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DEPARTMENT OF AGING AWARDS \$1.2 MILLION IN STIMULUS FUNDS FOR OLDER ADULT JOB TRAINING

HARRISBURG – More than 100 additional Pennsylvania residents aged 55 and older can take advantage of on-the-job training thanks to \$1.2 million in federal stimulus funds provided through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The Pennsylvania Department of Aging has awarded the funds for Senior Community Services Employment Program (SCSEP). Funding goes through several Area Agencies on Aging and Experience Works, a private non-profit employment and training agency.

“This 20 percent expansion will greatly help older adults who need and want to work while they receive training,” said Department of Aging Secretary John Michael Hall. “Older workers bring good work habits and a great desire to succeed as they enter or re-enter the job market.”

The ARRA funding comes at a critical time when many older adults are returning to the workforce due to economic difficulties. The money will expand the current 500 people who are receiving training through the SCSEP employment and training program. All of the on-the-job training is with private non-profit organizations and public agencies.

Individuals enrolled in SCSEP are paid the state or federal minimum wage, whichever is greater. To qualify for the program, an individual can earn up to \$13,538 and a couple can earn up to \$18,213.

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