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Chairman Huffman:

The County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO) writes today in support of the proposed Healthy Aging Grants in Substitute House Bill 33. Counties share the goal of helping Ohioans age in place and delay the transition to institutional care.

Gaps in resources and supports prevent many of our older citizens from aging in their homes. The Healthy Aging Grants would deliver flexible dollars to all 88 counties, through the boards of county commissioners, to address these gaps and provide a range of services including minor home improvements, transportation, and personal care.

While the need is present in every county, the specific solutions to foster increased independence and a high quality of life vary. A local approach will allow the distinct counties across Ohio to choose the appropriate supports for seniors in their communities. The proposal also enables county commissioners to work collaboratively with local partners to provide services. Commissioners across the state look forward to working together with these organizations to administer these grants.

CCAO is grateful to the DeWine-Husted Administration and the Department of Aging for including this proposal in their budget and to the Ohio House of Representatives for strengthening the implementation language for the dollars. This investment in the health, safety, and independence of our older Ohioans will strengthen our counties and communities. We strongly support the Healthy Aging Grants and respectfully ask that the Ohio Senate maintain this important investment.

Sincerely,

Glenn Miller
CCAO President
Henry County Commissioner

