The Area Agency on Aging of the Lower Rio Grande Valley (AAA) is designated by the Texas Health and Human Services (HHS) to be the focal point for services to persons 60 or older within the AAA’s region. The AAA administers services funded by the Older Americans Act (OAA) with emphasis placed on frail, rural, low income, minority and limited English individuals. The AAA purchases various short-term services for eligible clients. Services are purchased from appropriate contractors that have completed a Direct Purchase of Service (DPS) application and have executed a Contractor Agreement with the AAA. Organizations eligible to apply include private for-profit, non-profit, and local city-county governmental entities which have the capacity to meet the requirements of service delivery under Direct Purchase of Services (DPS) procedures.

Interested parties may apply for consideration for participation in the contractor pool by submitting a completed and signed DPS application, including all required attachments and certification regarding debarment. The information regarding specific requirements, scope and limitations for each service is available in the proposal packet. If the application is approved by the AAA, a contractor agreement may be executed. Debarred and suspended parties are ineligible to apply for funding and are excluded from participating in this program.

Proposals should address one or more of the following services:

- **IN-HOME** - in-home respite care (in-home care and/or Institutional facility based) and homemaker services;
- **MEDICATIONS** - purchase and delivery of medications and medical supplies;
- **DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT** - delivery, setup and demonstrations;
- **CHORE MAINTENANCE** - performing household chores an older individual is not able to handle on his own, such as heavy cleaning (e.g., scrubbing floors, washing walls and windows [inside and outside]), moving heavy furniture, and main tenance such as yard/sidewalk maintenance.
- **EMERGENCY RESPONSE** - an automatic monitoring system which links to emergency medical services when the individual's life or safety is in jeopardy.
- **RESIDENTIAL MODIFICATIONS** - material and labor for repair work in the home, i.e. ramps, modification of tubs, grab bars, widening doors. **MUST MEET ADA STANDARDS.**
- **TRANSPORTATION** - trips to and from health-related services, for handicap patients/clients accessible vehicle equipped must be available no exceptions.
- **OTHER** – Diabetic foot ware and Auditory Services (hearing aids)

Due to circumstances related to the COVID 19 pandemic, applications must be emailed to: lrgvdc@lrgvdc.org or mailed to:

**Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council**  
301 W. Railroad  
Weslaco, Texas 78596  
**ATTN: Procurement**

It is the potential vendor’s responsibility to verify that the application was received. Verification can be made by contacting Carolina Leal at (956) 682-3481. **APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE AS SET FORTH IN THE SOLICITATION INSTRUCTIONS. FAXED APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The information regarding specific requirements, scope, and limitations for each of the services is available in the proposal packet. Proposals must be prepared and submitted using the application forms provided by the LRGVDC. Packets may be obtained through the LRGVDC website at http://www.lrgvdc.org/procurement.html

This is currently an open solicitation. Applications will be reviewed to verify that the application meets requirements and is complete when received. All applications will be presented for approval to the LRGVDC Board of Directors in their monthly meeting following the month of application submittal.