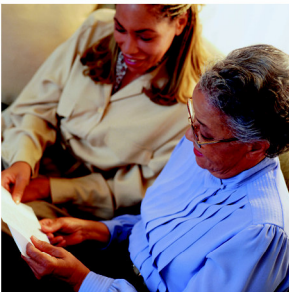


# PCOA's Budgeting Assistance Program



Begun in 1981, the Money Management program uses volunteers to help low-income older adults or people with disabilities who have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills and keeping track of financial matters. PCOA's Budgeting Assistance Program is a local Coordinating Agency for the AARP Money Management program.



It's purpose is to prolong independent living in the community for individuals who have lost the ability to manage their financial affairs. They may have had their utilities shut off, be in danger of eviction from their homes, or are being financially exploited.

This program is delivered through our volunteers service to make sure participants pay their bills on time.

A 2005 AARP study found that 89 percent of people more than 50 years old want to remain in their homes as long as possible, and it is believed that staying in your own home makes for a better aging process, emotionally and physically. In addition, living independently is less expensive than living in long-term care facilities.

The volunteer-driven part of the program serves people through a

## **Bill Payer Service**

Bill Payer volunteers provide checkbook balancing and bill paying services for people who remain in control of their finances but need some help keeping things in order. Some clients are served on a short-term basis, but the majority are served on a long-term basis.



For more information about Pima Council On Aging's Personal Budgeting Assistance program call the PCOA Help-line at 520-790-0504 and ask about the program.

The AARP Foundation Money Management Program is offered through agreements with state and local government and nonprofit agencies throughout the United States. A variety of agencies sponsor the program locally, including Area Agencies on Aging, Departments of Social Services, and senior centers.

### **AARP Foundation Supports Our State and Local Coordinating Agencies**

Offering limited financial protection for the client funds handled by the volunteers, and through technical assistance to a State Coordinating Agency that helps develop a local site by:

- recruiting volunteers from the AARP membership,

- training the state program coordinator,
- providing ongoing technical support and a monitoring system for the volunteers' work.

### **Pima Council on Aging as the Local Coordinating Agency in Pima County**

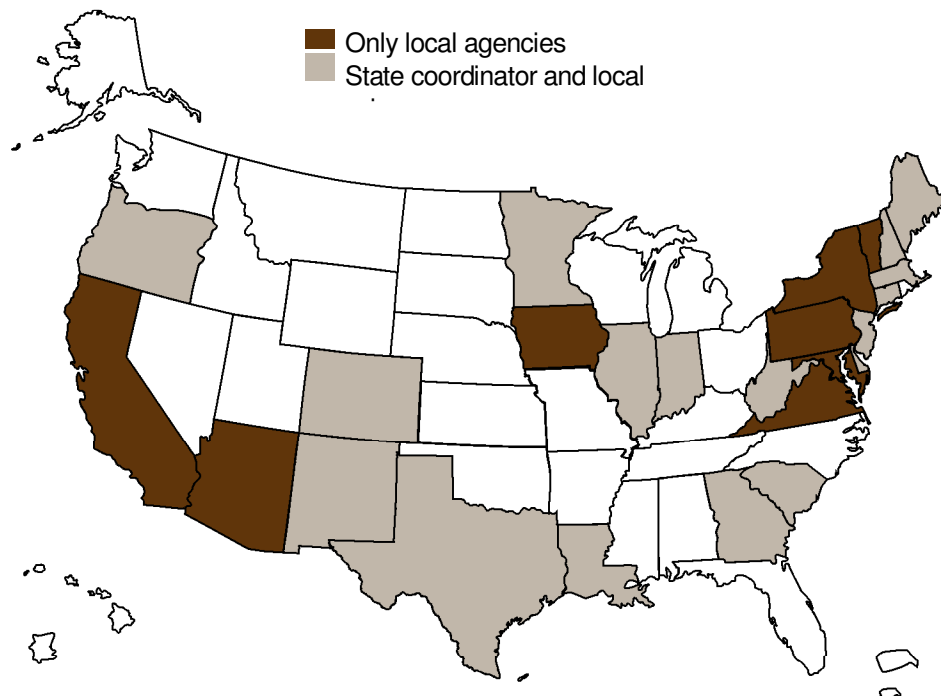
publicizes the program, develops a client referral network, matches volunteers with clients, provides ongoing supervision for volunteers, and monitors client accounts.

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### **Scope of Program**

In 2007, the AARP Foundation Money Management Program served more than 6,000 clients through 135 government and nonprofit agencies.



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