Goals, Strategies, and Activities
The overall purposes of this 3-year Capacity-Building grant are to:

- Develop capacity in areas with no or limited evidence-based program infrastructure to introduce, deliver, and expand the reach of chronic disease-self-management education and self-management support programs within underserved geographic areas and/or populations; and
- Develop sustainability strategies to support the proposed programs during and beyond the grant period.

Open Hand Atlanta (OHA) and its partners will:

- Establish a coordinated referral network to teach people how to manage their chronic conditions;
- Improve health outcomes among participants;
- Reduce transportation barriers and improve awareness of the service by conducting classes in community settings;
- Increase the number of health care providers offering Chronic Disease Self-Management Education classes in the Atlanta area; and
- Develop a sustainable path forward for the program’s future financial and stakeholder support.

Proposed Intervention
- Chronic Disease Self-Management Program (CDSMP)

Partnerships
To achieve the goals of the grant, OHA will collaborate with the following key partners:

- Atlanta Regional Commission
- Emory Healthcare
- Grady Hospital
- Local senior centers

Anticipated Results
OHA and its partners will strive to achieve the following results:

- Engage 405 low-income, underserved older adults with the education needed to effectively manage one or more chronic conditions;
- Achieve a participant completion rate of 60%;
• Implement a pilot of 5 CDSMP workshops in Year 1 and additional workshops in Years 2 and 3 based on demand;
• Achieve improved health outcomes in at least 50% of those served; and
• Increase community awareness of class availability.

Contact:
Shelby Utter
Open Hand Atlanta
sutter@openhandatlanta.org

For more information:
Administration for Community Living
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Washington, DC 20201
http://www.acl.gov