree branches, fixing fencing or steps, cleaning carpets and moving heavy boxes, furniture or appliances.
- If you or a loved one are 60 years of age or older, and need assistance with any of the above chores, you might benefit from a chore voucher.

#### **CHORE VOUCHER GUIDELINES**

- To be eligible for a chore voucher, an individual must be 60 years of age or older and be experiencing physical limitations that substantially impairs one or more physical activities such as walking, climbing stairs, reaching, lifting or carrying. Limitations may include issues with endurance, strength, or stamina that may prevent an individual from completing the chore.
- Voucher awards are based on the cost of the specific chore(s) requested and we ask that you get estimates and only make requests for chores that you intend to complete within 90-days of the request. Requests for services

cannot exceed \$250 per six-month voucher period. Only one voucher will be awarded per household.

- There are two voucher periods in a funding year July 1 December 31 and January 1 – June 30. Chore vouchers are issued throughout the year as funding permits. Vouchers are non-transferrable and must be used in the designated voucher period by the person to whom it was issued.
- All services and the dollar amount must be pre-authorized by the Office on Aging prior to the work being completed for the service to be eligible for reimbursement.
- The chore voucher program is a self-directed program. Individuals must find their own provider. To be reimbursed, voucher recipients must submit a signed reimbursement form and invoice(s) from the provider(s).
  Reimbursements cannot be made directly to the provider and chore services cannot be completed by a family member whether living in the home or not.

#### HOW DO I REQUEST A CHORE VOUCHER?

To request a chore voucher, please contact the Office on Aging to receive the assessment and guidelines. You must complete and submit a signed chore voucher assessment to be considered for a voucher.

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