

# Working with Government: A Regional Approach for Funders

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## Think partnership

Funders interested in rural aging programming need a strategic range of partners and co-funders. Government agencies should be on the list.



## Think sustainable

Partnering with government agencies can make programs more sustainable by providing long-term infrastructure and a reliable funding stream. Private funding may just be the impetus needed to bring people together and get a much-needed program started.



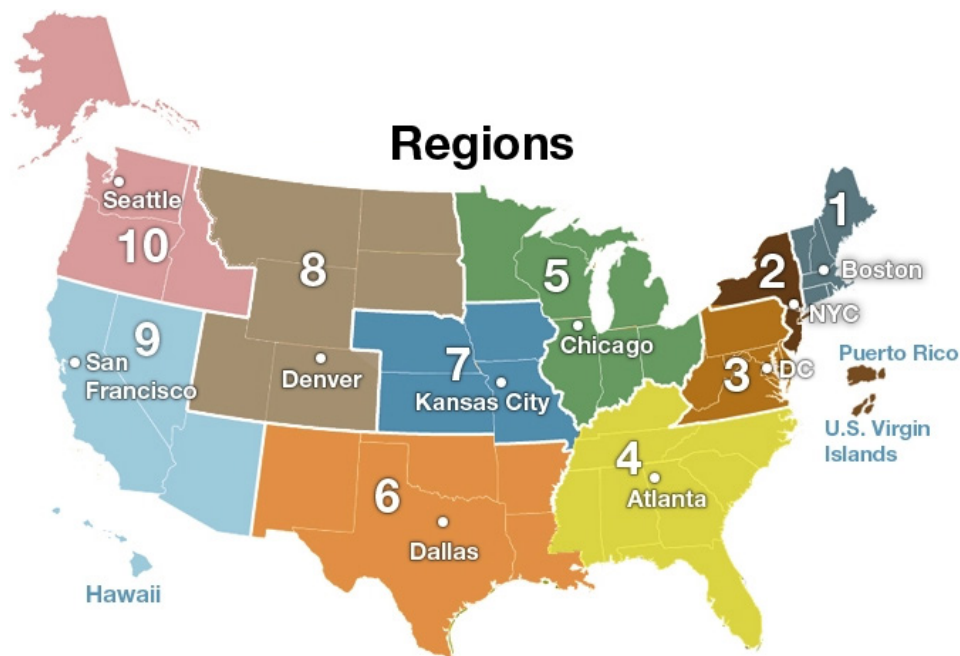
## Think program

Government agencies have huge and diverse portfolios. USDA isn't just about agriculture; it also administers SNAP, an essential tool for fighting hunger. HUD runs housing, but also low-income energy programs. HHS includes the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Indian Health Service, as well as CMS and many others. Bringing together programs with similar objectives can create successful synergy, leverage resources, and lead to long-term results.



## Think regional

This map shows the 10 zones where many federal agencies maintain regional offices. Regional offices can be more informed about issues in your area and easier to contact than headquarters in Washington.



## Think GIA

For more information on finding and contacting regional government offices, please contact Cindy Padilla, program manager for GIA's Rural Aging Initiative, at [CindyPadilla53@gmail.com](mailto:CindyPadilla53@gmail.com).

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